

LASH GALASH

A Newsletter of
DASU HYDROPOWER PROJECT
(Dasu Kohistan Upper, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa)

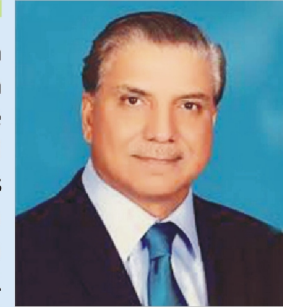


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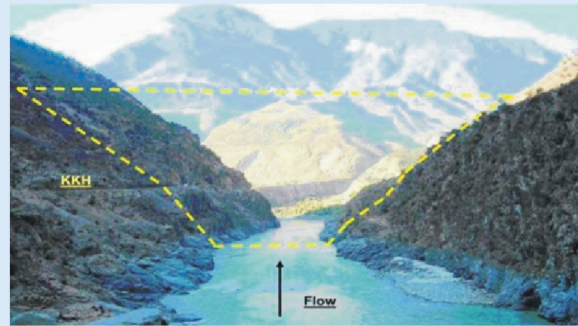
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CHAIRMAN WAPDA

I am delighted to write few words for the 2nd volume of Lash Galash; a Newsletter of Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP). Dasu HPP is one of the mega projects in water related history of Pakistan. No doubt, Dasu HPP will prove to be a fate changer and a historical development project aiming at progress and prosperity of the country. As like few other such mega projects, Dasu HPP is coupled with numerous treatable challenges which I am sure the dedicated team of workers from WAPDA, Consultants and Contractors will overcome with reasonable solutions in the better interests of the country and its people at large. The journey leading to the Dam construction and energy production is characterized with issues and challenges but I believe that if all the stakeholders come to the same page, the journey will be shortened enabling us to achieve the goal efficiently. All the stakeholders should extend their hands of cooperation generously towards WAPDA for achieving this goal. It is my firm belief that together we can and together we must make a difference. No doubt, commitment, devotion & hard work is always a key to success. May Almighty Allah bless us with the courage and zeal to reach our destination successfully. (Ameen)



*Lt Gen(R) Muzammil Hussain
Chairman WAPDA*



PROJECT DIRECTOR, DASU HPP

It gives me great pleasure upon issuance of the 2nd volume of Lash Galash. This Newsletter will keep the stakeholders abreast of the latest developments taking place at DHPP. For ease of information, this time the newsletter is being published in two languages (Urdu & English). I feel honor being part of this mega project which is getting effective momentum with the passage of time. I do cordially appreciate the efforts and services rendered by the district administration upper Kohistan, local elders, WAPDA staff, Consultants and Contractors working for the project in different ways. We are not far away from the target but even then, there is a long way to go. Every mega Hydropower project has different kinds of challenges to be faced by the stakeholders and so is the case of DHPP. But, our commitment, dedication, hard work and above all, mutual cooperation and coordination will make this completed for a prosperous Pakistan.



*Engr. Anwar-Ul-Haque
Project Director Dasu HPP*

MEMBER WATER WAPDA

Dasu Hydropower Project (DHPP) is the largest under construction cheap electricity producing project of WAPDA at the moment. Having a production capacity of 4320 MW, it is believed that on its completion, it will contribute largely to the overall prosperity of the country. It will also play a catalyst role in the social and economic development of Kohistan in particular and Pakistan in general in a diversified ways. Services rendered by different consultant companies, contractors, district administration and above all the onsite committed and devoted WAPDA staff will make it a successful story. Dasu HPP is a different project in many ways and will provide learning opportunities to the staff members from different fields like; Social, Environmental, Electrical engineering, Mechanical engineering, Civil engineering, Geological as well as Occupational Health and Safety etc. We have to make all efforts to achieve the goal of early completion of the project keeping in view the need for green energy at cheap and affordable rates.



