

News In Brief / Visits

Mr. Sajid Siddique, Managing Director, Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company has been transferred by Government of Punjab on December 27, 2011, additional charge of the post is assigned to Mr. Muhammad Aamer Nazeer, General Manager (Procurement & Environment) being the senior most GM, w.e.f. December 28, 2011.

World Bank Visits to PMDFC

- World Bank team comprising Ms. Shehnaz Arshad (Senior Urban Specialist- PMSIP Team Leader) and Mr. Raja Rehan Arshad (Lead Operation Officer) visited PMDFC on December 14, 2011. Progress towards agreed actions was reviewed. Future role of PMDFC particularly in the context of sustainability of different ID interventions being introduced under PMSIP was also discussed.
- World Bank Technical Consultant Mr. Keven Taylor visited PMDFC on November 19, 2011 to conduct a meeting with Planning Section - PMDFC. Matters pertaining to updation of Planning Maps of phase-I TMA's by PMDFC and monitoring of the tasks performed by consulting firms i.e. M/S EPMC- SAGE (JV) and M/S Osmani & Co. Methodology, achievements and future course of actions were also discussed in detail.

Delivery of Equipments to TMA's

PMDFC provided the following equipments to its partner TMA's (Phase-II):

- 159 Computers & 178 Printers with UPS for general office use to (60) TMA's
- 24 Computers with Printers & UPS for implementation of Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS) to (12) TMA's

Detailed Refresher Training Workshops to Implement ID Interventions

The detailed refresher training sessions were organized to facilitate TMA staff in adoption of ID interventions of the project. In this regard, 09 training workshops on Performance Management System (PMS) and 03 training workshops on Complaint Tracking System (CTS) were arranged in the month of December 2011. Core objectives of the trainings were as under:

- Sensitization, motivation and mobilization of TMA staff for adoption of PMS and CTS
- Creation of sense of ownership and responsibility helping in creation of self sustainable culture of regular information collection, maintenance and reporting for better decision making / service delivery
- Awareness about their role and other stakeholder's role in establishing PMS and CTS
- Removing gaps in understanding and implementation
- Benefits of adoption of PMS and CTS for TMA and for themselves
- Importance of data collection, updation and reporting



Training participants along with the PMDFC team



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Training Session in progress

Follow Up Visits of Institutional Development - Interventions in Partner TMAs by PMDFC ID Team

PMDFC Institutional Development (ID) teams visited 86 partners TMAs to facilitate the TMA staff in adoption of ID interventions. Hands-on trainings to TMA staff were provided primarily on data collection, data maintenance, updation and data reporting; following SOPs for different ID interventions including PMS, CTS and TMA website. Issues in slow adoption of ID interventions were discussed with TMA leadership and they were mobilized for taking appropriate actions in this regard.

Provision of Computer Training

Computer Training has been successfully completed in 44 TMAs out of 68 TMAs so far and 505 trainees attended this PMDFC facilitated Computer Training Program.

Visits of Planning Team

Teams consisting of staff of Planning Section - PMDFC visited 38 partners TMA. Tasks performed during these visits included the updation / verification of planning reports and GIS maps to fill out the missing gaps of data. They also held meetings with concerned TMOs and data was updated with the assistance of TMA staff. The remaining partner TMAs will be visited in January 2012.

Procurement & Environment

Pre-Bid Meeting & Bid Opening

Procurement & Evaluation Section of 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 features of the forthcoming sub-project were also explained to them in details. The underlying objectives of the Pre-bid meeting were to promote healthy competition amongst bidders, minimize bid rejection due to minor technical mistakes and ensure transparency. The sub-project covered in the briefing was as follow:

Pre-Bid Meeting

Sr. #	Name of Sub-Project	Meeting Date
1.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Liaqatpur	03-11-2011

Bid Opening at TMA office

Sr. #	Name of Sub-Project	Meeting Date
1.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management System, Malakwal	12-11-2011

Environmental Monitoring

Mr. Nabeel Haider Manager (P&E) along with Ms. Samina Bilal & Mr. Ansar Abbas Dy. Manager (P&E) visited various TMAs to attend and facilitate public hearing of the following subprojects. These hearings were conducted by concerned TMAs and Environment Protection Agency (EPA).

