

 Early Warning System

ADB-52246-002

Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the National Water Supply  
and Drainage Board



## Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Sri Lanka
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
<b>Status</b>	Approved
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	U
<b>Voting Date</b>	2022-09-29
<b>Borrower</b>	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
<b>Sectors</b>	Water and Sanitation
<b>Investment Type(s)</b>	Advisory Services, Grant
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 1.00 million
<b>Grant Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 1.00 million



### Project Description

According to ADB, 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.

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.



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The TA financing amount is \$1.0 million, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-other sources). The government will provide counterpart support in the form of counterpart staff, access to reports and information, office space for consultants, training venues, and other in-kind contributions. T



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## Bank Documents

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- [Technical Assistance Report](#) [Original Source]