

 Early Warning System

ADB-52246-001

Climate-Resilient Sustainable Water Supply and Sanitation Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Sri Lanka
Specific Location	Western and Southern Provinces of Sri Lanka
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Borrower	Government of Sri Lanka - Ministry of Transport, Highways and Urban Dev.
Sectors	Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 200.00 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the project will rehabilitate and expand water supply coverage to about 155,000 households and improve the operational efficiency of services and management to provide safe, efficient, and climate-resilient water supply services in eight towns in the Western and Southern Provinces in Sri Lanka. It will promote (i) efficient use of resources by nonrevenue water (NRW) reduction and district metered area (DMA) approach, (ii) reduction of service levels discrepancies between rural and urban areas, and (iii) switching from groundwater to surface water source.

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.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

Environment: B

Involuntary Resettlement: B

Indigenous Peoples: C



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The financing amount is \$200,000,000, which will be financed on a loan basis by ADB's ordinary capital resources.



Contact Information

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Bank Documents

- [52246-SRI: Water Supply Improvement Project](#)
- [Water Supply Improvement Project: Initial Poverty and Social Analysis](#)



Other Related Projects

- ADB-52246-002 Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board