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Field Monitoring Report

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According to the work plan a team of two monitoring officers of USAID *Bahaal* Project visited four districts of Sindh namely Shikarpur, Jacobabad, Kamber-Shadadkot, and Kashmore. This visit was conducted during the dates of 8nd to 17th March, 2011. The purpose of the field visit was to monitor beneficiary assessment and work Progress of transitional shelter.

The detail and district wise observations of field visit are summarized as under:

District Jacobabad:

Name of Project Monitoring Officers	Zahida Amin and Nageen Akhter
Visit Data	9 th to 10 th March 2011
Union Council	<i>Jogli</i>

Progress on transitional shelter:

The monitoring visit began by visiting the SRSO *Bahaal* office in Tehsil Thull of District Jacobabad. A meeting was held with Rukhsana the District Project officer of *Bahaal* (Jacoabad). She updated the RSPN Monitoring team regarding the progress of Transitional Shelter and hand pump. The team was informed that the beneficiary assessment for transitional has completed and the excavation work has been started on all Transitional Shelters. RSPN monitoring team orientated the project officer regarding documentation of TS. (See annex I)

Beneficiary Assessment Criteria:

To check the beneficiary assessment of Transitional Shelter three villages were visited. In this connection almost eighty households were interviewed and their location was physically verified; except 3 cases the assessments of remaining beneficiaries were as per specific criteria. Households that are poor or headed by women with children have been focused upon. In the selection of beneficiary the community participation approach has ensured through the involvement of COs and VOs. This process ensured the transparency of beneficiary assessment. Duplication of work was also avoided. Moreover, it is observed that highly affected areas and villages have been selected in cluster.



Fig: 1-2 Beneficiaries working on their Transitional Shelter

Transitional Shelter Design:

It is observed during monitoring visit of Jacobabad that under the supervision of district field engineer the construction work on Transitional Shelter was continued at a high pace. Almost all beneficiaries have completed TS at base level. The District Project officer told the team that the order cheque of first installment is ready and will be delivered to beneficiaries within a few days.

It is noticed that most of the beneficiaries are sharing their walls to reduce Transitional Shelter cost and most of them have shared land as well. In the meeting on 17th march, 2011 the RSPN monitoring officers and Engineer discussed this matter with SRSO Engineer and project coordinator. In the meeting the RSPN team suggested that the field engineer should give special consideration on combine wall houses and guide the beneficiaries about the technical details. (See below Pics).



Construction of Transitional Shelter is going on

Progress on Hand Pumps:

As SRSO had already decided with the approval of project manager that the hand pumps would be installed in the same villages where the transitional shelters have been erected, therefore, the team also visited some of the installed hand-pumps. It is observed that hand pumps were installed as per community need and were installed at the proper place with community consultation. As many as 10 to 15 households would benefit from the water from each hand pump. The platform of hand pumps and outlets for water drainage are under construction.

District Shikarpur)

Name of Project Monitoring Officers	Zahida Amin and Nageen Akhter
Visit Data	12 th to 13 th March, 2011
Union Council	Jahan Wah
Villages	Akhter Mohammed Khan and Agha Ghulam Nabi Khan Pathan

Team visited District Shikarpur with the purpose to ensure beneficiary assessment process for transitional Shelter.

Community Dialoge for Transitional Shelter:

RSPN Monitoring team participated in a community Dialogue in the village Akhter Mohammed Khan of Union Council Jahan Wah. The purpose of dialogue was to orientate the community regarding Transitional Shelter implementation process and its requirements. Project Coordinator Mr. Hameed Bullo started the dialogue with an orientation on the Transitional shelter component of the Bahaal Project. He briefed the community on the beneficiary selection criteria and also stressed on the installment process. In this regard he explained to community regarding cost of Shelter and donor share. He clarified that for this transitional shelter each household will be given a maximum of RS. 40000 by USAID and for additional expenditure they will add their own share to complete one room shelter.



Community Dialogue



Response of Community:

The response of the community was good and they were very happy with the transitional Shelter component. They also agreed on the terms and conditions and were very grateful to SRSO-USAID *Bahaal* team for the selection of their village. Overall 37 households have been selected from this village. It was decided after the dialogue that in the village Akhter Mohammed Khan work for the excavation will be started within the next 2 to 3 days.

Beneficiary Assessment Criteria (Shikarpur):

The RSPN monitoring team visited village Agha Ghulam Nabi Khan of union council Pathan Jahan Wah, where fifty beneficiaries have been selected for provision of transitional shelters. It is observed that the village was severely affected by the floods and the beneficiaries still continue to look for help. The village up till now has not been visited by any other organization and therefore the villagers have not been provided with transitional shelter. Domestic belongings of these villagers were still stuck in mud and they were bound to sleep under the open sky without any sufficient Shelter (See Pics below).



