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National Water Supply and Drainage Board

Executing Agency

Ministry of Water Supply

Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
GRC	Grievance Redress Committee
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
JMC	Jaffna Municipal Council
JKWSSP	Jaffna Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project
LAA	Land Acquisition Act
NGO	Non-Government Organization
NIRP	National Involuntary Resettlement policy
NWSDB	National Water Supply & Drainage Board
PCP	Public Communications Policy
PMU	Project Management Unit
RP	Resettlement Plan
SPS	Safeguard Policy Statement
UDA	Urban Development Authority

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Executive Summary

1. The Jaffna and Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project (JKWSSP) is a project funded by Asian Development Bank. The main objectives of the JKWSSP is providing pure safe drinking water to the people in Jaffna and Kilinochchi District. JKWSSP impact will be improved health and human development in urban areas of Jaffna Peninsula. The outcome will be improved access to safe drinking water in targeted urban areas in the Jaffna Peninsula.
2. Originally, the project aimed to channel approximately 27,000 cubic meters per day (m^3/day) of raw water approximately 50 kilometers (km) from Iranaimadu irrigation tank in Kilinochchi district to treat and distribute drinking water to the water scarce Jaffna and nearby towns. It also aimed to improve sanitation infrastructure in Jaffna town and water resource management in the peninsula. Based on that, the original project was approved in 2010 and got effective on May 2011. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in 2007 between the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of North East Provincial Council to share water with farmers. Raising Iranaimadu tank bund by 2 feet for enhancing its water retaining capacity is one of the project deliverables under the proposed scheme.
3. The farmers benefiting from the tank have raised concerns on the water adequacy in the tank to share with drinking water needs in the Jaffna peninsula. However, considering the concerns of farmers, in 2010, the water abstraction rate reduced from 50,000 to 27,000 cubic meters per day. Nevertheless, some farmer organizations continued their protest against abstraction of water from Iranaimadu tank for the drinking water project. Severe drought experienced in Kilinochchi during early part of 2014 resulted extremely low water level in the Iranaimadu tank, aggravating farmers concerns on water sharing.
4. Considering the urgent need of water supply facilities to Jaffna Peninsula and its suburbs, a mutual agreement has been reached with ADB to carry out a Rapid Assessment on the feasibility of alternative water sources for JKWSSP mainly focusing on desalination of sea water. As a result of the rapid assessment study and their recommendations with regard to desalination, option will be suitable and changed the water source to surface water to sea water.
5. This project is developed to install desalination of sea water through the development of seawater reverse osmosis (SWRO) plant to produce about 24, 000 cubic meters (m^3) of fresh water per day. Taking into account the proposed restructuring, the project meets the eligibility criteria for additional financing. 120 Mn USD approved by Asian Development Bank for the development of water supply infrastructure facilities.
6. Category of the Project: For this project, the feasibility team developed the resettlement plan and project categorized as Category – B following ADB's Safeguard policy Statement

2009, and Government of Sri Lanka's laws (National Involuntary Resettlement Policy, 2001). Land Acquisition for the project completed.

7. The PMU is supposed to provide the monitoring report on social safeguard activities at annual as well as semiannual basis. This is the semi – annual social safeguard monitoring report for the period of July to December 2020. The general objective of this semi - annual safeguard monitoring report is to assess the progress on social safeguard measures taken during the reporting period.
8. However, with the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, some of the works sites were shutdown and Government announced to restart the project activities with the limited sources and works are moving slowly as per the Sri Lankan Health Ministry regulations with limited laborers by maintaining social distance. All construction sites are being monitored every day and implementing the Health and safety plan, which was prepared by contractor and approved by ADB, SLRM. Also, the precautions related to Covid-19 were adopted in all the working sites as well as the project management units.
9. Institutional setup¹: Ministry of Water Supply and Higher Education was the Executive Agency for this project up to November 2019. After the parliament election held in August 2020, the Executive Agency was changed to Ministry of Water Supply. National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) is the implementing agency for the project. A PMCIU has been established under NWSDB headed by Project Director. The resettlement plan for the project is implemented under the overall guidance of the PMCIU. The PMCIU is responsible for implementing and monitoring safeguards compliance activities, public relations activities, gender mainstreaming activities, and community participation activities.

