

PROJECT STATUS REPORT

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PROJECT SUMMARY

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PROJECT NAME

Housing Reconstruction Awaran

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STATUS SUMMARY

As no bank statement or ledger was sent by HRA since June 18, 2019, therefore, as per last progress report filed on May 17, 2019; the number of beneficiaries who have encashed their cheques still stand at 5,181 in all the seven UCs including Dandar. No confirmed count of cheques distributed in UC Dandar is available due to the same reason.

In the second round of verification, around 1,680 more beneficiaries have been verified thereby bring the total figure to 7,561 out of 8,000. This figure also includes 97 verified Next of Kin (NoK). Still 439 more beneficiaries need to be verified to complete the list of 8,000. Since there are still 1,452 unverified beneficiaries from the original list of 8,000 and 350 from the second list of 1,250, therefore it is being pursued to find the remaining 439 beneficiaries from these two lists.

In all 2,231 beneficiaries have achieved Level-01 so far which is 43% of the beneficiaries who have received and encashed their cheques. In addition to 378 beneficiaries who have been paid second installment, another 509 more beneficiaries have been paid second installment of Rs.66,000 for Level-02 construction which now constitutes 15% of approved beneficiaries. The overall pace of house construction is still slow because of complaints of non-availability of construction material and labor.

Our engineer's visit to Awaran has brought more insight into the problems being faced by beneficiaries in the construction of houses and on the progress of construction of government buildings. The engineer's observations have been placed in the Issue Section category-wise.

CHEQUE DISTRIBUTION STATUS – LEVEL 01

UNION COUNCIL	SFD APPROVED BENEFICIARES	LEVEL-01 CHEQUES DISTRIBUTED JULY 26, 2019	PERCENTAGE OF CHEQUES DISTRIBUTED JULY 26, 219
AWARAN	1231	1226	99%
TEERTAJ	941	932	99%
NOKJO	1409	1409	100%
PARWAR	740	740	100%
GAJJAR	562	560	99%
GISHKORE	584	571	98%
DANDAR	414	405	98%
Total	5,881	5,843	

LEVEL-01 CHEQUES ENCASHED & LEVEL-02 PAYMENT DISBURSED (BANK RECONCILIATION)

UNION COUNCIL	LEVEL-01 CHEQUES ENCASHED BY JUNE 21, 2019	LEVEL-01 ENCASHED CHEQUES PERCENTAGE	LEVEL-02 PAYMENT DISBURSED JULY 26, 2019	LEVEL-02 PAYMENT DISBURSED PERCENTAGE
AWARAN	1157	94%	226	18.36%
TEERTAJ	817	88%	91	9.67%
NOKJO	1334	95%	219	15.54%
PARWAR	692	94%	130	17.57%
GAJJAR	491	88%	163	29.00%
GISHKORE	519	91%	56	9.59%
DANDAR	171	42%	02	0.48%
TOTAL	5,181		887	

LEVEL-01 & LEVEL-02 ACHIEVED

UNION COUNCIL	DOORBAND LEVEL-1 ACHIEVED JULY 17, 2019	% OF DOORBAND LEVEL-1 ACHIEVED JULY 17, 2019	ROOFBAND LEVEL-2 ACHIEVED (JULY 17, 2019)	% OF DOORBAND LEVEL-2 ACHIEVED JUNE 30, 2019
AWARAN	445	38.46%	05	2.21%
TEERTAJ	348	42.59%	09	9.89%
NOKJO	529	39.66%	0	0%
PARWAR	411	59.39%	0	0%
GAJJAR	354	72.10%	0	0%
GISHKORE	139	26.78%	0	0%
DANDAR	05	2.92%	0	0%
TOTAL	2,231		14	

