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## Background

This report marks the tenth update on progress and monitoring for the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Irrigated Agriculture Improvement Project (KPIAIP), outlining the activities conducted by the Project Monitoring and Evaluation Consultants (M&ECs) throughout January 2024. Monthly reports are one of the key deliverables and crucial in monitoring the advancement of the project.

The KPIAIP, initiated by the government, aims to improve the productivity and sustainability of irrigated agriculture in the province. Spearheaded by the DG OFWM, the project targets the enhancement of agricultural practices among small-scale farmers in the province and newly merged districts. Its primary goal is to address significant challenges hindering optimal agricultural management and individual farming techniques, such as inefficient irrigation methods, inadequate resource management and ineffective crop yield strategies.

To ensure the efficient implementation and monitoring of the project, the consultants, represented by AiD-EGC JV, have been engaged. The M&ECs play a crucial role in overseeing project progress and assessing the impact of completed activities.

## Activities & Achievements of the M&ECs up to the Last Month

The M&ECs team initiated project activities in accordance with the approved inception report, ensuring that staff members possessed the requisite knowledge and skills. Through well-organized orientations, targeted sessions and training led by key experts, the project's objectives and tasks were clearly explained. A systematic approach utilizing digital tools facilitated rapid data collection and analysis. Collaboration with the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) and OFWM staff led to the development and implementation of participatory plans for data collection on completed schemes. Prior to commencing field operations, OFWM district staff received briefings on the consultants' activities during dedicated visits by the management. With technical assistance from the PIU, the team successfully executed a comprehensive fieldwork plan, completing several assigned tasks through coordination and support from the department.

By the end of December 2023, the team had achieved significant progress in several key areas, including:

- The project office was set up in Peshawar along with placement of essential staff and key experts.
- Newly inducted staff was provided with focused training and orientations to carry out project activities.
- The final inception report was submitted on time, incorporating valuable PIU feedback.
- Digitized data-gathering formats were finalized after input from relevant stakeholders.
- Cleaning of KPIAIP completed schemes data of the initial two years (2020-2021 & 2021-2022).
- Successfully sampled these schemes following approved criteria for planning and data collection.
- Monitoring of 580 sites across 25 districts by the M&ECs team against crucial outcome indicators.
- Gathering reliable data for outcome and impact analysis during site visits by well-trained field staff.
- Submitting of draft midline impact study to the PIU / Client for feedback and comments.
- IT team completed the preliminary work for the MIS Dashboard under the guidance of experts of KPIAIP.
- Data cleaning and sampling of KPIAIP completed schemes of 3<sup>rd</sup> year (2022-23) as per agreed criteria.
- Effective planning for the coming three quarters for progress monitoring and impact assessment.
- Monitoring visits to 330 sites conducted across three regions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year completed schemes.
- Cumulatively 910 sub-components were effectively visited across all regions of KPK by the FEs.
- The Monthly Progress and Monitoring Reports (9 No.) were submitted as deliverable within due timelines.
- The Quarterly Progress and Monitoring Reports (5 No.) were submitted within respective timelines.
- MIS Dashboard was uploaded on the Server for feedback after thorough input of the relevant experts.
- Key experts attended all mandatory meetings as communicated by the directorate OFWM.
- All probable deliverables outlined in the project documents were achieved through ample support of PIU.

## Activities & Achievements of the M&ECs in the Reporting Month

Field monitoring activities remained the primary focus for the M&ECs team throughout the current month. Management maintained close coordination with the designated focal person KPIAIP, district staff of OFWM, and specialists at PIU. Field visits were conducted according to the work plan for completed schemes to gather impact data on the sub-components. The IT expert and his team remained actively involved with relevant specialists for feedback on the uploaded MIS Dashboard on the Kobo Server. Additionally, the M&E specialist conducted a valuable field monitoring visit to the northern region, covering Swat and Lower Dir districts. A progress review and planning meeting took place on January 31, 2024, aiding in the compilation of field data from intervened districts and the finalization of activity plans for the upcoming month.

