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Italian Cooperation and UNDP are managing the Aquaculture Development Project in Sistan Baluchestan Province since may 2005. SHILAT IFO is the Implementing Project Agency and CIRSPE is the Italian contract for the technical assistance and training components.

The main project target is to contribute to the reduction of social imbalance, raising the income level of the local populations and communities, through the reinforcement and dissemination of aquaculture, both in terms of production/technology and economic results.

The Steering Committee remarks the positive results obtained till now by the project financed by the Italian cooperation. The project activities and the technical approach are confirming that there are interesting prospects for the development of this sector in Sistan Baluchestan Province. According the project approach, clear problems of growth and consolidation are evident and strictly connected to limitations in terms of technology, service and marketing.

In Zabol area, near the border with Afghanistan, aquaculture facilities are run at small scale rural level for the culture of trout and carp showing production limitation connected to the fingerlings supply. This prevents these families enterprises from properly planning their activities. Apart from that, constraints related to cash flow and marketing, must be highlighted. In this area, the conflict related to water availability between Iran and Afghanistan (Hamun lake) is another element of social and economic instability.

In the south of the Province, private farmers are rearing shrimps for export according to business-based strategies. Production constraints are evident and there is the need of a new marketing-oriented approach.

The project is articulated in n. 5 tasks as follows:

- i) Task 1 Freshwater sector
- ii) Task 2 Shrimp sector
- iii) Task 3 Sectors Strategy
- iv) Task 4 Training
- v) Task 5 Visibility and management

The activities already implemented are the followings:

- a) Reproduction of *Schizothorax zarudny*/Zahak hatchery
- b) On job training/Zahak hatchery

- c) Shrimp pilot rearing/Chabahar complex
- d) On job training/Chabahar complex
- e) Freshwater training (India)
- f) Shrimp training (Thailandia)
- g) Stakeholder consultations
- h) Web page (www.iranitaly.net)
- i) Newsletter

SHILAT is still managing the budget reserved to the equipment purchasing and the all money has been allocated.

The Steering Committee remarks that the positive results obtained till now must be consolidate in the next year 2007/08. The planned activities are the following

- j) Reproduction of Schizothorax zarudny/Zahak hatchery
- k) Reproduction of Indian carps/Zahak hatchery
- l) Shrimp pilot rearing by aerators in Chabahar complex
- m) Seminary and Stakeholder consultations
- n) Newsletter and Internet for project visibility

According the project proposal, technical and economic data will be used for sector strategy identification.

Apart from that, the Committee takes note of the NPD/SHILAT new request to improve the training programme in the next year, considering the positive results, in terms of professional growth of SHILAT technicians, obtained with the trainings already executed.

This new request changes the work plan already presented and requires a new budget proposal.

Anyway, considering that this request does not affect the project management and its objectives/activities, the Steering Committee considers opportune to proceed to the deliver of the project last installment, according the contract between the Italian Government/Italian Cooperation and UNDP Tehran. The new budget revision prepared by SHILAT with the assistance of CIRSPE, will be submitted as soon as possible to UNDP to be forwarded to Italian Authorities.

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