ISSUES AT HAND

ISSUE	ACTION TAKEN
Cyberstate' engineer visited Awaran on July 2019 for inspecting the site for Government Buildings. Due to absence of PD in Awaran, the Deputy PD or other staff had no knowledge of the site and engineer was not able to visit the site and gather information required for auxiliary drawings. Although the engineer waited for PD for more than two days in Karachi as was asked, PD could not make it and he had to travel alone.	The engineer will visit again when the PD's presence in Awaran is confirmed and will gather necessary information about the site of Government Buildings. The engineer's next visit has been scheduled tentatively after the publishing of tender for Government building so that he may also receive bidding documents from the PD for evaluation.
Due to the absence of PD in Awaran, the information about the publishing of tender for Government Buildings could not be obtained in addition to other tendering process information. This information is also awaited from HRA.	Information about the approval of tender for Government buildings from SFD and its publishing is still awaited.
During the engineer's visit to beneficiaries' houses in Awaran and adjoining areas, it was noticed that beneficiaries are not constructing their houses with proper guidance. HRA engineers and support staff have been found to be inadequately trained and inexperienced in guiding the beneficiaries. The outcome is poor construction of houses defying basic engineering rules. This has also raised a concern for safety of inhabitants as cracks have started to appear even immediately after Level-1.	Cyberstate has started hiring of new monitoring staff with construction background to guide the beneficiaries along with monitoring of their houses. Advertisement has been published on July 26, 2019 and hiring process has been started. New monitoring staff with construction knowledge will be provided 2-3 days training in Quetta on guiding the beneficiaries about construction of their houses following basic engineering principles.
Verification of approximately 450 more beneficiaries is still required to reach the 8,000 figure. Around 700 more beneficiaries have been verified from the original list of 8,000 after the first round of verification. HRA shared new list of 1,250 and 130 Next of Kin (NoK) totaling 1,380 in May 2019. From the new list of 1,380, around 1,000 beneficiaries have been verified.	To complete the list of 8,000, an advertisement in the newspaper will be published on July 28, 2019 asking those beneficiaries whose names were in the original list of 8,000 and the new list of 1,380 shared by HRA in May 2019 to contact the monitoring team. Remaining 450 beneficiaries will be verified from the already available lists.
HRA has not shared Bank statement and ledger since June 18, 2019. Payment verification to beneficiaries for first and second installments and reconciliation from bank account could not be performed.	HRA has been requested multiple times to provide official bank statement and ledger.

CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For Government buildings, the availability of construction material will be a major issue as this problem has still not been actively addressed by HRA. The beneficiaries are still facing the same problem despite a lapse of three months excluding Ramadan and repeated reminders to HRA. Our engineer has expressed concerns regarding the availability of construction material for government buildings. The nearest supplier is almost 300 kilometers away from Awaran District in Karachi and the 140 kilometers single road patch is in very bad condition which will increase the transportation cost and time considerably.
2. Our engineer visited the construction site of beneficiaries' houses in Awaran and following are his observations:

BLOCK WORK

Block work was not of good quality. The vertical and horizontal alignments weren't in the proper way. The blocks used in beneficiaries' houses are mostly substandard.

DOOR BAND

The beams above doors and windows were of very rough standard. The steel work in the completed beams was exposed and has started rusting. The concrete work in above step was also not good. There were a lot of hollow areas in completed beams which were left blank. There was no proper clear cover provided in beams which is very important as per engineering standards. Deep cracks were appearing in the block work. The vertical alignment of columns was not straight. The shear reinforcement provided in the column was very loose and irregular.



The work pace was very slow. Also the availability of construction material is still an issue that needs to be addressed by HRA. There are block factories with limited blocks supply and steel availability is on small scale which cannot fulfill the requirements of large number of beneficiaries of the area. The poor construction of beneficiaries' houses pose a risk for the inhabitants and the issue needs to be resolved immediately by HRA. The engineer also observed that the engineering staff of HRA are not properly qualified and non-conversant with technicalities of engineered construction.

3. HRA should be asked to provide bank statement without further delay for Level-1 and Level-2 payment reconciliation.
4. HRA should be asked to provide information about approval and publishing of tender for government buildings.