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SINDH COASTAL AND INLAND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – Project Preparation

Introduction

The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide an update on recent project preparation developments in the Karachi, Thatta and Baadin areas. The Sindh Government Planning and Development Department, The Sindh Coastal Development Authority (CDA), the Asian Development Bank, ANZDEC Limited, New Zealand in association with the Resource Monitoring and Development Group and SEBCON (Pvt) Limited, Pakistan have been coordinating with local officials, non-government organizations (NGOs) and the public to formulate an investment project: The Sindh Coastal and Inland Community Development Project – SCICDP, the Project.

Background

At the request of the Government of Pakistan, The Asian Development Bank developed a technical assistance proposal in December 2004 to assist the government in preparing the SCICDP with the aim to: (i) contribute towards improving the condition of coastal and marine fisheries and related resources by improving the management of coastal resources and ecosystems; and (ii) increase incomes of coastal communities through provision of alternative livelihood opportunities.

The design of the project is intended to improve coastal zone management and economic outcomes in the coastal talukas of Badin and Thatta and around coastal Karachi. The need for improvement has arisen from the continued deterioration of social, economic and environment indicators, in part due to reduced flows in the Indus River, which has affected the coastal talukas, and in part due to the relentless growth that has occurred in and around Karachi.

The Project area covers talukas that are home to some of the most desperately poor people in Pakistan. Communities in the area have seen profound and bewildering changes to their environment. Mismanagement of natural resources has contributed to their plight. Large areas of what was productive land are waterlogged, saline or parched. Seawater intrusion is a fact of life and coastal habitats, essential for the well-being of marine resources and livelihoods are under enormous stress.

A large number of informal and formal meetings, consultations and workshops have been held with all the various stakeholders, in order to fully gauge the situation and determine the appropriate solutions. Community needs have been informally assessed based on rapid assessment surveys and interviews with individuals and ad hoc groups of persons met in the field (ranging from the individual farmer to groups of women).

Project Partners

The Sindh Coastal
Development Authority (CDA)

ANZDEC Limited, New
Zealand in association with the

Resource Monitoring
Development Group, Pakistan

SEBCON (Pvt) Limited,
Pakistan

REVIEW MEETING

18 February 2006
11 am,
Hotel Marriot, Karachi

**Project Preparatory Activities
September 2005 to March 2006**

- Preparation of detailed project work plan;
- Presentation of inception report;
- Review of Project area issues;
- Overview of the fisheries and other related sectors;
- Participatory surveys with communities for basic needs assessments and project specific intervention design;
- Public consultation workshops for consolidation and consensus of project design at inception, mid-term and completion in Thatta, Baadin and Karachi
- Briefings with government throughout project preparation;
- Submission of final project

The Project has been divided into two components: Institutional and Community.

The institutional component will attempt to ensure a more receptive and supportive institutional and policy environment. Specifically, this component will cover activities such as:

- Capacity building of the Coastal Development Authority to coordinate donor and lender investments and to develop a coastal zone management plan;
- Capacity building for the Fisheries department beginning with a sector survey to establish status of the sector .

The community component will provide benefits directly to the most vulnerable communities. Specifically it will cover:

- Mariculture and mangrove plantings to improve the ecology of the project area and extend the habitat for fisheries;
- Livestock development interventions designed to improve livelihood of the communities through revenue generation and meet nutritional needs;
- Social uplift and poverty reduction interventions facilitated through small grants to include small scale infrastructure, health, education and basic skills development.

Project Implementation is anticipated to be carried out through the Coastal Development Authority in close collaboration with international and domestic consultants and Nongovernment Organizations and Community Based Organizations.

Useful information available upon request

- TA document
- Inception Report
- Mid-term Report
- Consultation Reports

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