¹ Ministry changed as Ministry of Water Supply after the parliament Election held on 05th August 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

1. Jaffna Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project is implementing by National Water Supply and Drainage Board with the financial support of Asian Development Bank and co-financing by AFD and GOSL. ADB Loan for Jaffna-Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project (JKWSSP) is effective from May 2011. The main objective of this project is to provide safe drinking water to 300,000 people and improved sanitation to 80,000 people in Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts. Under this project following packages are completed.
2. The project consists two loans as Original Loan and the Additional Loan. For the additional loan there is a separate report which has been prepared for the Semi Annual July – December 2020 and disclosed in the website.
3. This report fully consists the details of the safeguard activities under the original loan. The following packages are included in the original loan and the status of the contract is as follow,
 1. Construction of AGM Building and the Staff Quarters – Completed
 2. Advance Pipe Crossing – Completed
 3. Distribution Network Package – 1 – Completed
 4. Water Tower Package – 1 – Completed
 5. Water Tower Package – 2 – Completed
 6. Treated Water Transmission Main – 1 – Completed
 7. Treated Water Transmission Main – 2 – Completed
 8. Distribution Network – 2 – Ongoing
 9. Water Tower Package – 3 – Ongoing
 10. Distribution Network – 3 for islands – Ongoing
 11. SCADA & M&E works – To be awarded

