

**MINUTES OF MEETING TO REVIEW THE CURRENT STATUS OF SLADRC PROJECT HELD ON 20/07/2021 AT 11-30 AM UNDER THE CHAIRPERSON MRS. SONAKSHI SINGH TOMAR, I.A.S, ADDITIONAL DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, SIRMAUR AT NAHAN**

In order to review the progress made towards the implementation of National Adaptation Fund on Climate Change (Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture Dependent Rural Communities) being implemented in three selected Blocks of District Sirmaur i.e. Paonta Sahib/Sangrah and Pachhad a meeting was held on 20/07/2021 under the Chairperson Mrs. Sonakshi Singh Tmar, IAS, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sirmaur. The following officers were present in the meeting:-

1. Sh. Ashish Rana, Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Nahan.
2. Miss Kalyani Gupta, Deputy Director-cum-Project Officer, DRDA, Sirmaur.
3. Sh. Satish Kumar, Deputy Director (Horticulture), Distt. Sirmaur.
4. Sh. Pawan Kumar, Deputy Director (Agriculture), Distt. Sirmaur.
5. Sh. Gaurav Sharma, Dy. Divisional Manager (NABARD), Distt. Sirmaur.
6. Sh. Rohit Sharma, Manager, District Industries Centre, Nahan.
7. Sh. Barendar Sahoo, SAVP, (CTRAN Consulting Ltd.) O/O G.M. DIC, Sirmaur.
8. Ms. Manju Attri, Programme Manager (CTRAN Consulting Ltd.) O/o the G.M. DIC, Sirmaur.

At the outset, the Chairperson welcomed all the participants and apprised them about the activities of the project being carried out in the District under Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture Dependent Rural Communities project in three Blocks. Component wise deliberations and decisions taken in the meeting are as under:-

The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Nahan informed that out of four LIS being established by the Jal Shakti Vibhag three LIS has been completed and one LIS is in progress. Status report submitted by him is as under :-

**1. LIS Village Kathad (Solar Pump based)**

Progress report submitted by the Jal Shakti Vibhag is as under :-

Sr. No.	Name of scheme	Funds received	Expenditure	Cultivable area	command	Status of scheme conveyed by the E.E, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Nahan.
1.	LIS Order Pudla Pachhad	168,62	168,62	20.5 Ha		Work completed and LIS is operational
2.	LIS Barotiwala-Bodhwala-Paonta Sahib Block	137.5	137.5	70..50 Ha		Work completed and LIS is operational



2.3 (a)	Inter-cropping of maize and pulses	26.60	25.34	26.60	Development Block Paonta , Pachhad and Sangrah	50% basis from NAFCC fund	Maize-319 Qtls Mash-54 Qtls Wheat-658 Qtls Mustard-5 Qtls Peas-2.40 Qtls	1276 270 658 83 3	4301
2.3 (b)	Vegetable cultivation	14.80	14.80	14.80	Development Block Paonta , Pachhad and Sangrah	50% basis from NAFCC fund	Garlic-66.35Qtls Hyb.Veg.seed & Seed potato-591 Qtls	17 55	525
2.4	Introduction of legumes and other fodder	19.00	20.26	19.00	Development Block Paonta , Pachhad and Sangrah	Free of cost from NAFCC funds	Sorghum-241Qtls Bajra-1.78 Qtls Mash-14.50Qtls Berseem-44.80Qtls Gram-84 Qtls Lentil-11.76Qtls Oat-47.20Qtls	603 35 72 179 105 26 59	3560
3	Introduction of Maize, Garlic and Ginger	6.00	6.00	6.00	Development Block Paonta , Pachhad and Sangrah	Free of cost from NAFCC funds	Maize-22.78Qtls Ginger-6.60Qtls Garlic-20 Qtls Turmeric-5 Qtls	91 0.44 5 0.2	206
<b>Total budget received</b>		<b>72.72</b>	<b>72.72</b>	<b>72.72</b>				<b>3543.98</b>	<b>8592</b>

The Deputy Director (Horticulture), Sirmaur apprised that an amount Rs. 76.5 Lac Rupees was provided under moisture management to the Horticulture Department which has been utilized for the purpose it was provided Progress report is as under:-

