

**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions
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Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots

Country/regional pilot: Tajikistan

Please describe any advances made in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

<p>Institutional arrangements</p>	<p>SPCR results framework is being revised, a new Monitoring and Evaluation form is being established.</p> <p>A Coordination Mechanism is established in Tajikistan which consists of several groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-ministerial Group to approve and endorse recommendations made by the Steering Group; • Steering Group comprising from representatives of every PPCR involved Government Institutions, Civil Society, donor agencies and mass media. The Steering Group in the course of its regular meetings discusses pending issues and develops recommendation on the improvement of PPCR implementation mechanism for Inter-ministerial Committee for approval; and • PPCR Focal Point with the assistance of Secretariat coordinating implementation of projects in Tajikistan by providing guidance, consultation and assistance to MDBs, national Executive Agencies and international consultants/firms. <p>On 25 April 2013, PPCR Secretariat held the next regular PPCR Steering Group meeting and discussed the first draft of the PPCR Work Plan for 2013. Along with many other comments on the improvement of coordination process the Steering Group members also requested to consider more intensive involvement and collaboration with the Civil Society of Tajikistan in the implementation of PPCR and Monitoring and Evaluation process.</p>
<p>Capacity building</p>	<p>Capacity Development Technical Assistance (CDTA) is an ADB led component of Phase II. It is comprised of two components from Phase I “Building Capacity for Climate Resilience” and “Climate Science and Modelling Program”. Last month as a result of tender conducted by ADB in consultation with the Government of</p>

	<p>Tajikistan an international company was selected to carry out this important component of PPCR. Under this component all the components of PPCR in Tajikistan will be monitored and in cooperation with PPCR Focal Point, Secretariat and MDBs annual progress reports will be prepared.</p> <p>PPCR Secretariat is also continuing capacity building activities with government sector. From time to time it is holding meetings with national focal points from Government institutions to update them about latest progress made under PPCR and other climate related activities in the country and outside Tajikistan.</p>
Analytical work and technical studies	<p>So far the following components made significant progress in analytical work and technical studies, which was followed by technical support missions to Tajikistan:</p> <p>Building climate resilience in the energy sector. Feasibility study for this component, under EBRD guidance, has commenced its work in November 2012. One of the key aspects of the rehabilitation will be to increase the resilience of Kairakkum dam against climate change effects over the operating time of the next turbine generation, some 50 – 60 years. The design of the new power plant will consider the uncertainty regarding climatic change, refurbishment of the HPP, reinforcing the dam and increase the current power generating of the HPP from 126 thousand Kw/h to the minimum of 150 thousand Kw/h. Climatic change will be reflected in the inflow hydrographs to the reservoir, most of all.</p> <p>Environmental Land Management and Rural Livelihoods. Project Appraisal Document for this component was prepared by the World Bank team in close cooperation with the Committee of Environmental Protection. This will be a joint PPCR and GEF initiative to be implemented by the Committee for Environment Protection of Tajikistan under the World Bank coordination. The overall Project Development Objective and is to enable rural people to increase their productive assets in ways that improve natural resource management and resilience to climate change in selected climate vulnerable sites. This project will comprise of three sub-components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Production and Land Resource Management Investments • Knowledge Management and Institutional Support • Project Management and Coordination <p>The project was approved by the PPCR Sub-committee in February and the Board of the World Bank Directors in March 2013.</p>

Commencement of the project is expected in June 2013.

Project Preparatory Technical Assistance for “Building Resilience in the Pyanj River Basin” component. This is an ADB led component. The PPTA has finished carrying out technical assistance and is about to provide the final document to ADB and the Government of Tajikistan for the inception of investment Phase. The impact of the investment project will be improved livelihoods of Pyanj river basin communities vulnerable to climate variability and change. The outcome of the project will be reduced adverse effects of climate variability and climate change on communities in 18 priority jamoats across 8 target districts within the Pyanj River basin.

The project is estimated to cost \$21.550 000USD, which comprises of three prioritized activities of the projects:

- (i) improved access to water resources through climate proofed infrastructure for irrigation, drainage, water supply and storage;
- (ii) increased resilience to climate extreme events through flood protection, early warning systems and risk transfer mechanisms; and
- (iii) improved access to information and financial resources in particular for women.

