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1 INTRODUCTION

Rain-fed agriculture has been playing an important role in providing food and livelihoods for an ever-increasing population. A vast number of the poorest farmers depend on direct rainfall to derive their precarious livelihoods in Pakistan. However, the scanty and more often erratic nature of rainfall distribution poses serious challenges to agricultural productivity and people's livelihoods. The water runoff losses from cultivated rain-fed areas are about 6 MAF. The cultivable land of 3.37 mha exists in rainfed areas that can be brought under sustainable agriculture. In the rainfed area of Pakistan, 772 small dams exist in all provinces, 619 in Baluchistan, 81 in Sindh, 58 in Punjab, and 14 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The total potential command area of these small dams is 680,420 acres, out of which only 13.3 % are being irrigated and developed and 86.7 % are undeveloped. 2,997 mini dams also exist in Punjab and KP; 1853 in Punjab and 1,144 in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The total potential command area under mini dams is 48,613 acres, out of which about 25% command area has been developed. Hence the crop intensity and crop production in these command areas are extremely low. The main factor of low productivity includes less on-farm water storage capacity, low land/water productivity, unavailability of energy at the farm, underdeveloped command area of small/mini dams and other water reservoirs, huge culturable waste, unavailability of skilled manpower, less coordination between departments and fewer linkages between federal and provincial research and development departments.

The rain-fed areas need an integrated approach to promoting sustainable agriculture and improving livelihood. For instance, the development of mini dams should be coupled with the catchment and command area development of the watershed. Similarly, other interventions including watercourse/pipelining, soil erosion control structures/ diversion structures, on-farm water storage tanks, solar pumps, sprinkler/drip irrigation systems, and high-value crops need to be pursued simultaneously. The capacity building of stakeholders is also proposed to stimulate the adoption of appropriate technologies at national and local levels.

Soil, water, and energy conservation technologies are effective, but blunt, instruments for reducing rural poverty, and research is needed on the best means to reduce disparities among landowners and between landowners and other groups, without compromising productivity and wider poverty alleviation gains. The most appropriate measure for increasing the water productivity at the farm level would be to conserve the maximum of available runoff water generated by rains, wherever possible through the development of water storage ponds/ tanks or other such interventions and then using it for supplemental irrigation of water-sensitive crops. The climatic conditions, soils, and water resources in the project area provide enormous opportunities for growing high-value and cash crops like orchards (citrus, olive, grapes, stone fruits), vegetables (cucumber, capsicum, chilies, onion, tomato, potato, garlic, etc.), groundnut, pulses, mustard, sesame, etc. Therefore, enormous potential exists for the development of irrigated agriculture in barani (rainfed) areas through effective water resource development and efficient management.

1.1 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

The National Program for Enhancing Command Area in Barani Areas of Pakistan has a strong relationship with all the strategies and growth development of the Government of Pakistan. It is in line with the Medium-Term Development Framework (MTDF) of the Government of Pakistan, which envisages efficient water conveyance and its application through rehabilitation/ improvement of farm-level water infrastructure and adoption of improved irrigation methods e.g., drip and sprinkler irrigation, etc. The Pakistan Growth

Strategy envisages irrigation water management as one of the components for achieving the targeted agricultural growth, which would be achieved through water conservation at the farm level through the construction of water storage ponds, development of dug wells, improvement of watercourses in the command area of small dams/ mini dams of barani areas of Pakistan, installation of solar pumping systems at the farm pond, dug wells, and provision of LASER land levelers.

The project follows an integrated approach including the development of water sources (farm ponds and dug wells) for assured supply of irrigation water, construction of farm level water distribution network (watercourses) for irrigating crops, promotion of LASER land leveling services, solar pumping systems for irrigation, and the capacity building of stakeholders for promotion of irrigated agriculture in the rain-fed areas. The Project envisions promoting an environment-friendly, socially sustainable, resource-efficient, and economically profitable irrigated agriculture through integrated management of available soil and water resources by strengthening small landholder farmers. It would be achieved through increased water conveyance and application efficiency, adopting improved irrigation methods, use of solar energy for water lifting/ HEIS operation for promoting crop diversification, effective use of costly inputs, and capacity building of water users in the project area.