*Mr. Javed Akhtar Latif;
Member Water*

MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL (SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS)

I am glad to see that the project is getting momentum gradually with the passage of time. The project has a full fledged unit called, "Social and Resettlement Unit (SRU)" established while keeping in view different dynamics of social and environmental impact as given greater focus in the modern development sector scenario. To mitigate the negative impacts of the project upon the local community and their immediate environment, SRU is further divided into two main sections; environment & social. Social sector is further sub-divided into few more sections like; communication & Public Relations, Migration Management, Land acquisition, Consultation and participation, Community health and gender development, downstream impact management, livelihood and Training etc. All these sections have their dedicated funds which sums up into millions of Rupees to be spent aiming at the welfare of the project affected People. It is anticipated that these sections will prove to be highly beneficial for the local community and their output will be revealing upon the community with the passage of time.



*Mr. Shahid Mushtaq Mir,
DG (Social Safeguards)
Dasu HPP*

LAND ACQUISITION COLLECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dasu Hydropower Project, no doubt, is a mega and vital project in Pakistan. I believe it will prove as fate changer in Pakistan. Although, its progress has been slow over the past couple of years and I believe there were solid grounds for it. Kohistan is a non-settled district with no land records. The project involves approximately 90,000 kanals of land acquisition meaning that the same number of kanals will be first recorded while keeping in view the rules and regulations of land and revenue which by itself is a long and time-consuming process. The establishment of a full-fledged land acquisition unit in Deputy Commissioner Kohistan Upper office and an office of a dedicated land acquisition collector are indeed the measures which will force the land acquisition process to get momentum. I am pretty much hopeful that we will achieve the target with a dedicated team consisting of personnel from DC office Kohistan Upper, DHC and WAPDA.



*Mr. Zia Ur Rehman, Land
Acquisition Collector Up-
per Kohistan.*



Advisor Projects with others after Truss bridge inauguration

THE TRUSS BRIDGE INAUGURATED

Mr. Nasir Hanif, advisor projects (WAPDA) inaugurated the newly constructed Truss bridge over River Indus. The bridge is serving as a road connection between Right Bank of the River with KKH facilitating both the community of Seo & Kas area & the contractor. During his visit to Dasu HPP, the local community elders, Ulema and DHPP officials from different sections & the contractor M/S CGGC representatives were also present at the occasion.

STATUS OF LAND ACQUISITION

DESCRIPTION	STATUS
Total land to be acquired	9875 Acres
Land acquired so far	1,409 Acres
Total amount awarded so far	4194.24 MPKR
Total amount disbursed so far	2932.72 MPKR

COVID-19 RELIEF RESPONSE

WAPDA is making all possible efforts to keep itself connected with the stakeholders in the project area in various ways. For this very purpose, in the wake of COVID-19, Dasu HPP management handed over 117 food packages to Deputy Commissioner Kohistan Upper for distribution among the local needy community in April 2020. This was the first ever food packages based response in the area that came from WAPDA for the local community through local administration.



PD Dasu HPP; Mr. Anwar Ul Haq handing over food packages to DC Kohistan Upper for COVID-19 Affectees

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE SESSIONS

Communication & PR section under Social & Resettlement Unit Dasu HPP is assigned with the task to disseminate information regarding the project to various stakeholders with focus on local societal segments. So far, 10 such sessions have been conducted; one for Ulema, one for LHVs, one for female Students and 7 for boys' students from both public & private schools in the project area.



Information disclosure session for private sector school in project area



Information disclosure session for students of GHS Chuchang Dasu Kohistan



Information disclosure session for Ulema from both sides of project area

KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY

In the pursuance of the special call from the federal government of Pakistan, the employees of Dasu Hydropower Project Kohistan also observed 5th February 2020 as solidarity day with the Kashmiri brothers and sisters. A pray sessions was also held for the Martyrs of Kashmir Freedom Movement.



DHPP staff showing Solidarity with Kashmiris on Kashmir Day in front of PD Office Dasu HPP

LOCAL JOURNALISTS VISITED DASU HPP

A team of local journalists from Kohistan press club visited Dasu HPP in April 2020. purpose of the visit was to involve the local journalists for getting their support and attention in the project progress and projection of project activities among the local and national stakeholders. Director General (Social Safeguards) Mr. Shahid Mushtaq Mir along with Chief Engineer (S&D) Mr. Abdul Qayyum Aziz briefed the local journalists about the significance and different components of the project. The journalists also visited construction site to see the physical activities and to gather valuable information about the project.



