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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

The Jaffna and Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project (JKWSSP) is a project funded by Asian Development Bank. The main objectives of the JKWSSP are 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.

Originally, the project aimed to channel approximately 27,000 cubic meters per day (m³/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.

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.

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.

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 (m³) 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.

Category of the Project: For this project, the feasibility team developed the resettlement plan and the project is category B for involuntary resettlement. The project is category C for indigenous peoples. The population in the project area is largely homogenous (Tamil) and the socioeconomic survey and consultations show that no distinctive and separate indigenous peoples live in the project area. Following ADB's safeguard policy Statement 2009, and Government of Sri Lanka's laws (National Involuntary Resettlement Policy, 2001), Land Acquisition for the project was completed.

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 report for the period of July to December 2021. The general objective of this semi - annual safeguard monitoring report is to assess the progress on safeguard measures taken during the reporting period.

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 is the implementing agency for the project. A Project Management Coordination and Implementation Unit 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 implemented 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 of 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 2021 and disclosed in the website.
3. This report fully consists of 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

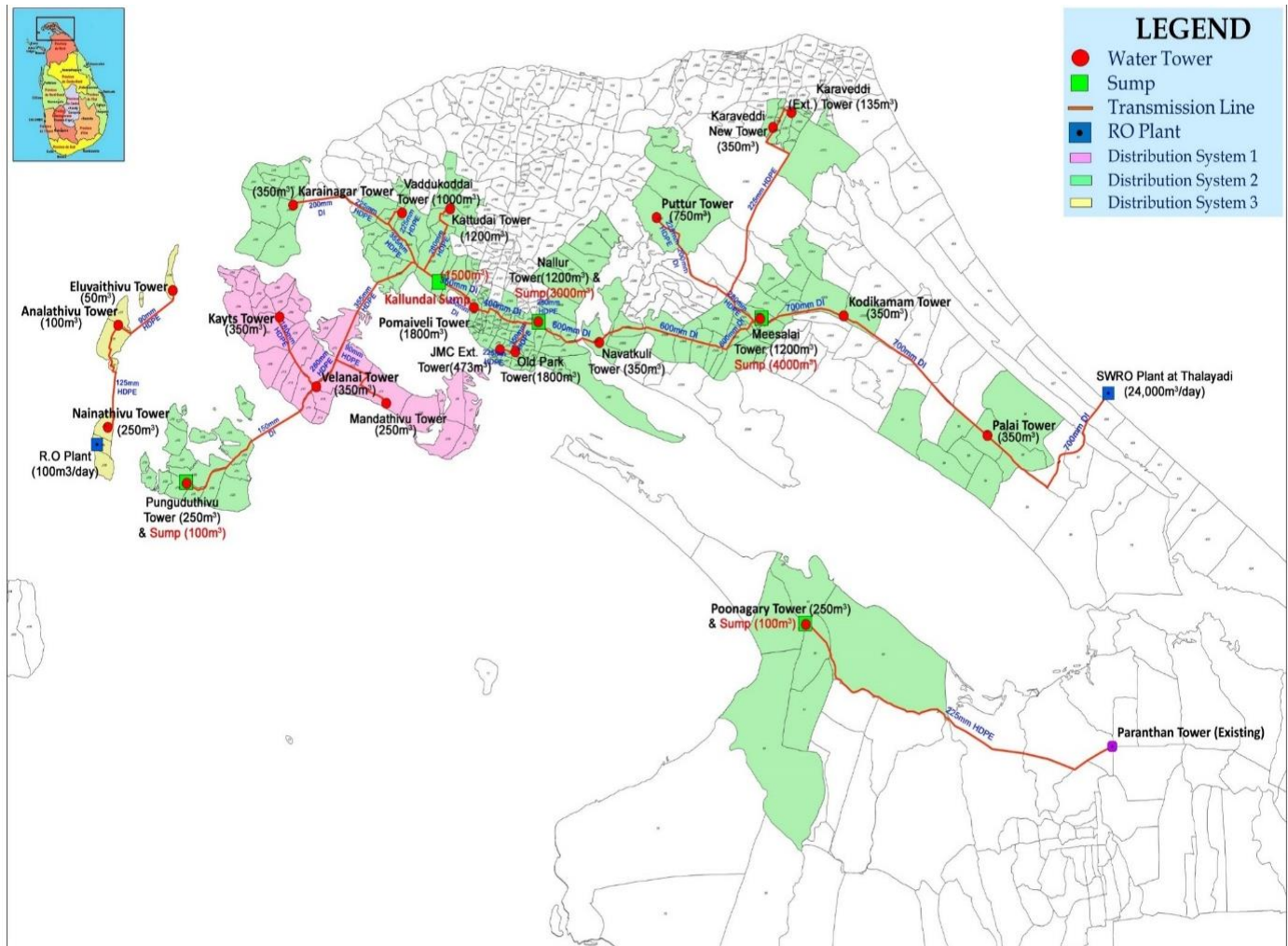


Figure 1. Water Supply Coverage Map

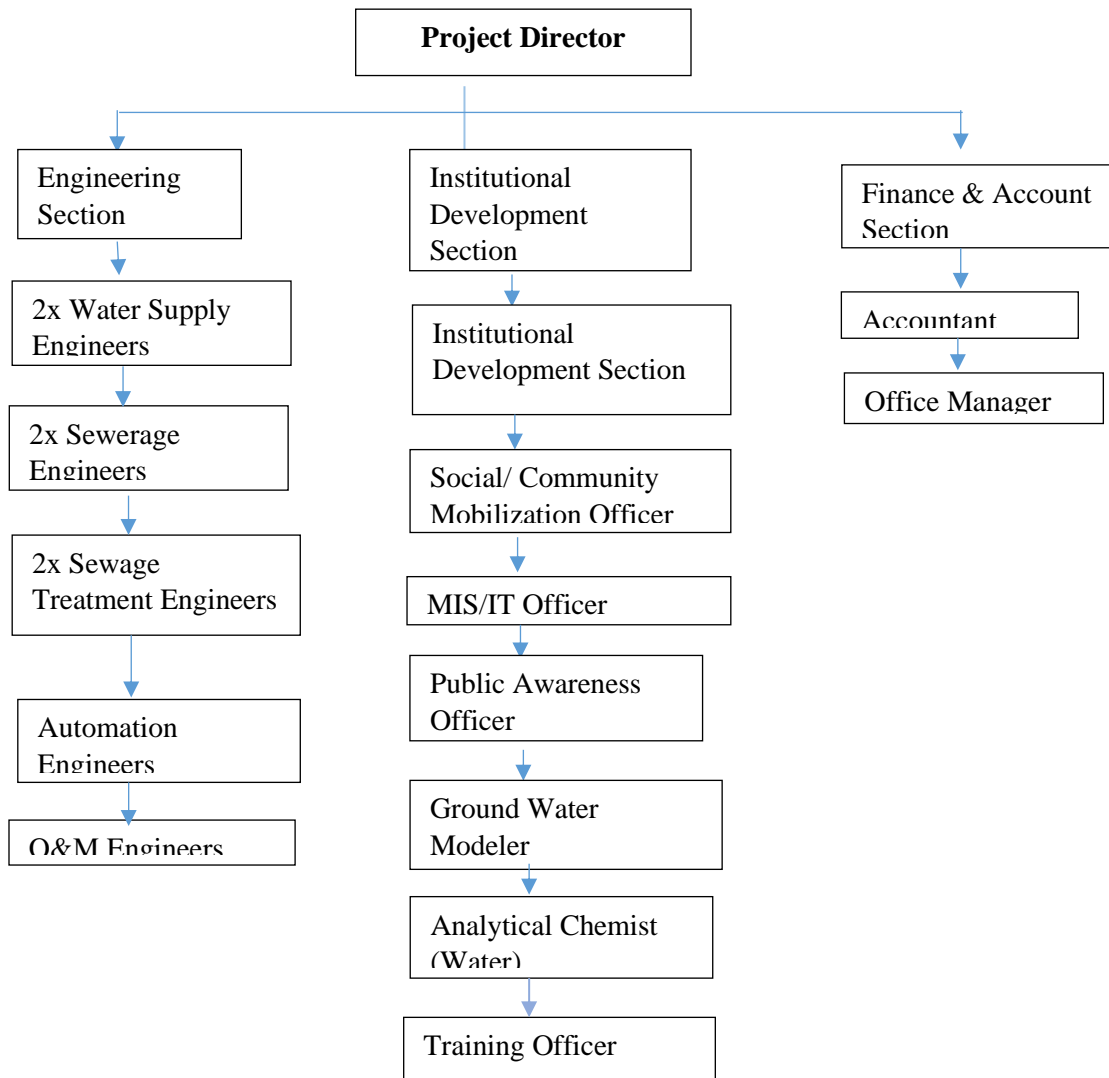
2. IR CATEGORIZATION OF PROJECT/ SUB-PROJECTS

