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Meetings

- **66th Board of Directors meeting held** on 27th August, 2011 at PMDFC office Lahore.
- **Meeting was chaired by Mr. Khizar Hayat Gondal, Secy. LG&CD Department** on 5th August, 2011 at PMDFC to discuss overall progress of infrastructure sub-projects under "PMSIP" in general and some specific projects in particular for immediate actions at TMAs' end. Mr. Sajid Siddique MD - PMDFC, Mr. Muhammad. Javed Iqbal Addl. Secretary (Dev.) & Mr. Raja Jahangir Anwar, Addl. Secretary (Admin.) - LG&CD Department, concerned TMAs and PMDFC's staff also participated in the deliberations of the meeting.

Delivery of Equipments to TMAs

PMDFC provided Computers, Printers and UPS for CFMS to the following partner TMAs:

Sahiwal, Mianchannu, Khaniwal, Phalia, Shakargar, Dina, Kharian, Gujrat, Narowal, Pasrur.

Training regarding Infrastructure Subprojects

Training sessions on "How to Develop & Implement Work Program" related to PMSIP sub-projects located at Mandi Bahaudin and Malakwal were held on July 12, 2011 at PMDFC office, Lahore. In this regard, TMA's staff, M/S. JERS Engg. Consultants and representatives of the contractors working at PMSIP's sub-projects were invited to attend the training session with Planning & Scheduling consultant - PMDFC on development and implementation of work program.

Implementation of ID interventions in Phase II TMAs by PMDFC ID Team

PMDFC ID (Institutional Development) teams visited 33 TMAs out of 68 new partner TMAs. The purpose of these visits was to apprise them about the Institutional development interventions under Punjab Municipal Services Improvement Project (PMSIP) including Performance Management System (PMS); Complaint Tracking System (CTS) & Computer Trainings. During these visits, TMA leadership was given orientation regarding importance of Performance Management System and standardized complaint Tracking System in improving the service delivery to the communities. TMA officials were also provided hands on training regarding data collection & reporting templates to record and analyze the data on Water Supply, Solid Waste Disposal & Street Lights. These TMAs have now initiated detailed surveys in their towns / cities regarding sewerage & street lights. Besides, TMAs were asked to establish Complaint Cell as per PMDFC designed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and to introduce standardized complaint register for the purpose. Computer Training was started in 63 TMAs and 736 trainees are attending this PMDFC-facilitated Computer Program as a part of capacity building efforts of partner TMAs.

Detailed Training Workshops for installation of Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS)

- Training Session (July 11 - July 15, 2011)
- Training Session (July 18 - July 22, 2011)

PMDFC in collaboration with M/S Abacus Consulting Technology (Pvt.) Limited arranged two training sessions/modules for nominated staff members for Packages B & C TMAs for CFMS. In these training workshops, TMA staff from Tax & Accounts branches was trained on the use and installation of CFMS. During these training sessions participation from the TMAs was 100%. All nominated staff actively participated & showed their interest in CFMS during the training delivery. TMA staff found the material provided by Abacus helpful in understanding the system and utilized it as a reference tool.



Training session on CFMS



Participants of training workshops on CFMS

Refresher Workshop for Computerized Financial Management System

Besides initial detailed training on Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS), PMDFC organized a refresher training workshop at Management and Professional Development Department (MPDD), Lahore on July 19, 2011 for those Tehsil Officers (Finance) of 34 PMSIP Partner TMAs who had already undergone initial training. In this workshop 90% of the participants attended the training workshop. The training was conducted by Mr. Nauman Akhtar, Manager (FMS). The workshop aimed at providing detailed overview regarding the implementation of CFMS in their partner TMAs. During this workshop PMDFC provided CFMS manual to the participants as a resource tool which was considered as a helpful tool for operating the CFMS by the participants.

