



SINDH BARRAGES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SBIP)

PROGRESS BULLETIN

MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit
Planning & Development Department
Government of Sindh

A. PROJECT PROFILE

The Project initially started in 2015 with scope for rehabilitation/modernization of **Guddu Barrage**. Additional Financing provided in 2018 for rehabilitation/improvement of **Sukkur Barrage** started in mid-2018 .

Project Objective: Improve the reliability and safety of both Guddu and Sukkur Barrages and strengthen Sindh Irrigation Department's capacity to operate and manage Barrages.

Executing by: Irrigation Department through Project Management Office (PMO) headed by Project Director
Coordination & Monitoring by: Project Coordination & Monitoring Unit, P&D Department, Government of Sindh

Component-1: Rehabilitation/Modernization Barrages.
Component-2: Improved Barrage Operation.
Component-3: Technical Studies.
Component-4: River Basin Water Resources/Riverine Management.
Component-5: Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation.

Project Approval / Period	Guddu Barrage	Sukkur Barrage	Amalgamated
Project approved by ECNEC	13 th May, 2015	22 nd May, 2018	11 th December, 2023
Project Signing / Start	26 th August, 2015	13 th June, 2018	21 st June, 2024
Completion	31 st December, 2021	30 th September, 2022	30 th June, 2028
Credit / Loan NO:	IDA 56840-Pak	IDA 62420-Pak	IDA 75130-Pak

B. FINANCIAL STATUS/ANALYSIS									
Approved Cost	ORIGINAL			REVISED			AMALGAMATED		
Amount in PKR	TOTAL	IDA	LOCAL	TOTAL	IDA	LOCAL	TOTAL	IDA	LOCAL
Guddu Barrage	20,241	18,271	1,970	20,592.80	18,752.00	1,840.80	54,357.5	45,318.4	9,039.1
Sukkur Barrage	16,662.5	14,658	2,004.5	33,764.70	26,566.36	7,198.34			
IDA Credit Loan	ORIGINAL			REVISED			AMALGAMATED		
Guddu Barrage	US\$ 208.00			US\$ 85.37			US\$ 328.00		
Sukkur Barrage	US\$ 152.20			US\$ 242.63					
SR. NO	ACTIVITY			TOTAL		FPA		LOCAL	
				US\$	PKR	US\$	PKR	US\$	PKR
a)	Disbursement/Releases till June 2025			173.85	35,717.74	173.85	35,717.74	-	1,668.90
b)	Expenditure Incurred till June 2025			169.69	34,551.94	169.69	34,551.94	-	1,663.02
c)	Budget Estimated for year 2025-2026			51.724	16,300.00	51.724	15,000.000	-	1300.000
d)	Disbursement/Releases during FY 2025-26			4.66	1,318.80	4.66	1,318.80	-	325.00
e)	Expenditure Incurred during FY 2025-26			6.25	1,763.62	6.25	1,763.61	-	325.00
f)	Total Disbursement/Releases till Sep-2025			1.95	549.34	1.95	549.34	-	-
g)	Total Expenditure incurred till Sep-2025			3.27	917.72	3.27	917.72	-	-
h)	Overall Progress disbursement			180.46	37,585.88	180.46	37,585.88	-	1,993.90
i)	Overall Progress expenditure			179.21	37,233.28	179.21	37,233.28	-	1,988.02