Collaborative teamwork among stakeholders enabled the achievement of monthly field targets. The FEs carefully gathered data from 110 sites in accordance with the agreed work plan. By month-end, the M&ECs had cumulatively collected impact and outcome data from a total of 1020 sub-components. Planning for the upcoming month has been completed, with management closely coordinating with relevant OFWM staff for its implementation.

IT expert remained engaged with the relevant specialists at the directorate of OFWM for the feedback and comments on the uploaded MIS Dashboard on server. It is worth mentioning that tentative implementation plans have already been discussed that involve formal presentations to the client, training sessions for the OFWM field staff and field data uploading for the project.

The M&E specialist conducted an important monitoring visit during the month to engage with OFWM field staff and to evaluate ongoing field activities conducted by the M&ECs team. The visit covered Swat and Lower Dir districts, inspecting five sub-component schemes and conducting meetings with district staff and farmers from five Water Users Associations (WUAs). Discussions with the OFWM staff revolved around standardizing field data input, improving record-keeping practices and enhancing scheme branding. Detailed recommendations were provided to enhance data quality, including measures to improve uniformity in data formats and quarterly reconciliation processes. Emphasis was placed on the importance of effective record-keeping at both field and office levels and the significance of scheme branding for visibility and transparency.

Field monitoring visits were conducted to assess the efficiency of data collection by the FEs for impact and outcome assessment in Swat and Dir Lower districts. The sub-component schemes implemented under KPIAIP were found to be highly effective, positively impacting local communities by enhancing water accessibility and agricultural productivity. The commitment and expertise demonstrated by OFWM field operational staff were commendable, contributing to the project's effectiveness and socio-economic development in the region. Overall, the field visit provided valuable insights into OFWM progress and impact, supporting ongoing field activities, ensuring data quality, and promoting best practices in sustainable water management. For more details of the subject field visit please see 'Note for Record' attached as **Annex I** in this report.

On the final day of the month, a progress review and planning meeting was held, during which staff members provided updates on their efforts. Mr. Faheem reported his visit to Peshawar district, where he successfully covered 25 schemes in accordance with his work plan. Mr. Waqar shared that he had completed data collection for 20 sub-component schemes in Charsada district. Mr. Abdul Fattah provided an update on his progress, having visited Swat and Lower Dir districts and gathered data from 20 schemes as outlined in his work plan. Despite encountering dense fog throughout the month, all FEs expressed gratitude for the support received from OFWM staff and their commitment to meeting targets, even necessitating additional days in the field. Mr. Iftikhar reported successful data collection from 25 sites in Dera Ismail Khan, while Mr. Jawad, following his work plan, collected impact data from 20 schemes in Lakki Marwat district. Moreover, Mr. Jawad accompanied the M&E specialist to Lower Dir district to deepen his understanding of the region. Mr. Abdul Fattah also highlighted the impactful visit of the M&ES, which included productive meetings with staff and farmers in both district offices, offering valuable insights. IT staff also shared their progress on digitized data assistance to both PIU and field staff. Planning for

the upcoming month was also finalized during the meeting. For more details on the progress review and planning meeting, please refer to **Annex II** of this report.

### Field Monitoring and Progress Update of Impact Data Collection

Field visits were conducted in accordance with the approved work plan of the month for the completed schemes of KPIAIP during the fiscal year 2022-23. The FEs demonstrated outstanding performance by reaching the target of 110 sub-component visits across six districts within their respective regions. The consistent coordination among key stakeholders, effective planning by the M&ECs team and the support provided by district OFWM staff were critical in ensuring the successful completion of field activities. For a concise summary breakdown of the monthly site visits, please refer to the table below.