Project Location is showing as follow

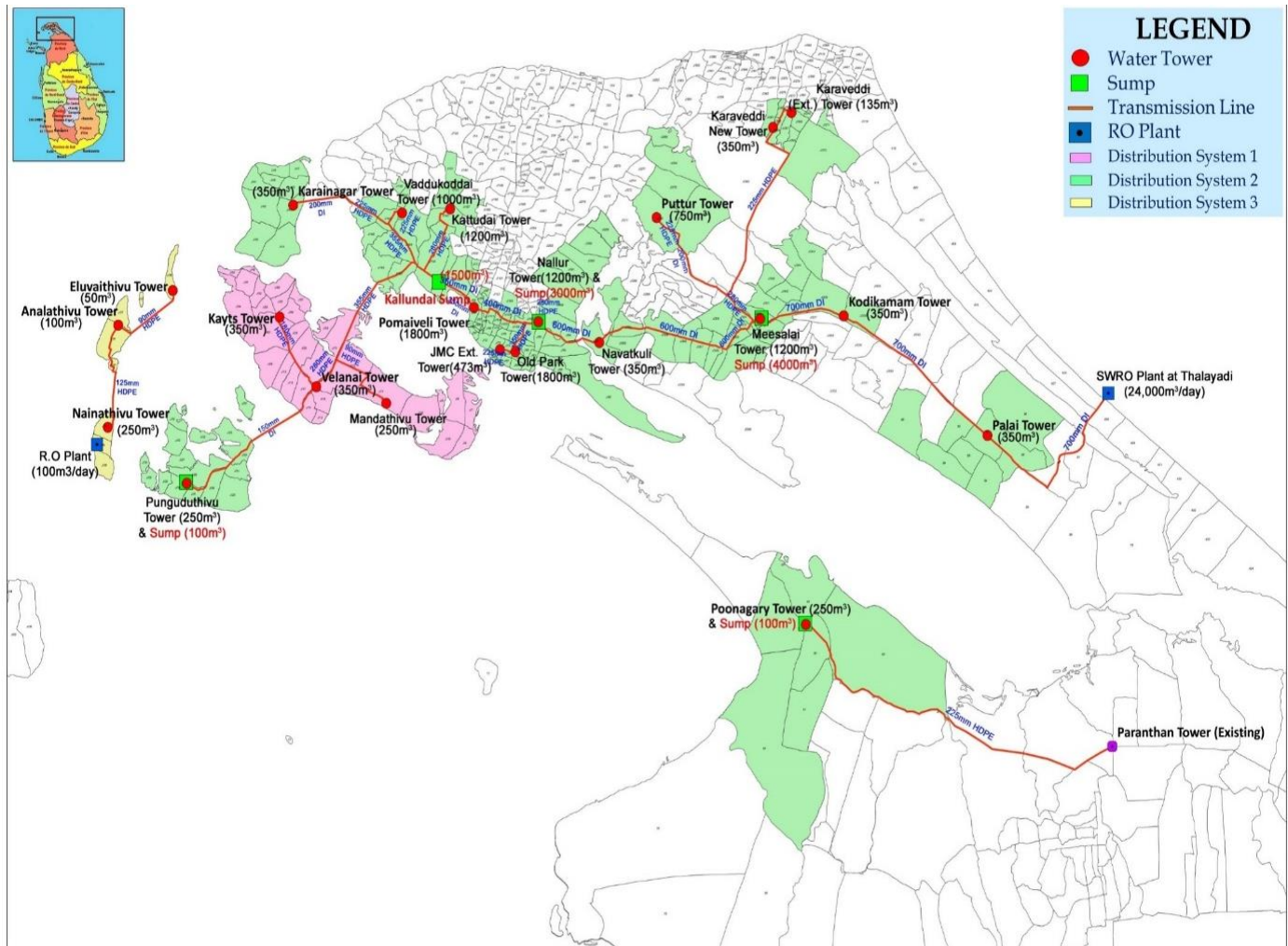


Figure 1. (Water Supply Coverage Map)

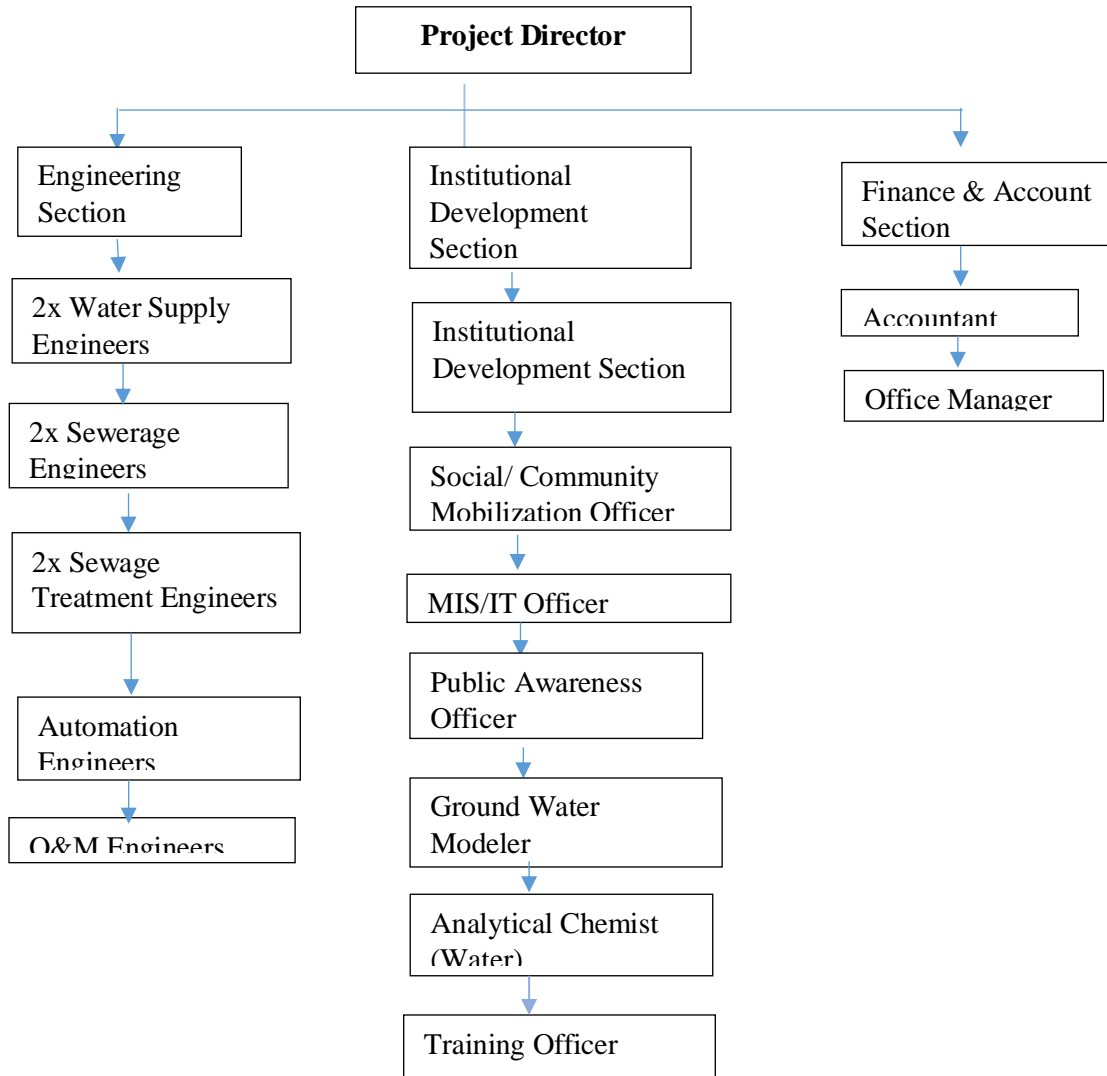
2. IR CATEGORIZATION OF PROJECT/ SUB-PROJECTS

