

Village Water Organization Development in Tajikistan

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PROJECT SUMMARY

The World Bank's Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project needed to establish and develop village-based drinking water organizations to help manage the rehabilitation of village water supplies. Using a community-driven development approach, Riverside Technology, inc. developed and began implementing a strategy to form active, sustainable Village Water Organizations.

LOCATION
Tajikistan

PERIOD
2002 – 2003

PROJECT DETAILS

One of the major components of the World Bank's Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project (RIRP) in Tajikistan was the rehabilitation of existing village drinking water systems, or the building of new drinking water systems, in five large villages in Tajikistan.

RIRP used a Community Driven Development (CCD) approach, with local communities having responsibility for managing the resources and delivering results, including establishing Village Water Organizations (VWO) that manage the:

- Rehabilitation of their village drinking water systems
- Long-term operation and maintenance of these systems

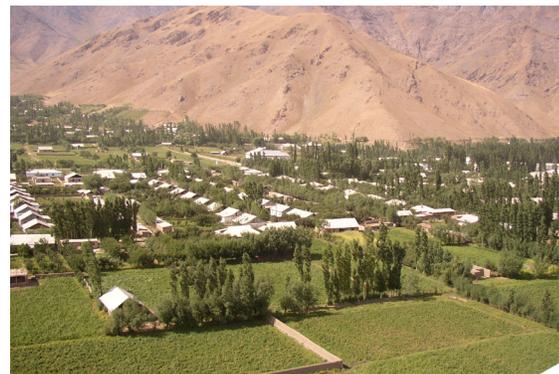
Working with the World Bank and RIRP personnel, Riverside Technology, inc. (Riverside) staff helped to develop and implement a strategy whereby the villagers worked with the RIRP design engineers to develop a practical rehabilitation plan, and then the World Bank would provide construction grants to the five VWOs.

The VWOs, in turn, hired contractors to conduct the actual rehabilitation. To receive the construction grants, the VWOs pledged a contribution of 20 percent of the total rehabilitation cost.

After rehabilitation, the VWOs have full responsibility for long-term operation and maintenance of their drinking water system.

Riverside staff activities for the project included:

- Organizing and conducting numerous stakeholder meetings at the five sites.
- Training VWO officers in organizational, technical, and financial matters.
- Developing workable plans for long-term operation and maintenance.



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