

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 9TH STATE LEVEL NODAL AGENCY MEETING
HELD ON 4.3.2013 UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER,
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA**

List of members present: Annexed

CEO, SLNA and Commissioner, Watershed Development Department (WDD) welcomed the Chairperson and the members of the SLNA to the meeting.

9.1 Confirmation of the proceedings of the 8th SLNA meeting.

As no comments were received, the SLNA confirmed the proceedings of the eighth SLNA meeting held on 27.7.2012.

9.2 Compliance on the decisions of the 8th SLNA meeting.

- I. The SLNA noted the compliance to the decisions taken in the previous meeting.
- II. Commissioner, WDD explained in detail about the activities which are being executed in arable and nonarable parcels of the land. Chairman, SLNA, sought clarification regarding how the activities are planned under said parts of the land. Director, WDD explained that, based on the transact walk conducted during the net planning, the activities most suitable for arable and non arable land are being identified in consultation with the farmers.
- III. Commissioner, WDD explained that, as per the Common Guidelines-2008, WDF will be used for the maintenance of the common assets created out of the project and further guidelines for the use of WDF are awaited from DoLR.
- IV. Chairman, SLNA, sought clarification about the guidelines for Watershed Development Fund (WDF) from Dr.C.P.Reddy, DC, DoLR who informed that guidelines regarding the same will be issued soon by the DoLR. In the mean time WDD may also submit the details of the proposal to GOI regarding the use of WDF.
- V. Dr. K.S Ramachandra, member, NRAA explained that guidelines regarding the use of WDF is already formulated and submitted to DoLR.

- VI. Chairman, SLNA instructed to maintain the equity between SHGs and UGs with regard to providing project benefits. Director, WDD explained that SHGs are proposed to be provided with a revolving fund of Rs.75,000/- which will be used by SHGs to take up the activities they prefer after necessary skill training.
- VII. Chairman, SLNA expressed that in most of the cases the money provided to the SHGs will be utilised for the other purposes and he asked to come out with a proposal to strengthen the landless people/stakeholders in the project area on par with the land holding people. He also requested that DoLR should come out with concrete guidelines keeping in view the equity criteria. Dr.C.P.Reddy, DC, DoLR expressed that, the state can also send a detailed proposal regarding the issue.
- VIII. Chairman, SLNA asked about the success rate of nursery decentralisation. Director, WDD explained that it was not much successful due to scarcity of infrastructure resources that is land and water. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Department, suggested that, WDD may collaborate with Department of Horticulture in getting land and water in horticulture farms on which SHGs can raise nursery seedlings and supply to department at agreed rates.

9.3 Progress of Area Development Programmes (ADP).

- I. The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress under Area Development Programmes (ADP).
- II. Commissioner, WDD appraised to SLNA that, CEOs of Zillapanchayat are not submitting completion reports of Area Development Programmes citing some or other reason. The SLNA viewed the issues seriously and directed that CEOs of Zillapanchayath be asked to submit completion reports and utilisation certificates immediately.

9.4 Progress of Macro Management of Agriculture.

The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress under National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas and River Valley Projects.

9.5.1 Review of progress under Batch-I IWMP.

- I. Commissioner, WDD explained in detail about the progress under institution and capacity building activities and watershed works of Batch-I IWMP projects. The SLNA reviewed and noted the same.
- II. Chairman, SLNA, sought the clarification regarding the number of SHGs and members of the SHGs in the state. He insisted that the data base of the SHGs should be maintained by the concerned department.
- III. The Principal Secretary, RD&PR Department, explained that, the department of RD&PR is developing the data base regarding number of SHGs and members of SHGs in the state. Commissioner, WDD informed the SLNA that the data base of the SHGs is available with the department and same can be made available to RD &PR for developing comprehensive data base of SHGs in the state.

9.5.2 Review of progress under Batch-II IWMP.

- I. Commissioner WDD explained the progress made under institution and capacity building activities and watershed works of Batch-II IWMP projects. The SLNA reviewed and noted the same.
- II. Chairman, SLNA insisted that the diversion channel activity under work component is not required unless the diversion channels are let to a farm pond. Activity under the forest area in the upper reaches should be implemented by the forest department and departmental officers should coordinate with forest department.
- III. Chairman, SLNA suggested that more awareness among the people of the project area are to be created. Director WDD, informed the SLNA, that substantial awareness being created among the people regarding watershed approach under IWMP.
- IV. Chairman, SLNA insisted that, equity between the SHGs and UGs are the need of the hour. The DoLR and NRAA need to address the equity issues among these stake holders.

9.5.3 Review of progress under Batch-III IWMP.

- The SLNA reviewed and noted the progress made under Batch-III IWMP projects.

