

Minutes of the 16th Project Implementation Committee (PIC) Meeting, PMU, NATP-2 Project

Chairperson: Md. Ruhul Amin Talukder, Additional Secretary (PPC), MOA and
Chairperson, PIC- PMU, NATP-2.

Venue: ZOOM APPS,

Date: 26/12/2022

Time: 09:30 A.M.

List of members/participants attended the meeting is presented in Annex-A. The chairperson welcomed the members and participants attending the meeting. He requested the Project Director to place the meeting agenda for discussion. Mr. Md. Motiur Rahman, Project Director, NATP-2 placed 05 agenda in the meeting by sharing screen. The members reviewed the proposed agenda and accepted for discussion.

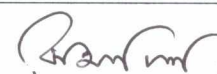
Presentation and Discussions

Agendum-1: Confirmation of the 15th PMU-PIC Meeting Minutes

The 15th PIC-PMU meeting was held on 15 September 2022 under the chairmanship of Md. Ruhul Amin Talukder, Additional Secretary (PPC), MOA and Chairman, PIC-PMU. The Minutes of the meeting was circulated on 27 September 2022 among the PIC-PMU members. As no comments and or observation was received from the members, the minutes of the 15th PIC- PMU meeting may kindly be confirmed.

Agendum-2: Implementation Progress of the 15th PMU-PIC Meeting decisions

Sl.	Meeting Decisions	Progress
1.	All backlog PMIS data entry should be completed before the 8 th World Bank/IFAD implementation support mission to be held in October 2022.	Overall status of PMIS data entry DAE-51.44% DoF-94.54% DLS- 73.16%
2.	NATP-2 project PIU- wise expenditure exercise should be made to assess the unspent balance and a proposal would be placed to JPSC to seek their guidance on one-year no cost extension of the project.	NATP-2 project PIU-wise expenditure exercise has been made and assessed the unspent balance and placed it to JPSC for one-year no cost extension of the project.



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3.	Program monitoring field visit with findings of the project covering January to August 2022 should be presented in the next PIC meeting.	Program monitoring field visit with findings of the project covering January to August 2022 attached in the link.
4.	A concept note should be prepared by PMU in consultation with the stakeholders and a separate PIC meeting should be convened to discuss the concept note on probable next phase of NATP-2	Concept note on next phase of NATP-2 was prepared but there was no clear decisions about to happening of next phase. That's' why the separate PIC meeting on the concept note was not convene.
5.	The updated status of each PhD candidates should be presented as Annex in the next PIC meeting.	The updated status of each PhD candidate is included in the annexure and presented in the meeting.

Agendum-3: Implementation Progress of FY 2022-23 Annual Work Plan of NATP-2

In the discussion Project Director presented the activity-wise (FY2022-23) implementation progress of five implementing units up to November 2022. The presentation also included the cumulative progress up to November 2022. Major activities and their related implementation progress as of November 2022 are mentioned below:

PIU-BARC: FY2022-2023 work plan of PIU-BARC includes fund disbursement, progress monitoring, review and Project Completion Report (PCR) publication of all the 51 PBRG sub-projects; validation of 40 technologies developed under CRG and PBRG sub-projects; management, fund disbursement and progress monitoring of 139 PhD scholars, arranging of 04 batches of training on skill gap areas, and holding of 06 national workshops.

The unit makes regular contact with all the 139 PhD scholars and their supervisors and has been regularly monitoring their academic progresses.

During discussion on PIU-BARC unit progress, the Chair observed that some of the PhD scholar's probable completion date was June, August and September 2022 but their program has not yet been completed. The Chair said that proper monitoring and updated information is necessary to find out why their PhD was not yet been completed for those whose completion period was between June to August 2022. The Project Director said that some scholars whose deadline is 2023 should be vigorously by pursued to complete their PhD programs before June 2023. In response, the Director of PIU-BARC told that they are monitoring the progress and letters have been issued to those scholars and their supervisors

whose completion dates were between June to August 2022. The updated information of the PhD scholars will be shared again. During the discussion the Chair enquired to Director, PIU-BARC that 34 half yearly reports have been received from 40 validation technology demonstration program; then where are the report of remaining 06 technologies the chair also said that a complete list of CRG/PBRG generated technology (116 No.) should be provided in the next PIC meeting.

. Director PIU-BARC clarified that 34 technology demonstration programs belong to crops and livestock which are being validated at the field level and the program is going on. Remaining 06 technology validation program belongs to fisheries which is in the implementation stage in the field. Within a month or two report will be received for these 06 technology validation programs.