Sr No	Name of component	Type of MI system	Physical Target (Ha)	Fin. Target (Rs)	Phy. Achievement	Fin. Achievement (Rs)
1.	Moisture Management and area to be covered under drip irrigation	Close spread drip 1.2m x 06m)/ Micro sprinkler irrigation /system(5mX 5m) Mini sprinkler irrigation system(8mX 8m)	72	6970331/-	72	6970331/-
		<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6970331/-</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6970331/-</b>

2.	Early on setting cultivars of Fruits	Name of Fruits Plants	Phy Target (Ha)	Fin Target (Ha)	Phy Achievement (Ha)	Fin Achievement (Rs.)
		Pomegranate/ Kiwi/Strawberry/ Guava/Litchi	12.34	679669/-	12.34	679669/-
		Total		679669/-		679669/-
		<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>7650000/-</b>		<b>7650000/-</b>

The chairperson directed the Dy. Director (Agriculture & Horticulture), Sirmaur to send the area wise pictures of the site where Portable sprinkler/ Micro sprinkler irrigation /system & Mini sprinkler irrigation system has been provided for the benefit of the farmars with 15 days.

(Action by Horticulture/Agriculture Deptt.)

### 3. Tomato processing plant in Pachhad Block

As per discussion held in the previous meeting on 18/01/2020, the Deputy Director-cum-Project Officer, DRDA, Sirmaur has submit the proposal for establishment of Farm Produce Proceession Unit at Badripur, Development Block, Paonta Sahib. The proposed unit shall be run by a federation of Self Help Group of the area and land/shed for the purpose has been identified. The land owner has also given NOC for establishment of Unit in the shape of affidavit,.

The proposal submitted by the Deputy Director-cum-Project Officer, DRDA, Sirmaur for establishment of Farm Produce Proceession Unit at Badripur, Development Block, Paonta Sahib has been approved by the Director, Department of Environment Science & Technology, Shimla and the funds allotted for establishment of Tomato processing plant in Development Block Pachhad has been diverted for establishment of Farm Produce Processing Unit, Badripur, Develoment Block, Paonta Sahib. Funds for the purpose has been received which shall be transferred to the executing Agency is Deputy Director-cum-Project Officer, DRDA, Sirmaur.

In addition to above the Dy. Divisional Manager (NABARD), Distt. Sirmaur apprised that as per sanction letter for the purchase of vehicle 25% of total cost of vehicle ie 6,94,300/- is to be born from the SLADRC project , **50% cost of vehicle ie 3,02,150/- to be born by the NABARD project** and remaining 25% cost of vehicle ie 1,51,275/- shall be born by the SHG(FPO). **The D,D,M (NABARD) further apprised that it is not possible to give double benefit from the NABARD and suggested to make/born the expenditure from the SLADRC project.**

After detailed discussion in the matter it was decided that this matter be taken up in the steering committee meting proposed to be held on 23/07/2021.

(Action by Dy.Director-cum-PODRDA/Development Branch.)

4. **Training to Farmers and FPO promotion activities**

Sh Birendera Krushna Sahoo, Associate vice president (CTRAN Consulting Ltd.) has submitted status report under SLADRC project, which is as under :-

**Total No. of Trainings: 488**

**Total No. of Farmers covered: 20,779**  
**[as on 17.7.2021]**

**3 Number of FPOs Registered. [Certificates attached for kind reference]**

**Tasks assigned to CTRAN Consulting**

**Task 1: To develop suitable training module on Climate Resilient Agriculture / Horticulture Practices/ Climate-smart agriculture/horticulture for agricultural extension officers and lead farmers(Completed)**

**Task 2: To provide capacity building training and enhance the skill base of agriculture / horticulture extension officials and farmers on Climate resilient agriculture/horticulture practices (on going)**

**Task 3:Implementation, coordination of training and implementation of agriculture and horticulture plans (on going)**

**Task 2: To provide capacity building training and enhance the skill base of agriculture / horticulture extension officials and farmers on Climate resilient agriculture / horticulture practices**

- Training of Extension Officers[Completed]
- Training of Lead Farmers [Completed]
- Training of Farmers [on going]

**Target Vrs. Achievement (Training component)**

Target of Training of farmers (Agriculture) [No of farmers]	Achievement of Training of farmers(Agriculture) [No of farmers]	Target of Training of farmers (Horticulture)	Achievement of Training of farmers (Horticulture)	Remarks
25000	16693	5000	4086	Will be complete by Dec 2021
Balance	8307		914	