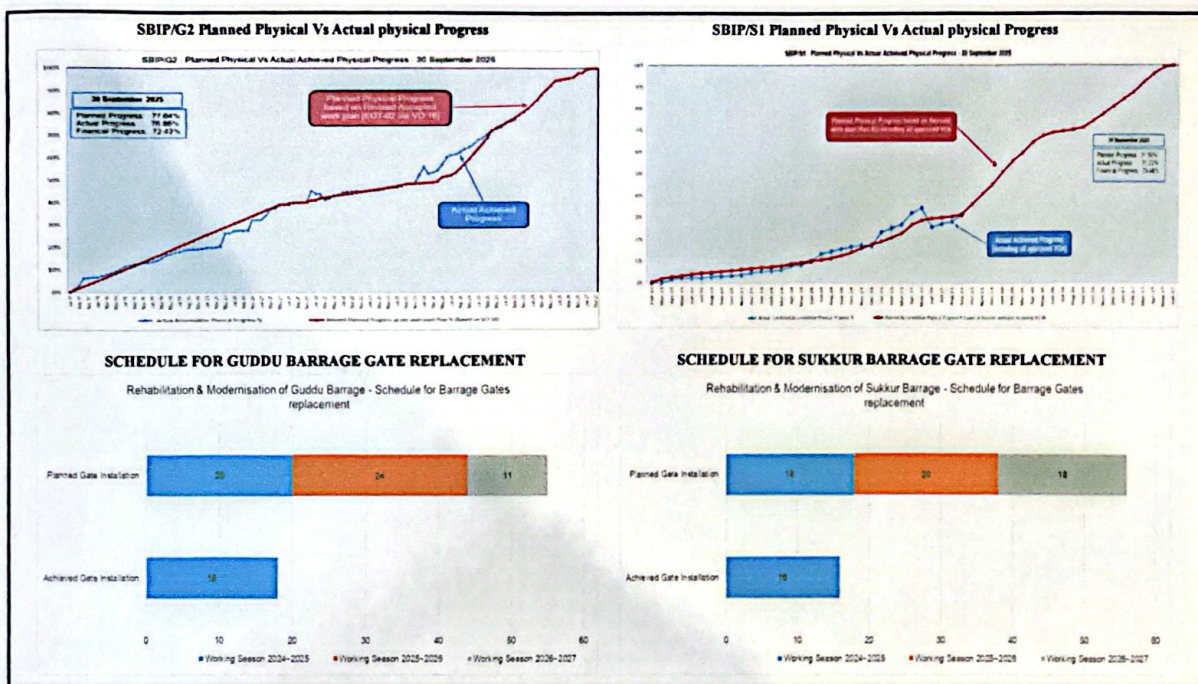
C. PHYSICAL PROGRESS /ACTIVITIES	
Component/Activity	Progress/Achievement
Rehabilitation & Modernization of Guddu Barrage: Three Contract Packages (G2, G3 & G3A)	
G2: Gates Replacement works: Contractor M/s DESCON Engineering Ltd Contract awarded: 13/03/2017 Works Started: 10/07/2017 Completion: 31/3/2027 Original Cost: PKR 9,585.162 M Revised Cost: PKR 9,098.121 M	Ongoing. Overall Physical Progress achieved upto 76.86% Financial Progress achieved upto 72.43% Total 25 Nos Gates of Head Regulators & 30 Nos Gates of main Barrage have been replaced and new gates have been installed. As per approved work plan; 24 Nos Gates will be replaced during the current FY 2025-26 and remaining 11 Nos Gates will be replaced in FY 2026-27.
G3: River Training works: Contractor: M/s SMAD Baloch Works Started: 10/07/2017 Completion: 14/04/2022 Original Cost: PKR 3,750 M Revised Cost: PKR 3,964.41 M	100% work had been completed in October, 2023 and final payment made in August, 2024; except work of Right TJ Spur did not complete due to land acquisition issue. However, the matter has now been resolved, and land has been acquired and transferred to Irrigation Department for completion of leftover work on TJ Spurs through award of new contract G3A as described as below
G3A: Construction of Right TJ Spur	Request for Bids published in Newspaper on 30th April, 2025. Pre-Bid Meeting was held on 8 th May, 2025. Six firms purchased bids and five firms submitted their bids. Bid opening was held on 29 th May, 2025 and selection of contractor has been completed. M/S HBAS & Co selected contractor and signed the Agreement on 25/9/2025 with NOL of World Bank. The possession of site is in process to start the work by contractor