Target Vs. Achievement of January 2024 for the M&ECs Field Monitoring Visits			
Region	District	No. of Schemes Planned	Achieved during the Month
Central	Peshawar	25	25
	Charsada	20	20
Northern	Swat	10	10
	Lower Dir	10	10
Southern	D I Khan	25	25
	Lakki Marwat	20	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>110</b>

Since the start of field monitoring operations by the consultant, good progress has been made with regards to sub-component assessment. More than 1000 schemes completed under KPIAIP have been visited by the team. A glimpse of the cumulative progress (quarter wise) is shown in the table below

Achievement of Field Visits by the M&ECs as of the end of January 2024 (Quarter wise)						
Region	No. of districts	Monitoring and Impact Data Collected of Sub-Components				
		Quarter 1 Apr-Jun 2023	Quarter 2 Jul-Sep 2023	Quarter 3 Oct-Dec 2023	Quarter 4 Jan-Mar 2024	Cumulative (Apr 2023 – Jan 2024)
Central	9	143	35	79	45	302
Northern	9	17	107	64	20	208
Southern	7	94	184	187	45	510
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1020</b>

FEs were provided with guidelines for planning monthly targets in consultation with OFWM staff across three regions. A preliminary plan was discussed to establish visit schedules, taking into account factors such as the availability of OFWM field staff, security considerations and accessibility in adverse weather conditions. The team reached a consensus to conduct visits to a combined total of 110 schemes across six districts in February 2024. Details outlining the distribution of these planned visits are outlined in the table below.

Field Monitoring and Data Collection Target for the Month of February 2024		
Region	District	No. of Schemes Planned for the Visit
Central	Peshawar	19
	Charsada	20
Northern	Swat	10
	Lower Dir	12
Southern	D I Khan	24
	Lakki Marwat	25
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>

## Key Challenges

- a. In the southern region, there was a notable decline in the security situation throughout the month. Field Enumerators were directed to maintain frequent communication with local administration and exercise heightened vigilance.
- b. The northern region experienced extremely cold weather and shorter daylight hours, necessitating staff to extend their stays in certain districts. Despite these challenges, there were no significant deviations from the original work plan.
- c. Widespread intense fog and smog affected the entire KPK and intervened districts during the reporting period. FEs had to adjust their plans on multiple occasions due to these conditions. Nonetheless, the field staff successfully achieved their targets despite these obstacles.
- d. General election across the country will be held in the coming month. Keeping in view the political activities, before and after the election, staff has been advised to keep close coordination with the relevant authorities for the field activities.

## Next Month Activities

- a. The team will keep close liaison with PIU experts to get feedback on the KPIAIP-MIS dashboard uploaded on the server in the last month.
- b. FEs will continue their site visits across six districts of KPK for impact monitoring data.
- c. The draft midline impact study will be finalized after obtaining input (comments) from the PIU / client.
- d. The Monthly Progress and Monitoring report will be submitted as key deliverables.
- e. Key experts and management will conduct field visits to southern region in consultation with OFWM staff to assist FEs and district staff of OFWM.



## Snapshots of the M&ECs Activities during January 2024



**Monthly Progress Review and Planning Meeting of the M&ECs**



**District Dir Lower Village Gumbatkay**



**District Dir Lower Village Dahrai Shalkandai**



**District Charsadda, Village Niaz Muhammad Koroona**



**District D.I.Khan Village Thath Sohlan**



**District Dir Lowert Village Haji Abad Kotoo**



**District Swat Village Bandai**



## Annexes

### Annex I: NFR - Field Visit conducted by the M&E Specialist in Swat and Lower Dir Districts

#### Note for Record (NFR)

Drafted on January 24, 2024

#### Field Monitoring Visits to District Swat and Lower Dir from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

The Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist undertook an important field visit to meet the OFWM field staff and assess the quality of ongoing field activities conducted by the Field Enumerators of M&ECs team. Itinerary of the visit is given in the Annex 1. The primary purpose of the visit was to apprise district staff of digitization of KPIAIP data and conduct an assessment of the ongoing activities by the M&ECs field staff and suggest improvement for obtaining quality data.

