

## 4.2. Socio-economic Conditions in the Study Area

### 4.2.1. Administrative Boundaries

The Study Area covers parts of five emirates, namely, Sharjah, Umm Al Qaiwain, Ras Al Khaimah, Ajman and Fujairah. Sharjah emirate occupies the largest area of the Study Area (Figure 4.2.1.).

Each town in the Study Area exists independently because there are usually large stretches of wasteland between towns. This means that there is no need to decide administrative borders because official services are normally for the people living in the town in question, and not for land.

There are 12 towns included in the Study Area, Falaj Al Mualla (Umm Al Qaiwain Emirate), Nasim (Ajman Emirate), Suhelah, Dhaid, Wishah, Hamdah, Khuderah, Mileiha, Ikhedir, Bahayis and Fili (Sharjah Emirate) and Kadrah (Ras Al Khaimah Emirate). The main towns are: Dhaid, Mileiha in SHJ; Falaj Al Mualla in UAQ. Fujairah Emirate does not have any towns in the Study Area, and occupies only a little waste land in the North-east part of the Study Area. Dhaid is the most important town in terms of regional economy.

### 4.2.2. People and Population

In the Study Area, from around 300 BC, there was already a settlement at Mileiha that was heavily influenced by the ancient Greeks, and where pottery from the island of Rhodes has been found. There are also some old forts and ruins in the Study Area. There is evidence that this area was already settled from prehistoric times.

The population of some major towns in and around the Study Area are as follows:

Town	Population			Relative Percentage (1975=100)		
	1975	1980	1985	1975	1980	1985
Dhaid	5,000	8,160	15,780	100	163	316
Falaj Al Mualla	630	1,680	2,850	100	267	452
Manamah	1,430	900	1980	100	63	138

Note ; Manamah (AJN) is outside the Study Area.

Both Dhaid and Falaj Al Mualla have higher growth rates, as shown in the above table. As compared with the figure in 1975, both towns had more than three times the

population by 1985. In Manamah, the population in 1980 was less than the figure for 1975, but it recovered in 1985. The recent population data, based on the 1990 census has not been published yet [The National Atlas of UAE, The UAE University(1993)].

According to some unofficial estimates made by the Ministry of Planning, the gender ratio and age structure of the population in the Study Area roughly follow the same structure as the one for the country. The male population is greater than the female. The population is concentrated in the 20-35 age bracket.

#### 4.2.3. Economic Conditions

On economic terms, the Sharjah Emirate, which occupies the largest part of the Study Area, ranks third among the seven emirates. Its industrial production value in 1992 was Dh. 2,727,822 (thousand), of which 24% comes from the chemical and chemical products industry. Most of the industrial and commercial establishments are concentrated in coastal and urban areas for the convenience of transportation and marketing [Government of Sharjah; Statistical Yearbook 1994].

Agricultural production value in Sharjah (1992/93) is Dh. 517.4 million, with dates accounting for 33% and alfalfa accounting 30 % of total value. Total cultivated area was 7,848 ha in 1992/93, and the cultivated area in the Study Area was 5,493 ha. This implies that the Study Area occupies about 70 % of the total cultivated area of Sharjah Emirate [Government of Sharjah; Statistical Yearbook 1994, MAF Statistics Section].

The main economic activity in the Study Area is agriculture, utilizing ground-water for irrigation. Apart from agriculture, there are other activities like livestock raising, beekeeping, retail businesses, quarrying and manufacturing of building materials such as bricks. This means that skilled labor may be difficult to find for activities outside the agricultural sector. There are many quarrying yards in the Study Area, particularly along the wadis. Building materials manufactured in the area are mainly sun-dried bricks. There are some garment factories in Dhaid.

Both municipal and federal governments do some public works in the Study Area. At present, low-cost houses are being built at Mileiha (SHJ), Kadrah (RAK) etc. The above-mentioned construction of a dual carriageway between Dhaid and Mileiha is being carried out by the Sharjah Municipality.

Data obtained from Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry shows that there are 479 shops in Dhaid as shown in Table 4.2.1 and 4.2.2. Of these, 100 shops are involved in agriculture, accounting for 20.9% of all business. According to the municipal office, there are about 150 shops in Falaj Al Mualla (UAQ). In Mileiha, there are 22 shops. Other towns and villages have fewer than 10 shops, and people in those towns sometimes have

to go to Dhaid or other big towns for shopping.

Local grocery stores sell local products, but during the summer season, when local production is low, imports substitute for local production. Almost all kinds of flour and other grains are imported.

#### **4.2.4. Social Conditions and Infrastructure**

##### **(1) Local Government**

In order to understand the daily lives of people in the Study Area from the view point of social aspects, the Study Team roughly made a provisional investigation on social and living conditions of each town or village.

At first, the Study Team collected data on existing social facilities in the Study Area from the concerned authorities. After that, the Study Team conducted a field survey directly to check the collected data for towns/villages that do not have any municipal office. For towns with a municipal office, both interviewing of municipality officers and field surveys were conducted. The Team sometimes interviewed residents in each town or village.

In the Study Area, there are three administrative municipal offices. Two of them belong to Sharjah Municipality, and are at Dhaid and Mileiha. The office at Mileiha is a branch of Dhaid Section, and the services are limited. The other one is at Falaj Al Mualla, which belongs to Umm Al Qaiwain Municipality. Neither Ajman Municipality nor Ras Al Khaimah Municipality has a municipal office in the Study Area (Figure 4.2.2.).

##### **(2) Education**

All education from kindergarten to university, is free for UAE people, but in the case of foreign children, only those whose parents work in government offices can receive free education. Basically, boys and girls are educated separately, except in kindergarten.

Based on the data obtained from the Ministry of Education and the field survey, there is a total of 16 public schools in the Study Area at present. Two of them are co-educated kindergartens. In addition to five Secondary schools (which comprise both primary and preparatory schools), there are six primary schools. There are three separate preparatory and secondary schools. There is no university in the Study Area (Table 4.2.3.).

Among the twelve towns and villages in the Study Area, Dhaid, Mileiha, Fili, Falaj Al Mualla and Kadrah have schools, but there are no schools in the other seven towns and villages.

In the Sharjah Emirate, there are ten schools, and six of them in Dhaid, namely one kindergarten (co-education, 4 classes, 108 pupils), three primary schools (2 boys schools, 18 classes, 529 pupils; 1 girls school, 19 classes, 543 pupils) and two preparatory &

secondary schools (1 boys school, 15 classes, 434 pupils; 1 girls school, 390 pupils). In the Study Area, Dhaid has the largest number of pupils, which means that almost half of pupils in the Study Area are educated there. Dhaid is also an important town from the viewpoint of education (Table 4.2.4.).

Town		Boys		Girls	
		Kindergarten & Primary Schools	Number of Pupils	Kindergarten & Primary Schools	Number of Pupils
Dhaid	SHJ	3	51-250X3	3	51-250X3
Falaj Al Mualla	UAQ	1	251-500	1	501-750
Mileiha	SHJ	1	51-250	0	
Fili	SHJ	1	1-50	1	1-50
Madam	SHJ	1	51-250	1	51-250
Kadrah	RAK	1	1-50	1	1-50
Manamah	AJN	0		1	51-250

Note \* Madam and Manamah are outside the Study Area

Type and Town		Boys		Girls	
		Nos. of Schools	Nos. of Pupils	Nos. of Schools	Nos. of Pupils
<b>Preparatory Schools</b>					
Dhaid	SHJ 2	2	51 - 250 x 2	1	51 - 250
Falaj Al Mualla	UAQ	1	21 - 250	0	51 - 250
Mileiha	1	1	1 - 50	0	1 - 50
Madam	SHJ 1	1	51 - 250	1	1 - 50
Kadrah	SHJ 1	1	1 - 50	1	
Manamah	RAK 1	1	51 - 250	1	
	AJN 1				
<b>Secondary Schools</b>					
Dhaid		1	51 - 250	1	51 - 250
Falaj Al Mualla		1	1 - 50	1	1 - 50
Madam		1	51 - 250	1	51 - 250

Note; Madam and Manamah are outside the Study Area.

All students who live in Bahayis usually go to schools in Madam. Preparatory & secondary school students who live in Shuhela and Nasim also usually go to Manamah for their schooling. Most of students go to school by bus, which are provided by The Emirates General Transport & Services Corporation.

There are also some adult schools in Dhaid, Mileiha, Falaj Al Mualla and Madam. Around 330 people who could not get formal education in the past are now studying a curriculum almost as same as the ordinary school curriculum. More than half of the adult students are women, and they account for two-thirds of the student population overall (Table 4.2.5.)

### **(3)Water Supply**

The Ministry of Water and Electricity provides tap water for all parts of the Study Area, except for Falaj Al Mualla. In Falaj Al Mualla, water supply is the responsibility of the municipality. Basically, the source of tap water is field wells, located in individual towns or villages. The pumps lift up well water to an elevated water tank, and is distributed to each house by gravity. Therefore the supply of water is not 24-hour because it depends on the capacity of wells and pumps (Table 4.2.6).

According to the ministry, the fixed unit price of water is 15 (Dh/1000 gallons), but the actual unit price differs by town or village in the Study Area. Some people receive subsidy for tap water from local government. In UAQ, there are three unit prices. The price of 7.5 (Dh/1000 gallons) applies to UAE nationals, 15 (Dh/1000 gallons) applies to foreigners and 30 (Dh/1000 gallons) applies to the establishments. Neither the ministry nor municipality offers water supply for any farms, so the resident farm laborers can not receive tap water service. Usually, they use well water for their daily needs.

In UAE, there is a quality standard for unbottled drinking water, that is widely used among GCC countries. Some of the chemical element standards are stricter than the standards of WHO. According to the Ministry of Electricity and Water, they sometimes conduct water quality tests, but in some villages in the Study Area, there is some strongly salty water that could not be used for drinking, but only as shower or laundry water.

### **(4)Sewerage and Sanitation Service**

The houses of UAE nationals have underground septic tanks. The waste water in the tank seems to percolate through soil to some extent. When the tank becomes full, municipal vacuum trucks drain them for a fee. At some farm laborers' houses on the farms, there are flush-type latrines.

Each municipality provides garbage and trash collection services for residential areas. Garbage collection cars gather garbage from cans periodically, and burn the garbage outside the town or village. The farm laborers can not receive this service, so they just throw away garbage and trash around and inside the farm.

### **(5)Electricity**

The whole of the Study Area gets electricity from the Ministry of Water and Electricity. The ministry provides electrification for both households and farms. Nevertheless, most houses have air conditioners, the supply is quite stable, and there have been only a few black-outs in 1994 (Table 4.2.7.). The Study Area belongs to Central Area of Electricity Service Block. In this service area, there are five power stations (Table 4.2.8.). Among

them, three are located in the Study Area. Dhaid Power Station is the largest and supplies electricity out of the Study Area, too. Moreover, the reinforcement project for Dhaid Power Station is now in progress. The unit price for electricity is 7.5 (fils/KWh) for farm and UAE national resident people, 10 (fils/KWh) for governmental use and 15 (fils/KWh) for foreigners and industrial use (Table 4.2.9).

There are about 6,800 consumers in Dhaid and 1,500 in Falaj Al Mualla. Every year, the number of consumers increases by 200 to 300 in Dhaid and 70 in Falaj Al Mualla. In Dhaid, about 29% of all (2,000) consumers are agricultural users. This figure is somewhat greater than the percentage of the whole area 4.3%. (Table 4.2.9.)

#### **(6) Medical Services**

According to Dhaid Section, Sharjah Municipality, Dhaid has a public hospital, a malarial clinic, seven private clinics and four veterinary clinics. Mileiha has a public clinic, too. In Falaj Al Mualla, UAQ, there is a clinic center, which is larger than a clinic but smaller than a hospital. In AJM, there is a governmental clinic in Manamah. There are no clinics nor hospitals in Kadrah, RAK. The medical center of the Study Area is Dhaid Hospital, which has 61 members of staff in 1993.

#### **(7) Telephone and Mail Services**

In the Study Area, there is a post office and ETISALAT (The Emirates Telecommunications Corporation) office at Dhaid. ETISALAT is the authority that provides telephone, telex and fax services. Telephone is a more popular communication method than the postal service, because of its convenience and the fact that it is free of charge within local areas, and people cannot receive mail at their own houses, though having a mailbox in the post office incurs a fee. The number of telephones in the Study Area has been increasing in recent years and there is a widening gap between the telephone service and the mail service. The number of workers at Dhaid Post Office has not changes for years. It is not unusual to use mobile telephones in the Study Area. The town of Manamah also has a post office, but does not have a ETISALAT office.

#### **(8) Police and Fire Station**

There are two police stations in the Study Area, one at Dhaid and the other at Falaj Al Mualla. In Manamah, Ajman, adjacent to the East of the Study Area, there is also a police station. Regarding the fire station, there is only one in the Study Area, in Dhaid. There is, however, another fire station located at Manamah. Those offices are under the management of the Ministry of the Interior.

#### **(9) Cooking Fuel**

Both UAE nationals and foreigners in the Study Area use gas cylinders, mainly butane gas, for cooking. Private companies such as Dubai-based EPPCO (Emirates Petroleum Products Company Ltd.), and Abu Dhabi-based ADNOC, (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company), supply them for all towns and villages. During the field survey, it was discovered that some farmhouses use electrical heaters.

#### **(10) Transportation**

There is no public transport system except for school buses. People usually use their own cars or private taxis. There are also some rent-a-car agents in Dhaid. The road that passes through the center of the Study Area east to west is quite well developed and most of the sections are paved dual carriageway. Another main road that runs north to south is also paved and a section of dual carriageway from Dhaid to Milciha is now under construction. Other roads are mainly gravel roads.

### **4.3. Farm Survey**

#### **4.3.1. Farm Household Inventory Survey**

##### **(1) General**

A farm inventory survey was conducted in the Study to get more precise information like general farm details, data on crops, orders fertilizer and pesticide, livestock, farm finances, farmers' future intentions, water use and wells. A subcontractor carried out this survey by conducting interviews. The number of interviewed farms were: 15 in Kadrah, RAK, 25 in Falaj Al Mualla, UAQ, 50 in both Dhaid-1 and Dhaid-2, SHJ, and 60 in Mileiha, SHJ. Among them, there were two invalid for supplying false data each in Al Dhaid I, Al Dhaid II, Mileiha and Falaj Al Mualla. Basically, the total available responses number 192.

##### **(2) Farm Size and Land Tenure**

The total area of the farms and area owned by farmers completely matches, indicating that there are no tenant farmers in the Study Area. The average total farm area is 55.33 donums and the average area available for cultivation is 49.53 donums, which accounts for 89.5% of the average of total area. The average cultivated area in each sub-area that is actual productive land for agriculture is 40.39 donums, but the average of each sub-area varies from 24 to 52 donums (Table 4.3.1.).

##### **(3) Farm Owners and their Families**

Based on the data obtained from general farm details, most owners are from Sharjah Emirate which occupies 34.9% of all interviewed farms. The second largest is Abu Dhabi Emirate, 22.9%, followed by Dubai Emirate, 18.2%, Ras Al Khaimah Emirate, 10.4% and Unm Al Qaiwain Emirate, 7.8%. There are two farms that have foreign owners, namely a Jordanian in Al Dhaid I and a Kuwaiti in Al Dhaid II (Table 4.3.2.).

Most owners are classified as side-job farmers who have another main job as their livelihood. Among 192 farms, there are only 16 full-time farmers, which represents merely 8.3%.

Much data concerning the owner's family is invalid, because most respondents were farm employees, not owners, and it is considered likely that the majority of them do not know much about their owner's family, especially children or babies, who live far from the farm. The average number of people in a farm owner's family, as calculated from 65 valid responses, is 9.5 persons. The figure consists of 4.6 adults and 4.9 children (Table 4.3.3.).



#### **(4) Farm Employees**

Usually, the day-to-day farm work is done by expatriates from countries such as Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Egypt, and Sri Lanka. They usually live on the farm and simply obey their master's instructions.

