

# PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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## PROJECT SUMMARY

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The progress of house construction of 5,898 approved beneficiaries' after the start of distribution of cheques of first Installment (Rs. 88,000) at a ceremony in Quetta on March 09, 2019 remained slow than expected due to several factors. Cheque distribution by HRA through Pakistan Army started in the third week of March (29 March, 2019). Army Distribution Centres were established at Dandar, Gishkore, Malar (UC Teertaj), Awaran, Parwar, Gajjar and Nokjo. Initially, pace was slow as majority of beneficiaries could not be encash their cheques due to non-existent and un-operational bank accounts. The cheques encashment picked up pace after April 01, 2019 and continued to pick up pace further during the last three weeks of April till April 28, 2019.

## CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION STATUS (ACCORDING TO HRA)

UNION COUNCIL	CHEQUES DISTRIBUTED TILL APRIL 22, 2019	CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION START DATE	DOORBAND LEVEL-1 ACHIEVED (CONFIRMED AFTER DATA VERIFICATION)	SUVERYORS' COMMENTS
AWARAN	1228	29 March	44	Beneficiaries busy in Crop cutting.
TEERTAJ	924	02 April	02	Beneficiaries busy in Crop cutting.
NOKJO	1408	02 April	01	Beneficiaries busy in Crop cutting.
PARWAR	739	02 April	13	Beneficiaries busy in Crop cutting.
GAJJAR	555	29 March	0	Beneficiaries busy in Crop cutting.
GISHKORE	570	26 March	09	Beneficiaries busy in Crop cutting.
DANDAR	503	Not started	0	Distribution not started due to Army Operation
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,927</b>		<b>69</b>	

## CHEQUE ENCASHED (AFTER BANK RECONCILIATION)

UNION COUNCIL	NO OF CHEQUES ENCASHED BY APRIL 25, 2019 (BANK RECONCILIATION)	% OF TOTAL DISTRIBUTED CHEQUES	COMMENTS
AWARAN	1036	84%	Fast due to closer bank proximity
TEERTAJ	557	60%	Late encashment of cheques
NOKJO	1108	79%	Late encashment of cheques
PARWAR	531	72%	Late encashment of cheques
GAJJAR	396	71%	Late encashment of cheques
GISHKORE	409	71%	Late encashment of cheques
DANDAR	3	0.6%	Distribution stopped due to Army Operation
UNIDENTIFIED	1		Address is being verified to ascertain his UC/Village
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4041</b>		

## ISSUES AT HAND

ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN
Unavailability of blocks/material for construction	Only one block factory with a capacity of 1,000 blocks per day existed in Awaran which has now increased to three with 3,000 blocks per day. Block-makers are being encouraged to increase production to meet increasing demand.
Crop ready for cutting, beneficiaries busy in fields	Beneficiaries will be clearly communicated dead line for Level-I Achievement (May 30) and instructing them to achieve Level-I before the due date.
Late encashment of cheques due to unavailability of majority of beneficiaries' account in bank.	HRA requested to instruct banks to increase capacity to ensure fast disbursement of funds.
Army operation in Dandar resulted in no distribution of cheques so far in Dandar.	Surveyors waiting for cheque distribution. Surveyors have been instructed to motivate beneficiaries to complete Level-1 by May 30 by doing construction in Ramadan during night.
Unavailability of Mobile Data Network /Internet in most parts of district Awaran resulted in physical collection of data from each UC to Karachi for uploading/courier to Islamabad.	A resource dedicated in the field for weekly collection of data and its transportation to Karachi for uploading/courier to Islamabad on weekly basis.

## CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that beneficiaries be motivated through HRA social mobilizers to complete house construction in May even during Ramadan to avoid further delay. Beneficiaries will be communicated the deadline of May 30, 2019 for Level-I Achievement as the final date after which slow or non-starters will not be released second installment. Beneficiaries who have encashed their cheques but not started construction will be sent text messages about the deadline after May 10, 2019 on their registered cell phones also.
2. HRA should be asked to direct main banks (Primary:United Bank Limited, Secondary: National Bank of Pakistan) making disbursements in district Awaran to increase capacity to handle more people per day. There have been no working ATM machines in any bank branch in district Awaran resulting in longer queues and slow disbursement of funds.
3. For next installments, funds should be transferred directly to the beneficiaries' accounts who have achieved Level-I (Door band Level) instead of writing and distributing cheques manually. This will save time lost in cheques distribution and beneficiaries will be able to encash directly from the nearest bank branch. Beneficiaries will be informed about the transfer of second installment through text messages/calls and through surveyors in the field.
4. HRA should be asked to take steps to ensure the availability of construction material in all UCs of Awaran by engaging suppliers so that beneficiaries should not be constrained to stop their house construction due to shortage of construction material and masons.