The visit covered two district offices namely Swat and Lower Dir apart from inspecting five sub-component schemes within the districts. List of participants and summary details of the staff meetings is attached as Annex 2. Detailed discussions were held with the staff members and farmers representing Water Users Associations (WUAs) formed by the field teams of the KPIAIP. Formal meetings were conducted with the respective district staff of OFWM covering following agenda points:

- Discussion on standardization of field data input for the project
  - Uniformity of formats w.r.t. dates, sub-components, gaps and attributes in xls data
  - Conversation on common errors and slip-ups as reported to the PIU
  - Digitization of sub-component data and reconciling of district records with the PIU
  - Introduction to the MIS Dashboard of the KPIAIP developed recently by the M&ECs
- Improving record keeping at field levels (WUAs filing, updating of records etc.)
- Emphasizing the branding and visibility of the KPIAIP schemes at the field level

In-depth conversations took place upon the agenda points with the respective staff of both districts. Existing records and data reporting practices to the PIU, along with documentation pertaining to the field activities were examined. This comprehensive review provided a clear understanding of the existing situation, forming the basis for well-informed suggestions and recommendations. As part of the effort to digitize data management, a brief overview was given on the MIS-Dashboard that has been developed by the M&ECs for the project. The participants were given clarity on different aspects of the future reports that could be generated from the MIS, showcasing the potential benefits of the system that will be implemented in the near future. The staff expressed a high degree of satisfaction, acknowledging that the discussions were not only highly informative but also instrumental in gaining a profound understanding of the project and the critical role of ensuring data quality.

The M&E Specialist proposed focused suggestions to enhance the quality of data collection and reporting to different stakeholders. These suggestions included measures to improve uniformity in data formats, addressing common errors reported to the PIU and streamlining the digitization of sub-component data. Recognizing the importance of flow of data on frequent basis, the field staff was advised to conduct quarterly data reconciliation with the district office and the PIU. This approach can promptly help to identify and rectify discrepancies or issues in the data, contributing to the overall accuracy and reliability of the KPIAIP data.



The existing record-keeping practices at both the field and office levels, specifically concerning the records of WUAs were assessed. It was suggested to place particular emphasis on improving this important aspect. Staff was informed that effective record-keeping at the field level is vital for the smooth functioning of WUAs and it is imperative that members' information is regularly updated to ensure accuracy and relevance. Timely updates are crucial not only for internal management but also to keep the PIU well-informed. In addition, any visit by officials from the World Bank or concerned authorities to the field will serve as an opportunity to showcase the improved record-keeping practices, fostering trust and demonstrating a commitment to accountability, ultimately strengthening the OFWM relationship with external stakeholders.

The staff was informed that branding of physical schemes plays a key role in enhancing visibility and transparency among the general public. It helps distinguish schemes from one another and establishes a clear identity that resonates with the targeted communities. Effective branding creates awareness apart from enabling the farmers to easily identify and understand the purpose of various schemes. During discussions, different ideas were shared to improve the branding of sub-components in order to promote the visibility of KPIAIP initiatives and create sense of ownership among stakeholders.

During both staff meetings, participants displayed a high level of focus and commitment. They expressed assurance of their full support in implementing the suggested improvements. The affirmative response indicated a collective commitment to enhancing the quality of field activities. It was agreed that the digitization of data, quarterly reconciliation processes, MIS implementation, WUAs record-keeping and branding of schemes will be seamlessly integrated into their workflow.

Field monitoring visits were conducted along with FEs and OFWM staff in five different sites in Swat and Dir Lower districts, focusing on Water Storage Tanks (B2) and Piped Watercourse (A4) sub-component schemes. The objective of these visits was to assess the efficiency of data collection by M&ECs team for impact assessment and relevance to the key project indicators. Following sites were visited:

1. Water Storage Tank (B2) in Village Ghalegay, Barikot Swat
2. Water Storage Tank (B2) in Village Kandak, Barikot Swat
3. Piped Watercourse (A4) in Village Amlook Dara Timargara, Dir Lower
4. Piped Watercourse (A4) in Village Gumbatkay, Timargara, Dir Lower
5. Piped Watercourse (A4) in Village Qaziabad Talash, Bandagai, Dir Lower

The field staff of the M&ECs was closely monitored as they attentively collected data of the schemes for the purpose of impact assessment using the mobile app. Local farmers exhibited confidence in providing information about the schemes and keenly shared available records of their WUAs. Field staff was provided necessary guidelines for obtaining additional details that could contribute to a thorough analysis of the scheme's impact. Farmers were also advised on the importance of regularly updating their records to facilitate precise monitoring of the schemes. The OFWM officials responsible for the implementation of these schemes have performed commendably and their efforts have contributed well to the positive outcomes too.