In the Study Area, most employees are Pakistani, representing around 47.2% of the total surveyed, followed by Bangladeshis (26.6%), Indians (11.6%) and Egyptians (8.7%). In Falaj Al Mualla, Indian employees are predominant, but in the other four areas, Pakistanis predominate.

The mean number of farm employees is 3.5. The largest farm in Falaj Al Mualla, with 4.4 employees, while the smallest one is in Al Dhaid II, with 3.1 employees (Table 4.3.3.).

The average monthly salary for a farm employee is Dh. 830.5. The highest salary is found in Al Dhaid II, Dh. 881.2; on the other hand, the lowest of Dh. 786.5 is found in Mileiha. Farm employees work 9.7 hr./day on average, but the average of each sub-area varies from 8.5 to 11.2 hr./day. The longest daily working period, 18hr./day, was in Mileiha (Table 4.3.4.).

#### **4.3.2. Supplemental Farm Survey**

##### **(1) Survey on Farm Owners and Farm Labors**

To collect precise information and reconfirm the results of the farm inventory survey conducted during the Field Survey (I), a supplemental interviewing survey was carried out by the Study Team. The respondents of the survey were farm owners who live or have their own farm in the Study Area. The number of respondents was only 11, which is 5.7% of the total number of the farms surveyed, because most farm owners have other, main jobs and it was hard to contact them. Each interview was conducted through a MAF extension officer, because fluency in the Arabic language is necessary for effective communication. The following issues were clarified through the survey:

- All respondents are merely side-job farmers whose main jobs are predominantly as federal or local government officers.
- The family size of respondents varies from 4 to 14, but there is only one owner who lives with his adult brothers, sisters and parents.
- The average family size is 8.2 persons; that is, 4.2 adults and 4.0 children.
- Except for one respondent, everyone has a domestic maid, and most of them are from Sri-Lanka.
- Most women are housewives, but buying food material is men's work.
- The average farmland area is 41.2 donums, which is almost same as the average

cultivated area of the farm inventory survey, 40.39 donums.

- Irrigation water shortage is the most serious issue or constraint facing modern farming.
- Most respondents are willing to pay irrigation water fees if the public irrigation system were to be established and the unit cost is fair. Behind these responses, there seems to be the most serious issue for them: water shortage.
- Marketing is also a serious issue for commercial farmers, because all of them have experienced wholesalers sometimes sell their products at a discount.
- Only four respondents wish to expand their farms. Others do not want to expand because of water shortages and marketing problems.

## **(2) Survey on Commercial Farms**

As mentioned before, agriculture is the main economic activity in the Study Area; for this reason, it was important to have a deeper understanding of how commercial farms operate. To that effect, during Stage II, private commercial farms were visited; among those farms visited by the Study Team, MIRAK, is the most successful farm. It is worth going into details about this farm due to the insights that can be obtained.

### **a) Production**

MIRAK has three farms in the Al Dhaid vicinity with a cultivation area of 40 ha. In the peak season, the working force is around 200 people, mostly expatriates.

Its annual production is approximately 3,000 tons of vegetables like strawberry, American lettuce, celery, sweet melon, tomatoes, and others. For strawberry alone, a yield of 500 tons is expected in 1995.

There are 22 wells with an average depth of 420 m (1,400 feet). With the exception of the main well, there is no salinity problem. However, it has been noted that the water table is decreasing and in some of the wells the amount of water obtained is half that of five years ago.

MIRAK do not receive any subsidy from the government and its production is characterized by the non-use of chemicals. It has its own nurseries for provision of seeds. Drip irrigation methods are used and the plant bed rows are covered with plastic sheet (mulching) in order to avoid using chemicals to control plagues and diseases.

### **b) Marketing**

20% to 30% of total production is absorbed by the local market and the rest is exported to GCC countries, Southeast Asian countries such as Singapore, Japan, South Africa and some European countries.

It must be noted that recently the exports of strawberries and lettuce to South Africa and California, USA, increased due to bad production conditions in those countries. This has created a good opportunity to open new markets which have excellent potential. On the other hand, the difference in the strawberry production season between the UAE and other countries such as Spain has increased the demand in world markets.

MIRAK has faced two constraints which have had some impact on its growth: one is the increase of freight rates and the other is an increase in the energy cost. These factors decrease the competitiveness of local products vis-à-vis American and local products.

Five refrigerated trucks are used for transportation of the produce. Part of the produce is taken to local markets in Dubai and the remainder, to the port for export.

Concerning problems faced at the moment of opening markets for its products, MIRAK has mentioned that while European countries impose high custom duties ranging from 16% to 18% on some UAE products, the products from those countries are exempted from custom duties when they enter the UAE market. According to MIRAK management, a more balanced and fair international trade policy is required to facilitate the entry of its products in other countries and, at the same time, support the domestic agricultural industry from unequal foreign competition.

#### c) Comments

MIRAK was able to penetrate domestic and foreign markets due to the following reasons which also explain its commercial success: professional staff in charge of the whole management process (production and marketing); rational use of water resources; application of adequate technologies for planting, irrigation, and harvesting resulting in a good quality product; rational diversification of its production; good storage and transportation facilities; knowledge of the seasonality of competing products in foreign markets so therefore knowing when to introduce its own products; namely, when domestic production was not available in those markets.

#### **4.4. Social Infrastructure Plan**

In this Master plan, it is necessary to consider the improvement of the agricultural infrastructures such as embankments for flood control, road networks for agricultural production activities and shipping, and collecting and shipping facilities for the agricultural products, etc.

##### **(1) Embankments for Flood Control**

There is flood damage in the farmland near the wadis in the winter season which is one of the peak periods for farming activities. At present, embankments as a prevention against flooding are constructed using materials like surplus soil with high gravel content left over from surrounding farms at the time of land reclamation work. It is thought that flooding will be controlled with toe bund constructions and their maintenance will be the responsibility of each individual farm.

##### **(2) Farm Road Net Work**

There are three trunk roads with asphalt pavements that have access to the main consumption areas in the Study Area: Sharjah - Masafi road, Unm al Qaiwain - Mudam road, Manama - Ras Al Khaimah road.

The access road from trunk road to farm in the arid areas and wadi are unpaved. Some parts of these access roads are maintained by the local town office. During rainfall or flooding, these roads become almost impassable, but access is possible with a 4-wheel drive vehicle. As the Study Area is generally flat land with sand and gravel, improvement of the road network for agricultural development is not planned.

## **4.5. Institutional Plan**

### **4.5.1. Governmental Subsidy**

#### **(1) Present Government Subsidy for Agriculture**

Farm owners in the Study Area receive various kinds of subsidies from federal and local governments. In particular, the nationals who lived nomadic lives before and settled in the Study Area in accordance with national settlement policy receive more generous subsidies.

In the agriculture sector, MAF provided subsidies for the following:

- Designing farm (free)
- Land preparation (leveling, eliminating gravel, etc.) (free)
- Supervision of daily work (free)
- Fertilizer distribution
- Agro-chemicals distribution
- Distribution of agricultural materials (seeds, plastic cover, nets, pumps, etc.)

#### **(2) Strengthening Governmental Agricultural Promotion**

Several low priced vegetables are imported to UAE supported by governmental policies and agriculture in UAE is forced to compete with such imported foods. It is necessary to maintain the present governmental assistance system for agriculture in UAE considering sustainable agriculture is very limited by the natural conditions prevailing in the country. Technical and financial assistance for farmland reclamation and water-saving irrigation systems is also to be maintained and expanded. From the results of the inventory survey, as financial support on the farm for materials such as fertilizer is insufficient, it is necessary to increase the amount of financial support to the farmers.

### **4.5.2. Commercialization of Agriculture in the Study Area**

Commercialization of agricultural products is carried out through the following channels: intermediaries; direct sales to wholesale markets; direct sales to local grocery shops.

#### **Intermediaries**

In the case of intermediaries, the farmers pack their products in wood crates, sacks, or cardboard boxes which vary in weight and dimensions depending on the product and specifications of the buyer. Less attention is paid to precise weighting. The farmers

usually transport the goods themselves, even though, in some cases, an intermediary provides the packing material, and sends his own trucks to pick up the produce from the farms. Price for products is fixed by the intermediary.

#### Direct sale to wholesale markets

Some farmers take their products to the wholesale market in Dubai. The farmer exhibits his products and sell them through an auction system. This helps to attract a large number of buyers who wish to purchase goods at a competitive price. The farmer will sell the products to the buyer who has offered the highest price. Therefore, price is determined by actual demand.

#### Direct sale to local grocery shops or direct commercialization

This implies a private contract between the farmer and a local grocery shop. In this case, the price is determined by mutual agreement. The farmer and the buyer establish a delivery schedule and the farmer takes care of transporting the produce to the shop.

In some cases, the farmers directly sell their produce to the public using the back of a truck or pick-up in which they brought their products. Price is set by demand and supply conditions at the moment of the sale.

The farmers in the Study Area showed interest in the idea of having a wholesale market where they could sell their products. So far, they feel that due to the lack of both formal and informal farmers associations, prices for their products are not as good as they would be if a wholesale market was available.

### **4.5.3. Collecting and Shipping Facilities for Agricultural Products**

#### **(1) Establishment of Marketing System and Organization**

A lot of vegetables, fruit and food are imported without any tax to UAE from all over the world. Vegetables and fruit produced in UAE is forced to compete with those imported foods in price and quality. Regarding the price, present financial support from MAF should be continued. Concerning the quality, it is necessary to improve the marketing system for keeping the freshness.

In the present traditional agriculture in the Study Area, agricultural production is mainly self-consumption and the establishment of a marketing system and organization are indispensable for agricultural development. According to the production plan, as 50 tons/day of each vegetable is expected to be produced, and a maximum of 6 kinds of vegetables are harvested during the same period (see Table 5.3.6), a maximum of around 300 tons/day of vegetables will be shipped (80% of production will be shipped). Therefore, the organization, facilities and equipment such as trucks for collecting and

shipping will be required. As a maximum amount of 150 kg/day of vegetable shipping is expected from each farmer, the notion of group shipping using 1 small truck for 5 or so farmers makes good sense.

### **(2) Vegetable Center (Collecting and Shipping Facilities for Agricultural Products)**

At present, the average farm gate price is 70% of wholesale price. It will be more profitable for vegetable production to ship directly to market even after paying the necessary 10% commission. On the other hand, alfalfa is sold on a contract production system and present practice is expected to continue in the future. From the results of the farmers inventory survey, some farmers indicate that there is an unjust benefit enjoyed by brokers and the necessity for establishing a fair marketing system.

Considering the secured advantage on selling price, it is necessary to establish marketing facilities. The construction of a collecting center with collecting, selecting, cooling, storage and shipping facilities is planned at Al Dhaid. This center will be constructed by MAF and maintained by farmers as a cooperative organization under the supervision of MAF. The operating fee will be collected from the farmers in the form of a shipping commission.

### **(3) Manufacturing of Agricultural Products**

Given the idea to increase value and to prevent over-production, the manufacturing of agricultural products is to be promoted. Cucumber is the second-highest profitable crop next to melon among the planned vegetables. As farmers fully intend to continue to cultivate cucumber, it is worthwhile considering that some cucumber be processed as pickles. The technology for the bottling and processing of cucumber is not difficult, and the costs of facilities are not high. Cucumber pickles is one of the main processed foods in UAE and is very popular in June to September, which is the fallow season. For tomato (juice, pure) and dates (drying, packing), as it is possible to add value without high technology and high costs for facilities, so again, the pickling and processing of agricultural products should be promoted.

#### **4.5.4. Farmers' Organization**

For the smooth and effective production and sale of large quantities of agricultural produce, it is necessary to establish a farmers' organization under the supervision of MAF and with the support of the extension officers. The main activities of such an organization would include the collaborative purchasing of agricultural equipment and merchandise (garden tractors, equipment for disease and pest control, materials for greenhouses and

irrigation, fertilizers, pesticides, etc.), installation of collecting and shipping facilities, group shipping, construction and operation of agricultural processing facilities, adjustment of cultivation plans, and supplying information on marketing and agricultural technology.



## **4.6. Project Economic Evaluation**

### **4.6.1. Objective of Project Economic Evaluation**

The objective of the present project evaluation is to assess the viability for implementation of the project from a financial point of view. It must be noted that due to the free-market policies applied by the UAE Government, it can be assumed that the price markets reflect the true scarcity of resources. In other words, market distortions can be assumed to be absent for relevant production and costs items. Therefore, an economic evaluation of the project shall not be carried out due to the reasons mentioned above.

It must be emphasized that the Project has great importance for the Study Area and for the country itself. From the point of view of the policy of "food security", it is necessary to create favorable conditions to alleviate the agricultural problems caused by a decrease in the amount of irrigation water in the Study Area. If agricultural production is affected in the future, under the present conditions of decreasing irrigation water levels, the food security of the country may be compromised. That is why the project could be said to be justified on a "priority" basis from the economic point of view.

### **4.6.2. Basic Concepts and Assumption of the Project Economic Evaluation**

#### **(1) General Concepts**

##### **a) The "With" and "Without-Project" Principle**

A project impact can be defined as the difference between the "with" and "without-project" situations. This allows to see if the "net benefits" (understood as the difference of benefits and costs between those two situations) justify the project. The techniques to evaluate the worth of the net benefits will be discussed below:

##### **b) Financial and Economic Efficiency Analyses**

Financial analysis refers to the one concerned only with actual monetary flows from (cost) and to (return) specific individuals or groups of individuals within society (farmers, private firms, public organizations or institutions, and others). It deals only with those goods and services for people involved in the project. In other words, it deals with actual monetary payments incurred for labor, capital, and land. The analysis is performed from the point of a government agency, private firm, or individual, cooperative, etc.

Economic efficiency analysis is concerned with the costs and benefits to society as a whole, regardless of who pays and who gains. It deals with benefits measured in terms of what a society is actually willing to pay for goods and services, and costs in terms of the opportunity costs involved, that is, the values of the opportunities forgone when a

resource is used for one purpose rather than its next best use that actually would have occurred.

The economic efficiency analysis, as well as the financial analysis, seeks profitability, but it is profitability from society's point of view, which is related to the return society as a whole and can look at what can be obtained from given limited resources.

In economic analysis, market prices often are adjusted to more accurately reflect social or economic values. In other words, due to the existence of subsidies, taxes, tariffs, etc. or transfer payments in general among other causes, the markets prices do not necessarily reflect the demand and supply conditions which would prevail if there were not those factors mentioned above which distort market prices.

The adjustment of market prices into economic prices is usually denoted by shadow or accounting prices. When carrying out an economic evaluation, at the moment of valuing inputs and outputs, the shadow prices must be applied.

It must be noted that in the case of the UAE, the commitment of the government to a "free market" economy makes it possible to say that the divergence between the accounting or shadow prices and market prices is minimal.

## **(2) Basic Assessment Steps**

There are four basic steps to be adopted:

### **- Step 1 : Identification and quantifying inputs and outputs**

Physical inputs and outputs are identified; this means, what goods and services go into the project and what goods and services are produced by the project? This identification will be done for each separate component of the project; for example, construction work (dams, irrigation and marketing facilities), agricultural inputs and outputs, etc.

### **- Step 2: Valuing inputs and outputs**

Unit value tables for inputs and outputs will be developed giving due consideration to trends in prices and forecasts or projections of future prices. Most of the inputs and outputs included in the financial analysis will also be represented by similar ones in the economic accounts.

However, as explained above, market prices do not necessarily reflect the social costs or benefits of the project. Therefore, it is necessary to transform the market prices into economic prices by means of the "shadow prices".

### **- Step 3: Performing the Analysis**

Comparison of costs and benefits will be made in various ways to assess the profitability of the project from the financial and economic points of view. Two common measures for looking at financial and economic efficiency are the net present value (NPV) and the Internal Rate of Return (IRR). These measures are used for both economic and financial analyses.

