



Minister for Local Government and Community Development Department Punjab, visited PMDFC

The Honorable Minister for Local Government and Community Development Department Punjab, Mian Mahmood-Ur-Rasheed, visited head office of Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company to review the progress of different activities of Punjab Cities program (PCP) particularly in Municipal Committees of Wazirabad and Okara. He was warmly received by MD PMDFC Mr. Muhammad Iftikhar Rasool along with other senior officers of PMDFC. Minister for LG & CDD presided over the meeting, and MD PMDFC briefed the

house about the progress of ongoing projects under PCP with the objective of improvement in municipal service delivery to the citizens. Worthy Minister appreciated PMDFC's progress on different initiatives being undertaken in 16 Municipal Committees included in the Program. The Minister directed the PCP top hierarchy to exert concerted efforts to accelerate the progress of the Program especially in the Infrastructure Development for early improvement in the municipal service delivery to the public. Mr. Ashiq Ch SPO (ID) also briefly

explained the progress of various components of the sub projects presently being executed in MC Wazirabad & MC Okara.

MD PMDFC informed the house that design consultants will be mobilized in January 2022 and hopefully design of first top priority project in each Program MC will be completed by end of March 2022. The worthy Minister directed the PCP officers to expedite the progress on the design and construction of mega projects so that people of the 16 cities could get maximum benefits out of this Program.

Annual General Meeting Of PMDFC

PMDFC's 23rd AGM was held on 23 Nov, 2021 at Lahore. Members of General Body participated in this meeting. MD PMDFC Mr. Muhammad Iftikhar Rasool welcomed the members and presented company's progress during last year. He also shared the upcoming projects and activities of the financial year 2021-22. He informed the house that PMDFC will complete design and construction of projects costing around Rs. 7 billion in this financial year. Addressing the participants, Chairman PMDFC Board of Directors, Mr. Eric Massey said that the PMDFC has achieved key milestones despite the occurrence of Covid-19 pandemic and the Board is hopeful that team of PMDFC, under his leadership, will continue to work hard and leave no stone unturned to meet PMDFC objective "Help Build Healthy Cities".



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

107th meeting of the Board of Directors' of PMDFC was held on October 06, 2021 at PMDFC Office to monitor the performance and progress of the company. Agenda items included Audited



accounts of the company for the year ending June 30, 2021 and budget for FY 2021-22 which were discussed in detail. While budget for FY 2020-21 and Appointment of PMDFC Auditors for FY 2021-22 was also discussed. Mr. Shahzad Khan Sherwani, GM (F&A)/ Company Secretary explained agenda items in detail and answered all queries from the house related to Audit & Accounts and budget etc. MD, PMDFC, Mr. Muhammad Iftikhar Rasool, presented progress of ongoing assignments and PCP initiatives. The Board of Directors (BOD) reviewed the performance of PMDFC and progress made on projects being undertaken by the company. The BOD discussed emergent tasks and also accorded approval on the decisions taken by the Committees formed under BOD. The BOD admired PMDFC contribution in assisting LG&CD Department and LGs in Punjab.

PUNJAB CITIES PROGRAM UP-DATES:

PCP is catering for bridging the gap between the supply and demand by funding the rehabilitation of the existing municipal infrastructure for improving its efficiency and the service delivery level on one hand and extension of the municipal facilities to the unserved areas of the cities on the other hand. For this purpose, a major chunk of money has been made available to the Program MCs for Rehabilitation, Repairs and Replacements of the worn out and outlived components and procurement of some machinery and equipment for improving the efficiency of the municipal infrastructure,

Under phase-I of Rehabilitation Works; 42s out of total 44 sub projects have been completed with a total cost of

Rs. 1244 million and 02 projects are ongoing. Under Phase-II of Rehabilitation Works 8 subprojects costing Rs 235.8 million have been conceived out of which 3 subprojects have been completed with a total cost of Rs. 25.60 million whereas 3 subprojects are ongoing and 2 subprojects are still unapproved.

The PCP target for the year 2021-22 is to equip MCs with efficient machinery and equipment for Solid Waste Management and efforts are underway to achieve this target. In this regard, Projects in 15 Program MCs have been administratively approved out of which 13 Projects have been technically sanctioned. Direct procurement of vehicles and vehicle chassis has been done in one MC whereas in 7 MCs it is in process. The bidding process for



fabrication of superstructures on these chassis has been started in 7 Program MCs. The total approved cost of these 14 Projects is around Rs 2764 million.

It is also important to highlight that hiring of Engineering Consultants for Sectoral Planning, Detailed Design & Resident Supervision of Infrastructure projects for all Program MCs is at its final stage. The selected firms will be on board by the end of January 2022.