Selected area/household for Transitional Shelter

RSPNs Project monitoring officers checked the assessment process and met with females who were selected for the Transitional Shelter. It is concluded that all assessment was done as per defined beneficiary assessment criteria.

District Kashmir:

Name of Project Monitoring Officers	Zahida Amin and Nageen Akhter
Date	14 th March, 2011
Union Council	Ghouspur
Villages	Umed Ali Junejo and Rano Mirani

Progress on transitional shelter (Kashmore):

RSPN monitoring team visited District Kashmir to monitor the Beneficiary Assessment process of the Transitional Shelter provided by the Bahaal Project. A meeting was held with the District Project officer, Shafique Jamro at his office. She updated the RSPN Monitoring team regarding the progress on Transitional Shelter and the installation of hand pumps. She informed us that the beneficiary assessment for transitional shelter has been completed and the excavation work has started on all TS.

Beneficiary Assessment Criteria (Kashmore):

To ensure beneficiary assessment had taken place according to the criterion set by USAID, the RSPN monitoring team along with SRSO Bahaal- monitoring officer Nadia Samo and District Manager/Project Officer Shafiq Bahaal visited two villages. It is observed that the assessment of the beneficiaries was completed in the mentioned villages and excavation of transitional shelter had started. The assessment of the said villages was according to the USAID set criteria as only the most adversely affected places badly were focused on. The

assessment also confirmed that preference was given to households that were displaced, poor and had young children.



Selected Beneficiary for Transitional Shelter

Flow-up of Agricultural-inputs:

District	Kashmore
Union Council	Duniyapur
Villages	Saen Dad Bhayo

RSPN monitoring team reached village Saen Dad Bhayo for the follow up of agricultural inputs. For this purpose team randomly selected ten households, who had got agricultural input and interviewed them.

Quality, Quantity and Usefulness of Agricultural Input:

Moreover, the team also visited the fields where wheat crops were grown. It was observed that most of the farmers were very happy with getting the agricultural-inputs. They thanked USAID and added that its assistance in the form of agricultural inputs has contributed a lot in improving their economic condition. This was because they received these items from USAID when they badly needed them.



Beneficiaries in their fields

They argued that these agricultural items were essential when they received them but their quantity was insufficient based on their requirements. Below figures show these facts;