### **- Step 4: Sensitivity Analysis**

As the project is carried out over an usually long period, uncertainty about inputs and outputs is inherent to any project. In order to see how the sensitivity analysis evaluates how sensitive are the NPV and IRR to changes in assumptions concerning inputs and outputs and the values attached to them. A decision maker, taking into consideration the results of the sensitivity analysis, can decide then to take or not the risk of implementing the project.

### **(3) Discounting Formula**

In order to be able to compare costs and benefits (net benefit or cost) taking place in different years, it is necessary to apply an adjustment factor to future net costs/benefits values that reflect their present value. The adjustment factor is derived from the accepted time value of money; and is commonly called the discount rate. The adjustment process is called discounting. Present value is the resulting adjusted value.

For financial analysis, the going rate of interest is the one use for the disuniting process.

For economic efficiency analysis, the discount rate is provided by a central planning unit, i.e., a national planning office; in case that is not available, a rate between 8 or 10 percent is recommended.

### **(4) Measures of Financial and Economic Efficiency**

Two indicators of project worth will be used at the moment of performing the financial and economic evaluation: the net present value (NPV) and internal rate of return (IRR). These measures are interrelated since all are derived from the same basic data, namely, the project's costs and benefits. These measures are neutral in value, and can be calculated for both financial and economic analyses.

In general, it can be said that in financial and economic efficiency terms any project that provides a positive NPV is an efficient use of the resources involved, assuming that each separable component of the project also has a  $NPV > 0$  and the project is the least cost means of achieving the particular benefits. Implementation depends on the total budget

available, however, and the NPV associated with other projects on which the budget could be spent.

A project for which the estimated NPV is negative is not economically acceptable. The negative NPV indicates that there are better uses for the resources involved in the project.

#### **(5) Internal Rate of Return**

The internal rate of return is that rate which makes the NPV equal to zero; it is the implied discount rate that would make the present value of project benefits equal the present value of project costs. It is essentially a break-even discount rate in the sense that the present value of benefits equals the present value of costs.

More specifically, it is the average rate of return on the invested funds outstanding per period while they are invested in the project, or that rate of interest which makes the NPV equal to zero.

It must be noted that when  $NPV = \text{zero}$ , then  $IRR = i$ .

#### **(6) Project Economic Evaluation in the Study**

For the present project, the methodology applied for evaluation consists in identifying and valuing the project costs and benefits that will arise with the project, under the two Development Options mentioned in previous chapters, and to compare them with the situation as it would be without the project. Once financial pricing, or pricing carried out at market prices has been established for both project costs and benefits, cash flow consisting of these costs and benefits will be prepared to cover the whole project life and on the basis of this cash flow the internal rate of return (IRR) that set the discounted net benefit stream (discounted benefits minus discounted costs) equal to zero. This project is considered acceptable if the IRR exceeds the opportunity cost of capital in the UAE. For practical purposes, the cost is considered to be 5% as this rate is the rate charged by commercial banks for their loans.

After determining the total project cost, a financial analysis will be made taking into consideration financing sources, that is, foreign loan and governments budget, and the implications at the moment of contracting the loan.

Since costs and benefits of the project at the implementation phase are subject to increase/decrease due to fluctuation in yield, prices and other parameters due to the change of project circumstances from the time of project evaluation for the feasibility study to actual commissioning, a sensitivity test is conducted to find out what parameters

have the strongest effect on the project for a given percentage variation (increase in construction and O/M cost, decrease in yield, and extension of construction period).

#### **4.6.3. Costs and Benefits of the Project**

##### **(I) Costs of the Project**

The costs of the project, which are subject to project evaluation, shall consist of the initial investment, operation and maintenance costs and replacement costs.

##### **a) Initial investment Costs**

Initial investment costs of the Project are composed of the following items:

- Construction works for recharge dam and trench, irrigation facilities
- Construction works for water source facilities, such as wells and pumping system at farm level
- Construction of irrigation facilities
- Installation of greenhouses
- General administration costs (Considered to be 2% of the cost of construction work)
- Consulting services
- Physical Contingencies (Considered to be 10% of maximum construction works cost plus administration cost)
- Price Contingencies (Considered to be 9% of maximum construction works plus administration cost plus consulting services)

The project total costs are shown in Tables 4.6.1. and 4.6.2. The disbursement schedule of the Project cost is shown in Tables 4.6.3. and 4.6.4.

##### **b) Operation and maintenance costs**

Annual operation and maintenance costs of the Project include the operation and maintenance costs of irrigation facilities and groundwater strengthening facilities.

In Option-2, US\$ 1.27/m<sup>3</sup>, which is UAE government official unit price for desalinated sea water was applied as the purchasing unit price.

##### **c) Replacement Costs**

Replacement costs of the Project include costs of replacement of facilities, structures and machinery in accordance with their lifespan.

## (2) Benefits of the Project

Increase of agricultural production and profits with irrigation improvement and introduction of the highly profitable crops are all considered to be benefits of the project. In the evaluation, 85% of market price is considered as the farm gate price, considering transportation costs and administrative commission. The annual net benefits of the project for Option 1 is estimated to be US\$ 61.3 million and US\$ 125.1 million for Option 2. Decrease in agricultural production caused by reduction of irrigation water in quantity and quality without the project have also been considered, as has balance of the net return for the whole development area between With project situation and Without project situation.

### 4.6.4. Financial Evaluation

Tables 4.6.5. and 4.6.6 show the calculations for the income resulting under the Without-Project scenario. The following assumptions have been adopted:

Available water volume for agricultural purposes decreases following the pattern shown in the simulation model. It is supposed that water decrease from the year 1997 to 2014 will be in a constant and linear manner; therefore, cultivated areas will also decrease, as will income levels. From the year 2015 it is assumed that the water level available for agricultural purposes will stabilize and, as a consequence, income levels will also do so. Considering the lifespan of the recharge dam, the project is deemed to have 50 years of life after commencement of service.

The project is expected to yield benefits within 5 years of completion of the recharge dam and trench constructions.

The calculation was done based on US\$ currency (exchange rate US\$ 1 = Dh. 3.6)

Given the conditions mentioned above, the financial internal rate of return was calculated as below:

Option	Internal rate of return
Option-1	6.50 %
Option-2	0.44 %

Judging from this result, IRR for Option 1 is cleared by the evaluation criteria set out before but IRR for Option 2 is less than 5 %. By comparing the two IRRs, it is possible to say that Option 1 is the more attractive.

#### 4.6.5 Sensitive Analysis

Based on the results of the evaluation mentioned above, sensitive analysis was carried out as shown in Table 4.6.7, 4.6.8. And 4.6.9. The results are summarized below:

Case	Condition	Internal Ratio of Return
1	Project cost is escalated by 10%	5.02 %
2	Completion of construction works is delayed by 1 years	6.45 %
3	Production declined by 10%	5.06 %

#### 4.6.6. Financing Plan

It is assumed that from the point of view of financial sources, two-thirds (2/3) of the initial investment costs will be financed by a loan and one-third by the government. (The government also will cover the O/M costs and replacement costs under the heading of government subsidy).

- Interest : 3% per annum
- Repayment term: 20 years (grace period: 10 years)

the maximum amount to be repaid shall be US\$ 161 million by year 2005, which amount is equivalent to 5 times of annual budget of MAF (Table 4.6.10.).

#### 4.6.7. Conclusions

The project is attractive not only because of to the profitability shown above, but also for the impact on water resources availability and their rationalization. It must be mentioned that this rational use of water comes accompanied by an expected increase in income levels which in turn could be a dynamic factor for the study area economy, increasing the possibilities of employment and the potential for post-harvest processing.

As economic conditions improve, the absentee landowner could be motivated to pay more attention to the farm, not only as a weekend place of leisure but also as a potential hotbed of economic activity.

Table 4.1.1. Economic Variables

(Unit: Dh.X10<sup>6</sup> at current prices)

ECONOMIC VARIABLES	Years					Growth Rates			
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94
Population (X10 <sup>6</sup> )	1,844	1,909	2,011	2,083	2,230	3%	5%	4%	7%
Workers (X10 <sup>6</sup> )	694	738	799	856	907	6%	8%	7%	6%
Gross Domestic Product	125,266	126,261	131,676	130,972	134,813	1%	4%	-1%	3%
National Income	105,984	105,660	108,329	105,734	129,663	0%	3%	-2%	23%
Disposable Income	98,822	88,079	105,974	102,784	108,343	-11%	20%	-3%	5%
National Saving	31,985	15,572	25,261	15,441	9,450	-51%	62%	-39%	-39%
Final Consumption Expenditure	66,837	72,507	80,713	87,343	95,793	8%	11%	8%	10%
a) Government Final Consumption	20,120	21,131	22,792	23,550	24,520	5%	8%	3%	4%
b) Private Final Consumption	46,717	51,376	57,921	63,793	71,273	10%	13%	10%	12%
Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)	24,064	25,790	29,802	33,219	33,760	7%	16%	11%	2%
a) GFCF Government Sector	5,139	6,378	9,511	12,631	12,700	24%	49%	33%	1%
b) GFCF Private Sector	18,925	19,412	20,291	20,588	21,060	3%	5%	1%	2%
Total Imports	42,510	51,104	64,328	72,495	80,400	20%	26%	13%	11%
Total Exports	79,678	81,806	88,910	86,267	89,050	3%	9%	-3%	3%
Surplus of Merchandise Trade	37,168	30,702	24,612	13,772	8,650	-17%	-20%	-41%	-37%
Imports (Excluding Re-exports)	29,760	25,773	43,328	48,572	52,400	-13%	68%	12%	8%
Current Surplus of Payments Balance	22,926	6,021	12,980	762	-4,690	-74%	116%	-94%	-715%
Wages and Salaries	28,019	29,883	31,907	34,183	35,258	7%	7%	7%	3%
General Consumer Price Index Numbers (1985=100)	109.4	115.4	123.6	127.8	135.0	6.0	8.2	4.2	7.2

Source: 1990-1993: National Accounts for U.A.E. 1988-1993, Ministry of Planning

1994: Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning

Table 4.1.2. Economic Indicators per Capita

(Unit: Dh.X10<sup>6</sup> at current prices)

ECONOMIC VARIABLES	Year					Growth Rates			
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94
Gross Domestic Product	67.9	66.1	65.5	62.9	60.5	-2.7%	-0.9%	-4.0%	-3.8%
National Income	57.5	55.4	53.9	50.7	48.6	-3.7%	-2.7%	-5.9%	-4.1%
Disposable Income	53.6	46.1	52.7	49.3	47.2	-14.0%	14.3%	-6.5%	-4.3%
Final Consumption Expenditure	36.2	38.0	40.1	41.9	43.0	5.0%	5.5%	4.5%	2.6%
a) Government Final Consumption	10.9	11.1	11.3	11.3	11.0	1.8%	1.8%	0.0%	-2.7%
b) Private Final Consumption	25.3	26.9	28.8	30.6	32.0	6.3%	7.1%	6.3%	4.6%
National Saving	17.4	8.1	12.6	7.4	4.2	-53.4%	55.6%	-41.3%	-43.2%
Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF)	13.1	13.5	14.8	16.0	15.1	3.1%	9.6%	8.1%	-5.6%
a) GFCF Government Sector	2.8	3.3	4.7	6.1	5.7	17.9%	42.4%	29.8%	-6.6%
b) GFCF Private Sector	10.3	10.2	10.1	9.9	9.4	-1.0%	-1.0%	-2.0%	-5.1%
Total Imports (Excluding Re-exports)	16.1	18.7	21.5	23.3	23.5	16.1%	15.0%	8.4%	0.9%
Total Exports	43.2	42.9	44.2	41.4	40.0	-0.7%	3.0%	-6.3%	-3.4%
General Average of Wages	35.0	34.8	34.7	35.0	34.7	-0.6%	-0.3%	0.9%	-0.9%
General Average of Labour Productivity	84.2	84.4	84.5	84.9	85.7	0.2%	0.1%	0.5%	0.9%

Source: 1990-1993: National Accounts for U.A.E. 1988-1993, Ministry of Planning

1994: Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning



Table 4.1.3. Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost by Economic Sectors

(Unit: Dh.X10<sup>8</sup> at current prices)

SECTORS	Year					Growth Rates					Share in Total				
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
- Agriculture, Livestock and Fishing	2,056	2,563	2,865	3,156	3,404	24.66%	11.78%	10.16%	7.86%	1.64%	2.03%	2.18%	2.41%	2.52%	
- Mining and Quarrying	57,632	54,260	53,753	47,104	45,038	-5.85%	-0.93%	-12.37%	-4.39%	46.01%	42.97%	40.82%	35.96%	33.41%	
a) Crude Oil	307	332	355	389	420	8.14%	6.93%	9.58%	7.97%	0.25%	0.26%	0.27%	0.30%	0.31%	
b) Others	9,701	9,770	10,502	10,600	11,158	0.71%	7.49%	0.93%	5.26%	7.74%	7.74%	7.98%	8.09%	8.28%	
- Manufacturing	2,461	2,700	2,888	2,966	3,100	9.71%	6.96%	2.70%	4.52%	1.96%	2.14%	2.19%	2.26%	2.30%	
- Electricity and Water	9,687	10,365	11,085	12,200	13,210	7.00%	6.95%	10.06%	8.28%	7.73%	8.21%	8.42%	9.31%	9.80%	
- Construction	11,237	11,943	13,310	14,005	14,866	6.28%	11.45%	5.22%	6.15%	8.97%	9.46%	10.11%	10.69%	11.05%	
- Wholesale, Retail Trade, Restaurants, and Hotels	6,211	6,711	7,203	7,923	8,532	8.05%	8.23%	9.09%	7.69%	4.96%	5.32%	5.52%	6.05%	6.33%	
- Transport, Storage and Communication	5,126	5,488	5,604	6,335	6,851	7.06%	2.11%	13.04%	8.15%	4.09%	4.35%	4.26%	4.84%	5.08%	
- Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	6,864	7,440	8,180	9,088	9,980	8.39%	9.95%	11.10%	9.82%	5.48%	5.89%	6.21%	6.94%	7.40%	
a) Finance and Insurance	2,467	2,689	2,953	3,280	3,535	9.00%	9.82%	11.07%	7.77%	1.97%	2.13%	2.24%	2.50%	2.62%	
b) Real Estate	-1,950	-2,182	-2,200	-2,304	-2,491	11.90%	0.82%	4.73%	8.12%	10.35%	10.80%	10.95%	11.75%	12.08%	
- Other Services	12,968	13,634	14,418	15,385	16,280	5.14%	5.75%	6.71%	5.82%	0.40%	0.44%	0.53%	0.65%	0.69%	
- Less - Imputed Bank Services	499	551	700	845	930	10.42%	27.04%	20.71%	10.06%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
- Producers of Government Services	125,266	126,264	131,676	130,972	134,813	0.80%	-4.29%	-0.53%	2.93%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
- Domestic Services of Households	57,632	54,260	53,753	47,104	45,038	-6%	-1%	-12%	-4.39%	46.01%	42.97%	40.82%	35.96%	33.41%	
Total	67,634	72,004	77,923	83,868	89,775	6%	8%	8%	7.04%	53.99%	57.03%	59.18%	64.04%	66.59%	
Oil Sector															
Non-oil Sector															

Source : 1990-1993 : National Accounts for U.A.E. 1988-1993, Ministry of Planning  
1994 : Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning

Table 4.1.4. Public Revenues and Expenditures

Items	(Unit : Dh.X10 <sup>8</sup> at current prices)			Growth Rate	
	1991	1992	1993	1991/92	1992/93
Crude Oil Revenues	38,919	36,507	31,314	-6%	-14%
Other Revenues	8,886	10,895	7,856	23%	-28%
Total Public Revenues	47,805	47,402	39,170	-1%	-17%
Total Public Expenditure	56,509	45,735	45,206	-19%	-1%
Final Surplus or Deficit	-8,704	1,667	-6,036		