Table 1: Province/district-wise details of the Project

Sr. No.	Province	Districts
1.	**Punjab**	Attock, Chakwal, Jhelum, Rawalpindi, Dera Ghazi Khan, Layyah, Rajanpur, Khushab, Bhakkar, Mianwali, Gujrat, Sialkot, Narowal
2.	**Baluchistan**	Quetta, Pishin, Killa Abdullah,Chagai, Nushki, Zhob, Bharkhan, Musa Khail, Killa Saifullah, Duki, Loralai, Sherani, Sibi, Harnai, Ziarat, Kohlu, Naseerabad, Jhal Magsi, Kalat, Surab, Mastung, Khuzdar, Awaran, Kharan, Washuk, Kech, Lasbela, Panjgur, Dera Bugti, Gawadar, Bolan
3.	**Khyber Pakhtunkhwa**	Karak, Kohat, Bannu, Hangu, Haripur, Peshawar, Nowshera, Charsadda, Swabi, Dir, Swat
4.	**Azad Jammu Kashmir**	Neelum, Muzaffarabad, Hatian, Bagh, Haveli, Poonch, Sudhnoti, Lotli, Mirpur, Bhimber
5.	**Gilgit Baltistan**	Gilgit, Skardu, Shigar, Kharmang, Diamer, Astore, Ghanche, Hunza, Nagar
6.	**Islamabad Capital Territory**	Islamabad

The component-wise details of the project are given below.

- Construction and solarization of **1,679** farm ponds for storing and supplying rainwater from various sources.
- Installation of solar systems on **1,679** farm ponds for the operation of HEIS.
- Development of **2,584** dug wells for the development of water resources to promote irrigated agriculture.
- Installation of **2,584** solar pumping on dug wells for water development and HEIS operation (Inclusive of 50 hydro-ram pumps for GB component instead of solar pumping systems on dug wells).

- Development/ Improvement of **1,432** watercourses carrying water from various sources for enhancing water conveyance efficiency at the farm level.
- Provision of **606** Laser land Levellers to the farmer's/ service providers for Laser land levelling services in the barani areas. In addition, conventional land levelling will also be done on **34,000** acres in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- Provision of fruit plants, oilseeds/ pulses crops & and fodder/ forage/ range on **32327, 78011 and 57781** acres respectively, in the command area of small/mini dams to ensure irrigated agriculture.
- Establishment of demo-cum-training sites at (Punjab, Balochistan, KPK, AJK, ICT & GB) and undertake need-based research activities when required.

2 PHYSICAL PROGRESS REPORT BY ALL PROVINCES FY 2024-25

2.1 Punjab

Table 2: Progress against the targets for FY 2024-25 during the month of January 2025 (Punjab)

Intervention	AWP Targets	Design						ICR-I							ICR-II						FCR					
		Carry Over 2023-2024	Remaining Targets 2024-2025	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Total Targets	Carry Over 2023-2024	Remaining Targets 2024-2025	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Total Targets	Remaining Targets 2024-2025	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Total Targets	Remaining Targets 2024-2025	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance
Farm Pond	197	54	0	21	21	0	-21	197	27	64	21	21	0	43	197	147	38	38	0	109	197	195	2	2	0	193
Solar Pumping System on Farm Ponds	92	31	46	2	2	0	44	92	12	73	8	8	0	65	105	105	0	0	0	105	92	85	3	3	0	82
Dug Well Development	376	124	12	56	56	0	-44	376	54	164	59	59	0	105	376	287	76	76	0	211	376	376	1	1	0	375
Solar Pumping System on Dug wells	92	30	56	4	4	0	52	92	24	67	1	1	0	66	105	105	0	0	0	105	92	88	1	1	0	87
Water Courses Development	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LASER Land Leveler	226																				226	226	0	0	0	226
Fruit Plants (Ac)	201																				201	188	0	0	0	188
Oil Seeds (Ac)	400																				400	290	0	0	0	290
Fodder/Forage (Ac)	400																				400	306	0	0	0	306

