



IFAD ASSISTED- SOUTHERN PUNJAB POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROJECT (SPPAP)



PROJECT DIRECTOR SPPAP, FIELD VISIT REPORT

DISTRICT BAHAWALNAGR

11-June, 2015

A team of 05 members¹ of Project Management Unit, Southern Punjab Poverty Alleviation Project (SPPAP) headed by the Project Director-SPPAP made a joint field visit along with Implementing Partners (NRSP2 & IRM3 Regional teams) to the District Bahawalnagar on 12 June, 2015.

PURPOSE OF THE VISIT

The purpose of the visit was to understand the extent and ways the SPPAP contributes to achieving the overall goal of poverty reduction through different types of interventions implemented in the project area of districts Bahawalnagar in collaboration with all the stakeholders which included communities, districts government and implementing partners. The team members gained insight into how the Implementing Partners did work more synergistically at the community level to achieve the project objectives and impact of project interventions on poor communities. Particular attention was given to the proposed beneficiaries (Poor Women) of low cost housing keeping in view the Social Appraisal Study to be conducted before initiation of the component of Low Cost Housing for poor Women.

VISIT DETAIL

The joint field visit was divided into two parts: (a) Field Visit to different interventions completed/on-going; (b) Joint wrap-up meeting with District Management and Implementing Partners teams. The team visited about 04 villages and checked all type of interventions on-going/completed (including Vocational & Entrepreneur Training centers) on random basis, conducted meeting at the District Management Unit, District teams of implementing Partners (NRSP & IRM).

District Management Unit-SPPAP, Bahawalnagar team⁴ along with District representatives of implementing partner's (NRSP & IRM) welcomed the visiting team on the way of field at

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Bahawalnagar and it was decided to visit different villages of Union Council Noor Sar randomly to see the different interventions given by the SPPAP to the poor unprivileged communities.



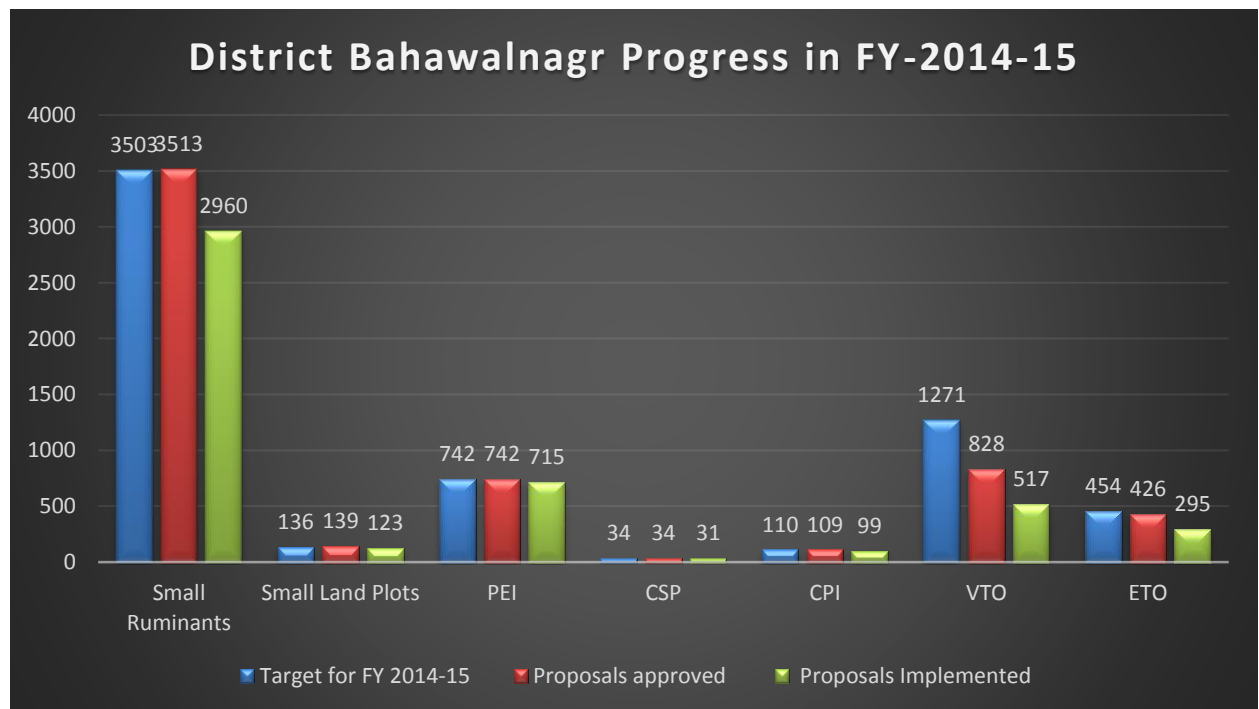
The detail of interventions visited is as under;