Source : Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning

Table 4.1.5. Trade Balance Statistics

EXPORT ITEMS	(Unit : Dh.X10 <sup>8</sup> at current prices)				Growth Rate		Share of Items				
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1990	1991	1992	1993
0 - Crude oil	54,455	52,762	52,309	46,016	-3.1%	-0.9%	-12.0%	68.3%	64.5%	58.8%	53.3%
1 - Gas	4,403	4,513	4,976	4,800	2.5%	10.3%	-3.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.6%	5.6%
2 - Oil products	4,400	4,086	4,425	4,387	-7.1%	8.9%	-0.9%	5.5%	5.0%	5.0%	5.1%
3 - Other exports	3,670	5,114	6,231	7,141	39.3%	21.8%	14.6%	4.6%	6.3%	7.0%	8.3%
4 - Re-export	12,750	15,331	21,000	23,923	20.2%	37.0%	13.9%	16.0%	18.7%	23.6%	27.7%
Total Commodity Exports (FOB)	79,678	81,806	88,941	86,267	2.7%	8.7%	-3.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
IMPORT ITEMS	Year				Growth Rate		Share of Items				
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1990	1991	1992	1993
0 - Food and Livestock	5,530	5,569	6,422	7,060	0.7%	15.3%	9.9%	13.0%	10.9%	10.0%	9.7%
1 - Beverages and Tobacco	447	479	588	702	7.2%	22.8%	19.4%	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%
2 - Crude materials except fuels	960	1,180	1,077	1,146	22.9%	-8.7%	6.4%	2.3%	2.3%	1.7%	1.6%
3 - Mineral's fuel lubricants and related materials	1,347	1,056	945	1,005	-21.6%	-10.5%	6.3%	3.2%	2.1%	1.5%	1.4%
4 - Animal and vegetable oils and fats	132	245	214	220	85.6%	-12.7%	2.8%	0.3%	0.5%	0.3%	0.3%
5 - Chemicals	3,055	3,463	4,067	4,404	13.4%	17.4%	8.3%	7.2%	6.8%	6.3%	6.1%
6 - Manufactured goods	10,388	12,629	15,946	18,012	21.6%	26.3%	13.0%	24.4%	24.7%	24.8%	24.8%
7 - Machinery and transport equipments	13,563	17,658	24,284	27,860	30.2%	37.5%	14.7%	31.9%	34.6%	37.8%	38.4%
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured goods	6,803	8,587	10,558	11,851	26.2%	23.0%	12.2%	16.0%	16.8%	16.4%	16.3%
9 - Non-classified transactions	285	238	227	235	-16.5%	-4.6%	3.5%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.3%
Total Commodity Imports (CIF)	42,510	51,104	64,328	72,495	20.2%	25.9%	12.7%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
TRADE BALANCE	37,168	30,702	24,613	13,772							

Source : Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning

Table 4.1.6. Workers by Emirates

Emirates	Year					Growth Rates					Participation in Total				
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
Abu Dhabi	289,171	311,680	333,666	353,944	n.a.	7.78%	7.05%	6.08%	-	41.65%	42.25%	41.74%	41.38%	-	
Dubai	205,588	215,102	233,103	252,505	n.a.	4.64%	8.37%	8.32%	-	29.61%	29.16%	29.16%	29.49%	-	
Sharjah	101,055	105,602	118,536	127,092	n.a.	4.50%	12.27%	7.20%	-	14.56%	14.32%	14.83%	14.85%	-	
Ajman	18,690	20,125	22,471	24,163	n.a.	7.68%	11.66%	7.53%	-	2.69%	2.73%	2.81%	2.82%	-	
Umm Al-Quwain	9,618	10,502	11,288	12,201	n.a.	9.19%	7.48%	8.09%	-	1.39%	1.42%	1.41%	1.43%	-	
Ras Al-Khaimah	47,483	49,753	53,653	56,045	n.a.	4.78%	7.84%	4.46%	-	6.84%	6.74%	6.71%	6.55%	-	
Fujairah	22,681	24,926	26,690	28,154	n.a.	9.90%	7.08%	5.49%	-	3.27%	3.38%	3.34%	3.29%	-	
Total	694,256	737,690	799,427	856,104	906,580	6.26%	8.37%	7.09%	5.90%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

Source : 1990-1993 : National Accounts for U.A.E., 1988-1993, Ministry of Planning

1994 : Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning

Table 4.1.7. Workers by Economic Sectors

SECTORS	Year					Growth Rates					Share in Total				
	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1990/91	1991/92	1992/93	1993/94	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	
- Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery	43,296	57,733	59,627	63,964	66,880	33.34%	3.28%	7.27%	4.51%	6.24%	7.85%	7.46%	7.47%	7.37%	
- Mining and Quarrying	7,880	8,280	8,420	8,870	9,390	5.08%	1.69%	5.34%	5.86%	1.14%	1.12%	1.05%	1.04%	1.04%	
a) Crude Oil	2,150	2,400	2,624	2,800	3,008	11.63%	9.33%	6.71%	7.43%	0.31%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	0.33%	
b) Others	66,530	67,250	81,160	85,590	89,972	-	1.08%	20.68%	5.12%	9.58%	9.12%	10.15%	10.00%	9.92%	
- Manufacturing	20,678	20,762	21,078	22,130	22,915	0.41%	1.52%	4.99%	3.55%	2.96%	2.81%	2.64%	2.58%	2.53%	
- Electricity and Water	119,230	126,245	133,350	140,100	147,150	5.88%	5.63%	5.06%	5.03%	17.18%	17.11%	16.68%	16.36%	16.23%	
- Construction	101,370	104,817	110,921	116,946	122,878	3.40%	5.82%	5.43%	5.07%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
- Wholesale, Retail Trade, Restaurants, and Hotels	72,047	75,223	78,145	82,323	86,610	4.41%	3.88%	5.35%	5.21%	10.38%	10.20%	13.88%	13.66%	13.55%	
- Transport, Storage and Communication	16,061	16,699	16,609	16,488	16,998	3.97%	-0.54%	-0.73%	3.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
- Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	3,100	3,325	3,470	3,610	4,013	7.26%	4.36%	4.03%	11.16%	0.45%	0.45%	0.43%	0.42%	0.44%	
a) Real Estate	78,141	85,166	93,683	103,050	111,100	8.99%	10.00%	10.00%	7.81%	11.26%	11.54%	11.72%	12.04%	12.25%	
- Other Services	114,161	115,688	122,370	129,149	135,436	1.34%	5.78%	5.54%	4.87%	16.44%	15.68%	15.31%	15.09%	14.94%	
- Producers of Government Services	49,557	54,122	67,970	81,084	90,260	9.21%	25.99%	19.29%	11.32%	7.14%	7.34%	8.50%	9.47%	9.96%	
- Domestic Services of Households	694,201	737,710	799,427	856,104	906,580	6.27%	8.37%	7.09%	5.90%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	
Total	694,201	737,710	799,427	856,104	906,580	6.27%	8.37%	7.09%	5.90%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	

Source : 1990-1993 : National Accounts for U.A.E., 1988-1993, Ministry of Planning

1994 : Annual Economic Report 1994, Ministry of Planning

Table 4.2.1. Number of Shops in Dhaid, Wishah, Mileiha and Fili

Kind of Shops	Al Dhaid	Wishah	Mileiha	Fili	Total
Agriculture Related Shops (a)	100	2	4	2	108
Agri. Materials TR.	12	0	0	0	12
Agri. Products	1	0	0	0	1
Agri. Tools & Equip. TR.	7	0	0	0	7
Cotton	1	0	0	0	1
Sugar & Nuts TR.	1	0	0	0	1
Fooders & Grains TR.	34	1	1	1	37
Fruits & Vegetables TR.	25	0	2	1	28
Honey & Bee Hives TR.	5	0	0	0	5
Livestock TR.	1	1	1	0	3
Poultry	0	0	0	0	0
Poultry Cleaning & Selling	1	0	0	0	1
Nurseries & Flowers	2	0	0	0	2
Veterinary & Tools TR.	3	0	0	0	3
Irrigation Cont.	1	0	0	0	1
Water Pumps TR.	4	0	0	0	4
Water Well Drilling	2	0	0	0	2
Car & Spare Parts TR.	24	0	2	0	26
Motorcycle & Bicycle	3	0	0	0	3
Bldg. Cont. G	11	0	2	1	14
House Holds TR.	50	0	1	0	51
Domestic Pets TR.	2	0	0	0	2
Electronics TR.	22	0	1	0	23
Grocery	93	5	9	0	107
Fuel & Gas TR.	14	0	2	2	18
Garment	58	0	0	0	58
Jewel & Watch TR.	7	0	0	0	7
Pharmacy	5	0	0	1	6
Supermarket	40	0	1	4	45
Masonry Cont.	4	0	0	0	4
Textile TR.	12	0	0	0	12
Others	34	0	0	0	34
Total	479	7	22	10	518
Percentage of (a)	20.9%	28.6%	18.2%	20.0%	20.8%

Source : Sharjah Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Table 4.2.2. List of Non-Agricultural Farms

NAME	ACTIVITY	PROD. VALUE (Dh.)	Nr. WORKERS	TOTAL SALARIES (Dh.)
Dafco Concrete Production	Concrete manufacturers	2,970,128	54	550,519
Sowidy Crusher Co.	Crusher	n.d	26	348,000
Zaraoni Block Manufacture	Concrete blocks manufacturer	150,000	5	60,000
Airport Block Manuf.	Concrete blocks manufacturer	30,000	2	24,000
Stiglal Block	Concrete blocks manufacturer	273,000	4	48,000
Shereen Decoration	Decoration	New	New	New
Shariff Agricultural Engineering	Agricultural equipment and service	241,338	3	24,000
New Ramlah Bakery	Bakery products	260,000	5	120,000
Al Dhaid Water and Refreshment	Water and refreshment	8,000,000	30	700,000
International Clothes Manufacturer	Ready-to-wear clothes	17,738,019	345	3,173,648
Al Dhaid Tee-shirts	T-shirts	3,177,652	65	476,213
Salem Shaid Steel works	Steel works	40,000	3	28,000
Wadi Al Dhaid Steel works	Steel works	48,000	1	18,000
New Safa Steel works	Steel works	300,000	2	36,000
Al Woodian Steel work	Steel works	36,000	2	12,000
Baghdad Steel work	Steel works	24,000	3	30,000
Al Wofak Steel work	Steel works	36,000	2	13,200
Al Sharif Carpenter	Carpentry	180,000	5	60,000
Al Sari Carpenter	Carpentry	120,000	4	60,000

Data source: Economic Department of Sharja

Table 4.2.3. Present Public Schools in the Study Area

Type	SHJ			UAQ	RAK	Total	Share(%)
	Dhaid	Milciha	Fili	Falaj Al Mualla	Kadrah		
Kindergarten (Co-ed.)	1	0	0	1	0	2	12.5%
Primary school (Male)	2	0	1	1	0	4	25.0%
(Female)	1	0	1	0	0	2	12.5%
Primary + Preparatory (Male)	0	1	0	0	1	2	12.5%
& Secondary school (Female)	0	1	0	1	1	3	18.8%
Preparatory (Male)	1	0	0	1	0	2	12.5%
& Secondary school (Female)	1	0	0	0	0	1	6.3%
Total	6	2	2	4	2	16	100.0%
Share(%)	37.5%	12.5%	12.5%	25.0%	12.5%	100.0%	

Source : Ministry of Education











Table 4.2.6. Existing Water Supply Tanks in the Study Area

Location	Volume (gallons)	Remark
<b>SHARJAH</b>		
Subelah	10,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Al Dhaid	200,000	(Elev. 35M Tower) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Hamidab	20,000	(Elev. 12M/40' Tower) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Khuderab	10,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Mileiba	20,000	(Elev. 12M/40' Tower) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
	20,000	(Elev. 12M/40' Tower) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Ikhudir	10,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Babayis	10,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Fili	20,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
	10,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
Wishab	20,000	(Elev.) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
<b>AJMAN</b>		
Nasim	20,000	(Elev. 15M/50' Tower) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
<b>R.A.K.</b>		
Kadrah	10,000	(Elevated) (Min. of Electricity and Water)
<b>U.A.Q.</b>		
Falaj Al Mu'alla	150,000	(U.A.Q. Municipality)
	200,000	(U.A.Q. Municipality)

Source : Ministry of Electricity and Water  
Falaj Al Mualla Municipality Office

Table 4.2.7. Power Station Block-outs During 1993 and 1994

Year	Affected area	Occurrence		Duration of black-out	Remarks
		Date	Time		
1993	Dhaid (except Masfut)	1993/1/16	10:45	3 Mts.	M & R station trouble.
		1993/7/22	21:15	5 Mts.	Heavy system disturbance caused by fault in Hamdah feeder.
1994	Central Area (ex. Masfut)	1994/1/16	10:20	5 Mts.	G.T. No. 6 tripped on high exhaust temp.

Source : Annual report for the year 1993 - Electricity Affairs, Ministry of Electricity & Water  
Annual report for the year 1994 - Electricity Affairs, Ministry of Electricity & Water

Table 4.2.8. Annual Energy Generation and Distribution from 1988 to 1994

Location	(Million KWH)									
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994			
Dhaid power station	299.778	291.788	335.24	326.503	349.217	394.437	421.112			
Masafi power station	0	0	0.158	0.072	0.131	0.015	0.002			
Manama power station	0	0	0.153	0.107	0.185	0.001	0.001			
Falaj Al Mualla power station	0.547	0.271	2.018	1.446	0.828	0.506	0.333			
Masfut power station	6.749	7.912	7.242	4.445	5.703	14.242	9.388			
Idhn	0	0	0.076	0.02	(North Area)					
Total	307.074	299.971	344.887	332.593	356.064	409.201	430.836			
Growth Rate	100%	97.7%	112.3%	108.3%	116.0%	133.3%	140.3%			
Distribution										
Location	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994			
Dhaid power station	97.6%	97.3%	97.2%	98.2%	98.1%	96.4%	97.7%			
Masafi power station	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			
Manama power station	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%			
Falaj Al Mualla power station	0.2%	0.1%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%			
Masfut power station	2.2%	2.6%	2.1%	1.3%	1.6%	3.5%	2.2%			
Idhn	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	(North Area)					
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			

Source : Annual report for the year 1994 - Electricity Affairs, Ministry of Electricity & Water

Table 4.2.9. Classification of Consumers in the Study Area

Type	Whole area						Dhaid Area	
	1993/12/31	Percentage	Nos. of consumers	1994/12/31	Percentage	Nos. of consumers	1995/5/21	Percentage
Residential	50,256	51.8%	52,823	50.6%	2,540	37.0%		
Commercial	32,512	33.5%	36,124	34.6%	1,943	28.3%		
Government	7,554	7.8%	7,808	7.5%	263	3.8%		
Industrial	1,906	2.0%	2,667	2.6%	98	1.4%		
Agricultural	4,222	4.4%	4,530	4.3%	1,963	28.6%		
Others	495	0.5%	519	0.5%	64	0.9%		
Total	96,945	100.0%	104,471	100.0%	6,871	100.0%		

Source : Annual report for the year 1993 - Electricity Affairs, Ministry of Electricity & Water  
Annual report for the year 1994 - Electricity Affairs, Ministry of Electricity & Water

Table 4.3.1. Average Farm Size of Farm Inventory Survey

Sub-Area	Cultivated Area (a)	Area Available for Cultivation (b)	Total Area (c)	Area Owned (d)	Cultivated Area Ratio (a/b)
Dhaid I	41.37	44.29	50.14	50.14	93.4%
Dhaid II	47.63	48.03	51.43	51.43	99.2%
Mileiha	33.18	53.33	56.23	56.23	62.2%
F.A.M.	51.52	62.35	75.46	75.46	82.6%
Kadrah	23.86	35.93	49.54	49.54	66.4%
Average	40.39	49.53	55.33	55.33	81.6%

Note: Invalid data are excluded.