Local journalist visiting the project site along with DHPP Management

ULEMA TRAINING PROGRAM AT DA'WAH ACADEMY

A 7-day training program for the Ulema & Imam masjid of Upper Kohistan was organized under Gender Action Plan (GAP) by DHPP where 24 Ulema & Imam masjid had participated from different parts of the project area. The training was held at Da'wah academy International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) in January 2020. At the end of the training, certificates were distributed among the participants.



Director Social, Resettlement & Environment; Mr. Abdur Razzaq Khan addressing the Ulema training inaugural Session at IIU Islamabad.

CONTRACT OF THE MUSEUM SIGNED



Project Director DHPP & PM Khyber Grace Pvt. Ltd. Signing the MoU.

Contract signing ceremony for (i) the construction of a museum, to protect ancient rock carvings at Shatial and (ii) Resettlement villages in Chuchang area where project colony is being built was held in the office of General Manager/ PD Dasu HPP. The agreement worth Rs. 655 million (PKR) was signed by PD Dasu HPP Mr. Anwar-ul-Haque and Project Manager Khyber Grace Pvt. Ltd. Mr. Muhammad Ashraf. Other senior officers of WAPDA & DHC were present at the occasion.

WORLD BANK MISSIONS' VISIT TO DASU HPP

As World Bank is one of the key stakeholders in Dasu HPP. Its Social, Technical and environmental Missions keep on visiting the project with the aim to monitor the progress on one hand and to advise the on-site implementers of the project for better results and early completion on the other hand. These missions use to meet with different stakeholders of their respective interests and gets themselves updated for better feedback which usually they share at the end of each visit.



Director Environment DHPP briefing the World Bank's environment mission during their visit to DHPP



World Bank social Mission & WAPDA teams on visit to project Colony Chuchang site

CONSULTATION WITH FISHERIES DEPARTMENT KP AT PESHAWAR

A consultative meeting was held with DG Fisheries KPK at Directorate Fisheries KPK Peshawar. The aim was to brief them about the downstream impacts of Dasu HPP, proposed mitigation measures and downstream implementation plan. A discussion was also held regarding TORs for MoU to be drafted between Dasu HPP and Department. The response from the department was very much positive and encouraging thereby ensuring full cooperation. Director & Deputy Director Fisheries from HQ Peshawar, Deputy director Peshawar & Districts officers from Mansehra, Battagram & Torghar were present in this meeting.



Director (SR&E) Mr. Abdur Razzaq Khan & Deputy Director Mr. Farhat Ali briefing the officials from Fisheries Department KP

WALL/STONE CHALKING FROM THAKOT BRIDGE TO SHATIAL

Communication Section working under SRU of DHPP has completed a set of about 200 awareness and motivational messages displayed through wall chalking both in Urdu and English languages spread from Thakot to Shatyal. These messages cover many aspects and components of the project like; workers' safety, environment, water resources, Dams, cooperation with contractors and WAPDA from locals and code of conducts for in migrants etc.



Sample messages used in Wall/Stone Chalking from Thakot bridge to Shatial

CHAIRMAN WAPDA VISIT TO DASU HPP

WAPDA has a vibrant, visionary and dynamic leadership. Chairman WAPDA Lt Gen(R) Muzammil Hussain takes keen interest in the progress of Dasu HPP keeping in view its importance and need and therefore, he pays visits to project from time to time. During each visit, the Chairman holds meetings with the Project Team of WAPDA, Consultants, Contractors as well as community representatives from the project area.



Chairman WAPDA; Lt Gen(R) Muzammil Hussain meeting with community elders and Ulema on his visit to Dasu HPP.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BASIC HEALTH CLINIC



Mr. Rikard Liden; Task Team Leader WB, PD Dasu HPP & ADC Kohistan Inaugurating Basic Health Clinic for community at Dasu

The management of Dasu HPP tries its level best to establish good working relationship with local community and other stakeholders. Such relations are established through many of the confidence building measures. Establishment of Basic health clinic is one of such measures which has been established by WAPDA in Dasu town alongside KKH. It is a primary health care unit and ideally it has to have a Male and a Female doctor, one technician and two nurses as well as basic free medicines.