- As per ADB's involuntary resettlement policy (1995) this project is classified as Category B for involuntary resettlement. Based on the ADB's policy on Indigenous population it was categorized as Category – C. Government of Sri Lanka is providing financial support for all resettlement related activities. However, there were no IR related impact or resettlement issues during this reporting period.

3. RESETTLEMENT STAFFING AND MANAGEMENT

5. Resettlement Plan document originally was prepared in 2010 and was approved by ADB. However, it was revised due to the major scope change of the project. Revised resettlement plan was prepared in 2015, forwarded for the ADB's concurrence, and approved in 2016. As per the ADB's safeguard Policy, Due Diligence reports has been prepared for each package in order to identify whether there are any IR related impacts involved due to this project.
6. The Ministry of Water Supply has been entrusted as the Executing Agency and National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) as the Implementing Agency for the JKWSSP. The Project Management Implementation Unit (PMIU) within NWSDB supports the Project, and staff from NWSDB have strengthened this.
7. The PMIU structure is shown in the following figure. Within the PMIU, the sociologist of the project deals with safeguards functions. Resettlement issues across the Project is managed and coordinated by the Sociologist of the PMIU. A consultant is hired when required by the PMIU will support the Sociologist. The main responsibilities of the PMIU - Sociologist are given below and the structure of the PMIU is given in the figure 2.
 - i. Implement the RP;
 - ii. Provide a briefing to the GRC and monitor GRC in dealing with complaints and grievances;
 - iii. Organize and implement public consultation and disclosure activities;
 - iv. Prepare mini-projects and implement livelihood-supporting activities in the project implementing GN division.
 - v. Report each month to the Project Director regarding the progress of resettlement issues.

Figure 2: PMIU Structure



8. A hired consultant is working with the PMIU-Sociologist when need arises and his/her roles are:

- (i) Draft the RP following detailed design;
- (ii) Assist the PMIU in implementing the RP;
- (iii) Establish procedures and systems for monitoring progress in resettlement implementation and recognizing and addressing any problem areas including developing appropriate monitoring indicators which capture essential policy principles;
- (iv) Conduct internal seminars and training programs to raise the awareness of the PMIU and NWSDB Jaffna Offices regarding resettlement issues;
- (v) Consult with the public and individuals' issues
- (vi) Identify affected vulnerable households

The process of implementation of RP is summarized as follow

Activity	Action	Approval
Institutional Strengthening		
Consultancy support to PMIU Sociologist	PMIU	PMIU-PD
Training and support to PMIU and District Offices	PMIU	PMU-PD
Preparation of Resettlement Plan		
Preparation of RP	PMIU hired	PMIU- Sociologist
Public consultation on RP and entitlements	PMIU	PMU- Sociologist
Incorporation of comments, preparation of final RP	PMIU	ADB
Public disclosure of RP	PMIU- Sociologist	EA, ADB
Implementation of Resettlement Plan		
Appointment of external monitor (if required only)	PMIU	PMIU-PD
Internal and external monitoring	PMIU- Sociologist	PMU-PD, ADB
Allocation of RP budgets	PMIU Accountant	PMIU-PD
Dealing with complaints and grievances	PMIU- Sociologist,	PMIU-PD
Communication of outcome of GRC cases	GRC	-