9.5.4 Review of Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Documentation (MEL&D) under IWMP.

- I. Commissioner, WDD explained in detail about the activities of MEL & D agencies to the SLNA. The SLNA reviewed and noted the same.
- II. Chairman, SLNA suggested to WDD that, satellite imageries of pre and post project impact studies may be used for monitoring of implementation.
- III. Director, WDD explained that MEL&D agencies are giving pre and post project analysed imageries for all projects. Imageries obtained from KRSAC, Bangalore or NRSA, Hyderabad will be used for monitoring of implementation of works.

9.5.5 Review of progress of model watersheds

- Dr. M. Shirahatti, Agriculture engineer, RARS, Bijapura made the presentation on data collected so far on runoff, erosion and nutrient loss etc., The SLNA reviewed and noted the same. The chairman, SLNA also suggested to quantify the loss of nutrients in dissolved form.

9.5.6 Review of progress of DoLR MIS updation.

- The SLNA reviewed the progress of DoLR-MIS updation and suggested to sort out defreezing and other issues regarding DoLR-MIS updation in consultation with DoLR.

9.6 Reconsidering the decision of WDF contribution from farmers

- I. The SLNA reviewed in detail regarding its decision to enhance the existing contribution towards WDF from existing 10 per cent to 15 per cent from the farmers having 2 ha. & above land holding.

- II. After detailed deliberation and considering the demand and decision made by the executive committees of IWMP projects to adhere to Govt. of India guidelines, the SLNA agreed and instructed the department to adhere to the Govt. of India guidelines to collect 10 percent stipulated farmers contribution as to avoid hardship to farmers.

9.7 Extension of the services of team leader or IGA specialist of Batch-I NGOs under IWMP projects.

- The SLNA reviewed and ratified action taken for extending the services of team leader or IGA specialist of Batch-I NGOs under IWMP projects for a period of 3 more months from January-2013 to March-2013.

9.8 Deployment of NGOs for 2011-12 (Batch-III) projects.

The SLNA approved the action taken on following issues.

- I. The SLNA reviewed in detail regarding deployment of NGOs for Batch-III. The selection of 29 NGOs is made who are top in the merit list as per earlier SLNA decision and allotted one NGO per district.
- II. To increase the NGO Office rent at project level from existing Rs.900/month to Rs.1000-1200/month and additional provision of Rs.500/month for project office for NGO coordinator.
- III. Expenses towards stationary, electricity and other are also increased from Rs.1000 to Rs.1200/ month.
- IV. Procurement of 116 computers for Batch-III projects at district level through DGS&D rate contract, by the respective DWDOs with adequate warranty.

SLNA agreed and ratified the salary structure and other allowances fixed for the NGOs as under.

Sl No.	Designation	Salary	Fixed Travel Allowance per month
1.	NGO District Coordinator	Rs.15000/- with annual increment of Rs.750/-	Rs.2000/- in districts with 2 to 4 projects, Rs.3500/- in districts with more than 4 projects for minimum of 15 days of field visit
2.	Team Leader	Rs. 8500/- with annual increment of Rs.425/-	Rs.1500/- for minimum of 20 visits
3.	IGA Coordinator	Rs.7500/- with annual increment of Rs.375/-	Rs. 1200/- for minimum of 20 visits
4.	Data Entry Operator cum office assistant	Rs. 6500/- with annual increment of Rs.325/-	Actuals
5.	Watershed Assistants	Rs.5000/- with annual increment of Rs.225/-	Rs.1000/- for minimum of 20 visits

Remarks: The FTA/month stands reduced prorate, in case stipulated field visits are not undertaken due to certain exigencies.

- V. The SLNA also agreed to increase the salary of Watershed Assistants of batch-I and Batch-II from existing Rs.4500 to Rs.5000 with a FTA of Rs.1000/month (for minimum of 20 visits) effective from 1st April-2013.
- VI. The above cost is to be met under administrative component of the project fund.

9.9 Selection of NGOs for capacity building In IWMP Projects

- SLNA reviewed action taken for selecting NGOs for capacity building activities under IWMP and approved for the list of top 23 NGOs for capacity building activities under IWMP.

The rates approved by the SLNA for different training activities

Name of the training	Amount fixed for training (in Rs.)
Participatory trainings (Residential)	350/day/person
EAP Residential	350/day/person
EAP non residential	295/day/person
EDP cum Skill training (Highly Skilled, residential)	350/day/person
EDP cum Skill training (Medium Skilled, residential)	350/day/person
EDP cum Skill training (Low Skilled, residential)	350/day/person
Hand holding & follow up (details to be specified by the WDD)	1080/visit

9.10 Implementation of production system and microenterprises in IWMP.

- I. Commissioner, WDD explained in detail regarding implementation production system and guidelines stipulated by the DoLR, GOI.
- II. After detailed discussion SLNA reviewed its decision of 6th SLNA and decided to continue with DoLR, GOI guidelines on production system and microenterprises.
- III. SLNA also reviewed and approved the proposal regarding inclusion of ornamental fisheries production activities under production system instead under microenterprises and to follow DoLR, GOI norms.