DOCUMENTARY IN THE MAKING

Communication section under SR&E Unit has started working on the production of two documentaries. One is based on the baseline of the project and the other on the current project progress. The media house has collected all the relevant data from the project area spending a two weeks time and work on the production of documentaries is in progress. These documentaries will be available for watch for watching by the stakeholders and general public at large.



Media Team Shooting Documentary

CONSULTATIVE WORKSHOP

For the first time on any mega project in Pakistan, a detailed study for the preparation of Ecological & Biodiversity Management Plans has been carried out for Dasu HPP through international consultants and key experts in different fields. As a part of the study and plans, eight consultative workshops were arranged at Dasu, Besham & Islamabad. DHPP management, officers from relevant sections, community representatives from the project area as well as officials and officers from line departments of KP have participated in these consultative workshops.



Stakeholders' consultative workshop on ecological and biodiversity Management Plans at Serena Hotel Islamabad.

PHYSICAL CULTURAL RESOURCE TEAM VISIT TO DASU HPP

Few historical and physical cultural sites are also being affected due to the construction of Dasu HPP. Shatyal Rock Carving site, Seo Masjid and Sier Gayal Masjid are the few important to mention. In order to safeguard and protect these resources, special team of experts containing both Pakistani and foreign experts, had have paid several visits to the project area with special focus to the sites mentioned above. They have produced a special volume (Vol. VII) for the management of these cultural and historical sites which is part of detailed ecological and biodiversity management plan for Dasu HPP.



PCR & SRU-DHPP team on visit to the project area



SAMA TV media coverage of project activities

PROJECT PROJECTION IN MEDIA

Dasu HPP has specialized sections (Communication & PR) having one of the responsibilities to make sure the presence of the project in the media. To achieve this end, these sections have developed close working relationships with local, regional and national media; both print & electronic. There is a special Facebook page ([Dasu Hydropower Project-DHPP](#)), a Youtube channel ([Dasu Hydropower Project.official](#)) & Twitter page ([Dasu Hydropower Project-WAPDA](#)).

CONTRACT FOR E&M WORK SIGNED

WAPDA has signed a contract worth Rs. 52.5 billion with a joint venture of GE Hydro China and Power China Zhongnan Engineering Corporation for electro-mechanical works of Dasu Hydropower Project (Stage-I). The contract includes design, supply and installation of six francis turbines, generators, main transformers, generator and station service switchgear along with related equipment. DHPP GM/PD Anwar ul Haque and GE Deputy General Manager –the authorized representative of GE-PC JV- Aijun Xu signed the contract on behalf of their organizations. French Ambassador, Chinese and the US diplomats, Water Resources Federal Secretary Muhammad Ashraf and WAPDA Chairman Lt Gen(R) Muzammil Hussain also attended the event.



Contract Signing of electro-mechanical works of Dasu HPP between WAPDA and GE-PC JV

COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

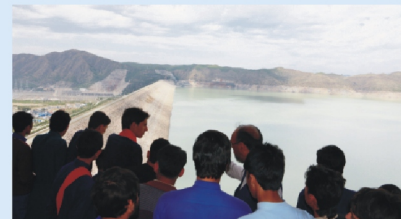
Dasu HPP management believes in satisfaction of stakeholders on one hand and building working and rational relationship with them on the other hand. DHPP initiate different activities from time to time to build the confidence of the local community in line with the guidelines enunciated in different Social & Resettlement Plans (SRMPs). Therefore, to achieve this end, G & CH section has conducted 3 free medical camps, Solar system installed at RHC Dasu and basic health facility established by the contractor at Dasu. Similarly, distribution of food items during heavy rains and school bags distribution as well as school vans provision to schools have also been initiated by DHPP. Likewise, the communication & PR section has been able to conduct two exposure visits for school teachers and students to Tarbela Dam Project so that they could be able to see, observe and gain the basic information about Dam construction, its working, advantages and more importantly its social and economical impacts in the area and they could be able to share their observation and information back at home inside the community. It is believed that such activities will promote better relations among the stakeholders in the better interest of the project.



Solar panel Inauguration at RHC Dasu Kohistan



Free Eye Camp at RHC Dasu Kohistan



Students on their visit to Tarbela Dam

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