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Goal I: Promote Water as Key Part of Sustainable Development

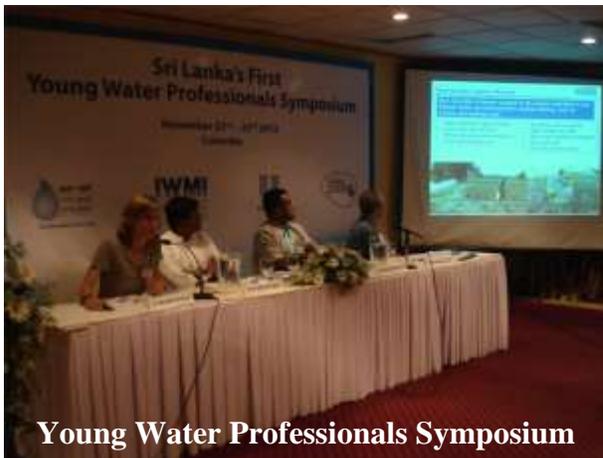
Activity 1.

Young Water Professionals Symposium (YWPS).

YWPS held in November 2012 co-sponsored by IWMI and Unilever, it was the first such event aimed at young water professionals. The proceedings are with the printer and Dr M Samad of IWMI is finalizing the Synthesis Report that will be used for an Expert Consultation.

Output /Outcome.

The symposium and the Expert Consultation will lead to Policy Brief for consideration by the authorities. GWP SAS is considering the holding of a similar Symposium to be held for South Asia in Sri Lanka under the GWP CCA Programme funding envelope in 2014.



Activity 2.

Private Sector Collaboration in Natural Resources Conservation.

SLWP partnered Janashakthi Insurance in a pollution mitigation and bank/reservation conservation programme in the Deduru oya and Ma Oya AWP areas. The Programme has been expanded in Maha Oya to cover a Water Quality Study undertaken by the University of Colombo, SLWP and the Maha Oya AWP. This programme was inaugurated on 4th April at Aranayake in Maha Oya AWP area. The Provincial Health Department and the NWSDB are closely associated with this programme. Three schools have been selected for establishment of nurseries (Medicinal/Herbal plants) and Rain Water Harvesting Tanks are being provided to two schools under this programme.

Output /Outcome.

Private sector support has increased the coverage and depth of SLWP activities at ground level. Likely more and more private sector organizations and IWMI having seen the outreach capability of SLWP now are partnering its activities.

Activity 3.

SLWP is represented in the National Water Supply and Sanitation Steering Committee as an official constituent and has input into attainment of goals by SL on both MDG 's and WS&S.

Output/Outcome

SLWP has been pursuing policy interventions through addressing hot topics such as droughts, floods, wetlands and landslides etc. The water supply sector involvement has enabled SLWP to have the RBM concept accepted for implementation and already one such basin model is operational in Uva province with respect to Uma Oya due to its intervention.

Goal II: Coping with Critical Water Challenges through Partnerships to Secure Mutual Goals

Activity 1.

GWP CCA Activity.

Based on the request for a proposal on CCA for SAS to be funded by GWP under its CC funding envelope a CCA Status Paper and Proposal for funding was developed and submitted. The Programme was drawn up in consultation with the main water sector agencies and was complementary to the APAN activity undertaken in 2012. Programme was expected to be launched in April but now seems that funds are likely in Q4.

An associated activity ; Programme for Youth on Disaster Reduction was held on 13th March at Bingiriya in Kurunegala organized by SLWP and the University of Colombo in collaboration with UNDP and the CEA.



Output/Outcome.

As commitment had been made to the agencies a TOT programme for Technical Officers in North Central Province was held on June 24th with funds in hand two further programmes are planned for August and September and a Farmer Leader Programme on August 27th in Anuradhapura as a follow up to the programme for TO already held. APAN and the GWP CCA activity will help consolidate collective and integrated approach to CCA activities in the water sector.

These activities will enable a vital knowledge and capacity gap to be filled and provide input to programme planning by the sector agencies.

Activity 2.

Awareness Programme on RSM and Natural Resources Management for police.

The above programme for the Special Task Force (STF) of the police initiated in 2010 at the request of the STF covering the Western and North Western and Sabaragamuwa Province was expanded to cover the Southern Province In February. This was followed by a programme for the Eastern Province and Held in Ampara in June 2012. A programme for Deduru oya AWP was held on 13th March 2013 at which STF officers from North Western Province participated. The first programme in the North was held on 24th June 2013 and officers from 17 STF camps in the region participated. The programme is a collaborative activity with active involvement of the GSMB the Regulator and the CEA and the University of Ruhuna / Colombo.

The policies, laws and practices related to RSM and natural resources are presented and these new insights provide for better appreciation of the issues involved and responses needed.

A sequel to this activity is documentation by WIN of its RSM intervention in 2008 and SLWP/GWP Follow up activities. A consultant from WIN visited Sri Lanka from 16th to 20th May and met with GSMB and the STF prior to finalizing a document on the role of SLWP and its success in combatting illicit RSM.



Output/Outcome.

The involvement of the STF, not subject to political and local pressures like the normal police saw marked improvement in the overall enforcement levels with respect detections and prosecutions of illicit RSM and clearing of forests etc. In areas where these programmes were conducted there was almost a threefold increase in detections and prosecutions. This is one reason the STF is keen to have all the provinces covered. The next programme is planned to be held in Trincomalee.

