



SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE REVIEW MEETING ON REVIVAL OF BALOCHISTAN WATER RESOURCE PROGRAM (RBWRP) HELD ON JUNE, 22, 2022.

A Review Meeting on Revival of Balochistan Water Resource Program (RBWRP) was held under the Chairmanship of ACS (Dev.) on 22nd of June, 2022 in the committee room of P&D Department. The main purpose of the meeting was to identify and select the River Basins for implementation in the project.

List of Participants Annexed.

2. The Chair welcomed all the participants. After a round of introduction, the chair expressed his views by appreciating the extended support of the European Union (EU) to the Government of Balochistan for the socio-economic development of the province. The chair also appreciated the efforts of FAO regarding working interest in the Revival of Balochistan Water Resource Program. After the introductory remarks, the chair invited the Chief (Foreign Aid) to start the formal proceedings and agenda of the meeting.

3. The Chief (Foreign Aid) requested the EU Delegation representative (virtual participant) to share his views on the project. The EU representative gave a short introduction of the project. He appreciated the efforts being undertaken by the GoB for support and ownership of the project. Bringing forth the importance of selection of River Basins, he mentioned that this was an important decision to be made so that the interventions start in time. He added that it was a key component of the water intervention by EU Delegation in Pakistan and hoped that the management support would be available for it all levels.

4. The Chief appraised the forum that the main purpose of the meeting is to finalize the selection of four river basins by the Government of Balochistan for implementation of (RBWRP). He informed that the Project Steering Committee of the Project has not been notified as the TA component of the program is yet to be contracted by the EU, however, the composition of the PSC will be almost the same as invited for the subject meeting. He added that earlier a meeting was held inviting all stakeholder departments wherein the FAO gave a presentation to the technical representatives of the departments concerned regarding the criteria for selection of the river basins and accordingly the project document was shared with all the relevant departments for review and comments.

5. The Chief further briefed about the background of the program and stated that this is a five-year EU funded development program (RBWRP) with worth grant commitment of Euros **40.000 million**. The program starts in 2022 and ends in 2026. The overall objective of the program is ***"To Improve Income and Food Security in Selected River Basins through Sustainable Agriculture and Livestock Farming System Based on Sustainable, Equitable Management of Water and Range Land Resources"***. The chief informed that under this program, out of the total budget, **Euros 27 million** have been be earmarked for specific objective 2 & 3 for which the FAO has been hired as Implementing Partner (IA) to carry out planned interventions/ activities, while remaining **Euros 13 million** will be utilized for Technical Assistance component to carry out the tasks under specific objective 1 & 4.

6. The result areas / specific objectives under the program are as under:

RA-1: Strengthened governance of water resource and rangelands in Balochistan. (TA by EUD).

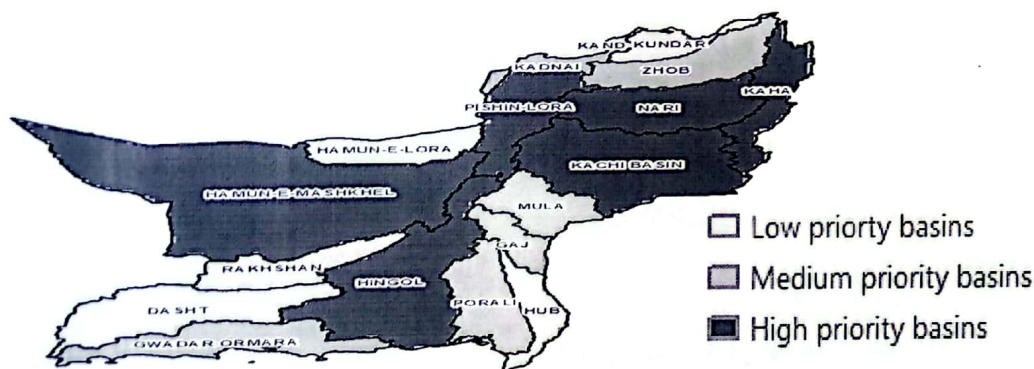
RA-2: Transition to low water use agriculture and livestock farming system (Through FAO).

RA-3: Water Efficient and profitable Agriculture value chain. (FAO).