9.11 Payments made under IWMP at head office.

- SLNA reviewed and agreed for the payments made under IWMP project fund and Institution support at head office as under.

Components	Project fund				Rs. in crores
	Batch-I	Batch-II	Batch-III	Total	Payments Made during months of
Administrative cost	1.1187	0.662	0.0255	1.8062	Jan-2012 to Jan-2013
I and CB	0.0076			0.0076	Jan-2012 to Jan-2013

MEL&D	0.3654	0.076		0.4414	July-2012 to Jan-2013
Total	1.4917	0.738	0.0255	2.2552	
Institutional support					
Recurring grants	0.6101				Jan-2012 to Jan-2013
Total	0.6101				

9.12 Providing telephone facility to TWDO offices.

- SLNA reviewed and agreed for one telephone connection facility with internet to each TWDO office of the state with monthly charges maximum of Rs.1000/ month. The cost of telephone installation and monthly charges is to be met under administrative cost of the IWMP projects.

9.13 Revolving funds to Self Help Groups

- I. SLNA reviewed in detail regarding distribution of revolving fund to SHGs
- II. Commissioner, WDD explained to SLNA that, in the 6th SLNA meeting held on 23.8.2011, decision was taken to provide Rs.75,000/- per SHG as a revolving fund to take up livelihood activities. After this decision the DoLR, GOI issued broad guidelines dated 2-11-2011 regarding livelihood, production system and micro enterprises. In the said guidelines of DoLR, GOI has suggested to give Rs. 25,000/- as initial amount. However as per the SLNA decision Rs.50,000/- per SHG is already paid and balance Rs.25,000/- per SHG is yet to be released.
- III. Dr.C.P.Reddy, DC, DoLR suggested to the SLNA that, as per the GOI guidelines, funding for major livelihood activities will enable the enterprising SHGs/ SHG federations to avail a composite loan for undertaking major livelihood activities or to expand/upscale activities as recommended by the WC and approved by WCDC in consultation with line departments and bank. For such activities, a composite loan (grant in aid and bank loan) can be availed depending upon the type of activity. The grant -in-aid will be 50 percent of the cost of the activity or Rs. 2.00 lakh whichever is less. However, grant in aid shall not exceed 30 percent of the livelihood component of the project.

- IV. Chairman, SLNA requested the DoLR and NRAA representative to come out with a concrete guidelines about involving/engaging the SHGs of the watershed in a effective manner, there by strengthening the SHGs on par with the UGs.
- V. Dr. C.P. Reddy, DC, DoLR, expressed that in the states of Jharkand and Andra Pradesh, SHGs are involved very effectively in watershed programmes. In Jharkhand state, SHGs are provided with government land for cultivation. In Andra Pradesh, SHGs are involved in the social audit.
- VI. Dr. K.S. Ramachandra, Member, NRAA suggested that SHGs should be encouraged to take up activities that emanates from watershed programme.
- VII. After detailed deliberation regarding the distribution of revolving fund, SLNA insisted that the DoLR, GOI, to come out with clear guidelines regarding the distribution of revolving fund to SHGs.
- VIII. DoLR representative suggested to approach DoLR, for modification on quantum of money to be given to SHGs from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.75,000/- with justification.
- IX. After detailed discussion, it was decided not to provide further balance of Rs.25000/- to each SHGs under Batch-I and II, until and unless same is enhanced by the GOI and revised guidelines issued by the DoLR.

9.14 Approval of IWMP projects for the year 2012-13 (Batch-IV) by Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

- The SLNA noted, thanked and acknowledged the sanction of Batch-IV projects to the State of Karnataka by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India.

9.15 Selection of NGOs for 2012-13 (Batch-IV) projects.

- I. It was explained to SLNA that, while selecting the NGOs through tender, it was specially mentioned that, the selection of NGOs will be for Batch-III and Batch-IV. 29 top NGOs as per the merit list prepared based on stipulated criteria and verification have been already deployed under batch-III. In order

to get the good merited NGOs without any loss of time to implement the projects in batch-IV, it is proposed to approve the same 29 NGOs to be deployed under batch-IV in respective districts as to have continuity and economy to scale in operation of project activities.

II. After detailed discussion, SLNA agreed for the deployment of 29 NGOs which are already selected for batch-III for batch-IV also in respective districts.

9.16 Preparation and submission of preliminary project reports for 2013-14 (Batch-V) IWMP projects.

- SLNA noted the physical target of 3.32 lakh ha. allotted by DoLR to the state for the year 2013-14 and authorised CEO, SLNA to submit the Preliminary Project Reports for 2013-14 (Batch-V) to DoLR.

Finally, on behalf of the Watershed Development Department, CEO, SLNA and Commissioner, WDD thanked the Chairman and all the members of SLNA for guiding the watershed development department in implementation of the watershed programmes very effectively.

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(KAUSHIK MUKHERJEE)

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