



**IFAR 2005 Professional Development Program  
Completion Report  
[800 words]**

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*Please check if Thalwitz Scholarship*

Yes

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**I. Work Program goals achieved (maximum length: 200 words)**

The main objectives of the project were achieved according to the work programme. There was no major deviation from the work programme. The main research was not only assessment of women involvement in just water resources management but also the research was carried out to look at the situation of women in irrigated agriculture. So the right title of the research would be Role of Women in Water Resources Management and Irrigated agriculture in Zeravshan River Basin, Uzbekistan.

The objectives were achieved through execution of all aimed tasks like conducting interviews, oral communication of aimed persons, conducting survey of farmers, access to materials of Zeravshan Valley Water Management Authority, Ung Sohil WUA.

The application of Gender Performance Indicator for Irrigation was applied to the mainly dominated male farming systems. The statistical analysis was carried out for assessing current situation of women farmer leaders and women laborers in the Ung Sohil WUA.

The survey questionnaire was developed for assessing gender issues in irrigated agriculture.

The research revealed that even though there are no prominent gender biases in farming but still there is under representation of women in WUA committees, women still perform many agricultural tasks that is related to the less skilled tasks. Male holds landownership titles and manages farming enterprises.

## **II. Plans for follow-up (maximum length: 200 words)**

There must be awareness training of women farm managers that already established themselves in farming relationships and who successfully manage farming enterprises. This will further stimulate these women act as key players in advocating and soliciting other majority women to practice farms on their own. In addition to, these women must be involved in formal meeting of WUA, in other words full active participation in WUA decision making process.

So, first to conduct training for this small group the training sessions. Then create conditions, provide facilities, materials to conduct similar training for other women in WUA, so to speak the training of trainers initiative.

The examination of local legislature and personal communications with local authorities shows that there is no discrimination in terms of gender for access to land, water, bank loans, and chemical fertilizers from local government, their male counterparts. Furthermore, the local both male and female politicians responded that there is all opportunities to practice the farming and that they are willing to support female farming systems with provision of full capabilities and resources.

The research found out that women themselves are inactive in exploring opportunities.

## **III. Report budget utilization including whether budget was spent as planned (maximum length: 100 words)**

The fund was spent according to the approved budget. The more detailed financial report was submitted to the CGIAR sponsoring organization which is IWMI-Tashkent Office with copies of warranties of computer and other accessories, receipts of travel expenses, accommodation. The research report was submitted to the IWMI and with revisions to it, the remaining 20% is remaining for the final revisions and approval by the IWMI.

There was no any major deviation from approved funds.

**IV. Assessment of the fellowship experience and general comments.****(maximum length: 300 words)**

This was very important contribution to my both professional and personal lives. I acquired skills, research methodology, and enriched my knowledge in gender research and how important to examine the real situation of women in irrigated agriculture and remote areas. How women must cope with her household chores and in addition to hard work in agriculture.

I am also women and of course I better understand and feel the issues of women.

I was able to conduct survey in the field and made various contacts with professional women who strive to make a difference of women in our traditional male dominated society.

I was able to learn new Gender Performance Indicator for Irrigation method for assessing the women role in irrigated agriculture.

I was excited to conduct such kind of research because I believe that this information would be first of its kind in Uzbekistan for scientific community, women organizations, international donor agencies for addressing gender issues in future intervention projects.

I would like to express my gratitude to Tashkent IWMI Office for their valuable comments, co direction and for great support in completing this research; I would like to thank IFAR organization for this generous support and capacity building program that helps us women to be actively involved in research and express our voices to the world leaders for improving livelihoods of women.

I have presented my research results in local conference and already submitted (in press) scientific articles to Uzbekistan journal.

I think that this experience motivated me to further continue my research in gender issues.