Table 4.3.2. Farm Owners by Emirates

Sub-Area	Sharjah	Abu Dhabi	Dubai	Ras Al Khaimah	Umm Al Qaiwain	Ajman	Fujairah	Foreigner	No Answer	*Total
Actual Figures										
Dhaid I SHJ	15	10	17	1		3		1	1	48
Dhaid II SHJ	10	17	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	48
Mileiha SHJ	42	14	2							58
F.A.M. UAQ		2	1	3	14	1			2	23
Kadrah RAK				15						15
Total	67	43	35	20	15	5	1	2	4	192
Distribution (%)										
Dhaid I SHJ	31.3%	20.8%	35.4%	2.1%	0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	2.1%	2.1%	100.0%
Dhaid II SHJ	20.8%	35.4%	31.3%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	100.0%
Mileiha SHJ	72.4%	24.1%	3.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
F.A.M. UAQ	0.0%	8.7%	4.3%	13.0%	60.9%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%	100.0%
Kadrah RAK	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Total	34.9%	22.4%	18.2%	10.4%	7.8%	2.6%	0.5%	1.0%	2.1%	100.0%

Note: \*Total figures are excluded the numbers of farmers which data could not get obtained.

Table 4.3.3. Farm Owners' family and Farm Employees

Area	Owner's Family										Employee									
	Adult					Children					Nationality					Working hours				
	Male (Nos.)	Female (Nos.)	Total (Nos.)	Male (Nos.)	Female (Nos.)	Total (Nos.)	Bangladeshi (Nos.)	Pakistani (Nos.)	Indian (Nos.)	Egyptian (Nos.)	Si-Lankan (Nos.)	Other (Nos.)	Total (Nos.)	Monthly salary (Dhs.)	Working hours (hr./day)					
Kadrah No. of interviewed Farms:15	Max.	5	7	12	10	6	13	3	6	0	1	0	0	6	1000	12				
	Min.	1	1	2	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	667	8				
	Sum.	27	34	61	37	25	62	9	38	0	1	0	48	11457	139					
	*Num.	11	11	11	11	11	11	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14				
	Avg.	2.45	3.09	5.55	3.36	2.27	5.64	0.64	2.71	0.00	0.07	0.00	3.43	818.36	9.93					
Falaj Al Mualla No. of interviewed Farms:25	Max.	5	5	10	4	5	6	7	3	28	1	0	30	1500	12					
	Min.	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	600	7					
	Sum.	22	19	41	9	13	22	25	25	35	1	0	101	18579	209					
	*Num.	8	8	8	8	8	8	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23					
	Avg.	2.75	2.38	5.13	1.13	1.63	2.75	1.09	1.09	1.52	0.04	0.00	4.39	807.78	9.09					
Dhaid I No. of interviewed Farms:50	Max.	7	10	16	4	8	11	7	13	1	2	1	14	1500	12					
	Min.	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	600	8					
	Sum.	108	99	207	21	26	47	54	85	4	16	1	169	39186	436					
	*Num.	30	30	30	30	30	30	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50					
	Avg.	3.60	3.30	6.90	0.70	0.87	1.57	1.08	1.70	0.08	0.32	0.02	3.38	783.72	8.72					
Dhaid II No. of interviewed Farms:50	Max.	10	10	20	5	4	8	4	10	3	4	0	10	1600	12					
	Min.	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	400	8					
	Sum.	95	104	199	26	20	46	36	65	15	28	0	146	40614.16	400					
	*Num.	32	32	32	32	32	32	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46					
	Avg.	2.97	3.25	6.22	0.81	0.63	1.44	0.78	1.41	0.33	0.61	0.00	3.17	882.92	8.70					
Mileiha No. of interviewed Farms:60	Max.	6	9	15	7	7	12	14	12	14	12	2	4	53	1200	18				
	Min.	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	500	7					
	Sum.	72	91	163	74	68	142	50	95	22	13	2	196	45619	649					
	*Num.	32	32	32	32	32	32	58	58	58	58	58	58	58	58					
	Avg.	2.25	2.84	5.09	2.31	2.13	4.44	0.86	1.64	0.38	0.22	0.03	3.38	786.53	11.19					
Total No. of interviewed Farms:200	Sum.	324	347	671	167	152	319	174	308	76	59	3	660	155455.2	1833					
	*Num.	113	113	113	113	113	113	191	191	191	191	191	191	191						
	Avg.	2.87	3.07	5.94	1.48	1.35	2.82	0.91	1.61	0.40	0.31	0.02	3.46	813.90	9.60					
	(%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.4%	46.7%	11.5%	8.9%	0.5%	100.0%	-	-					

Note: \*Num. means number of answered Farms.

Table 4.3.4. Average Salary and Working Hours of Farm Employees

Sub-Area	Average Monthly Salary (Dhs.)	Maximum Monthly Salary (Dhs.)	Minimum Monthly Salary (Dhs.)	Average Working Hours (hr./day)	Maximum Working Hours (hr./day)	Minimum Working Hours (hr./day)	No. of Farms
Dhaid I	848.6	1500	600	9.3	12	8	47
Dhaid II	881.2	1600	400	8.5	12	8	47
Mileiha	786.5	1200	500	11.2	18	7	58
F.A.M.	807.8	1500	600	9.1	12	7	23
Kadrah	818.4	1000	667	9.9	12	8	14
Average	830.5	1360	553	9.7	13.2	8	189

Note: \*No. of Farms are excluded the farms which have invalid data.

Table 4.5.1. Vegetable Production (Option-1)

Crop	Total Production (ton)	Vegetable Yield of Each 10 Days (X10 ton)																														
		Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul																			
Bean	750							45	30																							
Cabbage	500					50																										
Cabbage	850					50	35																									
Cauliflower	500				50																											
Cucumber	3,600									30	50	50	50	50	30																	
Cucumber	2,250					15	50	50	50	10																						
Dwarf Bean	5,850						35	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50																	
Eggplant	2,000				35	50	50	15																								
Green beans	1,250				50	50	25																									
Lettuce	1,000										50	50																				
Musk Melon	1,050										5	50	50																			
Musk melon	5,500	30												20	50	50	50	50														
Parsley	1,500				30	50	50	20																								
Pepper	3,000				50	50	50	50	50																							
Pepper(L.C)	9,100				10	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50																
Radish	50				5																											
Spinach	3,700					20	50	50	50	50	50	50																				
Squash	1,500	40																														
Squash	1,500					50	50	50																								
Sweet melon	1,000																															
Sweet Pepper	6,950													25	50	25																
Sweet Pepper	3,850													50	50	50	50	45														
Tomato	4,750																															
Tomato	4,000																															
Turnip(Laf)	1,000																															
Water Melon	800					50	50																									
Total	67,800	70		50	50	80	160	235	250	250	255	230	155	285	300	300	290	250	200	230	275	300	295	300	300	280	200	195	150	160	200	185

Table 4.6.1. Summary of Project Cost of Option-1

Works	Name	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost (US\$X10 <sup>6</sup> )	Cost (US\$X10 <sup>6</sup> )
Recharge Dam & Trench	Siji	1	set	19,486.79	19,486.79
	Kadrah	1	set	9,636.12	9,636.12
	Shokah	1	set	11,295.86	11,295.86
	Subtotal				40,418.76
Irrigation & Farming Facilities	Well & Submersible Pump	2,018	no.	72.21	145,716.64
	Water Distribution Facilities	2,548	ha	2.22	5,668.70
	Irrigation Facilities	2,548	ha	1.15	2,937.84
	Greenhouses	12,108	set	1.39	16,818.01
	Subtotal				171,141.20
	Groundwater Monitoring System	1	L.S.		8,435.00
	Vegetable Center	1	L.S.		1,000.00
	Subtotal				220,994.96
	Administration Expenses		L.S.		5,524.87
	Consulting Services				22,099.50
	Investment Cost Total				248,619.33
	Physical Contingencies		L.S.		22,651.98
	Price Escalation (9%)		L.S.		113,811.86
	Total Cost for Option-1				385,083.18

Table 4.6.2. Summary of Project Cost of Option-2

Works	Name	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost (US\$X10 <sup>6</sup> )	Cost (US\$X10 <sup>6</sup> )
Recharge Dam & Trench	Siji	1	set	19,486.79	19,486.79
	Kadrah	1	set	9,636.12	9,636.12
	Shokah	1	set	11,295.86	11,295.86
	Subtotal				40,418.76
Irrigation & Farming Facilities	Wells, Pumps, Tanks, etc.	2,018	no.	72.97	147,248.33
	Water Distribution Facilities	4,584	ha	1.58	7,250.67
	Irrigation Facilities	4,854	ha	1.16	5,616.08
	Greenhouses	8,072	set	1.39	11,212.01
	Subtotal				171,327.08
Desalinated Water Supply	Pump & Control Facilities	1	set	4,975.00	93,046.68
	Pumping Houses	1	set	4,975.00	4,975.00
	Pipe lines, Tanks etc.	1	L.S.	146,857.77	146,857.77
	Subtotal				244,879.44
	Groundwater Monitoring System	1	L.S.		8,435.00
	Vegetable Center	1	L.S.		1,500.00
	Subtotal				466,560.29
	Administration Expenses				11,664.01
	Consulting Services				46,656.03
	Investment Cost Total				524,880.32
	Physical Contingencies	1	L.S.		47,822.43
	Price Escalation	1	L.S.		362,608.76
	Total Cost for Option-2				935,311.51



Table 4.6.3. Annual Disbursement of Project Costs - Option-1

Works	Name	Total Cost	(Unit: US\$X10 <sup>6</sup> )																		
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10								
Consulting Services	Feasibility Study	3,314.9		3,314.9																	
	Detailed Design	7,734.8		5,156.5	2,578.3																
	Construction Supervision	11,049.7		1,004.5	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	
Recharge Dam & Trench	Sub-total	22,099.4		3,314.9	5,156.5	3,582.8	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	2,009.0	
	Sij	19,486.8					6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	
	Kadrah	9,636.1						3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	3,212.0	
Irrigation and Farming Facilities	Shokab	11,295.9																			
	Sub-total	40,418.8		0.0	0.0	0.0	6,495.6	9,707.4	13,472.9	16,977.3	20,481.7	23,986.1	27,490.5	30,994.9	34,499.3	38,003.7	41,508.1	45,012.5	48,516.9	52,021.3	
	Water Sources Facilities	18,207.3		3,034.5	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	6,069.1	
Water Extraction Facilities	Water Distribution Facilities	5,668.7		1,417.2	2,834.4	1,417.2															
	Irrigation Facilities	2,937.8		734.5	1,468.9	734.5															
	Green Houses	16,818.0		5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	5,606.0	
Water Extraction Facilities	Sub-total	45,631.8		0.0	5,186.2	15,978.4	13,826.7	8,640.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Well	71,453.3		11,908.9	23,817.8	23,817.8	11,908.9														
	Submersible Pump	56,056.0		9,342.7	18,685.3	18,685.3	9,342.7														
Groundwater Monitoring System	Sub-total	127,509.3		0.0	21,251.6	42,503.1	42,503.1	21,251.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Vegetable Center	8,435.0					4,217.5	4,217.5													
	Administration Expenses	1,000.0																			
Investment Cost Total	Sub-total	5,524.9		0.0	660.9	1,662.0	1,676.1	1,095.4	361.8	174.4	94.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Physical Contingencies	248,619.3		3,314.9	32,255.2	63,526.3	70,728.1	46,921.7	16,843.8	9,160.8	5,868.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Price Escalation	22,652.0		0.0	2,709.9	5,994.4	6,871.9	4,491.3	3,463.5	2,152.2	1,385.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Total	Sub-total	113,811.9		298.3	6,576.9	20,510.6	31,938.7	27,692.3	12,409.4	8,177.7	6,207.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Price Escalation	385,083.2		3,613.3	41,542.0	90,031.3	109,538.7	79,105.3	30,736.7	18,053.7	12,462.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Total	500,895.1		3,911.6	48,114.9	110,541.9	141,477.4	106,802.6	43,146.1	26,214.4	18,670.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	

Table 4.6.4. Annual Disbursement of Project Costs - Option-2

Works	Name	Total Cost	(Unit: US\$X10 <sup>6</sup> )																	
			0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
Consulting Services	Feasibility Study	6,998.4		6,998.4																
	Detailed Design	16,329.6		4,665.6	2,332.8	8,164.8	4,082.4													
	Construction Supervision	23,328.0		4,665.6	6,615.2	8,164.8	6,203.1	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5
Recharge Dam & Trench	Sub-total	46,656.0		4,665.6	6,615.2	8,164.8	6,203.1	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5	4,241.5
	Sij	19,486.8					3,247.8	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6	6,495.6
	Kadrah	9,636.1					1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0	1,606.0
Irrigation and Farming Facilities	Shokab	11,295.9																		
	Sub-total	49,418.8		0.0	0.0	0.0	3,247.8	8,101.6	11,590.3	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1	10,225.1
	Water Sources Facilities	19,739.0		2,467.4	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7	4,934.7
Water Source Facilities	Water Distribution Facilities	7,250.7		1,208.4	2,416.9	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4	1,208.4
	Irrigation Facilities	5,616.1		936.0	1,872.0	1,872.0	936.0													
	Green Houses	11,212.0		2,332.8	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6	4,665.6
Water Source Facilities	Sub-total	43,817.7		0.0	6,854.2	13,708.5	13,708.5	7,079.2	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4	2,467.4
	Well	71,453.3		8,931.7	17,863.3	17,863.3	17,863.3	8,931.7												
	Submersible Pump	56,056.0		7,007.0	14,014.0	14,014.0	14,014.0	7,007.0												
Desalinated Water Supply	Sub-total	127,509.3		0.0	15,938.7	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3	31,877.3
	Pumping Station	93,046.7																		
	Pipe-Loss Make/Distributed	4,975.0					452.3	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	
Groundwater Monitoring System	Sub-total	146,857.8		0.0	0.0	0.0	452.3	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5
	Vegetable Center	244,879.4		0.0	0.0	0.0	452.3	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5	904.5
	Administration Expenses	8,435.0																		
Investment Cost Total	Sub-total	1,500.0																		
	Physical Contingencies	11,654.0		0.0	569.8	1,139.6	1,232.1	1,409.942	3,111.0	3,044.4	1,087.4	692.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Price Escalation	524,800.3		4,665.6	29,777.9	54,890.3	56,721.1	52,049.1	131,791.8	129,063.1	48,823.3	7,026.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	Sub-total	47,822.4		0.0	2,336.3	4,672.5	5,051.8	5,790.764	12,735.0	12,492.2	4,458.2	285.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Physical Contingencies	362,608.8		0.0	419.9	6,040.7	17,572.8	25,424.6	35,534.79	37,872.5	11,705.0	52,885.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Price Escalation	935,311.5		0.0	5,085.5	38,154.9	77,135.5	87,197.6	104,364.7	262,419.0	238,750.3	106,166.8	16,057.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Table 4.6.6. Financial Internal Rate of Return of Option-2

(Unit: US\$ X 10<sup>6</sup>)

