

INTERNATIONAL ERRA CONFERENCE: April 19-21, 2010

“CONVERTING ADVERSITY INTO OPPORTUNITY: LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCES IN RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION FOR REBUILDING LIVES AND COMMUNITIES AFTER DISASTERS”

Session on Livelihood (CLRPs):

“Themes for Session on Livelihood and Expected Outputs”

Coordinator/Moderator: Abdul Shabbir Khan Khattak, Director (Economic Sector)/Programme Manager (Livelihood), ERRA.

Probable Speakers (subject to availability):

- Mr. Thomas Hofer, Forestry Officer, FAO, Rome
- Florence Egal, Nutrition/Livelihood Technical Officer, FAO, Rome.
- Mr. Muhammad Fareed, Watershed Management Committee (WMC) representative from NWFP. He is the Secretary, Dehi Taraqiati Tanzeem Battora (DTTB), Garhi Habibullah, and Mansehra.
- Ms. Yasrab Bibi from village Rajwain UC Muzaffarabad, AJK. She is a village activist.
- Mr. Khalid Ismail from village Rajkundi UC Muzaffarabad. He is secretary of the CBO, Rajkundi.

Moderator: (subject to availability)

- Mr. Ahmed Raza Sarwar, Additional Secretary, Government of the Punjab, (former Director Economic Sector), who was instrumental in conceiving and launching of Livelihood Programme of ERRA.

Chief Guest and Chair: (subject to availability)

- Dr. Shoaib Sultan, NRSP or
- Dr Ishrat Hussain, former Governor State Bank of Pakistan

Thematic Areas	Notes for Speakers	Session Guiding Questions	Outputs from the Conference
<p>Session is of 1 hour and 30 minutes. Presentation of papers by 4 resource persons and Overview by DG (P-1)</p> <p>Theme:</p> <p>Livelihoods: Participatory Approaches for Rebuilding Lives and Communities</p> <p>Sub Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livelihood Sector - an Overview --- by ERRA (DGP-1)—8 min. • Community Based Livelihoods Programmes – their Impact on Rural Economy by an International Expert- 20 min. • ERRA’s Community Livelihood Rehabilitation Plans (CLRPs) – Experiences and Lessons Learnt by an Implementing Partner’s Representative - 7 min. • Integrated Watershed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERRA’s Livelihood programme is technically assisted by FAO for which funding has been provided by SIDA. The programme covers 1789 Community Livelihood Rehabilitation Plans (CLRPs) in 179 Union Councils spread over 9 earthquake affected districts. The funding is through GoP. • The CLRPs are being implemented by the community themselves with the help of Implementing Partners, FAO and ERRA. Programme also covers 17 Integrated Watershed Management Plans in the selected watersheds, which are being implemented by the concerned forest departments. • This session aims at highlighting the important policy pillars of contemporary similar programmes, good 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What were the overall Livelihoods Rehabilitation policy pillars? • How the multi-stakeholders consultation added value to the policy formulation, if at all? • What were the challenges in coordination between the various implementing partners and how these were overcome? • How was the across the board transparency ensured in various facets of the programme and what results followed suit? • How can the sustainability of the CLRPs interventions be ensured? • What was the basis of selection of 1789 UCs for CLRPs? • Why was the community driven programme chosen? • What types of grievances from the people were experienced and what steps were taken to address them? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERRA’s Livelihood programme is unique in the sense that it not only benefits the community directly, but is also being implemented, with active participation and collaboration of all concerned, in the earthquake affected areas. ERRA and its Implementing Partners (IPs) have experienced various challenges and learnt important lessons, while implementing its Livelihood Programme. ERRA, therefore, intends to share its experiences locally as well as internationally to get feedback for refinement and further improvement. • We also want to

<p>Management as a Livelihood Intervention – Experiences and Best practices by an International Expert- 20 min.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons Learnt in Integrated and Collaborative Watershed Management in the EQAAs by WSM Committee Member- 7 min. <p>The session will be followed by a 15 minute Q&A session.</p> <p>Key Recommendations/best practices, for the session, will be captured and shared at the end of the conference with the participants.</p>	<p>practices and lessons learnt as per the sub themes of this session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The speakers are encouraged to share their experiences with respect to the sub themes as to how they drew strength from the over all policy frame work and were translated into practice The speakers are requested to relate their experience to similar disasters and share academic learning benefiting the practitioners involved in the execution of similar programmes. Discourse by the speakers should take stock of the inputs leading to tangible outputs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To what extent the vulnerable were facilitated to make full use of the programme benefits? What kind of data management system was put in place? How far gender mainstreaming has been achieved through this programme? How has integrated watershed management benefited the community? 	<p>showcase some of the vocational products under CLRPs and highlight their impact on community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the outputs we expect from the Conference is to obtain such examples/models, which can be replicated in other situations, and adopted as best practices. One of the successes of the programme is that it has focused on gender mainstreaming. We intend to share the experiences and lessons learnt with a view to facilitating future planning and implementation of other programmes in Livelihood Sector.
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