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Editorial

While work on reconstruction of projects destroyed in 2005 steadily goes on, collaboration with international partners, weekly and monthly update meetings at headquarter level and field visits to monitor the ongoing projects remain vital part of activities in ERRA. Project Steering Committee meeting, monthly briefings and weekly meeting open channels of communication within the organization while provide an opportunity for collective decision making. ERRA presents a unique model in post disaster Reconstruction and Rehabilitation. We welcome sharing of experience and articles for publication in our newsletter. Till next month enjoy and share.

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Newsletter

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Message

While Reconstruction on priority projects goes on with full speed, liaison with international partners also remains a priority for ERRA.

Recently completed Tehsil Headquarter Hospital and Govt Higher Secondary School for Boys Bafa, KPK with help of China are an example of reconstructing health and educational facilities in earthquake hit area of Internationals standards. These well equipped facilities offer a conducive environment for learning and best health practices.

My recent meeting with Chairman UAE Red Crescent has opened new avenues of collaboration for reconstruction of educational buildings. Building small scale health facilities are also in pipeline in near future.

Tha-kot Dasu Road is another major project recently inaugurated by the Prime Minister of Pakistan Raja Pervaiz Ashraf, which will bring economic opportunities to the area. The government's resolve and professional implementation strategy of ERRA is evident in projects like reconstruction of Nauman Pura Bridge where work is in progress with full speed.

Continued support of government of Pakistan, respective governments, and international partners reflect their confidence in ERRA as a leading reconstruction and rehabilitation Authority.



Maj Gen Muhammad Azeem Asif

Projects Portfolio for the Month of Jan/Feb 2013

Sector	Total Projects	Completed		New Projects in the Month of Jan/Feb
		31 th Dec/12	12 st Jan/13	
Education	5,701	2,474	2,512	38
Environment	466	233	234	1
Governance	701	438	441	3
Health	306	181	181	0
Livelihood	2,349	1,350	1,350	0
WatSan	4,720	4,442	4,444	2
Total	14,243	8,118	9,162	44

44 Projects have been completed in the Month of Jan/Feb 2013

Prime Minister Inaugurated Dasu Thakot Road

Prime Minister Raja Pervez Ashraf Friday laid foundation for construction of Rs. two billion, 63 km long Thakot-Dasu road and vowed to continue development work.

Addressing a gathering here after the foundation stone laying ceremony, the Prime Minister raised the Hard Area allowance for Kohistan to 40 per cent as was the practice in other areas. Prime Minister Ashraf directed repair of schools by the Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Agency (ERRA) and promised increase in quota of the area in medical and engineering colleges.

The Prime Minister was earlier briefed about the Thakot-Dasu road, that will be constructed in 30 months and provide an easy access to the 4,320 MW Dasu Power Project besides serving as an alternative route to the Karakoram Highway.

The Prime Minister strongly dismissed criticism against the developmental projects of the government. "We will not stop serving the masses or stop developmental work as it benefits them." The Prime Minister said the government does not have spare time to indulge in mud slinging or to counter the propaganda of the critics, and said, on the other hand it was busy in initiating developmental projects for the masses. "There is no need to teach us what is democracy and how to serve the masses," he said while referring to the critics on television talk shows.

"We are not among those who run away, we will stand up and fight the critics and prove that the people of Pakistan see the PPP as a sign of hope that will not shy from any sacrifice in serving them." The Prime Minister lauded the work of MNA Mehboob Ullah Jan for initiating the arduous task of constructing 29 roads in a difficult terrain. He accepted all the demands put in by Mehboob Ullah Jan and said he understands the problems raised, as he belonged to the same class of people. Prime Minister Ashraf said the beautiful and serene surroundings serve as a place of attraction for the tourists from around the world, besides an important route to link the

Central Asian Republics. He said it was his desire to meet the people of Kohistan, who were ardent supporters of Pakistan Peoples Party. The Prime Minister said the brave souls who live in these lofty mountains were courageous and strong and loved their country deeply. Minister for Communications Arbab Alamgir Khan, Anwar Saifullah Khan and Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj were also present during the ceremony.



Chairman and Deputy Chairman Visit to Mansehra

Inaugural ceremony of two reconstructed projects under Health & Education sector reconstructed in collaboration with China was held at Bafa (KPK). Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj, Deputy Chairman ERRA Maj. Gen Muhammad Azeem Asif, State Minister for Education and Training Sardar Shah Jahan Yousaf, member of Provincial Assembly KPK Mufti Kafayat ullah and other government representatives attended the ceremony.