It was observed that the sub-component schemes implemented under KPIAIP in the region are highly effective and beneficial for local communities. Notably, both Water Storage Tanks and Piped Watercourses are playing a significant role in enhancing water accessibility and irrigation facilities. The overall impact on farmers has been very positive and improved water infrastructure is enhancing agricultural productivity, leading to better crop yields. The schemes being executed under the project are playing a crucial role in the



socio-economic development of the local farmers, empowering communities and improving their livelihoods. One can safely say that these relatively small sub-component are well-received, effectively implemented and are positively impacting both farmers and the overall development of the region.

The visit provided valuable insights into the OFWM progress and impact. The commitment and expertise exhibited by the OFWM field operational staff was admirable. The on-site assessment of KPIAIP schemes highlighted their positive influence on the lives of local farmers. Specifically Water Storage Tanks and Piped Watercourses implemented in Swat and Dir Lower districts are making a substantial difference in the lives of the local communities. The gathered data will be instrumental in enhancing the project's effectiveness and ensuring sustainable water management in the region. In essence, the field visit was very encouraging as it helped in supporting on-going field activities, ensuring data quality through digitization, addressing standardization issues and promoting best practices in record-keeping and scheme branding at the field level.



## Annex I

Schedule of the M&E Specialist Visit to Northern Region (District Swat and Lower Dir)				
S/No.	Date	Time	Activity	Venue
1.	January 16, 2024	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Departure and Arrival	Project Office Peshawar to District Swat
2.	January 17, 2024	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Meeting with district staff Swat	OFWM District Office Mingora Swat
3.	January 17, 2024	2:00 PM to 4:00 PM	Field Monitoring Visit	Village Ghalegay, Barikot Swat
4.	January 17, 2024	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Field Monitoring Visit	Village Kandak, Barikot Swat
5.	January 18, 2024	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Departure and Arrival	District Swat to Dir Lower
6.	January 19, 2024	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Meeting with district staff	OFWM District Office Lower Dir
7.	January 19, 2024	2:15 PM to 4:00 PM	Field Monitoring Visit	Village Amlook Dara Timargara, Dir Lower
8.	January 19, 2024	4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	Field Monitoring Visit	Village Gumbatkay, Timargara, Dir Lower
9.	January 20, 2024	11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Field Monitoring Visit	Village Qaziabad Talash, Bandagai, Dir Lower
10.	January 21, 2024	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Departure and Arrival	Lower Dir to Islamabad
11.	January 22, 2024	11:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Departure and Arrival	Islamabad to Peshawar

## Annex II

Plan of M&E Specialist Meeting with OFWM (KPIAIP) staff at District Swat and Lower Dir				
	Date	Time	Venue	Participants
1.	January 17, 2024	10 AM to 02 PM	District Office Swat	Mr. Atta ullah (Deputy Director)
2.				Mr. Intisar Ahmed (M&ES)
3.				Mr. Habibullah (WMO)
4.				Mr. Abdullah (WMO)
5.				Mr. Muhammad Ali (Computer Operator)
6.				Mr. Shujaat Ali Khan (Sub-Engineer)
7.				Mr. Rahim Badshah (Sub-Engineer)
8.				Mr. Ziaullah (Sub-Engineer)
9.				Mr. Abdul Subhan (Sub-Engineer)
10.				Mr. Shahzad Ali (Sub-Engineer)
11.				Mr. Akhtar Ali Khan (Sub-Engineer)
12.				Mr. Sher Shah (Sub-Engineer)
13.				Mr. Abdul Fattah (FE M&ECs)
14.	January 19, 2024	10 00 hours to 13 30 hours	OFWM District Office Dir Lower	Mr. Moeen ud Din (DO)
15.				Mr. Intisar Ahmed (M&ES)
16.				Mr. Attaullah (Deputy District Officer)
17.				Mr. Abdullah (WMO-Upper Swat)
18.				Mr. Saleem Javed (WMO)
19.				Mr. Nazir Jan (Sub-Engineer)
20.				Mr. Iftikhar Khan (Sub-Engineer)
21.				Mr. Abdul Fattah (FE M&ECs)
22.				Mr. Rehmat Elahi (Sub-Engineer)
23.				Mr. Basheer Ahmed (Sub-Engineer)
24.				Mr. Jawad Jan (FE M&ECs)