Table 3: Progress against Reverification of Backlog till June 2023, during the month of January 2025 (Punjab)

Intervention	Total Targets as on 1-7-23	Left Over as on 1-1-25	Offered	Checked	Verified	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Farm Pond	169	0	0	0	0	0	0	172
Solar Pumping System on Farm Ponds	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Dug Well Development	190	0	0	0	0	0	0	184
Solar Pumping System on Dug wells	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
Water Courses Development	420	0	0	0	0	0	0	425
LASER Land Leveler	276	0	0	0	0	0	0	277
Fruit Plants (Ac)	1,345	0	0	0	0	0	0	930
Oil Seeds (Ac)	2,918	2918	0	0	0	0	2918	0
Fodder/Forage (Ac)	2,317	2317	0	0	0	0	2317	0

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2.2 A Pictorial Display of Field Visits to Punjab


33.27121N 72.23469E
Altitude:292.8m
Speed:0.0km/h
#ICR-II Malik Shahbaz khan wm Attock


33.35911N 72.92465E
Altitude:325.4m
Speed:0.0km/h
#Mamoon Ahmad Malik wm Rawalpindi

Figure 1: Field visit of Punjab during the month of January 2025

2.3 Baluchistan

Table 4: Progress against the targets for FY 2024-25 during the month of January 2025 (Baluchistan)

Intervention	AWP Targets	Design						ICR-I						ICR-II						FCR					
		R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Farm Pond	93	93	0	0	0	93	0	93	0	0	0	93	0	93	0	0	0	93	0	93	0	0	0	93	0
Solar Pumping System on Farm Ponds	93	93	0	0	0	93	0	93	0	0	0	93	0	93	0	0	0	93	0	93	0	0	0	93	0
Dug Well Development	186	186	0	0	0	186	0	186	0	0	0	186	0	186	0	0	0	186	0	186	0	0	0	186	0
Solar Pumping System on Dug wells	186	186	0	0	0	186	0	186	0	0	0	186	0	186	0	0	0	186	0	186	0	0	0	186	0
Fruits/Plants (Acres)	4500																			4500	0	0	0	4500	0
Oil seeds/pulses (Acres)	9480																			9480	0	0	0	9480	0
Fodder (Acres)	7500																			7500	0	0	0	7500	0

Table 5: Progress against Reverification of Backlog till June 2023, during the month of January 2025 (Baluchistan)

Interventions	Total Targets as on 1-7-23	Left Over as on 1-1-25	Offered	Checked	Verified	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Farm Ponds	399	206	22	22	20	2	186	213
Solar Pumping System on Farm pond	355	183	22	22	22	0	161	194
Rehabilitation/Development of Dug Wells	571	316	24	24	24	0	292	279
Solar Pumping System on Dug Wells	497	279	20	20	20	0	259	238
Water Courses Development	369	109	20	20	20	0	89	280
Fruits/Plants (Acres)	5609	3666.5	240	240	240	0	3426.5	2182.5
Oil Seeds/Pulses (Acres)	11829	10003.5	500	500	500	0	9503.5	2325.5
Fodder (Acres)	8927	6275.34	350	350	350	0	5925.34	3001.66

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2.4 A Pictorial Display of Field Visits to Balochistan

Figure 2: Field visit of Balochistan during the month of January 2025

2.5 Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Table 6: Progress against the targets for FY 2024-25 during the month of January 2025 (KPK)

Intervention	Targets 2024-2025	Design						ICR-I						ICR-II						FCR					
		R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Water Courses Development	100	93	1	1	0	92	8	93	0	0	0	93	7	93	0	0	0	93	7	93	0	0	0	93	7
Rough Land Leveling (Ac)	8000	8000	0	0	0	8000	0	8000	0	0	0	8000	0	8000	0	0	0	8000	0	8000	234	234	0	7766	234
Fruit Plants (Ac)	500	500																		485	0	0	0	485	15
Oil Seeds (Ac)	1250	1250																		1250	0	0	0	1250	0
Fodder/Forage (Ac)	300	300																		300	0	0	0	300	0

