Sri Lanka: Supporting Capacity Development for Wastewater Management Services in Colombo

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Strategic Agendas
- Environmentally sustainable growth
- Inclusive economic growth

Drivers of Change
- Governance and capacity development
- Partnerships

Sector / Subsector
- Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban sewerage

Gender Equity and Mainstreaming
- No gender elements

Description
- ADB has been the major development partner in the water supply and sanitation sector in Sri Lanka since 1998. In a bid to complement the Government’s efforts in improving the country’s wastewater system, ADB initiated processing of the Greater Colombo Wastewater Management Project (the Project) in 2005 with an objective of improving the urban environment and public health of urban and suburban residents in Greater Colombo. A feasibility study was conducted in 2006 and 2007 for the Project through ADB’s project preparatory technical assistance. However, the processing had been on hold for a few years due to the uncertainty surrounding legal ownership of sewerage assets in the Colombo municipality, before it was resumed in September 2008 for further processing. The needs to develop institutional capacity of CMC had been highlighted in view of its responsible for municipal service delivery to citizens. The Government agreed and supported the proposed CDTA, based on which the CPS confirmed the TA.

Impact
- Operating efficiency and management performance improved in wastewater services of CMC.

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome
- CMC is ready to implement the prospective ADB loan project.

Progress Toward Outcome
- The TA was completed in 30 June 2011. The PMU has been managing activities reasonably well. The objectives of the TA are being achieved. The EA and IAs agreed to undertake activities in the action plan in line with the agreed timeframe.

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs
1. Project implementation system established and project startup activities completed.
2. Operational performance management system established for CMC.
3. Capacity development training provided to CMC staff.
The TA will be implemented over a period of 20 months, from September 2009 to April 2011. In conducting the TA activities, international (total of 16 person-months) and national (total of 26 person-months) consultants will be engaged on an individual basis in accordance with ADB’s Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2007, as amended from time to time).

The TA team has developed a benchmarking and performance assessment framework for wastewater services being provided by CMC. This framework has been approved by PMU and ADB. Data proposed by the TA is handed over to the Director Drainage of the CMC, for the provision and approval of data collection. The district engineers have been alerted to commence the collection of baseline data. The TA team has prepared detailed implementation schedule up to contract award stage for most of the important civil works and equipment packages. The mission was informed that the Evaluation (ME) Officer to be recruited has been interviewed and selected in February 2011. It is expected to engage the ME officer after the DSC is mobilized. The mission requested that once the DSC and ME officer are on board the project should develop a computerized monitoring system covering each of the packages and update the schedule on a monthly basis. The mission noted that the first updated version should be submitted by the end of May, 2011.

Surveys under TA. Several Surveys were undertaken by the TA program in collaboration with the PMU, which are currently at various stages of implementation. The surveys will provide preliminary information and data for the DSC consultants as well as the IDC consultants. Also the surveys were expected to yield vital information to enhance the capability of the Colombo Municipal Council to meet its loan repayment capacity.

Technical surveys. TA team has identified requirements of various technical surveys (such as topographical and geo-technical surveys etc.).

Wastewater Quantity Survey. A concept was developed to carry out the environmental surveys for assessment of quantity, quality at various locations of wastewater discharge with special emphasis on inter-agency discharges (cross-boundary flows between CMC and NWSDB) and industrial effluents.

Wastewater Quality Survey. Regarding to the wastewater quality survey, it will deliver very relevant investigated information regarding the city wastewater which will be very relevant to the decisions with regard to Environmental Safeguards required under the Loan Agreement.

Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects
Environmental Aspects
Involuntary Resettlement
Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation
During Project Design
During Project Implementation

Business Opportunities
Consulting Services

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Timetable
Concept Clearance
17 Apr 2009
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