- 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 (NSWSDB) as the Implementing Agency for the JKWSSP. The Project Management Implementation Unit (Project Management Coordination and Implementation Unit) 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.
 - 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 will work with the PMIU-Sociologist when need arises and his/her roles would be:

- (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, Punguduthivu land is to be paid. The delay in payment is due to the owners not having proper proof of ownership to the land.

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. However the compensation not paid as the owners not submit the ownership documents (Lands belongs to Sarvodayam, Jaffna and Sarvodayam decided to settle the compensation to Head Office or Jaffna Regional Office). To finalized this Inquiry scheduled 2 times and canceled due to the absence of the owners due to the Covid 19 and lock downs. Action taken by DS, Velanai to call inquiry immediately.
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 Rs. 8,533,000.00 paid to the owner.
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

9. A gender Action plan has been prepared under the project and reporting quarterly wise with the validated data. For the period of year 2021, 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 Iynkaran
Quarter Covered by Update : 4th Quarter Oct – Dec 2021 (updated date 15.01.2021)

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.

GENDER ACTION PLAN UPDATE FOR 4th QUARTER 2021			
Target/Activity	Progress in 1Q2021 [Oct – Dec 2021]	Cumulative progress [Feb 2011/ Dec 2021]	Status of activity/target [yet to commence, in progress, completed]
Output 1: Water supply service infrastructure in Jaffna Peninsula improved			
1.1 Conduct stakeholder consultations, including women, on water transfers and the design, construction, O&M of water supply schemes			
1.1.1 40% women participation in community or stakeholder consultations (and consultations with women's organizations)		<p>203 consultations had with stakeholders (farmers/ fisherman) regarding the designing of the project from 14.11.2005 – 18.03.2019 and Total participants were 14435 Numbers comprising 7423 Male and 7026 Female. 48 % of the women participation in the consultations were achieved. Please refer the Annex - 1</p> <p>04 consultations regarding the Jaffna City Network package was conducted with 198 participants including 110 male and 88 female. Please refer the Annex – 2</p>	Completed
1.2 Include design features that address the privacy and safety needs of the ECWD during construction of the desalinization plant and transmission			
<p>1.2.1 Households headed by women and elderly, and households with persons with disability are prioritized when subsidizing household connections</p> <p>[Aligned with overall DMF output 1.1c. 60,000 metered new water connections installed, with at least 15% of the households headed by women (2017 baseline: 2,400 households)].</p>	Household Survey is in Progress	So far 2932 HH with FHH and 103 HH with disability were identified through the household survey and they will be prioritized when providing HH connection.	In progress
1.3 Households headed by females and most vulnerable households included in livelihood development activities			

