

## MIAN MAHMOOD-UR-RASHEED

Minister for Local Government and  
Community Development Department Punjab  
visited PMDFC Head Office along with

## Secretary LG&CD Department



The Honorable Minister for Local Government and Community Development Department Punjab, Mian Mahmood-Ur-Rasheed visited PMDFC Head Office along with Secretary LG&CD Department, Mr. Noor-Ul-Amin Mengal on August 05, 2021, and chaired a meeting to review the progress of the Punjab Cities Program (PCP). Mr. Shahid Zaman Lak, Additional Secretary (Dev.) LG&CDD was also present in the meeting. Deputy Program Director PCP, Mr. Iftikhar Rasool briefed about the progress of ongoing projects for effective municipal service delivery to the citizens under “Punjab Cities Program”. The Honorable Minister

showed satisfaction over the progress of initiatives undertaken by PMDFC and provided valuable guidance to achieve affix targets of the programs. He also directed to expand the ambit of work and to further improve the quality and effectiveness of municipal services to the public. He further added that it is the vision of Chief Minister Punjab, Sardar Usman Ahmad Khan Buzdar that every citizen must have access to quality municipal services so every organ of the ministry should actively perform its duties to transform this into reality. PMDFC team including Mr. Shoaib Iftikhar, SPO-IS, Mr. Javed Iqbal SPO A&A, and other senior officers were also present in the meeting.

## HIGHLIGHTS




**Capt. (Retd) Muhammad Waseem (PAS)**

took charge as the Managing Director of PMDFC and Project Director, Punjab Cities Program (PCP).



After assuming the charge, he chaired a staff meeting where he said that “PMDFC is a very prestigious organization and has made huge contribution towards the development of local governments. He also shared his vision to support LG & CDD in improving the standards of municipal service delivery to the citizens. At this occasion his predecessor, Mr. Iftikhar Rasool was also present. He served a two-month stint as MD.



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# PUNJAB CITIES PROGRAM

PCP is flagship program of PMDFC being implemented in 16 cities across Punjab. Program aims to strengthen the performance of urban local governments, participating in urban management and service delivery. Under this program more than USD 236 million will be spent using hybrid of Investment Project Financing (IPF) and Program for Results (P for R) instrument. There are two windows of this program first is Infrastructure Development to provide Performance-Based Grants (PBGs) based on results achieved by the MCs against the Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs). Second is Institutional Strengthening to support provincial government agencies i: e Finance Department, LG&CD Department, Local Government Board, PMDFC and selected MCs with technical assistance and institutional strengthening.



Punjab Cities Program, Infrastructure development wing is working on different initiatives to uplift the municipal service delivery standards in the 16 partner Municipal Corporations/Committees. The initiatives include infrastructure rehabilitation, repair and provision of different machinery items for their smooth functioning. A total of 44 schemes of water supply, filtration plants, sewerage and parks were planned with a total cost of Rs 1404.11 million and 38 has been completed successfully. Improved municipal delivery services in the sectors of water supply, filtration plants and sewerage will benefit around half million population of the target MCs.

## Resolving the Issues Regarding Solid Waste Management

Solid Wastes is a stinging and widespread problem in both urban and rural areas. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) collection and disposal is one of the major problems of urban environment and also cause of serious health hazards. At present the service delivery in the sector of solid waste collection and disposal in almost all the 16 MCs is not up to the mark because of inadequate and inefficient machinery & equipment. Punjab Cities Program aims at developing a comprehensive

solutions of waste management in its 16 partner MCs by equipping them with modern and compatible machinery and equipment. The PCP team is working with 16 MCs on this project that will benefit around half million citizens by improving the environment, human health and economic conditions thus reducing the water related and water borne diseases. Under this initiative 16 target MCs has started to procure necessary machinery and equipment with a cost of about Rs. 2600

million. For the purpose, parking sheds are also being constructed which will be completed well before the delivery of machinery and vehicles to the MCs.



## Institutional Strengthening

PCP Team has been providing backstopping support to the MCs on result areas i;e Investment Planning & Budgeting, Human Resource, Financial Management & Audit, On Source Revenue, Procurement, Environment & Social Management, Transparency & Accountability and urban infrastructure to achieve target Disbursement Linked Results. In this regard Institutional Strengthening section of PCP organized a series of training sessions on all the result areas. The objective behind organizing the training sessions was to help MCs' staff for developing understanding about the activities to be performed for the smooth implementation of Program and to increase

the technical skills and performance of the MC staff and to enable them to do their work efficiently, and eventually achieving improved service delivery standards. The participants were invited from all 16 target MCs. Experienced resource persons imparted their knowledge and experience to the participants. GIS section of PMDFC has updated the GIS based maps such as base maps, water supply, solid waste management, road hierarchy, sewerage and street light maps. updated maps are also available on website of relevant MCs.