The major activities of implementing the RP are included as follow

Activity	Responsible actor
Review of the RP	Sociologist and PD of PMIU,
Submission to ADB	PMIU
Revision of the RP (if required)	Hired consultant by PMIU
Awareness of contractors on resettlement issues of the project	Resettlement specialist hired by PMIU and Sociologist of PMIU
Awareness of the local communities	Sociologist of PMIU
Implementation of RP	PMIU
Monitoring of the RP implementation process	Sociologist of PMIU with inputs from Resettlement specialist hired if need arises

4. PROGRESS OF LA AND IR IMPLEMENTATION

- In order to avoid involuntary resettlements impacts, most of the state lands were selected for the construction of water towers, clear water sumps and the site offices. However, in some area's unavailability of state lands and the technically suitability following private lands were acquired for the water supply project. Most of the land's acquisition completed and the compensation paid to the respective owners. However, the compensation

payments for Punguduthivu and the Karaveddy not yet paid. The documents related to these lots has been submitted to Ministry to make the payments.

No	Location	Extent	Purpose of the Land	Stage of Acquisition & Payment Done
1	Meesalai, Thenmarachchi	0.5192	Construction of Meesalai Quarters	Rs.1,136,089.36 paid as compensation to DS Thenmaradchi on 24.02.2011
2	Velanai, Allaipiddy	3 Acre 8 Lachchams	Construction of Intake	Acquisition Initiated, Section 38 (a) completed, and Construction not commenced yet.
3	Kaddudai, Sandilipay	0.2695 Ha	Construction of Water Tower & Site Office	Rs. 4,338,528.46.00 paid for compensation for Kaddudai Land Voucher No - 349/10 , Year -2014. Obtained the vesting order.
4	Navatkuli	0.3155 Ha	Construction of Navatkuli Water Tower	Rs. 3,450,000.00 paid for compensation of Navatkuli Land in 2015
5	Punguduthivu, Velanai	0.0911Hect	Construction of Punguduthivu Water Tower	Awarded the section 17. Compensation to be paid. Due to the Covid 19 impact there is a delay in making compensation,
6	Karainagar	0.0619Hect	Construction of Nallur Tower	Rs. 50,000.00 deposited to DS, Karainagar in 2011. Rs. 13440.00 paid to Survey Dept. Rs. 78 000.00 paid to DS Karainagar. Rs. 25,474.50 paid to Associated News Paper Ltd to publish the notices. Rs 100,000.00 Deposited to DS Karainagar for the acquisition of Karainagar Tower Land Access.
7	Analaithivu	0.0500Hect	Construction of Analaithivu	Rs.50,000.00 deposited to DS, Kayts. Rs. 70,000.00 Deposited as compensation.
8	Karaveddy	0.2578 Hec	Construction of Karaveddy Water Tower	Land acquisition ongoing and awarded the section 17. Compensation need to be paid. Due to the Covid 19 impact there is a delay in making compensation,
9	Palai	4.0090 Hect	Construction of Palai WTP and Site Office	Compensation paid to Janatha Estate Development Board
10	Kopay	0.2320 Ha	Construction of Nallur Sump	Acquisition completed and paid the compensation to owner

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF GENDER ACTION PLAN

10. A gender Action plan has been prepared under the project and reporting quarterly wise with the validated data. For the period of year 2020, last quarterly report submitted to ADB. The last updated gender action plan is as follow.

GENDER ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE MATRIX

Jaffna-Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project

Project Title : Jaffna-Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project
 Country : Sri Lanka
 Project No : 37378
 Type of Project (Loan/ TA/JFPR): Loan
 Loan No : L 2710/ L 2711 – SRI & L 3603/ L 3604 SRI
 Approval and Timeline : 2010 – 2017: Extension Given up to Dec 2020 for original loan
 and Dec 2023 for Addl.Loan
 Gender Category : Effective Gender Mainstreaming
 Name of Gender Specialist/ Gender Focal Point : Ms. Balakumary lynkaran
 Quarter Covered by Update : 4th Quarter Oct – Dec 2020 (updated date 02.03.2021)

Project Impact and Outcome: The impact of the project will be improved health and human development in urban areas of Jaffna Peninsula. The project will contribute to rehabilitating, reconstructing, and developing areas affected by conflict. The outcomes of the project will be (i) improved water supply and sanitation infrastructure for residents and returning internally displaced persons in targeted urban areas, and (ii) Improved protection and management of Jaffna Peninsula's water resources. The project area covers the Jaffna Peninsula and Poonakary *Pradeshiya Sabah* in Kilinochchi District.

