

# DIRECTORATE OF SINDH WATER SECTOR & BARRAGES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT COORDINATION & MONITORING UNIT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



## NEWSLETTER July-September 2025

**The Directorate** is functional as an integral part of P&D Department, Government of Sindh with Role/Tasks of:

**1. Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit (PCMU):** Providing implementation management support to two mega projects: Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project and Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP).

**2. Shared Services Unit (SSU):** One window quality cross-functional support to conceive and conceptualization of new projects and provide startup support in implementation of new development projects.

**3. Recovery & Reconstruction Unit (RRU):** Coordination and implementation facility support to all 2022 Post Flood Projects in Sindh under 4RF (Resilient Recovery, Rehabilitation & Reconstruction Framework).

**4. Coordination Desk:** Follow-up implementation actions of approved Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation Policy-2023.

Coordination and Management Support: Updating implementation progress of all ongoing foreign-funded projects in Sindh and participating in projects progress review meetings held at various forums.

### KEY ACHIEVEMENTS DURING REPORTING PERIOD

- Drafted New Water Law and shared with stakeholder for review and feedback.
- Developed Baseline/Design Concept for establishment of Hydro-Agro Informatics (HAI) Centre.
- Invited national & international firms/organizations for formulation of Sindh Strategic Water Plan.
- Drafted Concept Paper/Terms of References (TORs) for conducting Sindh Water Pricing Study.
- Formalized continue partnership of FAO-UN for providing Technical Support in implementation of SWAT
- Negotiated with M/s. EY Ford Rhodes, the Top-ranked Audit Firm for conducting annual audit of SWAT.
- Organized a high-level policy delegation of Government of Sindh visited ITRC California gaining firsthand insights into cutting-edge irrigation modernization techniques being used in Sindh under SWAT.
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- Organized two-days Annual Planning & Result Framework Workshop brought together key partners of SWAT Project for focused collaboration refined strategic and aligned on FY 2025-2026 Work Plan of Project.
- Managed various visits programs of high level delegations from World Bank (Donor of SWAT) followed by briefings/presentations held at different forum meetings.
- Organized Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation Policy awareness workshop at Mirpurkhas
- Coordinated various meetings and visits of Federal Government Officials on 2022 post flood emergency projects under 4RF followed by shared consolidated progress of 4RF projects in Sindh.
- Provided in-hand support to different ongoing projects in Procurement, contract management, FMS & E&S and also supported in conceptualization of new projects including Sindh Coastal Resilient Project.
- Developed Projects Progress Tracking Sheet for all foreign assisted projects in Sindh and shared for submission of monthly project progress reports for each project by the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of every month.

### PROJECT COORDINATOR'S MESSAGE:

This quarter marks a defining phase in Sindh's water sector reforms from drafting the Province's first Water Law to launching the Hydro-Agro Informatics (HAI) program and progressing on the Sindh Strategic Water Plan.

PCMU remains steadfast in driving cross-sector coordination, institutional learning and evidence-based planning to ensure Sindh water resources are managed sustainably for Generations to come.

**Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon**



- A landmark achievement in water governance; The first-ever draft of Sindh's New Water Law prepared by the team of experts and submitted to Irrigation Department for further process of action. The draft Water Law underwent further review in high-level meetings, including with the Chairman P&D Board, World Bank TTL, and Minister of Irrigation on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2025.
- It was also discussed during the World Bank portfolio progress review meeting held on 26th August 2025 at CM House, Karachi, as well as in a separate meeting between World Bank TTL for SWAT and Minister, Irrigation. Strategic consultative meetings were also held with stakeholders to refine the draft and align it with provincial priorities.



An Innovative step taken under SWAT Project ; The HAI Program Concept was successfully presented to key stakeholders, marking a major step forward in agricultural and Irrigation transformation. In this regard Meetings held with Chairman P&D, Board and the Secretaries of the both Irrigation and Agriculture Department and World Bank. The Consultants presented the report in the meeting of the World Bank Team held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 at PCMU.

PCMU Successfully spearheaded the procurement process for the **Sindh Strategic Water Plan (SSWP)**. An EOI was published in UNDP and local newspapers on 4 July 2025 with submission date of 15 August 2025. A pre-EOI session with interested firms was held on 21 July 2025. By the deadline, 20 firms submitted proposals; the list was shared with the World Bank, and evaluation process initiated in early September and prepared detailed report presented in first meeting of Consultants Selection Committee held on 19 September 2025. Subsequently, detailed reports, TORs, and firm profiles shared with members for their feedback before finalization of short list for onward submission to Bank.



Drafted the **Concept Paper and Terms of Reference (TORs)** for the **Sindh Water Pricing Study**, providing a clear roadmap for assessing water valuation and cost recovery mechanisms. This initiative is a critical step toward **introducing sustainable water pricing policies**, ensuring efficient resource allocation, and promoting financial viability in the water sector.