Sr. #	Name of Sub-Projects	Date of Visits
1.	Extension-Improvement of Water Supply Scheme, Renala Khurd	04/11/2011
2.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management, Malakwal	12/11/2011
3.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management, Hassanabdal	15/11/2011
4.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management, Vehari	18/11/2011
5.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management, Duniapur	26/11/2011
6.	Extension-Improvement of Water Supply Scheme, Silanwali	29/11/2011
7.	Improvement of Solid Waste Management, Bahawalnagar	12/12/2011

Infrastructure Subprojects Progress Review Meetings

- Mr. Iftikhar Rasool General Manager (Engg.) PMDFC chaired a meeting for settlement of payment issues of "Extension - Improvement of water supply scheme- Fateh Jang" on November 14, 2011. Participants of the meeting were concerned staff of NESPAK and PMDFC.
- Progress review meetings were convened under the chairmanship of GM (Engg.) PMDFC to monitor the progress of all subprojects under Package 4 & 5 and to review all contractual matters on 15/11/2011 & 23/11/2011 respectively. JERS Engineering Consultants and concerned staff of PMDFC attended the meeting.
- A meeting was held on November 17, 2011 by Engineering Section to conduct Contract Management Training in PMDFC office for "Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads Noorpur Thal".
- Similarly, a meeting was chaired by Mr. Muazzam Ali Janjoa Additional Secretary LG&CDD on November 21, 2011 in which revised PC-I of subproject "Extension-Improvement of Water supply scheme- Jhelum" was discussed. Assistant Chief DP (P&D Deptt.), Chief Engineer PLGB and concerned PMDFC staff attended the meeting.
- GM (Engg.) PMDFC visited World Bank Office Islamabad to hold a meeting with Ms. Uzma Sadaf, senior World Bank Procurement Specialist on 2nd December, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the variations on consultancy charges for both packages 5 & 6 in person for explanations particularly regarding different inputs and price adjustments under the contract.
- A meeting of Departmental Development Sub Committee (DDSC) of LG&CD Department was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Muhammad Saqib Aziz, Special Secretary LG&CDD on December 08, 2011 to discuss the PC-I's of development subprojects under PMSIP. Key participants were Mr. Muazzam Ali Janjoa Additional Secretary LG&CDD, Ms. Bushra Yasmeen Assistant Chief DP (P&D Deptt.), Mr. Zafar Mehmood Chief Engineer PLGB and concerned PMDFC staff.
- Mr. Khizar Hayat Gondal, Secretary LG&CD Department chaired a progress review meeting on 3rd December, 2011 for resolution of issues related to infrastructure subprojects at TMA level. Managing Director Mr. Sajid Siddique, GM (Engg.) and GM (P&E) participated in the meeting.
- Another meeting was convened by engineering section to monitor the progress and subproject related issues of "Improvement of Sewerage System - Sambrial" on 19th December, 2011.
- Mr. Imran Aslam Manager (Engg.) held a pre bid meeting of "Development of Bahoo and Chandni Parks" on 15th December, 2011 with prospective bidders in the office of Tehsil Municipal Administration Shorkot.

Monitoring Visits by PMDFC Engineering Team

- A field visit was conducted by Technical Consultant Mr. Ashiq Chaudhry along with Mr. Tariq Mehmood Manager (O&M) PMDFC for the subproject "Extension Improvement of Water Supply Scheme, Mailsi" and for implementation of O&M Framework under institutional development initiatives of PMDFC, on November 17, 2011.
- The details of the infrastructure sub projects visited by PMDFC engineering team are given in the Table. The basic purpose was to:
 - Monitor the progress
 - Resolve site issues
 - Provide training on Contract Management



Removing of surplus material from TMA road, Malakwal

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1.	Extension - improvement of Water Supply Scheme - Sillanwali	02-11-2011
2.	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads - Malakwal	15-11-2011
3.	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads - Mandi Bahauddin	
4.	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads - Chiniot	16-11-2011
5.	Extension - Improvement of Sewerage System - sambrial	01-12-2011
6.	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Roads - Chichawatni	08-12-2011



Farewell ceremony of Mr. Sajid Siddique, Managing Director - PMDFC