# Training Sessions on IT Systems, Developed Exclusively for Partner MCs

The Training sessions were organized to introduce new governance initiatives i.e Computerized Financial Management System (CFMS), Performance Management System (PMS), Complaint Tracing System (CTS), GIS Based Mapping and MC Website . The objective of these trainings was to impart operational knowledge to pave way for their implementation across province. PMDFC has a history of developing IT based solutions and tools to help MC, s in improving their working and eventually raising standards of service delivery, also promoting e-governance in local governments in Punjab in line with the policy of the Government. In training more than 60 staff members from 12 different municipal committees/corporations from different districts.



## Building Better Cities ....



I am Nasreen Bibi a dweller of Bijli M o h a l l a M u n i c i p a l Corporation Hafizabad, I am performing the roles of a mother and a house wife

with equal aplomb, but non availability of good quality water posed a hindrance in the wellbeing and an improved living standard of my family. We used a hand pump, a laborious job, to get water for household use. Also, the quality of water was compromised. The installation of an electric pump to fetch water or to dig a deeper bore due to financial constraints was not possible for us. We were desperately looking for a solution to our

problem when PMDFC came to our rescue. We were so happy when heard that the old municipal system of water supply is being restored with their help. I immediately applied for a water connection that MC Hafizabad approved after due process NOW we are getting the clean drinking water to cook, wash, the other household purposes. I don't have to operate a handpump for hours.

Water is available in our taps 5 hours a day. We easily manage the rest of the hours with a little storage. The provision of this basic necessity brought back discipline in my life. My children reach school in time. They get more time to study and play. Earlier, I had no other option but to also ask them to help me in operating the handpump.



*Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company provided technical and financial support to MC Hafizabad for rejuvenating the old depleted water supply system. A total of 10 tube wells were installed to cater the needs of the urban population and currently more than 4400 household about 150 thousand citizens are benefitting from this initiative.*



# Development of ESMF and Training Session on Its Use

Environment and social Safeguards section of PCP program developed Environmental & Social Management Framework (ESMF) so that the Municipal Corporations/Committees (MCs) staff could better comprehend social and environmental management processes and procedures. This framework is aligned with World Bank policies and core principles, local policies and legal framework. This has been circulated among all 16 Partner MCs. A training session was also arranged for partner MCs staff for effective adoption and utilization of this framework attended by 43 staff members of different MCs.

The section also developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Environment, Health & Safety for Workers/Labor (Including Women Labor) containing details on construction Camp Management and on-site health and safety. These SOPs shall be part of contract of contractor and MCs official would be responsible for implementation of these SOPs which will also be monitored by PCP team.



## PMDFC CELEBRATED 75th Independence Day with Traditional Fervor.

**August – 14, 2021**

To mark the Independence Day, a cake-cutting ceremony was held at the office of Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company (PMDFC), in which all staff members participated with patriotic zeal and zest. To celebrate the festivity with traditional and patriotic fervor PMDFC office building was decorated with national flags, buntings, and lights. DPD, PMDFC, Mr. Iftikhar Rasool graced the occasion while all staff was also present in the ceremony. After the cake-cutting ceremony, PMDFC officials prayed for the peace, progress, and prosperity of the nation, to conclude the ceremony.

## IT-Based Monitoring System for All LGs Across Province.

PMDFC is a pioneer in presenting IT-based solutions to local governments in its quest to fortify them for subsequent improved service delivery to the citizens. Furthering this, PMDFC is introducing a new IT-based monitoring system in all 36 districts headquarter MCs across the province. This initiative is aimed to improve

service delivery through Smart Performance Management by consolidation of all systems in one IT based dashboard. This will help in monitoring of service delivery process through system available data and further improving feedback/complaint mechanism.

## Strengthening Provision of Municipal Services to The Citizens Through Improved Local Governments in Punjab

PMDFC is implementing this project in the districts of Sheikhpura, Toba Tek Singh, Khanewal and Mandi Bahauddin to improve policies and procedures for efficient and effective municipal service delivery to the citizens. Under this project mechanism and

procedure for Urban/ City planning in the selected Local Governments will be developed and submitted to the Punjab LG&CD Department for adoption. PMDFC has started working on this 9 month duration project, costing 30 million PKR.

## Preparation of Master Plans for The Cities of Punjab

In a bid to promote vertical growth and control horizontal one, protect green areas and unbridled increasing land cost, LG & CDD Government of Punjab launched Rs500m project, titled "Preparation of Master Plans for 149 Urban

Local Governments/Cities of Punjab". This initiative will also be helpful to control increasing migration of the people from small towns to big cities. PMDFC as technical arm of LG & CDD is working on this project.