### FPO Promotio

3 FPOs have been registered.

- List of farmers interested to be member of FPO and will contribute share money has been prepared. So far-
  - 563 farmers in Pachhad,
  - 451 farmers in Paonta sahib
  - 351 farmers in Sangrah Block

Name of 3 FPOs (Block wise)

- The Bhureshwar Farmer Agro Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. [Pachhad]
- The Krishi Pragati Marketing Cooperative Society Ltd. [Paonta Sahib]
- The Pragati Famer Producer Marketing Cooperative Society LTD [Sangrah]

Activities undertaken under FPO promotion

- Collection/Preparation of related documents like PAN, AADHAAR Card of all BoD members & shareholder register etc.
- Compliances like submission of electric & house rent bill, NOC from local agriculture department collected and online submitted.
- Share money and membership collected from FIG members.
- Pachhad block: Rs.87,100
- Paonta Sahib: Rs.1,34,500
- Sangrah : Rs. 71,500

**The chairperson directed the (CTRAN Consulting Ltd.) training and formation of FPO work in time bond manner and submit status report before the next review meeting.**

**(Action by CTRAN consulting Ltd.)**

### 5. Assurance fund

Assurance fund has been created at District Level and funds has been received from the Department of Environment. Science & Technology (H.P). Since no claim from the farmers of selected blocks for assurance fund has been received till date.

**After detailed discussion of the issue the chairperson directed the Deputy Director, Agriculture/Horticulture and CITRAN consulting Ltd. to create awareness about the scheme among the farmers by involving the SDM/BDO/Gram**

Panchayat/Patwari and send the claims of illegible farmers within thirty days. The Agriculture/Horticulture and CITRAN consulting Ltd. was also directed to depute their Agriculture Extension Officers/ Facilitators in the Development Block Paonta Sahib/Sangrah and Pachhad and ask them to create awareness among the farmers with the collaboration of concerned Gram Panchayat. They have also been directed to convene a meeting in this regard in the Chairmanship of SDM concerned, so that the illegible farmers can get the benefit of the scheme.

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(Action by SDM/Horticulture/Agriculture/CTRAN Consulting

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the chair.

  
(Sonakshi Singh Tomar) I.A.S  
Additional Deputy Commissioner,  
District Sirmour

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Copy for information and necessary action is forwarded to:-

1. The Director(Env, S & T)-cum-Nodal Officer, SLARC Project, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1.
2. The Sub Divisional Magistrate, Paonta Sahib/Sangrah and Pachhad. In this regard it is intimated that Assurance fund has been created at District Level and funds has been received from the Department of Environment, Science & Technology (H.P) for giving assistance to the marginal farmers. Till today no claim for assistance has been received from any quarter and funds provided for the purpose is unutilized. The the Deputy Director, Agriculture/Horticulture and CITRAN consulting Ltd. has been advised to convene a meeting under the chairmanship of concerned SDMs in this regard to explore the possibilities to create awareness among the farmers with the collaboration of Gram Panchayats and Revenue agencies. Background and detail of assurance funds is enclosed herewith for taking further necessary action in the matter.
3. The General Manager, District Industries Centre, District Sirmour.
4. The Dy. Director-cum-PODRDA, District Sirmour
5. The Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Nahan.
6. The Deputy Director (Horticulture), District Sirmour.
7. The Dy. Divisional Manager (NABARD), District Sirmour.
8. The Dy. Director Agriculture, District Sirmour.
9. Dr. H.K Satapathi, SAVP, (CTRAN Consulting Ltd.) O/O G.M. DIC, Sirmour.
10. Sh. Barendar Sahoo, SAVP, (CTRAN Consulting Ltd.) O/O G.M. DIC, Sirmour.

  
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Assurance Fund under 'Sustainable Livelihood of Agriculture Dependent Rural Communities in Drought Prone Districts of Himachal Pradesh through Climate Smart Solutions' project under National Adaptation Fund

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Background

Climate change is an immediate and serious threat to sustainable development and poverty eradication in many developing Countries including India, and entire Himalayan region is specifically categorised to be extremely vulnerable thus needs proactive actions.