PIU-DAE: As on August 2022 completed 4865(80%) technology demonstrations, 4429(80%) community seed production demonstrations, 1871(86%) block/cluster demonstrations and 1152(30%) field days.

Hortex Foundation: the strategic partner Hortex Foundation of PIU-DAE they completed 30 PO registration out of 30 POs and product marketing is achieved 3050 tons out of 6000 tons.

PIU-DoF: They achieved 1155 (34%) batches beneficiary training, 09 (30%) workshops, 2183 (100%) demonstrations of improved technology, 23 (77%) exposure visits and 55 (64%) AIF-2 sub-project proposals. The Chair person wanted to know why there is no achievement of beel management and community-based fisheries management? The PIU-Director, DoF replied that these are the seasonal activity so will start during February-March.

PIU-DLS: They completed 05 (38%) batches officers training, 12 (54%) batches staff training, 08 (39%) regional progress review workshops, establishment 518 (57%) demonstrations improved livestock technology, 518 (93%) field days, 5191 (95%) deworming campaign, 7692 (95%) vaccination campaign, 3370 (95%) infertility campaign, 203 (100%) AIF-2 and 23 (100%) AIF-3 proposals.

PMU: They completed 04(100%) regional progress review workshops and 02 (100%) research extension linkage workshops. PMU supported 02 (67%) implementation support mission, 01 lot (100%) of the communication strategy action plan, 01 accounting and reporting software service, hired 01 firm for impact assessment and thematic studies, and hiring 06 short term consultants is in progress.

Agendum-4: Updates on probable one year extension of NATP-2;



PMU NATP-2 in consultation with PIUs prepared one year extension proposal including cost table and work plan program and submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) on 13 November 2022 for consideration and onward transmission.

MOA sent it to ERD on 17 November 2022 and ERD sent it to the World Bank on 07 December 2022.

The WB gave some observations on the proposal.

The MOA arranged a discussion meeting with the WB and IFAD on 15 December 2022 and settled the issue.

Based on the discussion PMU in consultation with PIUs prepared the revised proposal and submitted to MOA on 18 December 2022.

Agendum-5: Miscellaneous.

Audit:

FAPAD audit had 25 observations for all components in FY 2021-2022 of which 14 observations are resolved, 11 are remaining. In case of internal audit, there were 40 observations in FY 2021-2022 for all components of which 17 observations are resolved, 23 are remaining.

iBAS PMAP:

For FY 2021-22 & 2022-23 there is a progress in data entry at all PIU headquarters, but at field level data entry is nil.

ARS:

There is a progress in Accounting & Reporting System Software data entry at PIU-headquarters level; but no data is entered at field level.

NATP-3 Decision:

The Project Director informed the meeting that the World Bank instructed to transfer NATP-Phase III preparation fund to program budget. In this regard the PD requested for the MOA's decision. Mr. Mahbul Haque Additional Secretary (Planning), MOA said that since this fund is included in program budget in extension proposal which is endorsed by MOA, so it is already decided.

Research- Extension Linkage Workshop:

As per the agreed action of ISM of the World Bank & IFAD, a draft on Research-Extension Linkage Strategy and Action Plan is prepared and shared with the Bank. It will be finalized through a consultation workshop of relevant stakeholders and experts. Probable time for the consultation workshop is second half of February 2022.

Progress on PMIS Data Entry and Knowledge Learning Platform Status:

PIU-wise data entry of PMIS is as follows:

DAE-51.44%

DoF-94.54%

DLS- 73.16%

PIU-Directors reported that field level offices are pursued regularly through zoom meeting, training, individual communication using telephone, field visit etc.

Open Discussion:

After the presentation the Chair opened the floor and requested the PIC members to express their views, comments, observations on the presentation. At this point PIC member, Ms. Nilufa Akter, Joint Secretary, planning-2, MOFL enquired that progress of training & workshop of DoF & DLS and beel management of DoF are poor. As reasons Directors mentioned that all these will be implemented after the finalization of RADP and Govt. reduced the training budget is to half; Ms. Nilufa mentioned that Govt. order on training budget reduction is withdrawn, so you can implement training in full.

The Chair person expressed his dissatisfaction on PMIS data entry and said that instead of the decision in the 15th PIC meeting that “All backlog PMIS data entry should be completed before the 8th World Bank/IFAD implementation support mission to be held in October 2022”; but there is no satisfactory progress so 8th World Bank/IFAD implementation support mission downgraded the project performance. At this stage there is no scope to accept any relaxation in the PMIS data entry of the project as the donor fund members had downgraded the project in this regard in the last mission.