Year	Costs			Benefit			Balance
	Investment	Replacement	O&M	Total	w/o Project	W/Project	
0	0	0	0	0	42,014	42,014	0
1	4,606	0	1,275	5,941	39,625	39,625	-5,941
2	29,778	0	1,275	31,053	37,236	37,236	-31,053
3	54,890	0	1,320	56,210	34,847	34,847	-56,210
4	50,721	0	1,410	58,131	32,457	32,457	-58,131
5	65,049	0	1,727	63,776	30,068	30,068	-63,776
6	131,792	0	2,294	134,085	27,679	27,679	-134,085
7	139,063	936	3,105	133,104	25,289	25,289	-133,104
8	-8,823	1,872	3,821	13,167	22,900	22,900	-13,167
9	7,098	1,872	4,197	13,167	20,511	20,511	-13,167
10	0	936	65,042	65,978	18,121	41,424	23,303
11	0	0	65,042	65,042	15,732	62,338	46,606
12	0	16,104	65,042	81,146	13,343	67,803	67,519
13	0	32,207	65,042	97,250	10,954	86,296	86,012
14	0	32,207	65,042	97,250	8,565	87,685	87,403
15	0	21,093	65,042	86,135	6,176	80,959	80,677
16	0	28,084	65,042	93,126	3,787	89,339	89,057
17	0	38,155	65,042	103,197	1,398	97,720	97,438
18	0	39,091	65,042	104,133	0	104,133	103,851
19	0	1,872	65,042	66,914	15,732	82,646	82,364
20	0	936	65,042	65,978	13,343	79,321	79,039
21	0	0	65,042	65,042	10,954	75,996	75,714
22	0	25,035	65,042	90,078	8,565	81,513	81,231
23	0	50,070	65,042	115,113	6,176	108,937	108,655
24	0	50,070	65,042	115,113	3,787	112,326	112,044
25	0	39,675	65,042	104,717	1,398	105,716	105,434
26	0	38,063	65,042	103,085	0	103,085	102,803
27	0	39,567	65,042	104,609	15,732	120,341	120,059
28	0	2,491	65,042	67,533	15,732	83,265	82,983
29	0	1,841	65,042	66,883	13,343	80,226	79,944
30	0	905	65,042	65,947	10,954	76,901	76,619
31	0	17,008	65,042	82,050	8,565	90,615	90,333
32	0	33,112	65,042	98,154	6,176	104,978	104,696
33	0	33,112	65,042	98,154	3,787	108,367	108,085
34	0	21,093	65,042	86,135	1,398	97,720	97,438
35	0	28,084	65,042	93,126	0	93,126	92,844
36	0	38,155	65,042	103,197	15,732	118,429	118,147
37	0	39,091	65,042	104,133	13,343	117,786	117,504
38	0	1,872	65,042	66,914	10,954	77,868	77,586
39	0	936	65,042	65,978	8,565	74,543	74,261
40	0	0	65,042	65,042	6,176	71,218	70,936
41	0	9,097	65,042	74,139	3,787	77,926	77,644
42	0	65,042	65,042	130,181	1,398	131,783	131,501
43	0	50,359	65,042	115,401	0	115,401	115,119
44	0	39,675	65,042	104,717	15,732	120,449	120,167
45	0	39,675	65,042	104,717	13,343	117,074	116,792
46	0	38,063	65,042	103,085	10,954	112,131	111,849
47	0	39,061	65,042	104,103	8,565	110,638	110,356
48	0	39,567	65,042	104,669	6,176	109,493	109,211
49	0	2,039	65,042	67,081	3,787	70,868	70,586
50	0	936	65,042	65,978	1,398	67,576	67,294
Total	524,840	983,719	2,687,156	4,195,755	960,032	5,231,702	4,271,669

IRR = 0.44%

Table 4.6.5. Financial Internal Rate of Return of Option-1

(Unit: US\$ X 10<sup>6</sup>)

Year	Costs			Benefit			Balance
	Investment	Replacement	O&M	Total	w/o Project	W/Project	
0	0	0	0	0	42,014	42,014	0
1	3,315	0	1,275	4,590	39,625	39,625	-4,590
2	12,255	0	1,275	13,530	37,236	37,236	-13,530
3	57,920	0	1,344	59,455	34,847	34,847	-59,455
4	66,511	0	2,165	68,676	32,457	32,457	-68,676
5	46,922	0	2,818	49,740	30,068	30,068	-49,740
6	25,667	0	3,276	28,944	27,679	27,679	-28,944
7	10,161	734	3,546	14,441	25,289	25,289	-14,441
8	5,868	1,469	3,685	11,023	22,900	22,900	-11,023
9	0	734	4,495	5,229	20,511	20,511	-5,229
10	0	0	3,761	3,761	18,121	38,260	16,378
11	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	45,946	26,448
12	0	14,529	3,761	18,289	15,732	51,626	37,888
13	0	29,058	3,761	32,818	15,732	61,301	45,568
14	0	32,512	3,761	36,273	15,732	61,301	45,568
15	0	17,983	3,761	21,744	15,732	61,301	45,568
16	0	5,606	3,761	9,367	15,732	61,301	45,568
17	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568
18	0	1,469	3,761	5,229	15,732	61,301	45,568
19	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568
20	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
21	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
22	0	26,438	3,761	30,198	15,732	61,301	45,568
23	0	52,875	3,761	56,636	15,732	61,301	45,568
24	0	56,906	3,761	60,666	15,732	61,301	45,568
25	0	30,753	3,761	34,513	15,732	61,301	45,568
26	0	6,800	3,761	10,561	15,732	61,301	45,568
27	0	1,353	3,761	5,113	15,732	61,301	45,568
28	0	1,803	3,761	5,563	15,732	61,301	45,568
29	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568
30	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
31	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
32	0	14,529	3,761	18,289	15,732	61,301	45,568
33	0	29,058	3,761	32,818	15,732	61,301	45,568
34	0	32,512	3,761	36,273	15,732	61,301	45,568
35	0	17,983	3,761	21,744	15,732	61,301	45,568
36	0	5,606	3,761	9,367	15,732	61,301	45,568
37	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568
38	0	1,469	3,761	5,229	15,732	61,301	45,568
39	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568
40	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
41	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
42	0	26,438	3,761	30,198	15,732	61,301	45,568
43	0	52,875	3,761	56,636	15,732	61,301	45,568
44	0	56,906	3,761	60,666	15,732	61,301	45,568
45	0	30,753	3,761	34,513	15,732	61,301	45,568
46	0	6,800	3,761	10,561	15,732	61,301	45,568
47	0	1,353	3,761	5,113	15,732	61,301	45,568
48	0	1,803	3,761	5,563	15,732	61,301	45,568
49	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568
50	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568
Total	248,619	563,513	177,517	989,649	960,032	2,789,938	1,829,906

IRR = 6.51%

Table 4.6.7. Sensitivity Analysis of Option-1, Case 1

Year	Costs			Total	Benefit			Balance
	Investment	Replacement	O&M		w/o Project	w/Project	Incremental	
0: 1996	0	0	0	0	42,014	42,014	0	0
1: 1997	3,646	0	1,403	5,049	39,625	39,625	0	-5,049
2: 1998	35,481	0	1,403	36,883	37,236	37,236	0	-36,883
3: 1999	63,712	0	1,688	65,400	34,847	34,847	0	-65,400
4: 2000	73,162	0	2,382	75,543	32,457	32,457	0	-75,543
5: 2001	51,614	0	3,100	54,714	30,068	30,068	0	-54,714
6: 2002	28,234	808	3,604	31,838	27,679	27,679	0	-31,838
7: 2003	11,177	808	3,900	15,885	25,289	25,289	0	-15,885
8: 2004	6,435	1,616	4,054	12,125	22,900	22,900	0	-12,125
9: 2005	0	808	4,137	4,944	20,511	20,511	0	-4,944
10: 2006	0	0	4,137	4,137	18,121	18,121	10,547	6,411
11: 2007	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	15,732	21,095	16,958
12: 2008	0	15,982	4,137	20,118	15,732	44,985	29,253	9,134
13: 2009	0	31,963	4,137	36,100	15,732	53,143	37,410	1,310
14: 2010	0	35,763	4,137	39,900	15,732	61,301	45,568	5,669
15: 2011	0	19,782	4,137	23,918	15,732	61,301	45,568	21,650
16: 2012	0	6,167	4,137	10,303	15,732	61,301	45,568	35,265
17: 2013	0	808	4,137	4,944	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,624
18: 2014	0	1,616	4,137	5,752	15,732	61,301	45,568	39,816
19: 2015	0	808	4,137	4,944	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,624
20: 2016	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
21: 2017	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
22: 2018	0	29,082	4,137	33,218	15,732	61,301	45,568	12,350
23: 2019	0	58,163	4,137	62,300	15,732	61,301	45,568	-16,731
24: 2020	0	62,596	4,137	66,733	15,732	61,301	45,568	-21,164
25: 2021	0	33,828	4,137	37,964	15,732	61,301	45,568	7,604
26: 2022	0	7,480	4,137	11,617	15,732	61,301	45,568	33,952
27: 2023	0	1,488	4,137	5,625	15,732	61,301	45,568	39,944
28: 2024	0	808	4,137	4,944	15,732	61,301	45,568	39,444
29: 2025	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,624
30: 2026	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
31: 2027	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
32: 2028	0	15,982	4,137	20,118	15,732	61,301	45,568	25,450
33: 2029	0	31,963	4,137	36,100	15,732	61,301	45,568	9,468
34: 2030	0	35,763	4,137	39,900	15,732	61,301	45,568	5,669
35: 2031	0	19,782	4,137	23,918	15,732	61,301	45,568	21,650
36: 2032	0	6,167	4,137	10,303	15,732	61,301	45,568	35,265
37: 2033	0	808	4,137	4,944	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,624
38: 2034	0	1,616	4,137	5,752	15,732	61,301	45,568	39,816
39: 2035	0	808	4,137	4,944	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,624
40: 2036	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
41: 2037	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
42: 2038	0	29,082	4,137	33,218	15,732	61,301	45,568	12,350
43: 2039	0	58,163	4,137	62,300	15,732	61,301	45,568	-16,731
44: 2040	0	62,596	4,137	66,733	15,732	61,301	45,568	-21,164
45: 2041	0	33,828	4,137	37,964	15,732	61,301	45,568	7,604
46: 2042	0	7,480	4,137	11,617	15,732	61,301	45,568	33,952
47: 2043	0	1,488	4,137	5,625	15,732	61,301	45,568	39,944
48: 2044	0	808	4,137	4,944	15,732	61,301	45,568	39,444
49: 2045	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,624
50: 2046	0	0	4,137	4,137	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,432
Total	273,481	619,865	195,269	1,088,614	960,032	2,744,370	1,784,338	695,723
IRR =	5.05%							

Table 4.6.8. Sensitivity Analysis of Option-1, Case 2

Year	Costs			Total	Benefit			Balance
	Investment	Replacement	O&M		w/o Project	w/Project	Incremental	
0: 1996	0	0	0	0	42,014	42,014	0	0
1: 1997	0	0	0	0	39,625	39,625	0	0
2: 1998	3,315	0	1,275	4,590	37,236	37,236	0	-4,590
3: 1999	32,255	0	1,275	33,530	34,847	34,847	0	-33,530
4: 2000	57,920	0	1,534	59,455	32,457	32,457	0	-59,455
5: 2001	66,511	0	2,165	68,676	30,068	30,068	0	-68,676
6: 2002	46,922	0	2,818	49,740	27,679	27,679	0	-49,740
7: 2003	25,667	0	3,276	28,944	25,289	25,289	0	-28,944
8: 2004	10,161	734	3,546	14,441	22,900	22,900	0	-14,441
9: 2005	5,868	1,469	3,685	11,023	20,511	20,511	0	-11,023
10: 2006	0	734	3,761	4,495	18,121	18,121	10,547	6,052
11: 2007	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	15,732	21,095	17,334
12: 2008	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	44,985	29,253	25,492
13: 2009	0	14,529	3,761	18,289	15,732	53,143	37,410	19,121
14: 2010	0	29,058	3,761	32,818	15,732	61,301	45,568	12,750
15: 2011	0	32,512	3,761	36,273	15,732	61,301	45,568	23,825
16: 2012	0	17,983	3,761	21,744	15,732	61,301	45,568	36,202
17: 2013	0	5,606	3,761	9,367	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,073
18: 2014	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,339
19: 2015	0	1,469	3,761	5,229	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,073
20: 2016	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
21: 2017	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
22: 2018	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
23: 2019	0	26,438	3,761	30,198	15,732	61,301	45,568	15,370
24: 2020	0	52,875	3,761	56,636	15,732	61,301	45,568	-15,068
25: 2021	0	56,906	3,761	60,666	15,732	61,301	45,568	-11,055
26: 2022	0	30,753	3,761	34,513	15,732	61,301	45,568	35,008
27: 2023	0	6,800	3,761	10,561	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,455
28: 2024	0	1,353	3,761	5,113	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,005
29: 2025	0	1,803	3,761	5,563	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,005
30: 2026	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
31: 2027	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
32: 2028	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
33: 2029	0	14,529	3,761	18,289	15,732	61,301	45,568	27,279
34: 2030	0	29,058	3,761	32,818	15,732	61,301	45,568	12,750
35: 2031	0	32,512	3,761	36,273	15,732	61,301	45,568	9,296
36: 2032	0	17,983	3,761	21,744	15,732	61,301	45,568	23,825
37: 2033	0	5,606	3,761	9,367	15,732	61,301	45,568	36,202
38: 2034	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,073
39: 2035	0	1,469	3,761	5,229	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,339
40: 2036	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
41: 2037	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
42: 2038	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
43: 2039	0	26,438	3,761	30,198	15,732	61,301	45,568	15,370
44: 2040	0	52,875	3,761	56,636	15,732	61,301	45,568	-11,068
45: 2041	0	56,906	3,761	60,666	15,732	61,301	45,568	-15,098
46: 2042	0	30,753	3,761	34,513	15,732	61,301	45,568	35,008
47: 2043	0	6,800	3,761	10,561	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,455
48: 2044	0	1,353	3,761	5,113	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,005
49: 2045	0	1,803	3,761	5,563	15,732	61,301	45,568	40,005
50: 2046	0	734	3,761	4,495	15,732	61,301	45,568	41,808
Total	273,481	619,865	195,269	985,889	960,032	2,744,370	1,784,338	798,440
IRR =	6.47%							

Table 4.6.9. Sensitivity Analysis of Option-1, Case 3

Year	Costs			Benefit			Balance	
	Investment	Replacement	O&M	Total	w/o Project	W/Project		Incremental
1996	0	0	0	0	42,014	42,014	0	
1997	3,315	0	1,275	4,590	39,625	39,625	-4,590	
1998	32,255	0	1,275	33,530	37,236	37,236	-33,530	
1999	57,920	0	1,534	59,455	34,847	34,847	-59,455	
2000	66,511	0	2,165	68,676	32,457	32,457	-68,676	
2001	46,922	0	2,818	49,740	30,068	30,068	-49,740	
2002	10,161	734	3,546	28,944	27,678	27,678	-28,944	
2003	5,868	1,469	3,685	11,023	22,900	22,900	-11,023	
2004	0	734	3,761	4,495	20,511	20,511	-16,016	
2005	0	0	3,761	3,761	18,121	18,121	-14,360	
2006	0	0	3,761	3,761	15,732	15,732	-11,971	
2007	0	0	3,761	3,761	13,343	13,343	-9,582	
2008	0	0	3,761	3,761	10,954	10,954	-7,193	
2009	0	0	3,761	3,761	8,565	8,565	-4,804	
2010	0	0	3,761	3,761	6,176	6,176	-2,415	
2011	0	0	3,761	3,761	3,787	3,787	0	
2012	0	0	3,761	3,761	1,398	1,398	2,363	
2013	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2014	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2015	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2016	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2017	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2018	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2019	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2020	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2021	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2022	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2023	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2024	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2025	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2026	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2027	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2028	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2029	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2030	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2031	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2032	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2033	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2034	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2035	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2036	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2037	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2038	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2039	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2040	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2041	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2042	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2043	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2044	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2045	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
2046	0	0	3,761	3,761	0	0	3,761	
Total	348,619	563,513	177,517	989,649	960,032	2,540,130	-1,580,474	
IRR								5.08%

Table 4.6.10. Cash Outflow and Inflow of Option-1

Year	Investment		Replacement		O&M		Loan		Cash Inflow		Cash Outflow		Total	Balance	Total Accumulation
	Replacement	O&M	Loan	Interest	Principal	Subsidy	Subsidy	Subsidy	Subsidy	Subsidy	Subsidy	Subsidy			
1996	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1997	32,255	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1998	57,920	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1999	66,511	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	46,922	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	10,161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	5,868	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2013	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2014	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2026	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2027	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2028	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2029	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2030	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2031	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2032	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2033	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2034	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2035	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2036	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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2039	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2040	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2041	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2042	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2043	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2044	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2045	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2046	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	348,619	563,513	177,517	989,649	960,032	2,540,130	-1,580,474	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

