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Proceedings of 10th State Steering Committee Meeting of SLADRC project under National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change held on 23-7-2021 in the Committee Room, Armsdale Building, HP Secretariat Shimla-1.

1. 10th State level Steering Committee meeting regarding implementation of project titled "Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture Dependent Rural Communities in Drought Prone Districts of Himachal Pradesh through Climate Smart Solution" was convened on 23-7-2021 at Shimla under the Chairmanship of Shri. K.K. Pant, IAS, Principal Secretary, (Env., S&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh. The meeting was attended by Shri. Sudesh Kumar Mokhta, IAS, Director, (Env., S&T), Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Ms. Sonakshi S. Tomar, IAS, ADC, Nahan, District Sirmour, H.P., Principal Scientific Officer (DEST), Shimla HP & Committee Members/Representatives of departments i.e. DRDO, Agriculture, Horticulture, Forest, Industry, BDOs & Jal Shakti Vibhag and from district level BDOs, Dy. Directors (Agri-Horti), SE, Jal shakti Vibhag (Pachhad, Paonta Sahib & Sangrah), DFO (Forest Deptt.) & Representatives of M/s CTRAN consulting.

All the members, stakeholder department representatives attended the meeting as per list/attendance sheet at **Annexure-I**.

2. At the outset, Sh. Sudesh Kumar Mokhta, IAS, Director (Env. S&T) Himachal Pradesh welcomed the Chairman and all the Members of the Committee including participants and explained about the agenda of the meeting to all the participants.
3. Further, with the permission of the Chair, Project Coordinator-Principal Scientific Officer (Env.), Department of Environment, Science and Technology, Shimla, H.P. made the component wise physical and financial achievements/ status under the project besides presented the agenda for the meeting.

He informed the Committee that the project was initiated in April, 2016 for the duration of 5 years ending in December, 2020. But now keeping in view of the last meeting recommendations the request was submitted to MoEF&CC, Gol to extend the project in view of COVID-19 pandemic and the same has been extended upto December, 2021. He informed that as on date Rs. 19,11,72,632.00 have been released to the DEST under the project by Government of India which is almost 100% and out of this amount Rs. 13,00,18,433.00 have been utilized. He said that, the activities of most of the components of the project have been completed. However, activities of component: #4 i.e. "Capacity Building of community on climate smart knowledge base and lesson learning " and related activities from other component could not be completed in time due to COVID-19 pandemic. The expert agency could not complete its target due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. After relaxation of these restriction the expert agency has again restarted the training & capacity building programme as per the guideline issued by the State Government & district administration w.r.t. COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Component wise deliberation and decisions taken in the meeting are as follows:

ITEM NO 1

Compliance of decisions of 9th State level Project Steering Committee Meeting held on 04-12-2020 and status of progress:

may be educated that about benefits through adoption of these climate smart packages & practices being provided to them under the project. The soft activities like capacity building and trainings are very important parts of the project and should be implemented in letter and spirit.

After detailed discussion it was decided that:

The field implementing agencies viz; Jal Shakti Vibhag, Forest Deptt., RD Deptt. through BDOs, Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department shall interact with beneficiaries and document the success stories and work done in the field level. All the field level implementing agencies shall to further submit the compiled report to Department of Environment, Science & Technology within one week.

**Action By: Jal Shakti Vibhag, Forest Deptt.,
RD Deptt. through BDOs, Agriculture Department, Horticulture Department**

The expert agency informed the Committee that under component "Development of Farmer Producer Organization Network" three FPO got Registered/Promoted in Three Blocks (Paonta, Pachhad, Sangrah) of Sirmour District, HP under the project as per the following details:

3.	Development of Farmer Producer Organisation Network	3.1 Formation of FIGs around clusters and crops 3.2 Federating FIGs in to FPOs, Organization Development & Strengthening 3.3 Agricultural technology introduction and validation 3.4 Programme management Cost of FPO	1. Total 509 Farmers Interest Groups (FIGs) created. 2. following three FPOs created: i) The Bhureshwar Farmer Agro Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. [Pachhad] ii) The Krishi Pragati Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. [Paonta Sahib] iii) The Pragati Famer Producer Marketing Cooperative Society LTD [Sangrah]	DEST
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1	The Krishi Pragati Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. Kaffota, Vill. Kafota PO Shilla The. Kamrau Distt. Sirmour HP 173029. CEO: Sh. Dhabir Singh	Sh. Pram Singh	President
		Smt. Sunita Devi	V. President
		Sh. Babilbir Singh	Treasurer
		Smt. Sunita Devi	Executive Member
		Sh. Suresh Kumar	Executive Member
2	The Bhureshwar Farmer Agro Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. Sarhan, Vill. Kalan PO Sarhan Tehsil Pachhad Distt. Sirmour HP 173024 CEO: Sh. Ranbeer Singh	Sh. Manmohan Singh	President
		Sh. Hemant Kumar	V. President
		Sh. Satish Kumar-	Treasurer
		Smt. Seema	Executive Member
		Smt. Vijay Bhardwaj	Executive Member
3	The Pragati Famer Producer Marketing Cooperative Society LTD. Sangrah, Vill. Sangrah PO Sangrah Tehsil Sangrah Distt. Sirmour HP 173023. CEO: Sh. Deep Ram	Sh. Chet Singh	President
		Sh. Puran Chand	V. President
		Sh. Sushil Kumar	Treasurer
		Smt. Veena Devi	Executive Member
		Smt. Madhu Bala	Executive Member

The Chairman said that only registration of FPOs is not the objective. Now the expert agency shall have to assist them to start operation on one or two pre-processing facilities or other business. The registered FPOs shall have to be supported in sustaining their business in future.