Sr. No.	Name of CO	Intervention	Revenue Village	Observations
1	2	3	4	5
1	Purana Noor Sar-D	Construction Watercourse Channel	Noor Sar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watercourse Channel under CPI component was found in a satisfactory condition but noted that font size of sign board was not up to the mark.
		Provision of Small Ruminants (02 Goats)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goats were found with beneficiary (woman) in a good health and beneficiary was quite happy and enthusiastic.
		Small Land Plot		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 05 Marla Small Land plot was at approachable site and adjacent to the populated area but required the demarcation of plot and small sign board for proper identification.
		Community Service Provider (CSP)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A beneficiary was visited who received Atta Chaki under CSP component found non-functional due to some reasons. The Project Director showed

				grave concern and directed to rectify the issue within 03 days.
		ETO- Business Development Training		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Business Management training under ETO was visited at Govt. Boys High School and it was observed that trainees were there with lack of required potential.
		VTO- Dress Designing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dress designing training was visited by the team at Village Khazan Singh and observed following points; • Learning level of the Trainees was not up to the mark.
2	Purana Noor Sar-N	Small Land Plot	Noor sar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Land plot were at approachable site but required the demarcation of plot and small sign board for proper identification. • The beneficiaries ensured to reside in the houses after completion of construction.
3	Noor Sar-F	Small Land Plot	Moran wala	
4		Small Land Plot		
	New Noor sar-C	Link Road Soling	Moran Wala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link road soling was constructed in an acceptable quality.
5	New Noor sar-B	Household Toilet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Household Toilets were visited by the Project Director and found quality issue in some household toilets.



After the field visit, a meeting was held with DMU team and all Implementing Partners under the Chairmanship of Project Director-SPPAP in the Office of Vocational Training Organization (VTO)-IRM Bahawalnagar to discuss the overall progress of the district and observations of the field visit. Assistant Director, Agriculture, DMU, SPPAP was asked to share the progress which was given as under;





DECISIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

At the end, following directions/recommendations were conveyed for smooth implementation of the Project interventions.

- It was decided that field teams will complete all the remaining physical implementation targets of this financial year till the 20th June, 2015 under the supervision of Assistant Director, Agriculture, Bahawalnagar.
- The Chair directed that demarcation of all small land plots was indispensable along with the installation of small sign boards at each land plot for social appraisal and that would be completed within 10 days.
- It was conveyed that standardization and uniformity be adopted in preparation of sign boards of CPI schemes and font size should be prominent.

- The Chair directed to Assistant Director (Agriculture), Bahawalnagar to resolve the issues of beneficiary of Atta Chaki provided under CSP component within 03 days and that must be functional to disburse the benefits to the poor communities and submit a report in PMU.
- NRSP District Bahawalnagar team would verify Small Ruminants data and a report would be submitted to PMU within a month.
- The Chair desired that NRSP would focus on the completion COs record, monthly meeting of COs on regular basis and inclusion of poor households in COs.
- The Chair directed that M&E Specialist, PMU-SPPAP and MER section of NRSP would conduct 10% physical verification of new beneficiaries included in the poverty bands through National Poverty Score Card Survey conducted by the NRSP on random basis.
- The Chair directed ETO team to arrange a Veterinary Doctor for all trainings of Livestock Business Management under ETO to make it more valuable for the poor trainees.
- By identifying the irrelevant and least interested trainees, it would be difficult to achieve the prime objective of the trainings. The Chair desired that Identification process be improved and only potential candidates (preferably youth) be identified both for Entrepreneurship and Vocational trainings.
- Gender wise targets be observed and NRSP teams would more focus on male identification in future by adopting the gender equality approach both in ETO and VTO.
- The Trainers of VTO and ETO must be highly qualified having relevant experience in respective trades/fields.
- Keeping in view the hot summer season and massive electricity fluctuation, adequate chargeable fans or generator be arranged at all the training centers to provide conducive environment to the poor trainees.
- The Chair expressed that healthy refreshment be arranged for the trainees at each training center of VTO and ETO.
- The Chair asked VTO and ETO Coordinators to provide meticulous status of the pass out trainees along with their post training status.