

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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PROJECT SUMMARY

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STATUS SUMMARY

Since last progress report filed on May 7, 2019; more than 80% of beneficiaries in all the six UCs except Dandar have encashed their cheques of first installment of Rs 88,000. However, the progress of house construction still remained slow. Only 178 beneficiaries have completed Level-1 (Door-band Level). Cheque distribution in Dandar is still on hold due to security reasons. Only four beneficiaries from UC Dandar who got their cheques from other distribution points have encashed them. 1,386 more beneficiaries have encashed their cheques between April 22 and May 8, 2019 totaling 4,542 according to bank reconciliation.

Earlier stated problems of beneficiaries, such as beneficiary busy in crop cutting is no more there as the crop cutting season is almost over as reported from field. Unavailability of material and labor being the main issue has now further worsen in Ramadan as the supply of both have reduced to minimum.

CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION STATUS (ACCORDING TO HRA)

UNION COUNCIL	DISTRIBUTED TILL MAY 08, 2019	CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION START DATE	DOORBAND LEVEL-1 ACHIEVED	COMMENTS
AWARAN	1226	29 March	100	Unavailability of material and labor.
TEERTAJ	924	02 April	03	Unavailability of material and labor.
NOKJO	1408	02 April	22	Unavailability of material and labor.
PARWAR	739	02 April	15	Unavailability of material and labor.
GAJJAR	556	29 March	28	Unavailability of material and labor.
GISHKORE	570	26 March	10	Unavailability of material and labor.
DANDAR	4	Not started	0	Distribution not started due to Army Operation
Total	5,427		178	

CHEQUE ENCASHED (AFTER BANK RECONCILIATION)

UNION COUNCIL	NO OF CHEQUES ENCASHED BY MAY 08, 2019	% OF TOTAL DISTRIBUTED CHEQUES	COMMENTS
AWARAN	1095	89%	No problem in cheque encashment.
TEERTAJ	743	80%	No problem in cheque encashment.
NOKJO	1194	85%	No problem in cheque encashment.
PARWAR	594	80%	No problem in cheque encashment.
GAJJAR	444	80%	No problem in cheque encashment.
GISHKORE	467	82%	No problem in cheque encashment.
DANDAR	4	0.01%	Distribution stopped due to security reasons.
UNIDENTIFIED	1		Address is being verified to ascertain his UC/Village
TOTAL	4,542		

ISSUES AT HAND

ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN
Unavailability of blocks/material for construction is the main issue now which has further aggravated due to Ramadan. Local suppliers don't have the capacity to meet the high demand. Outsiders have concerns due to security situation in the area.	Still the major issue being faced by the beneficiaries is unavailability of material and labor. Few more block-makers from other areas have shown interest to setup their block-making plants in district Awaran after which situation is expected to improve after Ramadan.
Beneficiaries have been clearly communicated the deadline for Level-I Achievement (May 30) through text messages and through surveyors on ground. This will serve as a wake-up call and will remind beneficiaries to plan for Level-I completion as early as possible.	Beneficiaries who have encashed cheques well before Ramadan had ample time for construction but were not proactively looking forward to completion of Level-I. Beneficiaries need to remind constantly that they must not spend money other than their house construction.
Some beneficiaries have reported problems in cheque encashment and finding construction material in their area.	A text receiving service is being setup to receive beneficiaries' complaints and problems. These will be forwarded to HRA for redressal. Some beneficiaries are reported to have issues in cheque clearance.
Security situation in Dandar is still not normal and has delayed in distribution of cheques in the area so far.	Surveyor waiting to start monitoring as soon as cheque distribution starts in the region. However surveyors have been informed to facilitate beneficiaries in cheque encashment and house construction.
SFD's concern on frequent and high bank charges on account of Cheque book issuance and Federal Excise Duty (FED) is due to the manual writing of cheques which is both time consuming and a slow and inconvenient way of cheque distribution.	Since almost all approved beneficiaries have their accounts operational in banks, the next transaction of second installment should be done online saving both time and beneficiaries of inconvenience of cheque receiving and then encashment in long queues.

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Verification of around 1400 new beneficiaries has yet to be started after which list of 8,000 beneficiaries will be completed.

ACTION TAKEN

List of substitute beneficiaries received from HRA is being checked for missing data and data inconsistencies. After data cleaning, the verification of remaining beneficiaries start immediately.

Manufacturing and printing of Nameplates have not started yet. Beneficiaries who have completed Level-I need to be provided their nameplates with beneficiary ID number before the start of Level-II so that they can fix nameplates which will be used for monitoring purpose also.

Amended design and quotations for approval sent to SFD. SFD needs to approve the design and quotations for start manufacturing and printing of nameplates of beneficiaries who have completed Level-I.

CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Most of the beneficiaries who were busy in crop cutting are free as crop cutting is almost over. The major issue being faced by beneficiaries is the unavailability of construction material and labor. HRA, being the execution agency 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.
2. It is also recommended that beneficiaries be motivated through HRA social mobilizers and engineers to complete house construction where material and labor is available. Beneficiaries have been communicated the deadline of May 30, 2019 for Level-I Achievement. This will serve as first deadline after which slow or non-starters will be sent final deadline of last week of June. Beneficiaries who have encashed their cheques but not started construction have been sent text messages about the deadline on their registered cell phones also.
3. Many beneficiaries have responded to the text messages and have conveyed the issue being faced by them. In order to channelize these complaints and problems to HRA, a text message receiving is also being set up where beneficiaries would be able to register their complaints and problems. These complaints and problems will be forwarded immediately to the HRA for their redressal.
4. For next installments, funds must 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.
5. Approval for Nameplates be granted so that the manufacturing and printing of nameplates for those beneficiaries who have completed Level-I could be started and distributed and beneficiaries may fix their nameplates before the start of next Level-II. These nameplates with beneficiary IDs will be fixed on the front house wall and will be used for identification of beneficiaries during monitoring.