



# Sri Lanka: Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board

Project Name	Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board		
Project Number	52246-002		
Country / Economy	Sri Lanka		
Project Status	Approved		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6962-SRI: Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth		
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban policy, institutional and capacity development		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The technical assistance (TA) is estimated to cost \$1 million, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund. The government will provide counterpart support in the form of staff, secretarial assistance, domestic transportation, and other in-kind contributions. The TA will support the achievement of output 2, through (i) capacity development of NWSDB's PPMU and NRW cells; (ii) establishment of a dedicated Environmental and Social Unit, covering safeguards and GESI-related aspects; (iii) training on interdepartmental organization, team building, finance, auditing, human resource management, and supply chain management; (iv) knowledge increase for improved business efficiency, such as consumer relationship and integrated information and communication technology at the central level; (v) advancing institutional capacity on GESI with in-house master trainers on GESI, skills in GESI analysis and assessment, and formulation of a GESI policy and strategy; (vi) capacity increase in DMA and GIS-based asset management of RSC and O&M of smart water management systems; and (vii) development of a financial sustainability road map and business efficiency action plan. Manuals and guidelines will be developed. NWSDB will be the executing and implementing agency for the TA, which will be implemented in 4 years.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Though 87% of Sri Lanka's population has access to improved water supply, piped water supply coverage is only 54.6%. The National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), with 2.4 million domestic connections, provides safe water to 41.3% of the population, while community-managed water supply schemes and local authorities provide water to 13.3%. Around 38.7% is covered with basic water supply through self-sufficient methods and nearby public point sources. The absence of a safely managed water supply has led to environmental degradation, increased public health risks, increased vulnerability to the impacts of climate change and natural hazards, and hampered economic growth. Aligned with the draft Public Investment Programme, 2021-2024, the government water sector target is to increase the proportion of households with access to safe drinking water to 100% (and 80% by pipe borne water). Aligned with NWSDB's Corporate Plan, 2020-2025, the project aims to expand service coverage, increase water production and storage capacities, and improve the efficiency of existing schemes and water quality and service levels.		
Impact	productivity and efficiency of functional areas of NWSDB improved organizational reforms for increased business efficiency introduced		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome		Institutional capacity of NWSDB strengthened	
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs		Organizational roadmaps and action plans for enhancing NWSDB financial sustainability and operational efficiency developed Capacity of NWSDB strengthened	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location		Nation-wide	
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	Institutional development consultant (consultancy recruitment)
Procurement	Recruitment process: simplified technical proposal and quality- and cost-based selection method with a quality-cost ratio of 80:20. Amount: \$0.935 million
Responsible ADB Officer	
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South Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division	
Urban Development and Water Division, SARD	
Executing Agencies	
Ministry of Water Supply (formerly Ministry of City Planning and Water Supply) National Water Supply and Drainage Board	
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	21 Jun 2022
Fact Finding	04 Jul 2022 to 08 Jul 2022
MRM	-
Approval	29 Sep 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	29 Sep 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	-	0.00

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