After discussions it was decided that:

The expert agency shall technically support the registered FPOs in developing business model and to start the business accordingly.

Action By: M/s CTRAN Consulting Ltd.

Total Number of trainings organized so far (till 17/7/2021)

Block	Agriculture		Horticulture		G. TOTAL	
	No. of Training Programs	No of farmers covered	No. of Training Programs	No of farmers covered	Total No. of Training	Total No. of Farmers
Pachhad	281	4840	105	949	386	5789
Paonta Sahib		3400		855		4255
Sangrah		4869		1382		6251
(Phase 1,2 & 3)		13109		3186		16295
Phase 4 (continue...)	77	3584	25	900	102	4484
Total (Till 17.7.2021)	358	16693	130	4086	488	20779
Cumulative (Phase 1 + Phase 2+Phase 3) 4th Phase continue....						

After discussions it was decided that:

The expert agency shall finish the remaining phases of the training programme by the end of November, 2021 and submit its final report.

Action By: M/s CTRAN Consulting Ltd.

Progress of component 5 of the project reviewed by the Committee is as under:

5.	Inclusion risk transfer instruments	5.1 Linkages to existing financial inclusion programmes 5.2 Piloting weather based insurance	Assurance fund has been created at District Level. No claims from the farmers of selected blocks has been received till date.	DEST & District Admn. Sirmaur
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It was informed that funds of Rs. 76.57 lakhs have been released to Deputy Commissioner, Sirmaur under the Assurance Fund but no claims have been received till date. The ADC, Nahan, District Sirmaur informed that because of complicated rules of the Assurance Fund the farmers are unable to process their claims.

After discussions it was decided that:

The rules of Assurance Funds may be revisited by Deputy Commissioner and proposal to be submitted to the State Steering Committee after amendment from the District level Committee for further decision.

Action By: DC Sirmaur

ITEM NO. 3: Expenditure approval.

It was informed that as on date Rs. 19,11,72,632.00 have been released by NABARD under the project out of which Rs.13,00,18,433.00 have been utilized. The reason of less expenditure is COVID-19 pandemic restriction and guidelines. As per the MIS of Utilization Certificate submitted to the NABARD upto 30/6/2021 component wise expenditure is as under:

#	Component & Activities	Budget Sanctioned	Funds Released	Expenditure	Status
1.	C-1 Drought related vulnerability assessment - Climate Change Vulnerability and List of Beneficiaries	74,00,000.00	43,97,875.00	43,97,875.00	Activity Completed
2.	C-2 Climate smart package of practices for the district - Water harvesting structure creation: 3 LIS through IPH Department, about 82 small	9,08,25,242.00	9,08,25,242.00	8,68,66,100.00	Activity Completed (Const. of one additional Solar

The Committee was informed that the above expenditure has been carried out after approval of the competent authority. The quarter wise UCs have been furnished through MIS and submitted to the NABARD. The Committee was requested to approve the expenditure:

The expenditure of Rs. 12,54,89,465.00 was approved in 9th Meeting and the State Steering Committee further approved the additional expenditure of Rs. 45,28,968.00 incurred upto 30/6/2021 for implementation of the project as per the proposed action plan.

ITEM NO. 4:

The Committee was informed that as per MoU-III with third party expert agency following work has been completed and submitted under Component-4, the Committee was requested to approve release of payment. 100% payment has been received from the funding agency i.e. MoEF&CC, GoI through RO, NABARD after project progress review. The expert agency informed that assigned project activities could not be undertaken due to COVID-19 pandemic restriction, therefore, there was some delay in submission of the assignments as per the given time frame. The details of the activities completed by the expert agency is as under:

Sr. No.	Name of component/activity	Condition for release of amount as per MoU-III	Total Amount to be released
1	2 no's of video clips of two phases of training of programme (Activity 3 Component 4.3)	2% of total cost of assignment i.e. Rs74,21,964/- for each video clip	2,96,879.00/-
2	9 no's of video clips of minimum 5 minutes duration on agriculture, Horticulture & Water Management Plans (Activity 3 Component 4.3)	2% of total cost of assignment i.e. Rs74,21,964/- for each video clip	13,35,954.00/-
3	Formation of 3 no's of FPOs (Activity 2 Component 3.2)	5% of total cost of assignment i.e. Rs74,21,964/- on formation of 3 FPOs	3,71,098.00/-
		Total	20,03,971.00/-

The State Steering Committee advised that expenditure of Rs. 20,03,971.00/- be processed on file to the Principal Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the Govt. of Himachal Pradesh after proper examination.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Approved by:

(K.K. Pant, IAS)

Principal Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the Government of Himachal Pradesh.

Endst. No. As above.

dated 7/8/2021.

CC to following for information and necessary action:

1. All the Members of State Steering Committee.
2. The Expert Agency- M/s. CTRAN Consulting Co.
3. Guard file.



(Sudesh Kumar Mokhta, IAS)

Director,
Department of Env. S&T,
Shimla-171001.

Attendance Sheet

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Subject 10th meeting of State level Project Steering Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the GoHP to review progress of SLADRC project under NAFFCC.

Chairman Principal Secretary (Env.,S&T) to the GoHP.

Date 23rd July, 2021 (11:30 AM)

Venue Committee Room, 6th Floor, Armsdale Building, HP Secretariat.

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