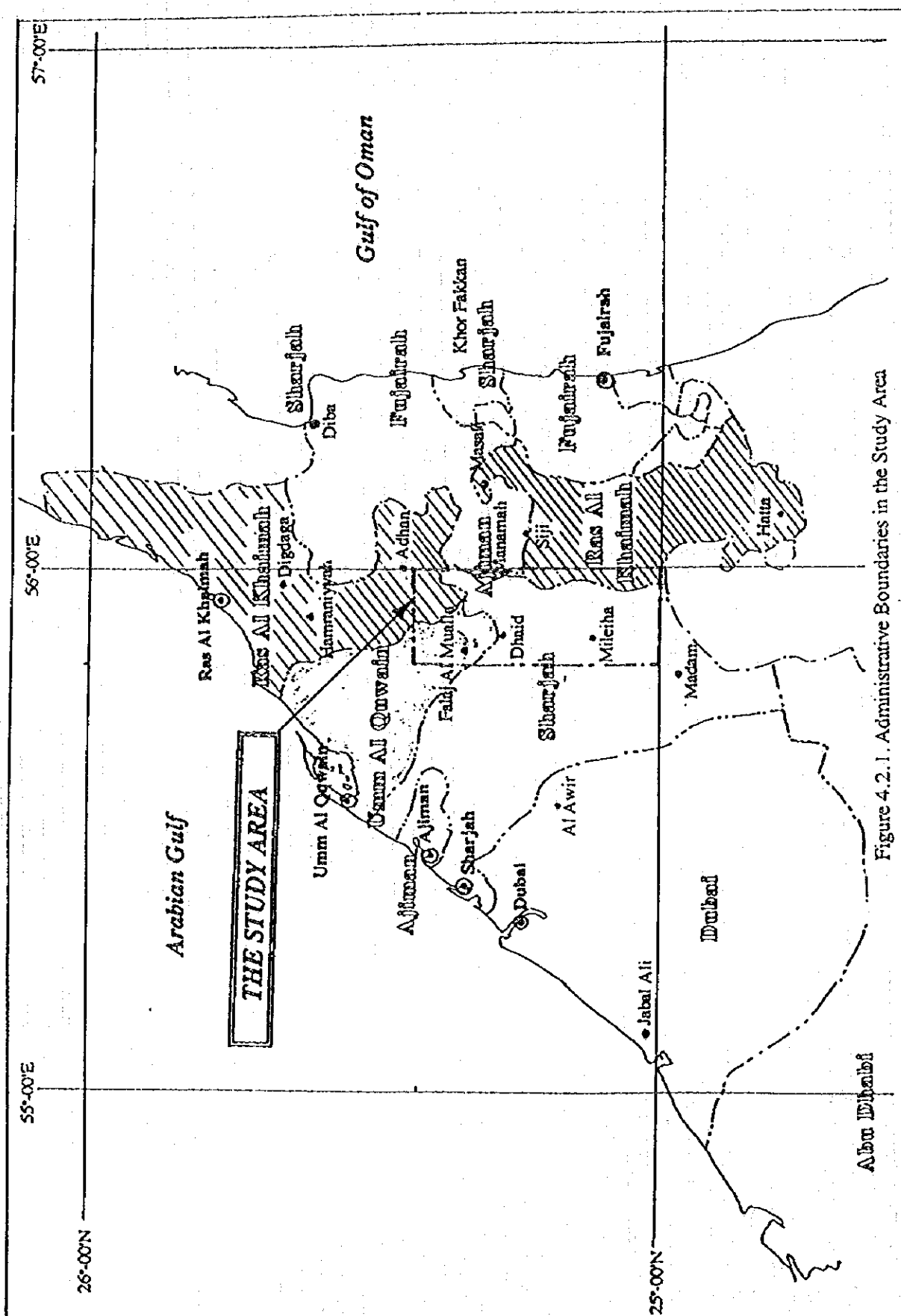
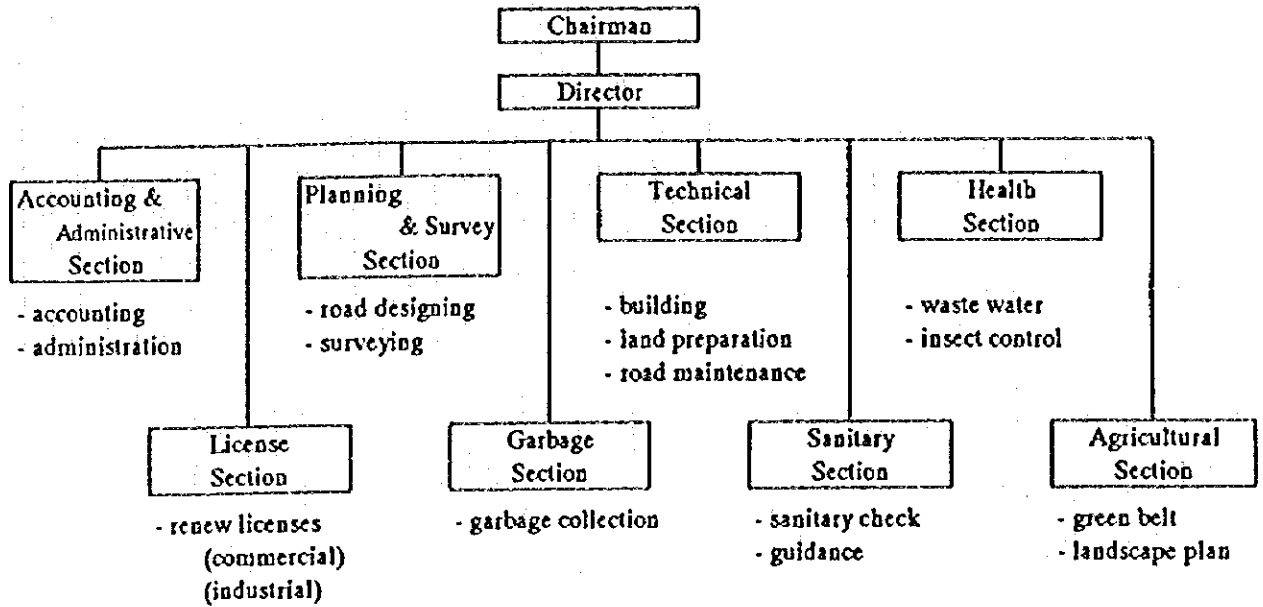


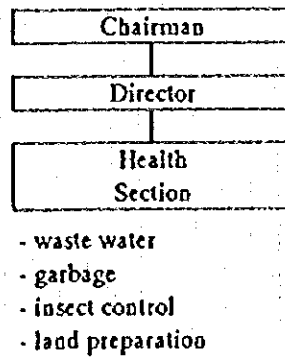
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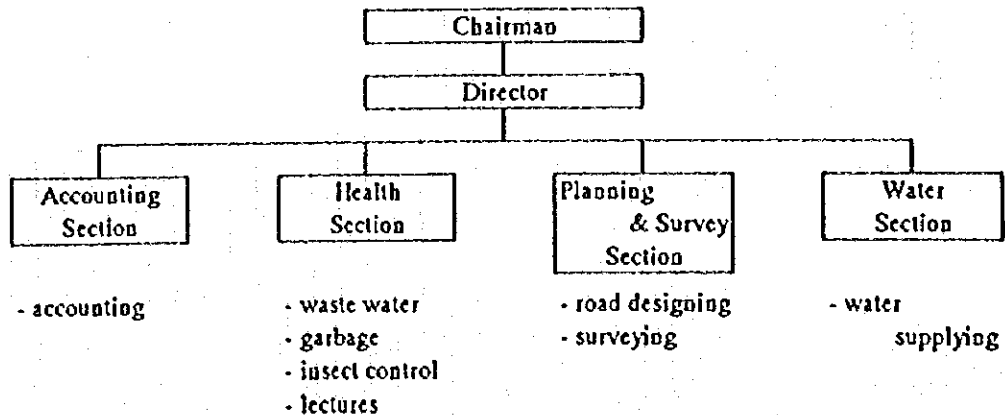
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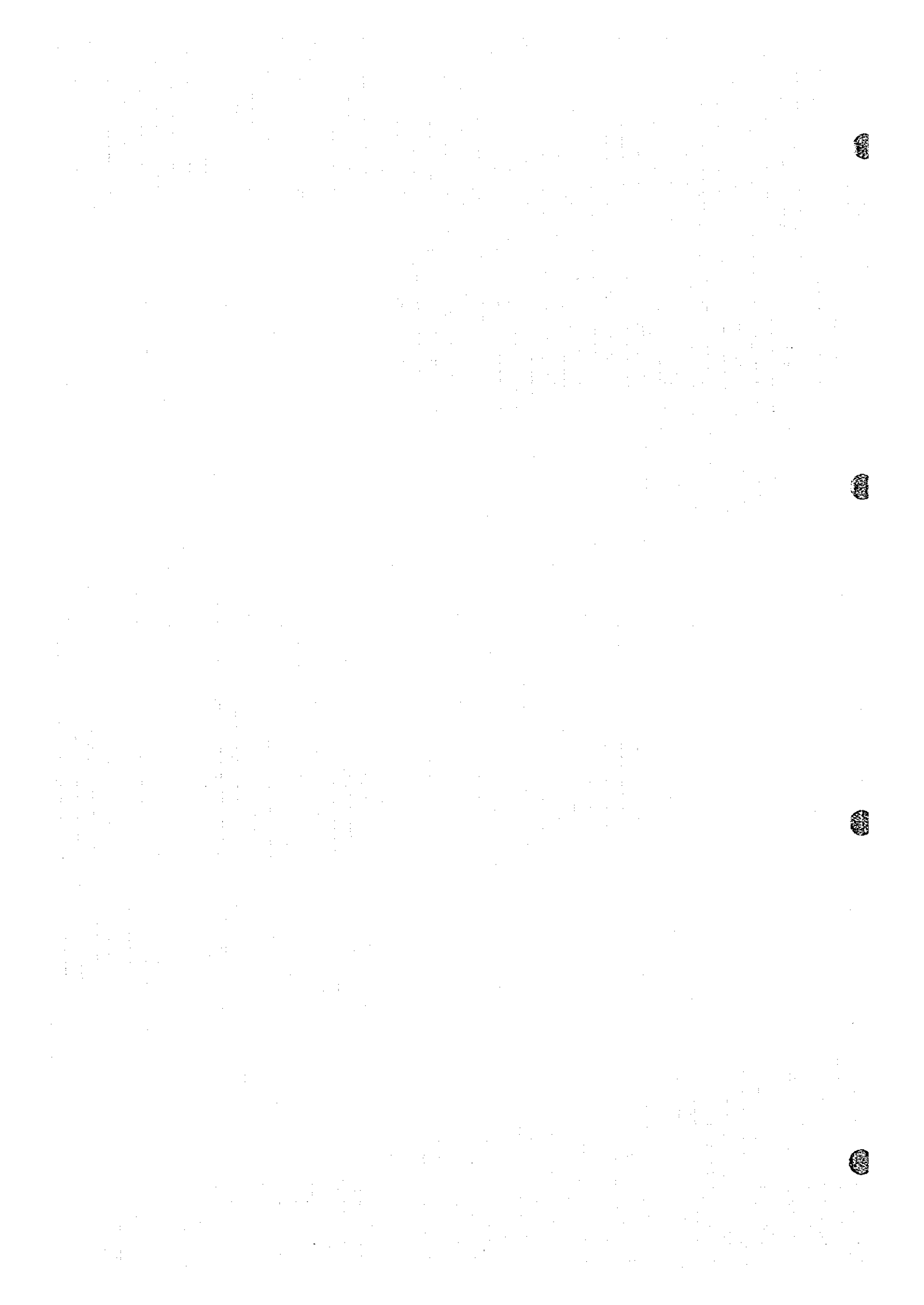


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### 5.1. Irrigation Facilities

#### 5.1.1. Farm Facilities

##### (1) Layout of Water Sources and Farming Facilities

Figure 5.1.1-1 and Figure 5.1.1-2 show the layout of water sources and farming facilities and represent the "Farming Plan" and the "Irrigation Plan." Dimensions of these farms are shown in Table 5.1.1-1 and Table 5.1.1-2. The farm size of both options is 4.68 ha with 4 ha of cultivation area. This farm size includes the estimated unit facility cost. Although its size is common in the Study Area, the Team did not include the ideal size of the farm in the Study.

When the total cropping area is 4 ha, the cultivation area in Option 1 is 2.7 ha for dates, 0.4 ha for vegetables, and 0.9 ha for alfalfa. On the other hand, the areas in Option-2 are 1.0 ha for dates, 1.6 ha for vegetables, and 1.4 ha for alfalfa. Since Option-2 has a larger area for dates and alfalfa than Option-1, it consumes 150% more of irrigation water than Option-1.

Facilities and dimensions for both options do not have any remarkable differences. Since Option-2 has to store the water from an alternative source (desalinated pipeline), however, the capacity of the on-farm storage tank in Option-2 is larger than that in Option-1. For the Option-2 farm with 4 ha cropping area, 200 m<sup>3</sup> tank was installed. The water requirement in the dry season is about 80%.

##### (2) Cost Estimation for Construction

Both farms in Figure 5.1.1. adopt the water-saving irrigation method described in "Irrigation Plan." Bubbler or drip irrigation systems are applied to the vegetable and dates area while sprinkler irrigation system is applied to alfalfa. Basin irrigation was not applied.

Water for irrigation is pumped from a well or wells in the farm, delivered to and collected by the on-site tank. Then, water stored in the tank is boosted by pump and distributed by pipeline for irrigation use. The construction cost of water source facilities including the well, pipeline, tank and booster pump and farming facility consisting of distribution pipeline, sprinkler, bubbler, and greenhouse is 262,390 dollar per 4 hectares (= \$65,600/ha) for Option-1. The cost for Option-2 is 149,500 dollar per 4 hectares (= \$37,375/ha).

Generally, the water-saving method works when the set of facilities is completed. Several

farms in the Study Area have already adopted bubbler and sprinkler systems but they have not installed delivery pipelines yet, or still have not adopted basin irrigation for part of the farming area. Therefore, the estimated cost of construction of a water source and farming facility was based on the total farming area in the Study Area and the cost for the complete facility set.

### **5.1.2. Operation and Maintenance of Farm Facilities**

#### **(1) Operation and Maintenance Plan**

Presently, the irrigation period and amount of irrigation water are determined by the administrator of each farm and the water from the resources of each farm is used for irrigation. In the case of drying up of the individual water resources, cultivation is abundant except on the issue of getting water from neighboring farmers. Before starting to use individual wells (at the time, people used using falajes which are drying up now), collaborative use of ground water was carried out. In other areas, collaborative operation of wells is observed. Considering the condition in the Study Area that most farm are the property of absentee-owners, an irrigation system involving collaborative operation of wells cannot be applied. Thus, the present irrigation system will continue to be applied. In Option-2, desalinated sea water is distributed to the water tanks installed at individual farms.

#### **(2) Estimated Maintenance Cost**

Operation and maintenance costs, which include of the cost of the pump and pipeline, working life of bubbler and sprinkler, maintenance cost of facility, cost of electricity is 11,900 dollar per 4 hectare (= \$2,550/ha) for Option-1 while for Option-2 it is 11,800 dollar per 4 hectare (= \$2,530/ha).

## 5.2. Groundwater Augmentation

### 5.2.1. Introduction

The rainfall on the Bahada Plain does not contribute to the groundwater recharge due to water retention in the surface layer and the large amounts of loss through evapotranspiration. Meanwhile, the floods generated in the mountain wadi flow down the wadi channels in the Bahada Plain and seem to recharge the groundwater substantially. Remarkable flood records observed by MAF indicate that the mean annual flood runoff from the major mountain wadis (Wadi Siji and Khadrah) in the Study Area during 15-year period from 1975/76 to 1989/90 ranged from 1.5 to 2.1 MCM/a; and there was a flood runoff of only 0.5 MCM/a. From the specific runoff ( $0.0107 \text{ MCM/a/km}^2$ ) and the total mountain catchment area ( $983 \text{ km}^2$ ), the mean flood runoff generated in the mountain wadi in the Study Area was estimated to be 11 MCM/a. If this floodwater could be forced to permeate the ground at the foot of the mountain, the groundwater may be augmented by several million  $\text{m}^3/\text{year}$ .