IHR by its geography and location are at the 'frontline' for climate change impacts. But communities, farmers are amongst the least able to adapt and to respond; and the consequences they face, and already now bear, are significantly disproportionate to their collective contributions to global emissions and subsequent climate change.

The land holdings are very less. There are different cropping patterns, depending upon the agro climatic conditions of the region. Whether conditions are such that most of the time not very favourable and farmers faces huge losses. At times these losses might not be comparable to the national scales but also importantly the crops covered under the loss and damages compensation under weather schemes, does not account or include these crops such as under any National Crop Insurance schemes that covers only wheat, maize primarily but not tomato, peach, garlic, peas, strawberry, vegetables – capsicum, cauliflower, ginger, cabbage etc. which are predominantly grown in the area under the project.

Under the project Component No. 5- a financial inclusion – some insurance scheme shall be pilot by providing a financial cover to at least 15000 farmers. The nodal office, DEST, along with district administration has discussed the matter in state steering committee meeting and with the insurance companies, agriculture and horticulture department as to give weather insurance cover to the crops grown predominantly by the farmers in the project area.

As per rough estimates given by the Agriculture Department and for instance information collected from the insurance co. till date no insurance compensation has been sanctioned or any amount is paid to any farmer in the District despite, the cover provided under the crop insurance scheme. Which clearly indicates that only premiums have been paid and no recovery on loss or damage has been assessed or sanctioned or paid. More over the mechanism for assessment are also differently applied.

For a farmer having marginal land holding growing very small quantity of crops, making claims getting financial cover seems to be difficult. Therefore, state steering committee had a view that a new mechanism be pilot over the project area by setting up an Assurance Fund with specific guidelines by giving cover to all farmers of three blocks.

Rather than paying the premium to insurance companies the Assurance Fund will provide opportunity to local administration to compensate farmers with conditions for equal distribution between adaptation and mitigation or directly in some small way helped to compensate for the loss caused to the crops due to proved climatic conditions.

This project aims to increase the capacity of marginal farmers to adapt to climate change and to facilitate improved income to vulnerable farmers of these blocks. This is being achieved through a phased implementation approach by applying various adaptive actions and this assurance fund will supplement the process.

  
District Commissioner



# Terms of Reference of the Assurance Fund to Support Loss & Damages Caused due to Extreme Weather Conditions

## Introduction

Pursuant to the decision of the state steering committee meeting held on 05-09-2018 at Nahan, an assurance fund to support marginal farmers upon loss and damages caused due to extreme weather conditions in three selected blocks is established.

These will be called Assurance Fund Operational Terms of Reference and will come into force with immediate effect.

## Objective

These Terms of Reference (TOR) sets out the guidelines for the establishment, utilisation, and management of the said Assurance Fund to support marginal farmers upon loss and damages caused due to extreme weather conditions in three selected blocks (hereinafter referred to as "the Fund").

## Contribution

- Contributions to the Fund will be from the SLADRC project under component No. 5
- This Contribution shall be managed, disbursed and audited in conformity with the State Financial Rules and Procedures and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Project Financial Disbursement and Reporting.
- No restrictions or conditions shall be imposed by the local community, including implementing Partners or other stakeholders with regard to the utilisation of contributions.
- Any Contributions to the Fund from any other source shall be in conformity with standard norms, CER, CSR funds shall be accepted.
- Any interest thus earned would be ploughed back into the Fund, and used for furthering its objectives.

## Fund Utilisation

- The Fund shall serve as a pool of financial resources to support to support marginal farmers upon loss and damages caused due to extreme weather conditions in three selected blocks.
- Any release shall be in conformity with direct benefit transfer scheme.
- No cash transaction will be allowed under the fund.

## Admissible Activities/ Claims

The fund will be used to achieve the objective of sustainable livelihood of agriculture dependent communities in drought prone districts of Himachal Pradesh through climate smart solutions in selected blocks and identified beneficiaries by giving financial cover/ inclusion risk transfer instrument.

The following broad activities will be covered the assurance fund:

- a. Direct loss of crops due to extreme rains, hail storms;

  
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ops for which Claim is Admissible:

The claim of direct loss and damage due to extreme weather conditions shall be admissible for following crops:

Tomato, Garlic, Peas, Capsicum, Cauliflower, Ginger, Cabbage, Peach, Strawberry or Crop as may be certified by the Agriculture and Horticulture Department that are grown predominantly by the farmers in selected blocks.