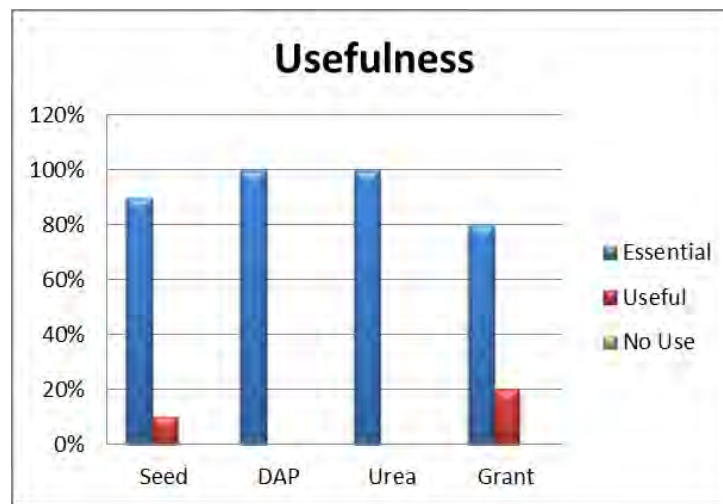


Figure 1: Summary of usefulness of Agri-Input (item wise) in Distt. Kashmir

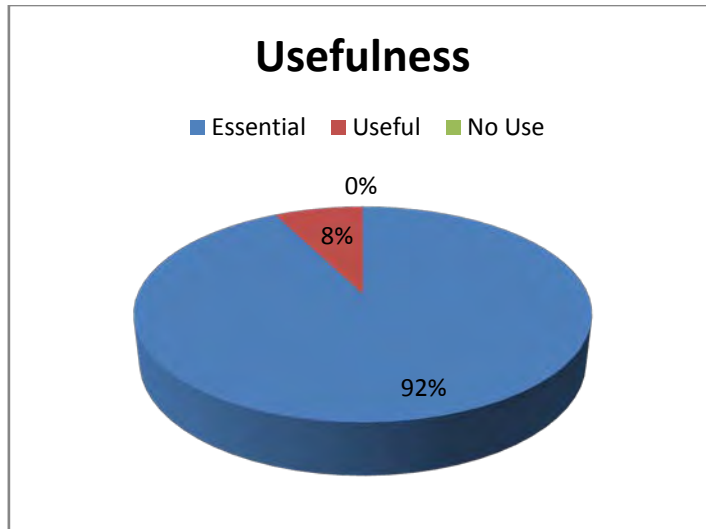


Figure 2: Summary of usefulness of Agri-Input in Distt. Kashmir

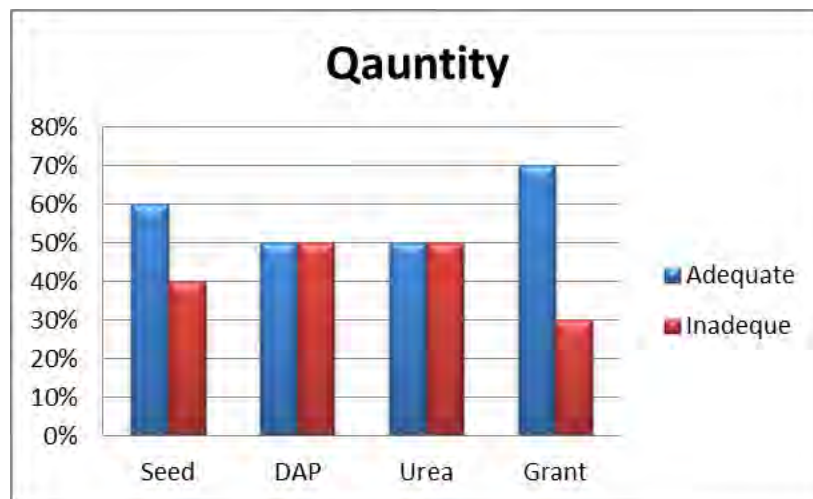


Figure 2: Summary of quantity of Agri-Input (item wise) in Distt. Kashmir

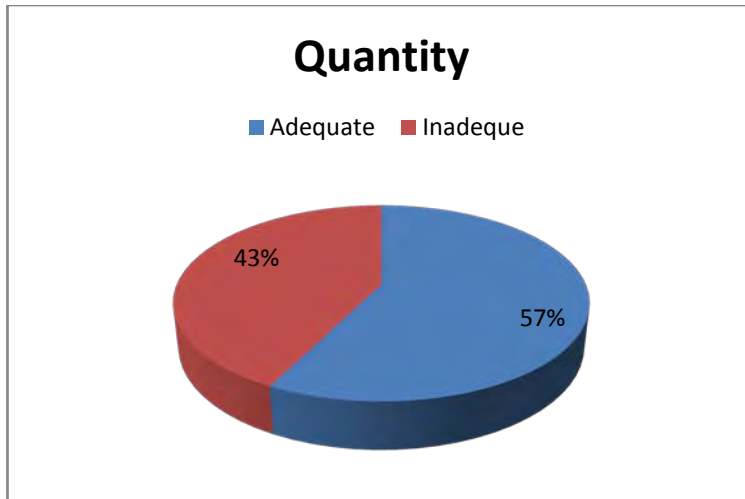


Figure 2: Summary of quantity of Agri-Input in Distt. Kashmir

Table below shows Quality of Agri- inputs as per beneficiaries' comments;

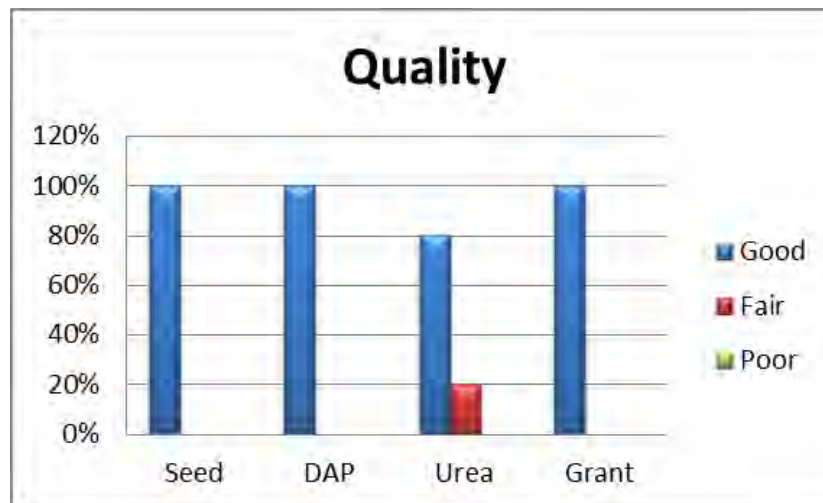


Figure 3: Summary of quality of Agri-Input (item wise) in Distt. Kashmir



Figure 3: Summary of quality of Agri-Input in Distt. Kashmore

District Kamber- Shahdadtot:

Name of Project Monitoring Officers	Zahida Amin and Nageen Akhter
Date	15 th to 16 th March, 2011
Union Council	Jamali
Village	Umed Ali Junejo

Meeting with District Project officer:

A meeting with district project officer Saeed Bulaidi was held in the district of Kambar Shahdadtot. All important points related to the implementation of Transitional Shelters were discussed in length.

The project officer updated the RSPN Monitoring team on the progress being made in erection of Transitional Shelter and installation of Hand pumps. According to updates provided by the project officer, beneficiary assessment of more than 1000 household has been completed and remaining assessment is being carried out swiftly.

Beneficiary Assessment Criteria:

RSPN monitoring team visited village Umed Ali Junejo, to verify the process of Shelter Assessment. In this village 157 households were identified for transitional shelter assessment verification. It was one of the worst affected villages in the area as the dirty flood water still covered many parts of the village. It is observed through physical verification that the displaced, the poor and the families with young children headed by women were selected. The beneficiaries shared their sentiments with the team and told

them about their poor conditions that they were living in. They showed their gratitude to USAID- Bahaal team for their assistance in the provision of the Transitional shelter. Over all the team was satisfied with the assessment done by Bahaal Staff of Kamber Shadadkot.



Selected Household for Transitional Shelter

Transitional Shelter Design:

It is also noticed that in the District the beneficiaries are sharing their walls to reduce TS cost. In the meeting on 17th march, 2011 the RSPN monitoring officers and Engineer discussed this matter with SRSO chief engineer and project coordinator and a decision was made according to which the beneficiaries were allowed to construct such houses provided they met the safety standards. Most of beneficiaries have completed TS at base level and have been handed out their first installment cheque.



Documentation of Transitional Shelter

During the visit of the four aforementioned districts RSPN monitoring team orientated all District level Bahaal staff regarding the documentation of Transitional Shelter (See

appendix documentation list). It is observed that in district Kamber Shadadkot the documentation was already done properly.

Conclusion:

It is concluded that overall the beneficiary assessment in above four mentioned districts are as per defined beneficiary assessment criteria of project.

Meeting With Project Coordinator –SRSO 17th March, 2011:

On 17th March 2011, a meeting was held with project coordinator and all other concerned staff of five districts in which all monitoring officer of Bahaal and project Engineer discussed their observation with SRSO Bahaal team.

Annex I

List of documents for the transitional shelter:

1. **Request Form with a copy of CNIC / Nadra Token Card vetted by two persons:** In case of CO resolution is sufficient by explaining the reasons for the selection of beneficiary(S);
2. **Per Note:** A legal form claiming that the beneficiary has ownership right over the land where the transitional shelter will be built;
3. **Beneficiary Registration Form:** Standard Bahaal Registration Form should be used for the registration of the beneficiaries but a separate column should be added for GPS Coordinates for each beneficiary;
4. **Token:** Standard Bahaal Format should be used;
5. **Cost Estimate of the transitional shelter:**
6. Approval by District Project Officer and fund will be release by Finance Assistant;
7. **Installment Release Performa:** Format is given in the new agreement;
8. **Order Cheque Acknowledgement Slip:** A photocopy of issued order cheque must be attached with acknowledge;
9. **Family Photographs:** Minimum of two pictures should be taken, one before the initiation and one after the completion of Transitional Shelter
10. **Completion Certificate:** Please find this form attached;
11. **Name plate on each transitional shelter :** RSPN will provide you these name plate under RSP branding budget; and
12. **Entry of transitional shelter records in MIS**

Annex II

Follow up of Agri-inputs:

Usefulness of Agri Inputs:

Items	Essential	Useful	No Use
Seed	90%	10%	0%
DAP	100%	0%	0%
Urea	100%	0%	0%
Grant	80%	20%	0%

Quality of Agri-inputs:

Items	Good	Fair	Poor
Seed	100%	0%	0%
DAP	100%	0%	0%
SUrea	80%	20%	0%
Grant	100%	0%	0%

Quality of Agri-inputs:

Items	Adequate	Inadequate
Seed	60%	40%
DAP	50%	50%
Urea	50%	50%
Grant	70%	30%