Activities, Indicators, Baseline, Targets, Time Frame and Responsibility	Progress to Date		Issues and Challenges (Please include reasons why an activity was not fully implemented, or if targets fall short, or reasons for delay, etc.)
	Progress for the Reporting Period (Jul/2020 to Sep/2020) (This should include information on progress for the current quarter-- qualitative and quantitative updates (sex-disaggregated data))	Cumulative Progress (Feb/2011 to Sep/2020) (This should include information on progress (qualitative and quantitative updates including sex-disaggregated data) from the start of the project to the previous quarter's progress report.)	
Output 1: Improving Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure			
Indicator & Targets: Build pro-poor sanitation infrastructure (target: 35% war widows and households headed by women)	School Survey and Household survey was conducted to identify the sanitation infrastructure needs	Baseline survey completed and identified the beneficiaries in the initial stage of project.	Due to the restructuring of the project. AFD withdrawn the fund from Sewerage component of the Project. There is no activities done after 2015 under sanitation infrastructure. However, the AFD agreed for financing and the School Survey and Household survey was conducted to identify the sanitation infrastructure needs among the Jaffna City and the Sandilipay Division where the proposed STP going to placed. Also this
Build communal sanitary facilities for both men and women			

			project will implement as separate project.
Conduct stakeholders consultations on water transfers and the design, construction, O&M of water supply schemes and sanitation options	<p>No Progress in this Quarter</p> <p>Conducting the Baseline for HH connection under the project.</p>	<p>More the 102 consultations had with stakeholders (fisherman) due to the restructure of the project so far (Desalination Component) and the stakeholders meeting.</p> <p>Total = 65 +26+04+02+01+04 = 102 programs</p> <p>04 consultations regarding the Jaffna City Network package was conducted with more than 100 participants including 50% of the women participation.</p>	<p>Due to the Covid 19, no awareness or consultations taken place in this quarter.</p> <p>Also the Baseline for HH connection postponed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.</p>
Establish or strengthen CBOs or committees for the management, O&M of water supply schemes (target: 33% women participation and representation in leadership positions)	NYD – Once completed the project, O&M training will be provided.	NYD	
Conduct training on the management and O&M of community water supply and sanitation schemes	No progress for this project	<p>As a part of this project, CBRWSS project has been implemented and conducted 05 Training Programs with the coordination of RWS Unit, NWS&DB related to Management & Administration, Financial Matters and Technical Training</p> <p>Total CBO Members – 186</p> <p>Male – 119</p> <p>Female - 67</p>	As a part of this JKWSS project, Community water supply project has been implemented separately.
Include design features that address the privacy and safety needs of the ECWD, in community water supply and sanitation options			
Output 2: Strengthening Jaffna Water Resources Management			
Ensure that existing laws on water supply and sanitation are implemented in a gender responsive Manner	In Progress	Draft document preparation regarding the laws in water supply and sanitation with gender responsive manner is in progress	
Conduct gender awareness-raising programs for relevant stakeholders –MLGPC, NWSDB, WRB, JWRMC, JMC, relevant municipal councils, urban councils, and <i>Pradeshiya Sabhas</i> ³ (see Participation and	No progress for this quarter	Two days training on Gender aspects conducted in July 2014 to representatives from stakeholders and communities under (TA). in 2016, 2017 & 2018 couldn't conduct due to the restructured of the project.	Gender consultant prepared the draft training manual to conduct the gender mainstreaming awareness programs