#### Extreme Weather Conditions

The extreme weather conditions shall be determined with the help of IMD certificate and claims shall be based on the report certified by the Dy. Director, Agriculture and Horticulture Department, Revenue.

#### Extent of Loss and Rate of claim

Sr. No.	Extent of Loss	Type of Crop	Admissible Rate* @ (Rs.) per bigha
1	75% and above	Fruit	1500.00
		Vegetable	1200.00
2	50% up to 75%	Fruit	1200.00
		Vegetable	1000.00
3	30% -up to 50%	Fruit	800.00
		Vegetable	600.00
4	15% up to 30%	Fruit	500.00
		Vegetable	300.00

\* Subject to ceiling of maximum reimbursement per claim upto Rs. 7000/- per season.

#### Governance of the Fund

- The Assurance Fund would be administered by a District level Steering Committee chaired by Deputy Commissioner, District Sirmour, H.P. The said committee will be as follows:-

1. Deputy Commissioner : Chairman and in case of absence of D.C. Additional Deputy Commissioner will chair the meeting
2. Deputy Director of Horticulture, Sirmour: Member *DDH Naban*
3. District Revenue Officer, Sirmour : Member *As*
4. Sadar Kanungo, District Sirmour : Member
5. Deputy Director of Agriculture : Member Secretary *DDA Naban*
6. DDM, NABARD : Member

- 3% funds will be kept as admin charges

- The Deputy Director Agriculture will be the Drawing and Disbursing Officer of these funds and a separate bank account will be opened for such funds.

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District Sirmour (H.P.)

- The State Steering Committee of SLADRC project shall be the overseeing body for the fund and for approving claims to utilise this Fund, will be the committee at district level that will base its decision on the reports submitted by the concerned Patwari, GP Pardhan, EO of Agriculture & Horticulture Department.
- The Deputy Commissioner, Sirmour at Nahan shall act as the custodian of the Fund.
- The Committee shall produce an annual financial report to be made available prior to the State Steering Committee Meeting and shall present the seasonal report to the Nodal Department i.e. DEST.
- Audit of these funds will be done by a Chartered Accountant every year.
- The payment shall be made to the beneficiaries through RTGS only.
- Assistant from the fund can be extended over and above the claim received from NDRF/SDRF

### Fund Approval and Disbursement

- Any marginal farmer(s) who seeks to submit claim under the Fund shall make an official request in writing to the Deputy Commissioner -cum Chairman of the district level committee for recommending approving the claims. Such a request for claim under the Fund shall include the following information:
  - a) the purpose of claim the application shall be filed on format as at Annex-A;
  - b) total land under possession by the farmer (cultivable and non cultivable)
  - c) the agri- horti activities, affected;
  - d) details on expenditure incurred by the farmers on agri- horti activities such as cost of seeds, irrigation, electricity, fertilizers etc.; and
  - e) letter of concerned patwari, BDO.
- The claim shall be approved within 30 (thirty) working days.
- Upon approval by the Chairman-cum- Deputy Commissioner shall issue order of release against the claim.
- The Deputy Commissioner shall submit a completion report, including the financial report and statement of final accounts of the sum of money that has been disbursed not later than sixty (60) days after completion of the season.
- The TOR of the Fund shall enter into force immediately upon approval by the Secretary in charge (Env., Sci. & Tech.).
- Amendments and additions to the TOR may be made upon the approval of the State Steering Committee.

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 Deputy Commissioner  
 District Sirmour (H.P.)

Form for Claims under Assurance Fund on Climate Change

Annex-A

1. Name of Applicant.....
2. Address.....
3. Name of Village .....Name of Gram Panchayat.....
4. Patwar Circle....., Mohal.....
5. Land Area....., Total Cultivable land.....
6. Details of Loss and Damage to Crop.....  
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7. %age of loss of crop.....
8. Certificate of verification by Pradhan concerned Gram Panchayat.
9. Certificate of verification from concerned Patwari.
10. Certificate of assessment of loss due to extreme weather by concerned Extension  
Officer of Agriculture Department and Horticulture Department as the case may be.

(Name and Signature of  
Applicant)

Contact No.

Address.