1.3.1 At least 80% of households led by women and most vulnerable are assisted with livelihood development		<p>The livelihood activities targeted only at Thalaiyadi Village as the desalination plant is install there. Thalaiyadi Village has total of 263 Numbers of female and 73 of them are FHH.</p> <p>Under the livelihood development for women headed households - 50 Nos of sanitation and 27 Nos of drinking water wells were provided.</p>	In Progress
Output 3: Water resource management systems and capacity strengthened			
3.1 Ensure that existing laws on water supply are implemented in a gender-responsive manner			
3.1.1 Gender-responsive implementation of existing laws on water supply and sanitation is assessed and enhanced	Draft Document has been prepared	The document will be finalized by June 2022	In progress
3.2 Conduct gender awareness raising programs for relevant stakeholders			
<p>3.2.1 At least two training session (minimum 4 hours) are conducted for middle and upper-level stakeholder representatives</p> <p>Aligned with overall DMF Output 3.3f. At least 50 NWSDB staff reporting improved skills in managing and monitoring DBO performance-based contract (at least 30% are women) (2010 baseline: 0)</p>	Virtual training on Gender Mainstreaming for Water Supply Projects had on 20 th & 21 st December 2021 and 27 (Male – 18 and Female-09) participants were participated.	<p>Two days training on Gender aspects conducted in July 2014 to representatives from stakeholders and communities under (TA). – with the participant of 62 persons comprising 47 female and 15 male. The following contents were discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difference between Sex and Gender • Gender Identification • Gender Mainstreaming policies • Contemporary Gender Mainstreaming • Gender Mainstreaming at Organizations • Conflict <p>12 Gender Trainings will be conducted within 2022</p> <p>DBO performance trainings will target PMCIU & O&M/ RSC- (NWSDB). This trainings will be conducted by 2Q of 2022</p>	Partially Completed
DMF Output 3.3g. At least 60,000 households, of which 20% are below poverty line and 15% are households headed by		38 Numbers of Awareness Programs has been conducted between 2017 – 2019 with the 2090 total participant of consisting	Completed

females, have increased awareness in water conservation, environmental protection and hygiene (2017 baseline: 0)		854 male and 1236 female. Please refer Annex - 3 Increased Awareness in water conservation environmental will be monitored/ assessed during the impact assessment period	
3.3 Develop by-laws and implementing rules and regulations for groundwater monitoring for municipal councils, urban councils, and <i>Pradeshiya Sabhas</i> that formulate community-based water quality monitoring programs			
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3.3.1 Water resource management committee includes women's organizations with 20% women representation	Progress Review Meeting held 22nd December 2021	WRMC established in 2011 at District Level and the Technical Committee formed in 2012 with 22% of the women representation	Completed
3.4 Develop a Gender Strategy for NWSDB and PMCIU as a pilot initiative			
3.4.1 Gender strategy developed and piloted	Gender Strategy prepared	The document will be finalized by June 2022	In Progress
3.5 Develop training toolkits for gender mainstreaming training			
3.5.1 A training manual is developed and used for training of staff and stakeholders	Training manual prepared and Translation completed. Ready to use	Training Module has been prepared by Gender Consultant of ADB SLRM and shared with PMCIU. Document Translation completed	Completed
3.6 Conduct gender mainstreaming training for NWSDB and PMCIU staff			
3.6.1 At least three training sessions (minimum 6 hours) are conducted for all project staff		Training sessions has been scheduled 20th & 21st December 2021	In Progress
3.7 Develop and maintain sex-disaggregated data base at NWSDB and PMCIU, provincial, district, and local levels			
3.7.1 Sex-disaggregated data is readily accessible	Ready to access in	NWSDB maintaining the Beneficiary Data Base and PMCIU maintain the data bases for training and project beneficiaries. All these data based included with Sex Disaggregated	Completed

		Statistical Handbook, District Statistical Website and Provincial hand book/ website is readily accessible with sex disaggregated data.	
3.8 Conduct gender mainstreaming training of statistical officers in collecting sex disaggregated data and maintaining the database			
3.8.1 One training conducted (minimum 4 hours), and statistical officers recognize the needs and ways to collect sex-disaggregated data		One day training session were conducted to the Statistical officers and Development officers from Jaffna and Kilinochchi District in 2016. The training was for 6 hours and 32 participants were participated.	Completed
3.9 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			
3.9.1 Project monitoring system provides sex-disaggregated data	Quarterly report submitting	Monthly, Quarterly, Annually and Semi Annually progress reports , PPMS, DMF and GAP submitting based on the sex-disaggregated data	In progress
Jaffna and Kilinochchi Water Supply and Sanitation Project [Activities that are not reflected in the AF GAP; DMF of the original project referenced]			
Component 1: Improving Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure			
1.4 Establish or strengthen CBOs or committees for the management, O&M of water supply schemes (target: 33% women participation and representation in leadership positions) [Aligned with DMF output 1.a.4 of original DMF At least 33% representation of women in committees established for community water supply and sanitation programs and DMF output 1.1d in current DMF of AF DMF]	No Progress	88 Numbers of CBO with women representation in the leadership positions were created under the Department of Community Water Supply Division of Ministry of Water Supply and functioning well. Around 37% of the women holding the leadership positions as president, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive members.	Completed
1.5. Conduct training on the management and O&M of community water supply and sanitation schemes		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,	Completed