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Rehabilitation & Modernization of Sukkur Barrage: Five Contract Packages (S0, S1, S2, S3 & S4)	
S0: Replacement of 6 Nos emergency gates of main Barrage: M/s Karachi Shipyard and Engineering Works Limited (KSEW)	Work started in 11/11/2019 and Completed 100% with total amount of PKR 20.806 million as against contract value PKR 16.708 million.
S1: Replacement of Gates (main barrage and main canals head regulators): Contractor: M/s. China Road & Bridge Corporation JV HBSZ Contract awarded: 24/10/2022 Works Started: 24/02/2023 Completion: 23/02/2027 Original Cost: PKR 17,071 M Revised Cost: PKR 21,981 M (including S2)	Overall Physical Progress achieved up to 31.22% Financial Progress is 29.46% Trial Gate No. 36 installed; 18 Gates of main Barrage fabricated and 16 Gates sandblasted, painted, and installed with hoisting systems. Design and procurement of Canal Gates materials ongoing. Caisson Gate shifted to Jetty from Gate-36 re-shifted on left bank scour sluice gate. Load studies approved; transformers installed; control panel installation in progress. New Office Block finishing in progress. Masjid up to plinth; plinth beam work in Officer's Residences.
S2: Dredging and excavation from left and right pockets	The scope of S2 has been merged within main S1 contract as per WB NOL and work will be commenced during the year. Accordingly, contractor presented proposed dredging methodology
S3: Procurement of dredger and performance demonstration:	Review of potential suppliers is underway.
S4: De-silting of Rice Canal: M/s Khyber Grace (Pvt) Ltd	The contract work started in 11/12/2023 and has been completed 100% on 12 th June, 2024 with an amount of PKR 2,008 Million. Performance certificate issued.

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COMPONENT-B (Improved Barrage Operation)	
GUDDU: Improved Barrage Operation. Cost: PKR 232.00	<p>The component covers five activities as per details give below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishment of BMU: BMU established by Chief Engineer, however, in accordance with the recommendations of the World Bank Mission, Irrigation Department has moved a summary for approval of Chief Minister Sindh to fully capacitate BMU to implement its core functions. <input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Management: SOP updated; training conducted; 2024 sampling results are under review. The floods season-2025 provides an opportunity for flushing trial for Guddu and Sukkur Barrages. <input type="checkbox"/> Flow Monitoring & Regulation: Calibration for Guddu canals ongoing; gauge wells for Sukkur and Kotri Barrage canals completed; calibration of Canals will be completed in 2026 closure. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness Plan: Draft EPP prepared and shared with CE, BMU; NGOs consulted on evacuation; DSS integration are under discussion, in light of flood response in August and September 2025 <input type="checkbox"/> Barrage Safety: PoE notified and reviewed designs, investigated gate failures, and providing feedback on ongoing works. <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance & Maintenance of Barrage: O&M manuals for both barrages will be updated; O&M procedure for new gates and hoists system of Guddu Barrage prepared.
SUKKUR: Improved Barrage Operation. Cost: PKR 1336.00	

Component/Activity	Progress/Achievement
COMPONENT-C (Technical Studies): Total Cost: PKR 936.40 Million	
1. Sukkur Barrage Model Study:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Consultancy contract signed on 8/1/2025 with M/s. Artelia Firm for conducting model study. <input type="checkbox"/> Firm arranged visit of senior officers of Irrigation Department including Secretary visited physical model at their laboratory in Grenoble France held on 11-15 November, 2024 followed by second visit for an other group of senior officials held on 3-11 April, 2025. <input type="checkbox"/> Artelia's updated justification note for the assignment extension was approved through Variation Order 02 on 19 September 2025. Progress on the physical and numerical models was presented to the Irrigation Department on 22 September, with the draft final report due next month and the final workshop planned for early December in Karachi.
2. Kotri Barrage Initial Safety Assessment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Award of consultancy services, the REOI published in newspapers on 8th January, 2025 with last date of 31st January, 2025. <input type="checkbox"/> Shortlisting of firms approved by World Bank and RFP issued to the Shortlisted firms. Pre-proposal conference was held on 12th June, 2025. Technical Proposals opened on 14th July, 2025; evaluation process initiated.
3. Kotri Barrage – Gauge Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> As requested by CE, Kotri, PMO is in process of bidding for procurement of batteries and additional motors required for lifting of Barrage Gates and recouping of piezometers.
COMPONENT-D: River Basin Water Resources and Riverine Management Cost: PKR 250.00 Million	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participation of Sindh Wildlife Department (SWD) under project was agreed by World Bank and PSC with initial budget of Rs. 196.98 million; MoU was accordingly signed in September 2021. <input type="checkbox"/> The budget proposal expired in June 2023 need to be revised. <input type="checkbox"/> Procurement for equipment for SWD worth Rs. 17.133 million has been completed. <input type="checkbox"/> The planned Dolphin Population Survey (April 2025) was postponed due to security concerns; <input type="checkbox"/> Seven Indus dolphins were successfully rescued by SWD teams without any fatalities. <input type="checkbox"/> Construction of SWD building in Sukkur is delayed due to other ongoing works. <input type="checkbox"/> In a recent progress review meeting held on 22/09/2025 at PCMU participated by PMO & SWD team discussed the pending issues of SWD in light of PSC decision and decided that SWD will submit a revised proposal to PSC for approval.