## Annex II: Details of Monthly Progress Review and Planning Meeting held on January 31, 2024

**M&ECs Staff Meeting on Progress Review and Planning held on 31 January 2024**

<b>Purpose</b>	Monthly Progress Review and Planning
<b>Location /site</b>	AiD Project Office Peshawar
<b>Dates</b>	January 31, 2024
<b>Time</b>	02:00 to 05:30 (Wednesday)

**Participants of the Meeting**

1. Mr. Intisar Ahmed (M&E Specialist)
2. Dr. Sajidin Hussain (Agri Expert) via WhatsApp
3. Mr. Amir Hadi (IT Specialist) via WhatsApp
4. Ms. Rakhshanda Tayyab (M&E Assistant)
5. Mr. Mubarik Said (Admin Assistant)
6. Mr. Umar Khan (HR and Admin)
7. Ms. Sumayya Khan (Field Enumerator)
8. Mr. Faheem Ullah (Field Enumerator)
9. Mr. Wajahat Ullah (Field Enumerator)
10. Mr. Muhammad Hamza (Field Enumerator)
11. Mr. Waqar Younis (Field Enumerator)
12. Mr. Jawad Ahmed (Field Enumerator)
13. Mr. Abdul Fattah (Field Enumerator) via WhatsApp
14. Mr. Shaharyar (Field Enumerator) via WhatsApp
15. Mr. Itikhar Bashir (Field Enumerator) via WhatsApp
16. Mr. Umar Saeed (MIS Technician)
17. Mr. Sohrab Khan (Data Analyst)
18. Mr. Aammad Ahmed Khan (Data Analyst)

**Agenda of the Meeting**

1. Progress Review as per Plan submitted for January 2024
2. Feedback from the M&E Specialist on the Field Monitoring Visit
3. Work Planning for the month of February 2024
4. Review of the updated project Presentation as finalized by the M&ECs team
5. Assessment of the M&ECs Work Plan as approved in the Final Inception Report

## Details of the Meeting

The meeting began with recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the M&ES welcoming everyone and outlining the agenda points. He emphasized the importance of staying focused, keeping discussions brief and to the point.

The field staff provided an update on their progress regarding field data collection. Mr. Faheem visited Peshawar district and covered 25 schemes according to his work plan. Mr. Waqar informed that he has completed data for 20 sub-component schemes in district Charsada. Both FEs informed participants that despite dense fog during the month, the support of OFWM staff, and spending additional days in the field, they successfully met their targets. Mr. Abdul Fattah shared his updated progress, visiting districts Swat and Lower Dir, obtaining data from 20 schemes as per the submitted work plan. He also mentioned the visit of the M&E Specialist during the month, where staff and farmers' meetings were conducted and fruitful discussions took place in both district offices, providing a valuable learning experience. Mr. Ifikhar reported successful data collection from 25 sites in Dera Ismail Khan, and Mr. Jawad, following his work plan, gathered impact data from 20 schemes in district Lakki Marwat. Additionally, Mr. Jawad accompanied the M&E specialist to district Lower Dir, aiming to gain in-depth knowledge from that region. Participants noted that in January 2024, FEs visited 110 schemes, all of which were uploaded to the Kobo server in real-time. The summary details of the monitoring visits can be seen in below table I.