Measures for such augmentation are as below:

#### *-Recharge ( Flood-Detention ) Dam;*

The function of the scheme is to store the major part of a flood in the reservoir in order to prevent the unnecessary discharge of water from the basin, releasing stored water in line with the infiltration capacity of the wadi channel below the dam, and to thus augment groundwater recharge within the basin. A number of such recharge dams have been constructed in UAE and Oman.

#### *-Recharge Trench*

The permeability of sedimentary layers in the wadi beds and the Bahada Plain is much larger in the horizontal direction than in the vertical direction. A drastic improvement in the total infiltration capacity of the wadi bed may possibly be made by installing a trench of certain depth and width. Consequently, the trench is to be refilled with filter gravel, and river works are necessary to some extent. A remarkable effect in groundwater augmentation may be expected if such trenches are constructed along the base of the mountain in the Study Area.

#### *-Underground Dam*

A water-storage dam constructed on the surface cannot avoid evaporation loss from the water surface and silt sedimentation in the reservoir bottom. Due to the high intensity of the said phenomena, the construction of a storage dam on the surface is, in many cases, not feasible in an arid area.

However, a water-storage dam and reservoir could be constructed under the ground where

appropriate conditions prevail. Many advantages may be expected from the underground dam scheme in that no evaporation loss or sedimentation takes place. The groundwater is stored in the shallow area of the upper reaches in order to prevent loss to the lower reaches. Some possible sites from underground dams are available in the Study Area.

### **5.2.2. Recharge Dam (Flood Detention Dam)**

In this Study, three recharge dams on wadi Siji, wadi Khadrah, and wadi Shoukah were proposed. The dimension, cost estimation and its effect were studied. These three wadis have their catchment area in the mountains which are located on the east of the Study Area. When a flood occurs on these wadis, it crosses the gravel plain located on the east part of the Study Area, passes the agricultural area located in the middle of the Study Area, and then flows in a north-west direction. To improve the underground water recharge, the proposed recharge dams are located on the wadis at the entrance to the gravel plain where the east end of the Study Area and the wadis approach the mountain side. The location and scale of the proposed recharge dams are as follows:

#### **(1) Location of Proposed Recharge Dam**

Location of proposed recharge dams are shown in Figure 5.2.1. The proposed recharge dam on wadi Siji is close to the wadi gauge which was constructed in the mountain side. Proposed dam site on wadi Khadrah is located on the east of Khadrah village, while the proposed dam site on wadi Shoukah is located near the quarry site located on the edge of the gravel plain.

Three dam sites with topographical maps are shown in Figure 5.2.1., Figure 5.2.2., and Figure 5.2.4. Siji dam is located in a mountain area and has a saddle dam. Khadrah is located on the gravel plain, and Shoukah dam is followed by three saddle dams.

Catchment area of each proposed dam is shown in Table 5.2.1. Khadrah dam has a relatively large capacity. Several farms are inundated, however, when dam storage reaches its full capacity of water. On the other hand, both Siji dam and Shoukah dams have less capacity and bring no inundation to the farming area.

#### **(2) Flood Run-off**

MAF has collected run-off data of flood since the installation of wadi gauges on wadi Siji, wadi Khadrah, and two branches of wadi Khadrah (wadi Ashwani and wadi Shifuni) in 1977. MAF has constructed 9 rainfall stations in the Study Area or catchment area and has collected rainfall records for 20 years. Relations between rainfall and flood run-off was found in the long-term data (monthly or yearly).

However, no relations between rainfall and flood run-off can be found in the daily data because the number of rainfall stations is not enough to determine rainfall in the mountain side by Thiessen-polygon method. Also, 19 year-flood records are not enough to determine the design of the flood discharge by means of statistics. Also, flood magnitude and volume for different return-periods, which were shown in HYDROLOGY, published by MAF, was applied to determine the dam capacity and spillway capacity. This magnitude and volume are based on the MAF survey and flood return-period according to rational formula.

In this Study, 25 year-return periods and 10,000 year-return periods are applied to determine both dam capacity and spillway capacity. These return-periods are generally, similar to studies made in other projects. Table 5.2.1. summarizes catchment area, dam capacity with flood volume of 25 year-return period, surface area of dam storage, and full water level for each proposed dam. Flood discharge at dam site is calculated by specific discharge and catchment area. Full water level is considered with the sedimentation volume, which was obtained by annual sedimentation volume in HYDROLOGY.

Spillway capacity, which has the magnitude of flood discharge of a 10,000 year-return period is shown in Table 5.2.2. Maximum flow of spillway in Siji dam and Shoukah dam was 500 m<sup>3</sup>/sec while maximum flow of spillway in Khadrah dam was 700 m<sup>3</sup>/sec. With settings of 1.5 m overflow depth and 2.5 m freeboard, design flood level, dam height, and spillway dimension were shown in Table 5.2.2. A spillway is a concrete weir with a trapezoid cross-section. Coefficient of discharge is 1.81 which is based on hydraulic formula. Surface area of storage with design flood level of Khadrah dam is 1.2 km<sup>2</sup> and surface area of Siji dam and Shoukah dam are 1.0 km<sup>2</sup>.

### **(3) Ground Water Augmentation**

Simulation of Synthetic Storage Model with recharge dam operation with run-off data from mountain wadis (1977 to 1995) was carried out to determine how it contributes to the ground water recharge. As a result, it was found that peak-cut and constant discharge for downstream does not contribute to groundwater recharge but increases evapo-transpiration. In a particular year, a negative effect on ground water recharge was found. In this simulation, the design discharge capacity was set to discharge full dam storage within 10 days.

### **(4) Estimated Construction Cost**

The proposed recharge dam is a homogeneous embankment dam and has a concrete spillway and discharge conduit. Figure 5.2.5 shows the standard cross-section of an



embankment. The embankment volume for each dam increases in proportion to the dam height. Figure 5.2.6 shows the spillway cross-section. Figure 5.2.7 shows the typical dam vertical-section. Figure 5.2.8 shows the outlet cross-section. This conduit is planned to be made of concrete. It is installed and back-filled under the ground. Considering the sedimentation, the intake of the conduit has formed an "L"-shape concrete box with stop logs.

The construction cost, based on the UAE market price and the embankment volume, was estimated. Estimated cost for each recharge dam are shown in Table 5.2.3. The cost for Siji dam was the highest due to the large amount of excavation necessary for the spillway construction. Shoukah dam ranked second, and Khadrah, the third. The cost per unit storage water for Khadrah dam was highest, Shoukah dam was the second, and Siji dam was the third.

### 5.2.3. Recharge Trench

The following are the dimensions and estimated construction costs of the proposed recharge trenches on wadi Siji, wadi Khadrah, and wadi Shoukah.

#### (1) Dimension of Recharge Trench

Location of proposed recharge trenches were shown in Figure 5.2.1. Cross section of a trench with embankment protection works is shown in Figure 5.2.9. The trench has a dimension of 1.5 m width, 6.0 m depth, and 1,000 m length. Construction of the trench follows the course of the river and the revetment is shored up with gabions (0.5 m × 1.0 m × 2.0 m). These works are necessary to guide the water route along the trench and to keep the trench full with water. Excavated trench and wadi bed are backfilled by the filter material that was used in the infiltration test.

Although deterioration of infiltration rate of the trench by siltation may occur, it may not be serious because of a muddy stream on the proposed site which brings silt at the beginning of a flood and later changes to clean stream. It is supported by the fact that the surface of the present wadi bed has less siltation on site. Moreover, the sites are considered as appropriate because three of them are far from farms; No farms shall be removed from the proposed site.

#### (2) Cost Estimation for Construction

The construction cost for a recharge trench with the dimensions described is estimated to be US\$ 1.43 million (=158 million Japanese Yen). Table 5.2.4. shows the breakdown of the construction cost. The cost and dimensions of the trench are the same for all three

sites.

According to the 19-year runoff data, annual average permeability of Siji trenches 390 thousand  $m^3$ /year, Khadrah trench is 40 thousand  $m^3$ /year, and Shoukah trench is 340 thousand  $m^3$ /year, respectively. Computer simulation of synthetic storage model with these parameters entered implied that annual total recharge increases to 300 thousand  $m^3$ /year, which is considered to be a developed water resource.

#### 5.2.4. Underground Dam

##### (1) Location of Proposed Underground Dam Site

Location of the underground dam is shown in Figure 5.2.1. Storage area and location of the cut-off wall is shown in Figure 5.2.10. The site is located in north-east of Khadrah village and the storage area is located between two hills that run east to west.

Cut-off wall (axis of underground dam) is located on a line between the east end of two hills. Extension of the cut-off wall is 18 km and the average depth of the aquifer to storage water is 70 m. With a 2% storage coefficient in the aquifer, this underground dam has 9 million  $m^3$  storage capacity.

With river training and construction of a low height embankment in wadi Khadrah, flood discharge can be introduced to the catchment area of the underground dam. Flood discharge of a return-period of 10,000 at the run-off gauge of wadi Khadrah is 10 million  $m^3$ . If 100% of flood discharge is recharged, 90% of flood with 10,000 years return period can be stored; however, 100% cannot be recharged. In addition, since flood discharge of a return-period of 25 years is 3.3 million  $m^3$  and average annual discharge at the run-off gauge of wadi Khadrah is 1 million  $m^3$ , the storage capacity of the dam is large enough to catch almost all wadi flood in this site even though 100% of flood discharge was recharged.

Considering the infiltration rate with a recharge trench in the past 19 years, the average yearly storage in this underground dam is 36 thousand  $m^3$ , which is 4% of the total capacity. Therefore, this underground dam cannot be expected to bring appropriate benefits.

##### (2) Estimated Cost for Construction

The estimated cost for construction of the underground dam was US\$ 140 million. Since the installed cut-off wall was free from maintenance, the water cost was calculated at 14 dollar/ $m^3$  with a 50 year working life. For the actual operation of the underground dam, an intake facility involving such things as production wells, water transportation and a distribution pipeline system are required. Therefore, the unit water price of a farm site is

much higher than the price of raw water. Also, organization of a water users' group should be established to maintain and operate these facilities.

#### 5.2.5. Summary

The underground dam has a different concept from the detention dam and the groundwater recharge trench. It is basically constructed to obtain profit related to the water management in the basin in order (1) to secure the water storage, and (2) to stabilize water production by the water management. While the detention dam and groundwater recharge trench has a function to produce the groundwater recharge by restricting evapotranspiration and surface runoff.

Based on the studies made, the underground dam is not appropriate in the Study Area from the viewpoint of hydrological balance. The water balance in the Study Area is constantly negative or insufficient. This means that the surplus water to be allocated to the underground reservoir is not enough to operate a dam aiming at the stabilization of a water source. As a new method for solving this difficulty, this dam may be utilized as a local reservoir for the desalinated water conveyed out of the Study Area.

Although the detention dam is aiming to promote the groundwater recharge by detaining the flood water and by preventing invalid runoff from the Study Area, this dam will not be effective in the Study Area due primarily to its high rate of evaporation. The groundwater recharge newly produced by this facility is very small because most of the flood has already permeated the Bahada Plain. Furthermore, the observed value of 0.4 MCM/a at the lowest reach of the Study Area does not coincide with the rainfall pattern in the mountain area; thus the flood which occurs at the down reach is mostly coming from rainfall on the Bahada Plain. In such conditions, the detention dam constructed at the mountain will not be suitable. Only the dam construction in a confined area, where floods constantly flow down to the sea or dune area, may have some effect for this type of dam.

The groundwater recharge trench has a clear advantage over the other two facilities by directly filtering water into the subsurface. The effectiveness of this facility is twofold: (1) prevention of the evaporation loss at the surface by a steady movement of water to the subsurface, and (2) decreasing the evapotranspiration when water does permeate. The purpose of the groundwater recharge trench is substantially pointed out by prevention of evapotranspiration loss, and the role is played well with such high potential: as large as 3,700 mm/a of the Study Area. To fulfill its function in the Study Area, however, these difficulties of (1) high permeability at the surface, (2) the wide space to set up the trench, (3) effective measuring to prevent silting after flood, (4) management plan, shall need to be solved.

Under this study, the two proposed groundwater augmentation schemes: (1) three recharge trenches plan and (2) three recharge dams with three trenches plan were examined by the computer simulation of synthetic storage model.

According to a computer simulation of the three trenches plan, namely trench construction in wadi Siji, wadi Khadrah, and wadi Shoukah, the dam develops an additional 300 thousand  $m^3$ /year. The total construction cost of the three trenches are 4.29 million dollar ( $=\$1.43 \text{ million} \times 3$ ) and the unit water cost is 2.05 dollar/ $m^3$ .

On the other hand, combination of three sets of recharge dam and trench plan develops 1,970 thousand  $m^3$ /year. In this plan buffer, the function of the dams extend the full water period of the recharge trench. Computer simulation over the past 19 years run off data shows that total infiltration volume of Plan (2) is 4 to 10 times larger than that of Plan (1). The average annual filtration of the dam and trench plan is 1.58 million  $m^3$ /year at Siji, 0.4 million  $m^3$ /year at Khadrah, and 1.28 million  $m^3$ /year at Shoukah. Unit water cost for Plan (2) is 2.87 dollar/ $m^3$ , which is 1.4 times larger than unit water of Plan (1). The developed water volume of Plan (2), however, is 6.6 times larger than that of Plan (1). Therefore, Plan (2) can supply the necessary water for "Option-1."

### 5.3. Facilities Required for Alternative Water

Groundwater is only the resource in the Study Area, and if other resources are required, desalinated water must be considered as an alternative plan. To support the farming plan in "Option-2," 33.9 MCM/a of desalinated water will need to be delivered from the plant to the Study Area. The following table shows the amount of required water for the two cases, particularly the following proposed options:

Table 5.3.1. Water Source for "Option-1" and "Option-2"

Case	Groundwater Resources	Alternative Water Resources
Case required by Option 1	21.5 MCM/a (sustained yield + development yield by artificial facility)	- not required -
Case required by Option 2	21.5 MCM/a ( ditto )	33.9 MCM/a (water demand - sustained yield - development yield by artificial facility)

#### (1) Desalinated Water Pipeline

This pipeline system consists of the delivery line and the distribution branches. The delivery line extends from the plant at Sharjah port to the hills extending to the west end of Al Dhaid. The distribution pipeline system are branch A to Falaj Al Mualla, branch B to Dhaid I, the branch to Dhaid II, and branch C' to Fili. The location of the pipelines is shown in Figure 5.3.1.

The delivery pipeline will be installed alongside the highway connecting Sharjah city with Dhaid city. As this highway crosses the desert and already exist between these two cities, it will be the shortest way. On the way to Al Dhaid, three pumping stations are planned to boost the water up a hill with 120 meter ASL. The pipe is made of steel with a 1,000 mm diameter and the extension of pipeline is 58 km.

The distribution pipeline is made of steel with a diameter of 600 mm or 700 mm, while the distance of the extension is 46 km. Basically, water flows by gravity in this system. Only branch C' to Fili has a pumping station because it has to pass 3 wadis by means of a pipe bridge and convey water to the southernmost part of the Study Area. Table 5.3.2. shows the dimensions of this pipeline.

#### (2) Cost Estimation for Pipeline Construction

The total construction cost is US\$ 240 million and O & M cost is US\$ 1.8 million per year. Table 5.3.3. contains the construction costs for the pipeline system components.

Water cost is US\$ 2.76/m<sup>3</sup>, which consists of the transportation cost of \$1.49/m<sup>3</sup> and the

production cost of 21 Dh/1000 gallon (=4.56 Dh/m<sup>3</sup>) at the plant. This cost of desalinated water from the pipeline is 7% cheaper than the water costs of the recharge facility. Actual water cost on farmland is, however, higher than that of the recharge facility because the pipeline system does not include the construction cost of the connection pipe-networks from the main branches to each farm.