

Refresher course on Environmental & Social Management Framework and Environmental & Social Management plans



PMDFC PCP Environment & Social Safeguard's team organized training session with the collaboration of World Bank Team on "Refresher course on Environmental & Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Environmental & Social Management plans (ESMP) Development" on March 01, 2022 at Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM) Lahore. The participants of the training sessions were Municipal Officers (I&S) & Municipal Officer (Planning) of 16 PCP partner cities. The main objective of training was to invigorate the participants knowledge on ESMF developed by PCP. The PCP-ESS team presented the implementation steps of ESMF in detail and discussed how to prepare Environmental & Social Management plans (ESMPs). Mr. Iftikhar Rasool PD -PCP in his welcome remarks briefed the participants about importance of Environment & Social Safeguards implementation in the execution /implementation of subprojects. Ms. Tehmina Kiran, Mr. Asif Gillani, Mr. Umar Farooq from ESS section, Ms. Kiran Saba-IS section & Mr. Nauman Akhtar from FM section also attended the training. While World Bank Team participated in training through virtual link. Participants of the training appreciated the interactive learning opportunity.



Training on E-governance initiatives

3-day training session was held for all 16 MCs under Punjab Cities Program at Pakistan Institute of Management, Lahore. MC officials including Sub Engineers, Computer Operator, Water Supply In-charge and sanitary supervisors from South, Center and north region MCs attended the training session. Participants were called region-wise on 1st, 2nd and 3rd February from south, center and north, respectively. The purpose of the training was to impart skills on E-governance initiatives such as Performance Management System and Computerized Complaint Tracking System. The participants were briefed about the effective implementation of Disbursement Linked

Indicators (DLIs) under PCP. More than 50 participants from MC Khanewal, Vehari, Burewala, Bahawalnagar, Kot Addu, Jaranwala, Gojra, Jhang, Kamalia, Okara, Jhelum, Daska, Hafizabad, Wazirabad, Kamoke and Muridke attended the training session. Participants appreciated the knowledge sharing through workshop. Mr. Gulzar Hussain PO IS(Khanewal), Mr. Abdul Hannan PO IS (Faisalabad) and Mr. Muhammad Qasim, PO IS (Gujranwala), conducted the training. Mr. Nauman Akhter, SPO FM/IS replied to the queries of participants and thanked participants to conclude the session.



Refresher training session on Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS)

5 days refresher training sessions of MC's officials of 16 PCP partner cities on interventions under PCP for fulfilment of DLIs have been imparted to MC staff on Performance Management System (PMS), Complaint Tracking System (CTS), MC website updation, Right to Information & Transparency Act (RTI) 2013 and Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS). Ms Kiran Saba (DPO – IS) managed to successfully organize the sessions on E – Governance Initiatives, under supervision of Mr. Iftikhar Rasool (MD/PD PCP) at Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM).

MC officials including Finance & Accounts Staff, CFMS operators, water rate & shop clerks of North, South, and Central region of PMDFC attended the session. The purpose of the training was to improve the skills of staff on Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS), water rate billing, shop billing & cashbook reconciliation.

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under PCP. Participants appreciated the knowledge sharing through the workshop. More than 40 participants from MC Khanewal, Vehari, Burewala, Bahawalnagar, Kot Addu, Jaranwala, Gojra, Jhang, Kamalia, Okara, Jhelum, Daska, Hafizabad, Wazirabad, Kamoke, and Muridke attended the training session. Mr. Nauman Akhtar, (SPO-FM), Mr. Zeeshan Ali (DPO-FM), Mr. Muhammad Imran (DPO-FM), and Mr. Yasir Ali (DPO-FM), conducted the training session. At the end of the session Mr. Nauman Akhtar, SPO FM replied to the queries of participants and thanked participants to conclude the session.



Upgradation of MC's Websites, Performance Management System and Transformation of Complaint Tracking System into Grievance Redressal Mechanism under Punjab Cities Program



PMDFC signed contract agreement with M/S CyberVision for Consulting Services for Up gradation of MC's Websites, Performance Management System (PMS) and transformation of Complaint Tracking System (CTS) into Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM) under Punjab Cities Program. PCP Team under leadership of PD PCP is striving its best to achieve the targets. A kick off session was held with M/S CyberVision team to discuss the deliverables to accomplish desired outcomes.