At this point PIC member Mahbul Haque Additional Secretary (Planning), MOA, expressed that overall progress of project activities is at satisfactory level. He however suggested completing all the targeted activities as planned. The chair also wanted to know whether there is any follow up action on monitoring observations of the field level activities.

Regarding PhD scholars the chair said that all scholars must complete their degree within project period; a workshop may be organized on the findings of PhD theses; and as part of sustainability the findings of the workshop to be disseminated to all stakeholders. In this connection PD requested the Director, PIU-BARC to give his opinion. Director, PIU-BARC informed the meeting that BARC has a plan to organize the workshop in March 2023.

After threadbare discussions the following decisions were taken in the meeting.

Decisions

1. The minutes of the 15th PIC-PMU meeting was confirmed.
2. Backlog PMIS data entry should be completed 90% by December 2022 and 100% by January 2023.
3. A complete list of 116 CRG/PBRG generated technologies should be provided in the next PIC meeting.
4. To finalize the draft Research-Extension Linkage Strategy and Action Plan, a consultation workshop of relevant stakeholders and experts should be arranged by February 2023.



After the workshop, the revised version of the Research-Extension Linkage Strategy and Action Plan to be sent to MOA for further necessary action.

5. On the findings of PhD theses a workshop will be organized in March 2023, and the findings of the workshop will be disseminated to all stakeholders.
6. Implementation status of field monitoring findings/recommendations to be followed up.

As there being no other points to discuss the meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.


01.01.2023
(Md. Ruhul Amin Talukder)

Additional Secretary (PPC), MOA

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Chairperson, PIC, PMU, NATP-2 Project

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6. Mr. Badar Chandra Biswas, Additional Director Field Services Wing), Department of Agricultural Extension (DAE), Khamabari, Farmgate, Dhaka-1215.
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8. Deputy Chief, Crop Wing, Planning Commission, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207.
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13. Director, PIU-DoF, NATP-2, DOF, Matsya Bhaban, Segunbagicha, Ramna, Dhaka-1000.
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Annex-A

Attendance Sheet of 16th PIC-PMU Meeting, NATP-2		
Date: 26/12/2022; Time: 09:30 AM, Venue: ZOOM		
SI	Name and Designation	Designation
1	Md. Ruhul Amin Talukder	Additional Secretary (PPC), MOA
2	Md. Motiur Rahman	Project Director (Additional Secretary), NATP-2
3	Md. Mahbubul Haque Patwary	Additional Secretary (Planning), MOA
4	Nilufa Akter	Joint Secretary, Planning-2, MoFL
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8	ANM Golam Mohiuddin	Director, PIU-DLS, NATP-2
9	Badal Chandra Biswas	Director (FSW), DAE
10	Shamim Ara Begum	Director (Inland), DoF
11	Dr. Md. Abdul Aziz Al Mamun	Director (Extension), DLS
12	Dr. Gour Gobindo Das	AD, PIU-DAE, NATP-2
13	Dr. Md. Abdus Salam	Member Director (P&E), BARC
14	Md. Mosharaf Hossain	Director, IMED, Monitoring and Evaluation Sector-4
15	Sabnam Sarmin	Deputy Director, IMED, Monitoring and Evaluation Sector-4
16	Fatema	SAC, Programming Division, Planning Commission
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19	Dr. Md. Abdur Razzaque	SCE, PMU, NATP-2
20	Md. Harun-ur-Rashid	T&C, PMU, NATP-2
21	Dr. G. P. Das	RELS, PMU-NATP-2
22	Engr. Mahabbat Hossain	ICT Specialist, PMU-NATP-2
23	Md. Sirajul Haque	Procurement Specialist, PMU, NATP-2
24	Dr. Shantana Halder	M&E, PMU-NATP-2
25	Dr. Md. Mahbub Alam	POMS, PMU, NATP-2
26	SHARIF ZAMAN	Gender Specialist, PMU, NATP-2
27	Mohammad Shahajahan	Manager (FM), PMU, NATP-2
28	Md. Assaduzzaman	Manager (FM), PIU-BARC, NATP-2
29	Md. Asheque Rahman	Assistant Manager (Accounts), PIU-BARC, NATP-2
30	Md. Kabel Hossain	AM (Procurement), PMU, NATP-2
31	Mymuna Rashid	Assistant Manager (Admin), PMU, NATP-2
32	Sharmin Jahan	Assistant ICT, PIU-DAE, NATP-2