Community Mobilization Plan in Annex E of Project Administration Manual).			
Develop by-laws and implementing rules and regulations for groundwater monitoring for municipal councils, urban councils, and <i>Pradeshiya Sabha's</i> which formulate Community based water quality monitoring programs.	Proposal submitted to ADB, HQ to monitor the heavy metal in 668 wells. Waiting for the ADB's concurrence	WRMC established under chairmanship of GA, Jaffna with relevant stakeholders in 2011 and Technical Committee formed in 2013 and TOR has been prepared Well mapping for monitoring the ground water in Jaffna Peninsula is on progress. so far 13000 wells are completed Request letter sent to GA, Jaffna to reactivate the WRMC	As allocation available for WRMC under Additional financing, the awareness programs and the ground water improvement projects planned to do with other stakeholders like Agrarian Department and Irrigation Department.
Appoint a full-time social development (GAD) consultant in an advisory capacity to the JWRMC	I no of Sociologist appointed full time for GAD	I no of Sociologist appointed full time for GAD	ADB, SLRM's gender specialist supporting to PMCIU Sociologist to prepare and monitor the GAP
Training of NWSDB and WRB staff for capacity building (target: 50% women participation)	NYD	102 Nos of trainings was conducted up to Dec 2017 under TA 7676 with 50 % of women participation. 08 Nos of trainings were conducted under Additional Financing in 2018 for Community leaders and VE DS Office staffs.	Training programs has been scheduled to conduct after mobilized the PMSC consultant under TA 9429
Output 3: Building Implementation Capacity			
Develop a Gender Strategy for NWSDB-JRO as a pilot initiative	In progress	Draft document preparation regarding the gender strategy for NWSDB is in progress	
Develop training toolkits for gender mainstreaming training	In Progress	Training Module has been prepared by Gender Consultant of ADB and shared with PMCIU for their comments	
Conduct gender mainstreaming training for NWSDB-JRO, MLGPC, JWRMC, JMC	No Progress for this Quarter	Conducted 2 No of Training for stakeholders on Gender Mainstreaming Training in 2014 & 2015	Once finalized the training tool kit , the training will be scheduled and conducted by the Sociologist and Gender Consultant in 1 st & 2 nd Quarter of 2021
Develop and maintain sex-disaggregated data base at NWSDB-JRO,	No progress in this quarter	Base Line survey and population survey conducted in 2014 and report has been	Statistical officers and Development officers were participated in the training

Provincial, District and local levels		prepared based on sex disaggregated data base.	program which were conducted in 2016. However, training should be conduct in 2021 with the support of ADB's Gender Specialist
Conduct gender mainstreaming training of statistical officers in collecting sex-disaggregated data and maintaining the database			
Recruit a Social Development (GAD) officer for the NWSDB-JRO	NYD	NYD	CVs collected to appoint Gender Specialist and forwarded to Head Office of ADB to recruit NWSDB – JRO under Addl.Fiancing. However the Ministry limited the recruitment of individual consultants under the project, it will be delay and until that, Public Awareness and Communication expert will cover the duties of Gender Expert as well
Include social and gender-related indicators and targets in the Project Monitoring system and develop project-specific progress report forms with specific sections on gender; and ensure timely and effective incorporation of all progress in the achievement of the social- and gender-related targets	Quarterly updating the GAP, PPMS and DMF based on the gender related information and submitting to NWSDB and ADB	Quarterly updating the GAP, PPMS and DMF based on the gender related information and submitting to NWSDB and ADB	Last updated document up to Dec 2020 shared with ADB
Conduct Performance-Based Evaluation for monitoring project implementation	NYD	NYD	

Comments/ Remarks:

Most of the activities are not done properly due to the water sharing issue raised during the period 2013 – 2016 and the project were restructured. Construction works of other components of the project is ongoing. Also the original loan GAP has been merged with additional financing loan and the most of the activities comes under additional loan which was signed in 15th December 2017. As the main contract SWRO awarded and the required consultants also mobilized the balance activities will take place by 1st Quarter of 2021.

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6. GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

11. The GRM made accessible to affected persons and capable of responding to a wide scope of issues. Committee established each DS Divisions where the project related activities going on. The complaint box keeping at the project sites and the divisional secretary's office in order to receive the complaints regarding the project works. During the project implementation period, needed consultation had with committee and informed the proper complaint mechanism. However, there are no complaints recorded during the reporting period as most of the sites were shut down due to the Covid 19 impacts and the most of the contract works were completed.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

12. During the period July to December 2020, overall social safeguards implementation was satisfactory. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic some of the working sites were temporarily closed and reopen with the proper Health and Safety plan. In addition, the proper Instructions have given to contractor to avoid engaging the many laborers and the working scheduled were reduced to the maintenance of the social distance. Also instructed to minimize any adverse social impact that may arise during construction period. Specially, keen concern about the minimize the dust and noise generation, as well as loss of accesses to shop and houses due to the pipe laying activities. Further to that monitoring of safeguard activities regularly overseen by the PMCIU and PEIC staff.