Addressing to the ceremony Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj said that while reconstruction on ongoing projects was moving on a fast pace, ERRA has completed 72% of reconstruction work in earthquake affected areas of KPK. ERRA will complete its on going projects in short span of time under its "Reconstruction & Rehabilitation", he said 40 bedded Tehsil Hospital Bafa worth Rs484m, and Govt. Secondary High School Bafa Govt Secondary High School Bafa project worth Rs400m which will cater for 720 students is going to change the economic and social conditions in the area. Sardar Shah Jahan Yousaf said the joint efforts started by Federal Government and ERRA under the slogan of "Changing Adversity into Opportunity" was materialized by inauguration of two important health and educational facilities. He on behalf of people of his area paid high tribute to



Govt Higher Secoudary School
Baffa, KPK



Tehsil Headquarter Hospital
Baffa, KPK



Govt Science College
Balsari, AJ&K



Basic Health Unit
Sachah Kalan, KPK



Govt Higher Secondary
School Patika, AJ&K



3D View of District Complex Rawalakot



3D View District Complex Bagh



Naluchi Bridge, Muzaffarabad



DHQ Hospital Authmuqam, Neelum Valley AJ& K



Govt Fatima Jinnah Post Graduate College Muzaffarabad

the Federal government, ERRA and international partners.

Member of Federal Assembly KPK Mufti Kafayat Allah also appreciated ERRA's efforts in uplifting the educational and health standards by reconstructing state of art facilities..

Chairman ERRA and Deputy Chairman ERRA along with other government representatives visited the newly reconstructed buildings and handed over the keys to respective authorities.



20th Steering Committee Meeting

Twentieth Steering Committee Meeting on City Development Projects AJ&K was held at ERRA Headquarters Chaired by Deputy Chairman Maj Gen Muhammad Azim Asif. Chief Secretary AJ&K, member boards of revenue AJ&K, GM Nespak were also present along with ERRA officials.

Welcoming the members, Dy Chairman ERRA said that competing reconstruction projects, resolving land issues for speedy implementation and execution of projects was vital. He stressed ERRA's commitment to reconstruction of projects in AJ&K. Chief Secretary AJ&K ensured full support and resolve of AJ&K to stand by ERRA for accomplishing the assigned task. Brig Zafar Walla gave a detailed briefing after approval of the minutes of the 19th Steering Committee.

Giving an update on Urban Development Brig Walha said satisfactory progress was being made and reconstruction of Mega Projects was going on satisfactorily. Ongoing projects have a progress between 80 to 90% and projects approved in December were also well on way in three major cities of Muzaffarabad, Bagh and Rawalakot.

Projects approved in the meeting were Conceptual Design of Walkway/Protection Bund, Conceptual Design of Foot Bridge Lower Plate, Conceptual design improvement of Rawalpindi Bagh Road from Shamas Bridge to Bount Chowk/Qadisabad Nullah includes widening/improvement of 3.4 km existing road from Vally Inn Hotel to Qadirabad Nullah (The project is included in BCDP priority-I list), conceptual design of Widening/Improvement of Road from Valley Inn Hotel to Qadirabad Nullah and construction of Link Road from PWD Rest House to Avera Proposed Bagh Rest House Conceptual Design of Qotteri Qandeel Hill View approved after revising the design and minimizing the cost.

ERRA will not just work on the target goals in Earthquake affected areas but ready to meet new challenges as well: Deputy. Chairman ERRA

Meeting held in ERRA Headquarters on Weekly progress of the work going on in different sectors. Meeting was chaired by Dy. Chairman ERRA Maj. Gen Muhammad Azeem Asif, officials of SERRA and PERRA also attended the meeting. In his address the Dy. Chairman ERRA said that ERRA has completed 72% of its reconstruction projects in Earthquake affected areas of KPK, while work on new projects is in progress. He said that ERRA is committed to meet its targets and due to support of federal and provincial governments and unrelenting support and trust of International Partners. In his address he appreciated the newly reconstructed Tehsil- Hospital Bafa and Govt. High School Bafa (KPK) in collaboration with China. He said that these project were example of state of the art buildings with full modern facilities. Moreover, ERRA is not just putting its hard efforts to achieve the targeted goals in the earthquake affected areas but also fully ready to meet all the challenges of reconstruction in future.

Livelihood sector of ERRA starts Developing countrywide Data of Vulnerable Population

Livelihood Sector played an important role in restoring livelihood of earthquake affectees while providing financial support to vulnerable population of the area. Now with major projects completed, taking a futuristic approach, on instruction of Deputy Chairman Maj Gen Muhammad Azeem Asif livelihood sector extends its mandate to develop country wide data base of vulnerable population in Pakistan. This database will help design futuristic strategy for immediate rehabilitation of vulnerable population in case of any natural or manmade calamity. The concerned Federal Secretaries, departments provincial governments and govt of Gilgit Baltistan have been requested to provide requisite information.

Events & Meetings



Chairman ERRA Hamid Yar Hiraj addressing the audience during the Inauguration ceremony of Govt Higher Secondary School Bafa, Mansehra



Newly constructed Building of Govt Higher Secondary School Bafa Mansehra, KPK



Newly constructed Building of Tehsil Headquarter Hospital Bafa Mansehra, KPK



Chairman and Dy Chairman ERRA Handed over the Keys of Tehsil Headquarter Hospital Bafa to the representative of Health Department of KPK