Further PCP Infrastructure team is closely working with Program MCs for the prioritization of sub-projects for 2021-22 regarding Rehabilitation and Development of priority urban roads, important cross roads and parks with an exclusive approach to meet the needs of masses. All MCs have submitted their priority lists whereas, the priority lists for 14 MCs have been processed in PMDFC, marked on the city plans and submitted to World Bank.



MC GOJRA

TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR PCP PARTNER MCs



A series of training workshops were organized by IS Section of PCP for the staff of Program MCs. Trainings were organized in Khanewal, and Gujranwala for conveniences of the staff of MCs of these regions. These workshops were aimed to provide expertise in DLI (Disbursement Linked Indicators) result areas such as Financial Management, Urban Infrastructure, Procurement and Environmental / Social Management to the officers of Partner Municipal Committees. The workshop was attended by Chief Officers, Municipal Officers Finance, Municipal Officers Infrastructure and Services, Municipal Officers Planning and Sub Engineers from these MCs.



Commissioner Gujranwala Mr. Zulfiqar Ghuman graced the training session at Gujranwala as chief guest, and Director Local Government Multan Muhammad Farooq Dogar was the chief guest in the workshop at Khanewal. Project Director and MD, PMDFC, Muhammad Iftikhar Rasool also addressed the participants highlighting importance of these trainings for MC staff as a learning experience and its link with program activities.



During trainings, the officers were introduced to the modern skills for improving the municipal service delivery. Training sessions were interactive and trainers replied to the queries of participants in detail. Experienced resource persons from PMDFC delivered sessions on finance, Infrastructure Development, Procurement and Investment Planning, Transparency and Accountability, Environment and Social Management, and Human Resource. On behalf of PMDFC, SPO Infrastructure Development Muhammad Ashiq Chaudhry, SPO Finance Nauman Akhtar, Procurement Consultant Tariq Farooq, Manager GIS, Mr. Aamir Shah, DPO E & S Management, Ms. Tehmina Kiran acted as trainers in their relevant sessions.



FIELD VISITS FOR DLI, S IMPLEMENTATION



PCP team is visiting all 16 partner MCs for effective implementation of Disbursement Linked Indicators for the upcoming Annual Performance Assessment. Institutional Strengthening, Environment Social Management and GIS section visited different MCs and held meetings with MC staff regarding the progress on DLIs.



PUNJAB LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD INITIATIVES

Punjab Local Government Board Initiatives under PCP (Institutional Strengthening - Window II) are under planning. The budget allocated for PLGB under this window is Rs. 64.63 million. Meetings are being held to finalize the modalities of the initiatives and to plan way forward for the proposed activities. Mr. Shahid Latif was decided to be the focal person for PLGB to further expedite the program activities.

Strengthening Provision of Municipal Services to the Citizens through Improved Local Governments - GIZ Funded



PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING

PSC meeting of the GIZ-funded project “Strengthening Provision of Municipal Services to the Citizens through Improved Local Governments” was held on Nov 16, 2021. Special Secretary LG & CDD Ms. Musarrat Jabeen delivered the welcome address. MD PMDFC presented the progress of the project and shared the details about different initiatives being taken under the project. Dr. Kiran Farhan Consultant for baseline survey, shared key findings from her report. Mr. Shahzad Khan Sherwani, Project coordinator/ GM (F&A) briefed the PSC about the re-appropriation of the budget and replacement of PLGO 2021 with prevailing PLGA in linked activities under the Project. Project Steering Committee set the modalities for future activities and way forward to conclude the meeting.



TRAINING ON MONITORING & EVALUATION

As per vision of Secretary- LG&CD Department Mr. Noor ul Ameen Mengal, GIZ & PMDFC supported the Department to capacitate LG&CD Officers to monitor all the activities of the department in the province to improve public service delivery. In this context, 175 Govt Officials have been trained in 06 batches from Sep 20 to Oct 09, 2021 on Monitoring & Evaluation at PLG Academy, Lalamusa.



STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON GOPA SUPPORT TO THE LOGO-II, POLICY REFORMS & INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

A Workshop was organized by GIZ & GOPA. Five working groups were made to discuss findings from inception report and reform ideas concerning policy reforms and institutional strengthening. Mr. Shahzad Khan Sherwani, GM- F&A and Mr. Abid Ali, Manager IT represented the groups' working as focal person on Conceptualization and delivery of three training sessions and Design & facilitation of study tour respectively.



TRAINING OF TRAINERS (MOPs/ ARCHITECTS)

Under the project 36 Master Trainers (MOPs / Architects) from 36 Districts of Punjab have been trained at PLG Academy. The training sessions were aimed to build the capacity of planning wings of LGs in Punjab.



CONTRACT SIGNING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PLG ACADEMY WEBSITE

Contract Agreement Signed between Mr. Adnan Aslam (Website Consultant) and PMDFC for Development of Website for Punjab Local Government Academy, Lalamusa as a strengthening intervention for the academy.

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

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