7. The Provincial Head of FAO highlighted about the scope of work of the program and stated that the inception phase under FAO components of the project has been commenced and the technical team has been engaged with the relevant stakeholders to design the interventions for sustainable impact keeping in view the ground realities. He referred to the meetings held with the P&D Department, the workshop and meetings / discussions held with the other stakeholder departments.

8. The Senior Water Resource Expert (FAO) Pakistan gave a detailed presentation and stated that the selection of basins for intervention in the project would be finalized with the consultation of Government of Balochistan through GIS Based Multi-Criteria Decision Support. The criteria comprise of Ground Water Depletion, Potential for Surface Water Harvesting, Potential for Livestock-Based Interventions, Potential for Enhancing Rangelands Production, Potential for Rain Fed/Marginal and Flood Plain Crops and The Socio-Economic Indicators. Each criterion is assigned weightage. Thus, keeping in view of the Multi Criteria Decision analyses, the following six basins have high scores and are the priority basins for RBWRP interventions.

- a) Kachhi River Basin
- b) Nari River Basin
- c) Kaha River Basin
- d) Pishin-Lora Basin
- e) Humun-e- Mashkhel
- f) Hingol River Basin



9. The Secretary Irrigation Department apprised that Gwadar-Ormara River Basin has pivotal importance for interventions. The said basin remained ignored in years and no huge interventions have been undertaken in that area. The socio-economic development and livelihood of the residents of the area rely in exploiting the potential of the said basin. Keeping in view of the importance and need of the people, the concerned secretary highly recommended intervening the activities in the Gwadar - Ormara River Basin.

10. The Chief Conservator Forest Department stated that three different drainage basins systems exist in Balochistan which comprise of Coastal Water Basin, Indus Drainage Basin, and Inland Drainage Basin. He suggested that at least one basin may be selected from each of the basins.

11. The Chief Foreign Aid intimated that since interventions have already been undertaken in some potential river basins under the World Bank funded project (BIWRDMP), therefore, the activities may be designed to avoid duplication of activities and resources. Furthermore, while briefing the chair, the Chief told that EUD and FAO may be asked whether is there any provision for entertaining more than 4

river basins or otherwise? FAO responded that they will look at over this matter and intimate accordingly. With regard to notification of Provincial Steering Committee (PSC), it was shared that the same will be notified by P&DD as soon as the TA component consultant is contracted and the civil society members are identified.

12. **Decisions**

- i. The EUD, FAO and Stakeholder Departments will ensure that no duplication will take place in the program as interventions already being implementing in the similar river basin of WB and ADB funded Projects.
- ii. All the stakeholder departments were directed to review the project document and send their written views/comments on the project document shared by the P&D Department.
- iii. The Chief of section Foreign was instructed to expedite the matter of notification of PSC under consultation with EUD and FAO and notify the said committee at the earliest.
- iv. Based on criteria agreed by the departments and recommendations of the members, the following water basins were agreed for interventions under the RBWRP (S.O-2 & 4):
 - a) Nari River Basin
 - b) Humun -e- Mashkhel Water Basin
 - c) Hingol Water Basin
 - d) Pishin Lora Basin

13. At the end of the meeting, the Chief requested the EUD representative to add his thoughts on the proceedings of the meeting and share his views on the discussion and decisions undertaken in the meeting. The EU representative once again appreciated GoB for bringing together all stakeholders for deciding River Basins. Based on discussion and suggestions of the stakeholders the EU representative shared that the project activities are flexible and will be finalized on the priority of the GoB and potentiality of the resources. He further informed that the TA component consultant has been contracted and the experts will be on site shortly. Moreover, he desired that the Project Steering Committee (PSC) of the project would be organized very soon. The EU support and mutual cooperation will continue and grow stronger.

14. The ACS (Dev.) concluded the meeting by thanking all the participants for their fruitful discussion and technical inputs on the selection of the River Basins.

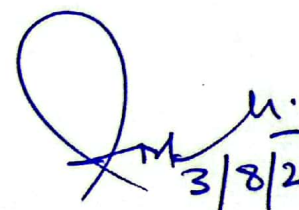
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2. The Secretary, Agriculture & Cooperative Department, GoB, Quetta.
3. The Secretary, Livestock Department, GoB, Quetta.
4. The Secretary, Forest & Wild Life Department, GoB, Quetta.
5. The Chief of Section (Foreign Aid) P&D Department, Quetta.
6. The Head of Office (FAO) Balochistan Quetta
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