Project approval is expected in June 2013, and commence its activities in the third quarter of 2013.

Improvement of weather, climate and hydrological services. This is the World Bank led component that has started investment Phase early in 2012. The component is well in progress and latest technical advancement made is assessment of the possibilities and assist in digitizing existing Tajik hydromet archive data. The leading specialists of this project participated in study tours conducted in Vladivostok city, Moscow and Saint Petersburg cities of Russian Federation. Both trainings were organized under CAHMP projects, financed by PPCR and IDA. This was part of a series of study tours planned in the project to China and Russian Federation hydrometeorology services. The purpose of study tour was acquaintance with the experience of National Hydrometeorology Services of Russian Federation (Roshydromet) on the installation of hazardous hydrometeorology warning systems, establishments of various client service systems and institutional strengthening of the system. Under this project an agreement was signed between the Tajik State Administration for Hydrometeorology and the Russian hydromet services on experience sharing and preparation of specialists. Accordingly 15 students were sent to the Hydrometeorology University of Saint Petersburg to obtain master’s and technical degrees in meteorology, hydrology climatology.

	<p>Upon the World Bank missions visiting the Project Implementation Unit the following results were achieved as well:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of requirements to form an improved Procurement Plan for 2013, • Development of recommendations to improve interactions between the General Consultant and PCU, • Development of the priority next steps to expedite the Project implementation. <p>Project is expected to run till 2017.</p>
Stakeholder engagement	<p>PPCR Secretariat under the overall guidance of PPCR Focal Point is responsible for stakeholder engagement in PPCR process. In close collaboration with ADB consultant PPCR Communication Strategy was developed which includes detailed plan of knowledge management and stakeholder engagement. Making use of this strategy the PPCR secretariat will be able to more effectively manage and disseminate knowledge to address the needs of stakeholders.</p> <p>PPCR Secretariat webpage has been launched to keep the stakeholders and general public informed about the latest achievements.</p>
Procurement and recruiting	<p>An international company was selected for the implementation of Capacity Development Technical Assistance. Currently the company is signing a contract with ADB and is to start the task starting from 13 May 2013.</p> <p>iC Group was selected by EBRD to carry out feasibility study for the energy component of PPCR. The first outcomes of the study will be presented at a workshop at the end of May this year.</p> <p>Also under the “Improvement of weather, climate and hydrological services” project of the World Bank procurement plan for 2013 was developed. The procurement plan mainly includes purchase of office maintenance equipment. In addition a consulting company was selected for the development of concept paper on “hydrometeorology service development until 2030”. A tender is announced to purchase vehicles for hydromet services.</p>

Please describe any challenges encountered in the following areas, arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.

Institutional arrangements	<p>Accepted coordination mechanism with all PPCR stakeholders including the Government of Tajikistan and MDBs sometimes does not coincide with the rules and procedures of CIF, MDBs and other stakeholders.</p>
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	<p>Sometimes difficult to find consensus with the ministries and other stakeholders with prioritization. Climate resilience have wide mean. In place doing adaptation project stakeholders asking some investment projects, buildings and machineries one of the examples.</p>
Stakeholder capacity	<p>The capacity of stakeholders engaged in the PPCR is varied, this is due to the level of engagement as well. Depending on the level of engagement knowledge of stakeholders about PPCR remains different.</p> <p>PPCR is a rather long-term action and people involved from various agencies tend to change which keeps the general level of stakeholder knowledge about PPCR low.</p> <p>A clear distinction need to be made between active or key stakeholders and others.</p>
Stakeholder engagement	<p>This section very closely relates to “Stakeholder capacity” section. PPCR is a cross-sectoral process which involves experts from various backgrounds.</p> <p>Lately there is a tendency of weakened interest of civil society and NGOs in PPCR process. One of the key reasons maybe they are not directly involved in the implementation process.</p> <p>After several active participation of civil society in PPCR meetings, the PPCR Secretariat following their recommendations put every efforts and is continuing to ensure transparency of carried out activities.</p>
Coordination	<p>How to ensure that the Government, in particular the Focal Point is informed about planned activities of MDBs prior to any activity has started?</p> <p>Ensuring single channel of communication with Government institutions, although with different Ministries and agencies but through one contact point, preferably the country Focal Point (or Secretariat if available).</p>