Formalized the continued partnership with UN-FAO to provide technical support in the Sindh Water and Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project. This collaboration ensures access to global expertise, advanced methodologies, and capacity-building resources, thereby strengthening institutional capabilities and driving data-driven water and agriculture reforms in Sindh.



Negotiated with M/s. EY Ford Rhodes, top-ranked audit firm, on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025 for assignment to conduct the annual audit of the Sindh Water and Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project. This engagement ensures financial transparency, compliance with international standards, and strengthened accountability mechanisms, reinforcing donor confidence and project credibility.

- Organized 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of SWAT Project Technical Committee held on 8/8/2025 participated by both Project Directors-SWAT.
- The forum reviewed and discussed the project implementation followed by compliance of the decisions of last meeting of SWAT-PSC.







World Bank Team led by TTL-SWAT project visited Karachi from 26-28 August, 2025 and held meetings with project partners discussed project activities especially, HAI Design Phase-I, Water Law; FOs Area Development Plan ADP, finalization of new Agreement of FAO-UN etc.

Organized and participated in the SWAT Project Management Meeting with the World Bank Team, held on 11th September 2025 to review project progress. Representatives from SIDA and ADU joined the meeting virtually.

Organized a Premium policy delegation from the Government of Sindh to visit ITRC California, 4–14 July 2025 enabling participants to gain firsthand exposure to cutting-edge irrigation modernization techniques. This visit provided critical insights that are now being adapted under Sindh Water & Agriculture Transformation (SWAT) Project, fostering innovation and accelerating the adoption of global best practices in Sindh's irrigation systems.



Convened a two-day Annual Planning & Results Framework Workshop (25–26 Sept) that brought together key partners of the SWAT Project for focused collaboration. The workshop successfully refined strategic priorities and aligned stakeholders on the FY 2025–2026 Work Plan, ensuring a unified approach to project implementation and measurable results.



PCMU organized and participated in the SWAT Project Management Meeting with the World Bank team on 11 September 2025 to review project progress.

Managed high-level visit programs for World Bank delegations, the donor of the SWAT Project: With support from SWAT PIUs, PCMU facilitated and participated in the visit of Ms. Meskerem Brhane, Regional Practice Director, World Bank, to selected SWAT project sites in the irrigation and agriculture sectors on 12 September 2025, ensuring seamless coordination of field visits and stakeholder engagements. Delivered briefings and presentations at multiple forums, strengthening donor confidence, fostering transparency, and reinforcing strategic alignment for project implementation.



PCMU in collaboration with Commissioner Mirpurkhas Division and support of local NGO, SPO arranged the Sindh Resettlement & Rehabilitation (R&R) Policy-2023 Awareness Workshop in Mirpurkhas on September 23, 2025, engaging key stakeholders to boost policy understanding and strengthen collaboration for effective resettlement practices.



Coordinated meetings and field visits for Federal Government officials on Post-2022 Flood Emergency Projects in Sindh under 4RF framework, followed by compiling and sharing consolidated progress reports of 4RF projects in Sindh. These efforts ensured effective oversight, transparency, and alignment on recovery and resilience priorities.

- Organized 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Oversight Committee of 4RF held on 17/7/2025 under the Chairmanship of Mr. Mohammad Aslam Soomro, Chief Economist, P&D Department, Government of Sindh.
- Facilitated team of federal RRU for arranging capacity building workshop on Project Planning and Management held on July 23, 2025, at Karachi. Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Memon, Project Coordinator, PCMU / RRU Sindh, participated as the chief guest of the event.
- Organized a meeting of the Provincial RRU Sindh Working Group held on July 24, 2025 at PCMU office Karachi chaired by Mr. Mohammad Aslam Soomro, Chief Economist P&D Department and participated by the Federal RRU team, UNDP, Project Directors, along with M&E Specialists, and presented and discussed the project-specific M&E Framework.

Provided hands-on support across multiple ongoing projects in procurement, contract management, FMS, and environmental & social safeguards, ensuring smooth operations and compliance. During the reporting period support provided to the following projects:

- Directorate of Urban & Regional Policy & Strategic Planning on hiring process for Design & Supervision Consultants
- LIVAQUA Project, prepared EOI for key consultancies, including (PI, M&E, Design & Supervision Consultants)
- Finalization and approval of IFAD Financed Sindh Coastal Resilient Project (SCRIP). ECENC approved the project.
- Preparation of ADB Financed Sindh Coastal Resilient Project.
- Conducted detailed Procurement and Project Performance Assessment of SWEEP.
- Designed and modernized 8<sup>th</sup> CSTP Project Management Week - integrated traditional PC-I to PC-V planning cycle with PMBOK 7th Edition principles and domains.
- Prepared a Compliance Report template for KWSSIP, incorporating ESCP items and addressing World Bank's comments.

- **Developed a comprehensive Projects Progress Tracking Sheet** for all foreign-assisted projects in Sindh, enabling systematic monitoring and timely reporting. Instituted a process for **monthly progress submissions by the 3rd day of each month**, ensuring improved accountability, data consistency, and enhanced project oversight.