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Malaysia 2010 Report (Irrigation Management)

Outcome Indicators

IWRM Issue 2 - Irrigation Management (14 indicators)			
Indicator Types	Indicators	Progress	Description
Outcome Indicators	1. Percentage of irrigated area to total potential irrigable area	79%	
	2. Percentage of irrigated area damaged by flood	5%	
	3. Percentage of irrigated area damaged by drought	15%	
	4. Percentage of irrigation efficiency	50%	Note 1
	5. Agricultural production (T/ha) versus water utilization	3.636 T/ha	
	6. Percentage of irrigated area with water quantity measuring devices	85%	Note 2

Note 1

Irrigation Efficiencies in Irrigation Schemes

- Granary Areas : 50%
- Non-Granary Areas : 40%

Note 2

Most intake structures have measuring water quantity devices in placed. Turnout in open canal is commonly an undershot slide gate. In Irrigation schemes, Constant Head Orifice Off-takes (CHO) are widely used to control flow rate to the branch canal and for measurement of discharge.

Enabling Environment Indicators

Indicator Types	Indicators	Progress	Description
EE Indicators	1. Any "Policy" on irrigation management (including policy on land conversion/ conservation of irrigation area)	Yes	Note 1

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	2. Any "Legislation/Regulations" on irrigation management (including policy on land conversion/ conservation of irrigation area)	Yes	Note 1
	3. Any "Annual national budget" allocation for irrigation management	Yes	Note 2

Note 1

- Irrigation Areas Act 1953 – This is an Act relating to the establishment and regulation of irrigation areas in Malaysia.
- Granary Policy - introduced in the mid-1980s a strategic solution to ensure sustainable local rice production in a rapid economic growth environment that provides lucrative opportunities outside the agriculture sector.

Note 2

- All granary areas were given annual allocation for operation, maintenance and development expenditure by the federal government
- Under the constitution, irrigation falls under concurrent list thus operation and maintenance of irrigation schemes outside granary areas will be borne by both states and federal government.

Institutional Set-up Indicators

Indicator Types	Indicators	Progress	Description
IS Indicators	1. Any "Irrigation agency" responsible for irrigation management	Yes	Note 1
	2. Any Farmers' Association	Yes	Note 2

Note 1

- Granary Areas managed by Integrated Agricultural Development Area (IADA) supported by Irrigation and Agricultural Drainage Division of Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry
- Non-Granary Area managed by State Drainage and Irrigation Department

Note 2

- National Level – Farmers Organisation Authority

Farmers Organisation Objective

The objective of the FO establishment is to improve the social and economy standard, increase their knowledge and skills, increase revenue and income and to improve the way of life of its members and to create a progressive, independent, prosperous and integrated farming community.

Farmers Organisation Role

Among the role of FO is to improve the productivity of farmers through the provision of services, enhance the rapid growth of the agricultural sector

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through restructuring of agriculture. In addition, FO role is also to enhance business and investment growth in agriculture, improving the socio-economic status and the quality of life for the farmers and to balance the agro-industrial development in the rural areas.

- Establishment of Water User Group (WUG) at tertiary level. WUG defined as a group of farmers that are grouped based on a unit of irrigated areas can function independently. These groups have the same importance in terms of water sources, irrigation schedule and other agricultural inputs. WUGs established to determine the agricultural needs of farmers and coordinated effectively.

Management Tools Indicators

Indicator Types	Indicators	Progress	Description
MT Indicators	1. Any operations and maintenance program for irrigation systems	Yes	Note 1
	2. Any participatory irrigation management system	Yes	Note 2
	3. Any irrigation water allocation mechanism	No (5)	Note 3

Note 1

- Currently, at the federal level, irrigation systems is generally administered by the Irrigation and Agricultural Drainage Division (BPSP), Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry while the State Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) is responsible for the implementation, operation and maintenance of the irrigation and drainage infrastructures.

Note 2

- Participation of farmers during design stage of upgrading tertiary canal. Farmers at the tail end of irrigation systems who may currently receive poor quality water are invited to incorporate their needs. Innovative approaches or good practices that stress responsible and negotiated agreements between farmers should be reviewed and adapted to local circumstances.
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- Water resources management such as allocation of water rights is resolved through inter-agency coordination and consultation. However, at the federal level, a National Water Resources Council (NWRC) has been set up to pursue a more effective water management, including the implementation of interstate water transfers.
- The national water policy shall be formulated by the federal government and adopted by the state governments. The policy encompasses integrated management of land and water resources based on river basins, and the protection of watersheds and aquifers. The policy guides interstate water transfers, allocation of water to users, and development activities in watersheds, including the vicinity of dam reservoirs. Contemporary laws are enacted to facilitate the implementation of the national water policy and shall be adopted by the state governments.

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