LAUNCHING OF WEBSITE OF PUNJAB LOCAL GOVT. ACADEMY LALAMUSA

Website of Punjab Local Govt. Academy Lalamusa, developed by PMDFC under GIZ funded Project “Strengthening Provision of Municipal Service to the Citizens through improved local Govts in Punjab” has been launched on Feb 17, 2022. The website launching ceremony was held at Punjab Local Govt. Academy, Lalamusa. GIZ delegation led by Mr. Julius Spatz Director Division (Pakistan & Afghanistan) and DG LG&CD Department Ms. Kausar Khan graced the ceremony to launch the website.



REFRESHER TRAINING SESSIONS ON “TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY”

PMDFC – PCP IS team organized refresher training sessions (March 02 – 03, 2022) on DLI result area “Transparency & Accountability” encompassing MC Website Updation and implementation of Right to Information (RTI) & Transparency Act at Pakistan Institute of Management (PIM), Lahore. MCs staff from 16 PCP partner cities who are directly related with the

implementation of above-mentioned institutional strengthening interventions attended the training sessions. Mr. Gulzar Hussain Program Officer (IS) briefed the participants on RTI while Mr. Mubashar Ahmad, IT Assistant shared details regarding website updation. The participants were also given practical knowledge, demonstration and hands on training on these initiatives.



SECTORAL PLANNING, DESIGN AND RESIDENT SUPERVISION CONSULTANCY STARTED IN ALL 16 PCP CITIES

PMDFC signed contract agreement with NESPAK, MMP and Asian Consultants regarding Sectoral Planning, Design and Resident Supervision Consultancy. The consultant firms have constituted separate teams to work on each package and these teams have started visiting their relevant MCs. PCP team members from ID and ESM are accompanying the consultant firms during field visits. The engineering firms will provide package wise detailed design of infrastructure sub-projects, sectoral planning and resident construction supervision in 16 PCP cities. NESPAK is working in PCP cities of Hafizabad, Kamoke and Muridke (Package II), Asian Consulting Engineers (Pvt) Ltd, with M/s Rehman Habib Consultants (Pvt) Ltd working in Bahawalnagar, Burewala & Vehari (Package IV) while MM Pakistan Pvt. Ltd is working in Jhelum, Wazirabad & Daska, (Package I). Gojra, Kamalia, Jhang (Package III) and Okara, Khanewal, Kot Addu (Package V).

PCP team under the leadership of PD PCP is committed to achieve the targets within stipulated time. Once the prioritization of subprojects & finalization of priority list is complete the PC 1 will be prepared to start execution of ID subprojects at the earliest. Team members from consulting firm and PCP team attended the meeting.



Meeting with GIZ team

Ms. Celine Vandendriessche Development Advisor GIZ visited the PMDFC office to review the progress of ongoing activities under GIZ funded Project “Strengthening Provision of Municipal Services to the Citizens through Improved Local Governments” Mr.



Abid Ali Manager IT shared insights of the E-module being developed under this project for Punjab Local Government Academy Lalamusa. Mr. Sohaib Rafique Dy. Manager ID shared the progress on Procurement of goods and SOPs being developed on municipal services identified in the baseline survey.

Meeting with The World Bank team

A review meeting was held today at PMDFC with The World Bank team to discuss various initiatives to be undertaken under Punjab Cities Program. MD PMDFC Mr. Iftikhar Rasool shared the current progress and updated on major activities. Thorough



deliberations were made on the challenges being faced by the project team and a mitigation strategy was also discussed in detail. MD PMDFC and other senior PCP team members attended the meeting while Ms. Shehnaz Arshad, along with senior officials from The World Bank joined meeting through video link.

Meeting with Associate, CM Special Monitoring Unit

A meeting was held under the chairmanship of MD/PD PCP Mr. Iftikhar Rasool at PMDFC office. Dr. Novaira Junaid from CM Special Monitoring Unit participated in the meeting to discuss the progress on



different initiatives being carried out under the umbrella of PCP. MD/PD PCP shared the details of the ongoing activities. Mr. Nauman Akhter SPO Financial Management and team members from IS and ID section also attended the meeting.

PMDFC has created its social media accounts on Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube for wider outreach and awareness.

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