		<p>Financial Matters and Technical Training</p> <p>Total CBO Members – 186 Male – 119 Female – 67</p> <p>Under the JKWSSP there is no activities related to the community water supply. Training and workshops and water supply activities to the CBO is conducting and monitoring by Nation Department for Community Water Supply. Additional Information is available in the ADB website https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/project-documents/44082/44082-012-icm-en.pdf </p>	
Component 2. Strengthening Jaffna Water Resources Management			
2.4 Appoint a full-time social development (GAD) consultant in an advisory capacity to the JWRMC	01 consultant recruited	Public Awareness, Communication and Gender Specialist consultant recruited to monitor and advise the JWRMC	Completed
<p>2.5 Training of NWSDB and WRB staff for capacity building (target: 50% women participation)</p> <p>[Aligned with DMF output 2.1. Training of NWSDB/WRB staff for capacity building (target: 50% of women participation)]</p>		<p>Under the Capacity Development of JKWSSP 102 Nos of trainings was conducted for NWSDB staff, WRB staffs and JKWSSP related stakeholders from Sep 2012 to Dec 2017 under TA 7676. Total participants were 2424 comprising 1285 male and 1139 female. (46 % of the women participation)</p> <p>08 Nos of trainings were conducted under Additional Financing in 2018 for Community leaders and VE DS Office staffs. Total participants – 329 comprising 129 male and 200 female. (60% of the women participation)</p>	Completed
Component 3. Building Implementation Capacity			
3.6. Recruit a Social Development (GAD) officer for the NWSDB-JRO	01 full time Sociologist recruited	NWSDB appointed full time sociologist to closely monitor the activities related to GAP.	Completed
3.8. Conduct Performance-Based	No Progress	Impact Evaluation will be conducted by Sep 2024	Not yet Commence

Evaluation for monitoring project implementation			
<p>Prepared By: I. Balakumary, Sociologist, JKWWSP S.M.Croos, ADB Consultant (Gender Expert)</p> <p>Recommended By : T.Barathithasan, Project Director, JKWSSP</p> <p>Approved By: Mr. Sudharsana, Senior Social Development Specialist - SLRM</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Checked By:</p>			

6. GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM

10. 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 has been kept at the project sites and the divisional secretary's office 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 most of the Contract works were completed.
- 11.. During the reporting period there is no complaints receive from the public. However, we received the complaint from the predeshiya Saba, Velanai that the roads are damaged and the compaction is poor. We instructed immediately to contractor to rectify the issues immediately and contractor agreed to reinstate the roads with the existing condition after completed the laying. Update on this will be discussed in the next quarter.

7. Social Safeguard Monitoring

12. There are three packages are ongoing under the original loan and the details of the packages are as follow

Construction of Elevated Water Tower – 3

Details	Date of Award	Date of Completion	Status	Physical	Financial
Contractor : M/S Squire Mech Engineering	28.05.2019	22.12.2020 31.12.2021	Construction works in progress	94%	70%

Under the above-mentioned contract 5 water tower constructions are ongoing and the 2 lands are private which are acquired and paid the compensation and 3 lands are state and released to NWSDB under long term lease.

There is no complaints and grievances reported under this contract during the reporting period.

Distribution Network for Islands – 3

Details	Date of Award	Date of Completion	Status	Physical	Financial
Contractor : M/S CMEC - BPPE	25.01.2021		Pipe laying works in progress	98%	91%

Under the above mentioned contract distribution pipe laying works are ongoing in Nainativu, Analaitivu and Eluvaitivu. The pipes are laying in the RDD road and the Predeshiya Saba Road reservation without damaging the public property.

Other package M&E SCADA is the awarding stage.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

13. During the period July to December 2021, Overall safeguards implementation is satisfactory. Due to the COVID – 19 infections to the workers 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 the individual consultant.