Table I: Target Vs. Achievement of the Field Visits in January 2024 by the M&ECs			
Region	District	No. of Schemes Planned	Achieved during the Month
Central	Peshawar	25	25
	Charsada	20	20
Northern	Swat	10	10
	Lower Dir	10	10
Southern	D I Khan	25	25
	Lakki Marwat	20	20
Total		110	110

The IT team informed about its support for both the FEs and PIU staff throughout the month regarding the KPIAIP data. The IT Expert updated participants on the ongoing review of the MIS Dashboard by concerned specialists at the PIU and expressed awaiting their feedback. Furthermore, it was highlighted that all progress and monitoring reports from the M&ECs, which were submitted to the client, have been seamlessly integrated into the Dashboard for easy access and reference.

The M&ES briefed about a field visit that was conducted to assess ongoing activities of the KPIAIP being carried out by the OFWM field staff and FEs of the M&ECs. Formal meetings were held with staff of Swat and Lower Dir districts along with assessments of sub-component schemes at different sites. He shared that emphasis was placed on improving record-keeping practices to ensure accuracy and relevance. Suggestions were provided to enhance quality of data collection and reporting mechanisms, including standardizing

formats and conducting quarterly data reconciliation. The importance of branding of physical schemes for visibility and transparency was also highlighted, with ideas shared to improve branding strategies. He informed that staff meetings demonstrated commitment to implementing suggested improvements, with agreement to integrate digitization, reconciliation processes, MIS implementation, WUAs record-keeping and scheme branding into their workflow.

He added that monitoring visits were conducted to assess Water Storage Tanks and Piped Watercourses sub-component schemes at five different locations. The visits aimed to evaluate data collection proficiency of M&ECs team for impact assessment and project indicator relevance. Following sites were visited

1. Water Storage Tank (B2) in Village Ghalegay, Barikot Swat
2. Water Storage Tank (B2) in Village Kandak, Barikot Swat
3. Piped Watercourse (A4) in Village Amlook Dara Timargara, Dir Lower
4. Piped Watercourse (A4) in Village Gumbatkay, Timargara, Dir Lower
5. Piped Watercourse (A4) in Village Qaziabad Talash, Bandagai, Dir Lower

These sites were visited, with close monitoring of field staff collecting and uploading of data using mobile app. Local farmers representing respective WUAs, shared valuable information and available records. Specific guidance was provided by the M&ES on updating records for precise impact monitoring. It was observed that OFWM officials overseeing the schemes and the beneficiary farmers have performed well, contributing to positive outcomes. The schemes were highly effective, enhancing water accessibility and irrigation, leading to improved agricultural productivity and socio-economic development. The visit demonstrated OFWM's commitment and expertise, highlighting the positive impact on local farmers' lives. Data gathered will enhance project effectiveness and ensure sustainable water management. Overall, the visit supported ongoing field activities, ensuring data quality, addressing standardization issues and promoting best practices in record-keeping and scheme branding.

Work planning for the coming month was discussed in detail. Ms. Rakshanda informed that designated focal persons namely Mr. Wajahat Ullah and Mr. Umar Saeed, submitted timely work plans on the prescribed format after coordinating with FEs and IT staff. After a brief discussion, the work plan for the February 2024 was finalized. FEs will be visiting 110 schemes across three regions, as per given table II.

Table II: Field Monitoring and Data Collection Target for the Month of February 2024		
Region	District	No. of Schemes Planned for the Visit
Central	Peshawar	19
	Charsada	20
Northern	Swat	10
	Lower Dir	12
Southern	D I Khan	25
	Lakki Marwat	24
Total		110



The participants were briefed on the comprehensive M&ECs presentation designed to address the needs of various stakeholders. The updated presentation featured informed data and insightful snapshots of the project activities. Additionally, it integrated valuable input provided by staff during previous meetings. The participants expressed their admiration and appreciation for the efforts of the staff involved in this endeavor. The M&ECs project work plan, as outlined in the final inception report, underwent a thorough review, focusing on key deliverables and established timelines. While most major targets were achieved successfully, progress regarding MIS development and the Midline study fell short of expectations. Participants were informed that both tasks are currently pending at the PIU level and will be addressed in the forthcoming month.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all participants.