Table 7: Progress against Reverification of Backlog till June 2023, during the month of January 2025 (KPK)

Intervention	Total Targets As on 1-7-23	Left Over as on 1-1-25	Offered	Checked	Verified	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Water Courses Development	143	8	0	0	0	0	8	135
Rough Land Leveling (Ac)	4766	548	0	0	0	0	548	4218
Fruit Plants (Ac)	915	490	44.12	44.12	44.12	0	445.88	469.12
Oil Seeds (Ac)	677	538	0	0	0	0	538	139
Fodder/Forage (Ac)	163	143	0	0	0	0	143	20

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2.6 A Pictorial Display of Field Visits to Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Figure 3: Field visit of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the month of January 2025

2.7 Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Table 8: Progress against the targets for FY 2024-25 during the month of January 2025 (AJK)

Intervention	Targets 2024-2025	Design				ICR-I				ICR-II				FCR			
		R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Balance	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Balance	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Balance	R. Targtets	Offered	Approved	Balance
Farm Pond	15	2	0	0	2	14	0	0	14	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15
Solar Pumping System on Farm Ponds	15	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15	15	0	0	15
Dug Well Development	20	17	1	1	16	18	0	0	20	19	0	0	19	18	0	0	18
Solar Pumping System on Dug wells	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	0	20	20	0	0	20
Water Courses Development	9	4	5	5	-1	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	9	9	0	0	9
Fruit Plants (Ac)	200	200												200	0	0	200
Oil Seeds (Ac)	100	100												100	1	1	99
Fodder/Forage (Ac)	100	100												100	1	1	99

Brought Forward FY 2023-2024 during the month of January (AJK)

Intervention	Total Approved Feasibility & Design	Verified ICR1 till December	ICR-I			ICR-II				FCR			
			Offered	Verified	Total	Verified Till December	Offered	Verified	Total	Verified Till December	Offered	Verified	Total
Farm Pond	13	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solar Pumping System on Farm Pond	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dug Well Development	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Solar Pumping System on Dug wells	12	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	8	6	0	0	6
Water Courses Development	0	8	0	0	8	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	5

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2.8 A Pictorial Display of Field Visits to Azad Jammu and Kashmir

Figure 4: Field visit of Azad Jammu and Kashmir during the month of January 2025

2.9 The Islamabad Capital Territory

Table 9: Progress against the targets for FY 2024-25 during the month of January 2025 (ICT)

Interventions	Total Targets 2024-2025	Feasibility & Design						FCR					
		R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Farm Ponds	8	8	13	13	0	-5	13	8	0	0	0	8	0
Solar pumping on Farm ponds	8	8	0	0	0	8	0	8	0	0	0	8	0
Dug well Development	15	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0
Solar pumping on Dug wells	15	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0
Laser Land Leveler	2	2						2	0	0	0	2	0
Fruit Plants (Acres)	180	180						180	0	0	0	180	0
Fodder/ Forage	600	600						600	0	0	0	600	0

Table 10: Progress against Reverification of Backlog till June 2023, during the month of January 2025 (ICT)

Intervention	Total Targets as on 1-7-23	Leftover as on 1-1-2025	Offered	Checked	Verified	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Farm Ponds	24	6	0	0	0	0	6	18
Solar pumping on Farm ponds	12	8	0	0	0	0	8	4
Dug well Development	30	8	0	0	0	0	8	22
Solar pumping on Dug wells	15	4	0	0	0	0	4	11
LASER Land Leveler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fruits/Plants (Ac)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fodder (Ac)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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2.10 Gilgit Baltistan

Table 11: Progress against the targets for FY 2024-25 during the month of January 2025 (GB)

