

# TWO DAYS CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP

(World Bank Implementation Support Mission)

Report on Consultative Workshop (Planning Part)

19<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

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#### **Background**

Two day Consultative Workshop was held as a schedule arrangement during *World Bank Implementation Support Mission*. The World Bank mission was to make interim appraisal of the PMSIP activities undertaken in Year-1 TMAs. On the second day of the Workshop, the planning component of PMSIP was discussed.

**Purpose of the Workshop:** Purpose of the workshop was to gather assessment of planning exercise held in Year-1 partner TMAs. In addition, it provided a forum for Tehsil Officers Planning (TOPs) , the World Bank and PMDFC to share common approach to improve capacity building efforts for the planning section of partner TMAs. It is expected that this report would complement ongoing PMDFC's efforts for capacity building in partner TMAs.

**Date:** The workshop was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2008.

**Venue:** The workshop was conducted In MPDD, Seminar Hall, Lahore.

**Participants:** Following were the workshop participants;

WORLD BANK: Shahnaz Arshad, Raja Rehan Arshad, Kevin Taylor, Mihaly Kopanyi, Ayaz Pervez.

PMDFC: Iftikhar Rasool, (GM Engineering), Talal A. Khan (Planning Consultant), Erum Ashfaq (Manager Planning)

TOPs: Ibrar Hussin (Bhalwal), Tariq Aziz (Chakwal), Ghulam abbas (Daska), Asad Majeed (Dunyapur), Muhammad Haneef (Mailsi), Muhammad Ayub(P. D. Khan), Adnan Rafique (Sambrial), Tariq Munir Ahmad (Shorkot), Ch. Ali (Toba Tek Singh)

### **Workshop Proceedings:**

The workshop was broken into a) Introductory Session, b) An information sharing session, during which each participant summarized his TMA's planning section and its activities.

### **Opening Session**

Workshop was formally started with the recitation of the Holy Quran. Afterwards, each participant introduced him/her self to the workshop participants. The TOPs also gave a brief account of their qualifications and their tenure in their respective TMAs.

Mr Talal A. Khan, planning Consultant PMDFc opened the session with a welcome note and a brief review of planning exercise in Year-1 TMA.

Ms Shehnaz Arshad, Task Manager, World Bank welcomed workshop participants to the Workshop. In reviewing goals of the workshop she emphasized the TMA participants to provide detailed input regarding the planning section of their respected TMAs. In addition, she also added how planning was important to the TMAs and PMSIP.

Mr Kevin Taylor, Planning Consultant, World Bank gave a brief about the importance of planning for providing municipal services. He said the experience gained from the planning exercise has resulted into a planning guidelines that may be used by TMAs to plan municipal services. He also explained the TOPs that the workshop was arranged to get feedback on those interventions.

## Consultative Session

Following are salient points of Workshop proceedings:

- Most of the TOPs that had worked with PMSIP planning exercise were posted out. As a result the incumbents were not very well aware of the planning process.
- Majority of TOPs focused on the staffing shortage, recovery systems, enforcement mechanisms, linkages with other departments, etc.



- The partner TMAs were using updated municipal services maps provided PMDFC but they might need further updation to bring them current to present day status. Some TMAs were also using AutoCAD software to update their maps.
- The planning office still lacked interaction with the TO I&S office. Most of the schemes prepared by TO I&S are not consulted with the planning office.
- TOPs were also not consulted and their input is not considered in important TMA meetings that result in development projects.

- Political pressures are hurdle in implementing any plans and even impede revenue collection.

### **Suggestions by the Participants**

- TOPs should be invited in meetings in PMDFC, with TO I&S, it is important to call TOPs also. This would be helpful in streamlining linkage between offices.
- More brainstorming and consultative workshops should be held by PMDFC for TOPs.
- Municipal data and maps should be shared again with TMAs that may not have it for some reason.
- Mechanism for updation of maps and data should be formulated for Year-1 TMAs.

### **Recommended Actions and Next Steps**

- There would be a planning workshop for Year-1 partner TMAs.
- Year-1 TMA would again be provided with municipal data and maps.
- Mechanism of updation of such municipal data and maps would be formulated by PMDFC.