Environmental Monitoring

- Mr. Muhammad Aamer Nazeer General Manager (P&E) visited proposed Sanitary landfill sites of following sub-projects to verify the consultants' assessment regarding Environmental & Social Impact Assessment:-
 "Improvement of Solid Waste Management System" Duniyapur on July 26th, 2011
 "Improvement of Solid Waste Management System", Liaquatpur on July 27th, 2011
- Mr. Nabeel Haider Manager (P&E) visited TMA Mandi Bahauddin alongwith Ms. Samina Bilal and Mr. Ansar Abbas Dy. Manager (P&E) for public hearing of Solid Waste Management sub-project. This hearing was conducted by TMA Mandi Bahauddin & Environment Protection Agency Punjab.
- Mr. Nabeel Haider Manager (P&E) also visited TMA Silanwali along-with afore-mentioned officials for conducting a Public Consultation for water supply sub-project.

Pre-Bid Meeting & Bid opening

Procurement & Evaluation Section, PMDFC held a pre-bid meeting with prospective bidders and briefed them about various aspects of bid preparation and their submission to concerned authorities. The salient feature of the forthcoming sub-project was also explained to them in details. The underlying objective of the Pre-bid meeting was to promote healthy competition amongst bidders, minimize bid rejection on small technical mistakes and ensure transparency. The sub-projects covered in the briefing was as follow:

Pre-Bid Meeting

Sr. #	Name of Sub-Project	Meeting Date
1.	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads, Chiniot	19-08-2011

Bid opening at TMA office

Sr. #	Name of Sub-Project	Meeting Date
1.	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads, Nurpur Thal	20-08-2011

Meetings at PMDFC, Lahore:

Meetings with M/S Osmani & Co. (Pvt.) Ltd and PMDFC

- A meeting was convened under the chairmanship of Managing Director- PMDFC on July 09, 2011. PMDFC staff including Mr. Talal A Khan Planning Consultant, Ms. Erum Ashfaq Manager Planning, Mr. Shahid Farid Manager Planning, Mr. Ajmal DM GIS, Ms. Rafia Majeed, AM Planning, Ms. Ammara Zahoor AM Planning and Osmani & Co. staff comprising Dr. Mudassar H. Arsalan Focal Person / GM, Mr. Abdul Qayum Team Leader, Mr. Abdul Qayum Planning Team Head, Mian M. Arif Sr. Town Planner, Mr. Sheraz Akhlaque Sr. GIS Specialist, Mr Adnan Afzal GIS Professional and Muhammad Tariq B.D Manager attended the meeting. M/S. Osmani introduced their field teams to PMDFC staff. They also shared data collection schedule with PMDFC for Packages A & C of the on-going planning exercise in TMAs. Discussions were also held for fine-tuning the scope of data collection exercise.

- Follow up meeting was held under the chairmanship of MD- PMDFC on August 06, 2011 with the consultants to review the progress of assignment which was attended by respective staff from PMDFC and M/S Osmani & Co. Consultants gave a presentation on the progress of work for Package A & C of the on-going planning exercise in TMAs. M/S Osmani submitted draft GIS-based maps of Sahiwal town. Discussions were held on the maps during the meeting. PMDFC also provided comments/suggestions on maps subsequent to the meeting.

Meeting with M/S EPMC-SAGE (JV) and PMDFC

A meeting was chaired by MD - PMDFC on 11th Aug, 2011 which was attended by Mr. Talal A Khan, Ms. Erum Ashfaq from PMDFC and Ms. Naheed Ghazanfar, Brig (retd) Mr. Ayaz and Professor (retd) Mr. Sittar Sikandar from EPMC. The main agenda under discussion was to analyze the progress of field work regarding data collection of planning exercise, for Packages B & D. M/S EPMC submitted first deliverable i.e. Mankera maps. MD advised EPMC on certain points with a view to make the planning exercise a standardized one.