Intervention	AWP Targets	Design						ICR-I						ICR-II						FCR					
		R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress	R. Targets	Offered	Approved	Deferred	Balance	Cumulative Progress
Farm ponds	33	33	0	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	33	0
Solar Pumping on Farm Ponds	33	33	0	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	33	0	33	0	0	0	33	0
Fodder (Ac)	390	390	0	0	0	390	0	390	0	0	0	390	0	390	0	0	0	390	0	390	0	0	0	390	0
Fruit/Plants (Ac)	211	211	0	0	0	211	0	211	0	0	0	211	0	211	0	0	0	211	0	211	0	0	0	211	0
Hydro Ram Pumps	11	11	0	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	0	11	0	11	0	0	0	11	0

Table 12: Progress against Reverification of Backlog till June 2023, during the month of January 2025 (GB)

Intervention	Total Targets as per AWP 2022--23	Initiated till June 2023	Initiated till July 2024	Initiated During 2023-24	Verified During 2023-24	Verified till Jan 2025	Offered	Verified	Cumulative Progress	Balance
Farm ponds	20	19	20	1	13	17	2	0	17	3
Solar Pumping on Farm ponds	20	19	20	1	13	17	2	0	17	3
Hydro Ram Pumps	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fruit Plants (Ac)	160	86	186.03	66	79	79	10	0	79	81
Fodder (Ac)	200	92	150.9	98	77.3	77.3	10	0	77.3	122.7

2.11 A Pictorial Display of Field Visits to Gilgit Baltistan

Figure 5: Field visit of GB during the month of January 2025

Table 13: Addresses of All Field Offices Under NPECA

Sr No	Offices	Address	Email ID	Contact No
1	Office of the Team Leader	Apartment no 105, 1st Floor, Rayan Heights, Ghauri Town, Phase 2, Islamabad Expressway, Islamabad	npeca.cameos@gmail.com	051-8777637
2	Office of the Field Engineer Incharge (Punjab)	House # 62-2 Sector C-2 Township Lahore	npeca.punjab.lhr@gmail.com	042-35120095
3	Office of the Field Engineer Incharge (KPK)	35-E-2, Canal Road, University Town, Peshawar	npeca.kpk@gmail.com	0348-9645780
4	Office of Provisional Coordinator (Balochistan)	Quetta Office, House no 8, Sundas Villas, Alamo Chowk, Airport Road	hgnnpeca@gmail.com	081-2864616
5	Office of the Field Engineer Incharge (AJK)	Kiyani House, Babu Mohalla, Near Tayyaba Hotel, Muzaffarabad	npeca.ajk@gmail.com	0333-9043650
6	Office of the Field Engineer Incharge (GB)	Shahrah-e-Quaid-e-Azam near Rupal Inn Khomer Gilgit.	npeca.gb@gmail.com	0312-6644660

3. FINANCIAL PROGRESS REPORT

Table 14: Financial Progress during the month of January 2025

IPC No.	Month	Description	Base Amount	Sales Tax	Total Amount
			Rs.		
Remuneration					
30-A	Jan-25	National Office	3,423,722	547,796	3,971,518
		AJK + ICT	343,088	54,894	397,982
		GB	424,776	-	424,776
		Punjab	582,705	93,233	675,938
		Balochistan	2,236,465	134,188	2,370,653
		KPK	420,276	8,406	428,682
Sub-total (A)			**7,431,032**	**838,517**	**8,269,549**

Reimbusable					
IPC No.	Month	Description	Base Amount	Sales Tax	Total Amount
			Rs.		
30-B	Jan-25	Per Diem Allowence	20,000	-	20,000
		Vehicle Rent	2,587,330	-	2,587,330
		Mobil Oil & POL Cost	1,567,056	-	1,567,056
		Communication Expenses	31,600	-	31,600
		Reports Preparation production and transmission	67,980	-	67,980
		Equipments Instruments Material Furniture Services and Supplies	92,700	-	92,700
		Rental Charges of consultants offices resgidences Utility Office operations & furnishing etc.	1,296,201	-	1,296,201
		Purchase of Software, database server etc	522,000	-	522,000
		Salaries of Supporting staff and work charged staff	1,990,062	-	1,990,062
Sub-total (B)			**8,174,929**	**-**	**8,174,929**
Grand Total (A+B)			**15,605,961**	**838,517**	**16,444,478**