ISSUES/ACTION:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A critical issue has arisen in the S1 contract for the rehabilitation of Sukkur Barrage, stemming from the omission of a foreign currency price adjustment mechanism. This has led to an estimated overpayment of USD 3.75 million. The World Bank has flagged the matter as non-compliant, declared the overpaid amount ineligible for financing, and advised that it be recovered from the contractor and till then all payments to contract be suspended. To address this, a Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Board (DAAB) is being established and proceedings are underway. PCMU has also shared its technical analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> Executing full or partial removal of silt Excluder obstructing left pocket gate replacement. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop alternate temporary supply arrangements for Rainee Canal farmers during closure. <input type="checkbox"/> Improve Operation & maintenance of Sindh barrages (Component B). <input type="checkbox"/> Auction Scrap gates, allocate land for temporary scrap storage at Sukkur. <input type="checkbox"/> Security issues in surrounding area of Guddu and Sukkur Barrage. <input type="checkbox"/> Slow Progress due to limiting movement of Chinese staff and Working Hours <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental & Social Safeguard Specialist positions are vacant at PMO SBIP which needs to be filled immediately.
WAY FORWARD:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Permission to Chinese staff for 24 hours working. <input type="checkbox"/> For the project requirements and to allow future use of bulkhead gates for maintenance purposes, it is recommended to remove 60ft length of the silt excluder walls. In addition, it is recommended that the top slab be fully removed to minimize the risk of blockage. <input type="checkbox"/> Three locations for temporary supplies have been identified and are under review. <input type="checkbox"/> DAAB is established to resolve the Price Adjustment issue in S1 Contract. <input type="checkbox"/> Approvals / NOL of Dredger under S-3 Contract-SBIP is under process



Irrigation Department GoSindh														
Sindh Barrages Improvement Project (SBIP) Rehabilitation & Modernization of Guddu & Sukkur Barrages														
Fortnightly Progress Report ending 30 September 2025 (to be sent after every 15 days)														
Sr. No.	Contract No.	Title of Contract	Bid Opening/ Closing Date	Contract Value (PKR)	Revised Contract Value (PKR)	Date of Contract Signing (Date)	Date of Contract Commencement	Stipulated Completion date	Revised Completion date	Achieved Physical Progress (%)	Financial Progress (%)	Schedule Performance Index (SPI)	Cost Performance Index (CPI)	Remarks
1	SBIP/G2	Building Works at Guddu Barrage, Kashmore, Sukkur Barrage @ Sukkur and Barrage Rehabilitation Works at Guddu Barrage, Kashmore	25-Aug-16	9,585,161,461.0	9,048,121,332.8	22-Mar-17	10-Jul-17	08-Jun-22	31-Mar-27	76.86%	72.43%	0.99	1.00	IPC-25 certified by PIC. Revised Contract Value and Completion Date as per VO-16.
2	SBIP/S1	Restoration and up-gradation of Sukkur Barrage	07-Jun-22	17,070,772,961.0	22,580,854,661.3	24-Oct-22	24-Feb-23	22-Feb-27	30-Jun-27	31.22%	29.46%	0.99	1.00	IPC-12 certified by PIC. Revised Contract Value includes all approved VOs.

Contract Code: SBIP/G2

Contract Code: SBIP/S1