Infrastructure Sub-project Progress Review Meetings

A meeting of Project Progress Monitoring Committee was attended by Mr. Immad Iftikhar Malik, Ms. Bushra Yasmeen Assistant Chief - P&D Department on 11th July, 2011. GM (Engg.) presented the sub-projects. The meeting considered and cleared the following sub-projects for presentation before the Board of Directors for its approval:

Sr. No.	Name of Sub-projects	Estimated Cost (Rs. In millions)
1.	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Roads, Chiniot	19.63
2.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Hasanabdal	59.76
3.	Development of Bahoo and Chandni Parks, Shorkot city	50.07
4.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Vehari	100.18
5.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Bahawalnagar	88.21
6.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Duniapur	73.08
7.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Liaquatpur	51.30
8.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Malilkwal	58.91
9.	Renovation of Canal Water Works, Sargodha	19.04
10.	Replacement of old pumping machinery of tubewells installed along Lower Jhelum Canal, Sargodha	18.97
11.	Revised Sub-project Rehabilitation of Water Supply Scheme, Bhalwal	133.33

- A meeting was held in PMDFC office on 4th August, 2011 to monitor the progress of work and to give training and briefing on several issues of the sub-project "Improvement of Roads in Ghalla Mandi Area - Lodhran" by Mr. Iftikhar Rasool General Manager (Engg) along with Chief Resident Engineer, Contract Engineer, Design Engineer, Inspector M/S JERS to MD M/S N.A Builders and TMA staff concerned.

- Meetings were convened to review the progress of “Rehabilitation /Improvement of Roads- Khanpur” & “Rehabilitation /Improvement of Roads- Chichawatni” on 6/08/2011 & 9/08/2011 respectively. Key participants of the meeting were Mr. Ghulam Murtaza, Mr. Imran Aslam Manager (Engg.) -PMDFC, Mr. Aslam Khan Niazi CRE, Mr. Sadaat Waleed Planning Engineer, ARE - M/S JERS, Mr. Shahid Naseer CM M/S Jawwad Enterpriser, TMO & TO (I&S)- TMA Chichawatni and Mr. Absar Ullah Contract Manager M/S Jam Brothers.
- A progress review meeting dated August 10, 2011 in PMDFC office was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Sajid Siddique Managing Director PMDFC. The meeting was convened to monitor the progress of all sub-projects under Package 4 & 5 and to review all contractual matters. JERS Engineering Consultants and concerned PMDFC staff attended the meeting. MD stressed on the timely resolution of technical issues as and when arose as well as rigorous follow up to obtain NOCs from different departments.

Monitoring Visits by PMDFC Engineering Team

Mr. Iftikhar Rasool General Manager (Engg.) and his monitoring team visited various sites to monitor and review the progress of contract management issues of following infrastructure sub-projects:

Sr#	Name of Sub-projects	Date of Visit
1.	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Roads , Chichawatni	05-07-2011 17-08-2011
2.	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Roads , Khanpur	06-07-2011
3.	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Roads , Lodhran	07-07-2011
4.	Improvements of Roads in Galla Mandi Area, Lodhran	17-08-2011
5.	Improvements of Roads in Khanpur	18-08-2011 19-08-2011
6.	Extension / Improvement of Water supply scheme, Mailsi	12-08-2011
7.	Extension / Improvement of Sewerage scheme, Sambrial	17-08-2011 25-08-2011



Drain Brick work - Malakwal

Visits to implement O&M Framework

For provision of sustainable and improved municipal services under institutional development initiatives of PMDFC, field visits were conducted by Technical Consultant Mr. Ashiq Chaudhry alongwith Mr. Tariq Mehmood Manager (O&M) - PMDFC for the following sub-projects:

Sr. #	Name of Sub-projects	Date of Visit
1.	Extension-Improvement of Water supply scheme- PD Khan	12-07-2011
2.	Extension-Improvement of Water supply scheme- Kot Radha Kishan	06-08-2011
3.	Extension-Improvement of Water supply scheme- Mustafabad	15-08-2011
4.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System Chiniot	18-08-2011
5.	Extension-Improvement of Water supply scheme- Chakwal	24-08-2011