This is a major outcome where considerable improvement in regulation of illicit RSM occurred due to the SLWP/ WIN programme in 2008 and follow up and improvement in enforcement since 2010 with the STF programme. A clear outcome of SLWP intervention and now will be known globally as consequence of the WIN paper.

Goal III: Reinforce Knowledge Sharing and Communications, Capacity Building

Activity 1.

Sisu Jala Hamuwa (Schools Programme on IWRM/Water Messenger and Health / Sanitation)

- i) A special TOT for 35 Girl Guides on IWRM and Water Messengers was held in Killinochchi Central College on June 24th in collaboration with the Girl Guides Association.
- ii) As part of our Schools IWRM and Health/ Sanitation support programme, 25 Preschool teachers from Killinochchi were given training on 25th June at the Killinochchi Central College.

Output/Outcome.

The Schools IWRM Programme including the joint programme with the GGA has enabled SLWP to widen its scope and reach. The schools programme along with the Gender and Water Dialogues, Youth and the local AWP programmes form the basis of ground level gender& youth IWRM activity.



Activity 2.

World Water Day Activities.

- i) A Schools Programme was held at the NBA Auditorium on 22nd March as a WWD activity organized by the Upper Mahaweli AWP in collaboration with NBA, NWSDB and Provincial Director Health Services Central Province for Staff and Students of SWRD National School Kundasale. Essay and Art competitions organized for this activity had winners being presented with certificates/awards at this event at which 8 teachers and over 100 students participated.
- ii) A WWD IWRM and Water Messenger School programme was organized by the Maha Oya AWP on 23rd March at Polahegoda Junior School at Ussapitiya Mawanella in collaboration with the local environment officer, education office and local authority. 105 students and staff participated at this event.
- iii) Chair SLWP was invited to attend the high level Interactive Dialogue on Water Cooperation organized by the President of the UN General Assembly at UN headquarters New York on 22nd March 2013.
- v) Chair SLWP participated at India Water Week (9th -12th April). She organized and chaired the Gender& Water Session at IWW on 11th April at which the Hon Minister of Water Resources of India was Chief Guest

- vi) SLWP Chair was invited as a keynote speaker at Australia Water Week(OZ water'13) organized by the Australia Water Association and held from 7-9th may in Perth.

Activity 3.

Gender and Water Dialogues

- i) A Gender and Water Dialogue for Women was held over two days in for NGO/CBO and agency staff in Killinochchi on 24th and 25th in June in collaboration with the District Secretariat, Provincial Health Department, NWSDB, Irrigation Department and University of Jaffna. This was attended by 46 participants. Ms. Swarna Sumanasekera RC Member coordinated this event.
- ii) A Gender and Water Dialogue under the G&W programme of SLWP was held for CBO under the Water Trust of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage at Padukka on 3rd May. Hon Minister of Water Supply and Drainage and other officials of the NWSDB including its General Manger participated at this event at which 51 CBO representatives were present. This programme was organized in collaboration with NetWwater, the National Water Trust and targeted women leaders of community water supply organizations East of Colombo covering Ratnapura, Avissawella and Kegalle. Dr Ranjana Piyadasa from the Colombo University and Ms Nandanie Gunasekera of Netwwater were resource persons. Chair SLWP Ms Kusum Athukorala and Ms Swarna Sumanasekera RC member represented SLWP.

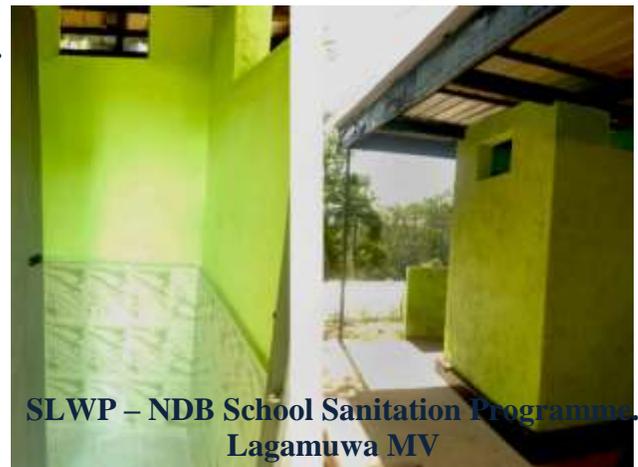
Output/Outcome.

The above activities are a part of SLWP continuing activities related to capacity building covering Women, Youth and School Children as part of IWRM promotion and capacity building of communities and agency staff.

Activity 4.

SLWP-Private Sector Collaboration.

- i) Under the joint programme with NDB Bank the two demonstration toilets as support by the bank for the SLWP School Sanitation Programme in Central Province at Galadeniyawa and Lagamuwa Maha Vidyalaya have been completed with supervision support extended by the Lions Club Pilimalalawa and handed over to the school authorities. The two RWH tanks to provide uninterrupted water supply are now being installed. This will ensure a regular water supply for the school toilets. A Ceremony was held to hand over the two school toilets and rain water harvesting (RWH) systems installed at Lagamuwa and Gadaladeniya MV in the Central Province on 24th April. The NDB Bank which supported this activity contributed Rs. 370,611/ and SLWP approx. 50,000/-. This is part of school sanitation programme support undertaken by SLWP and linked to the Water Messenger Activity. The programme was actively supported by the local Lions Club which also handled the construction support and supervision free of charge. Head of Corporate Sustainability of NDB Bank participated in this event.
- ii) The Plant Nursery for replanting of the reservations and eroded banks of the Maha oya to be undertaken with Janashakthi Insurance Pvt Limited has now been fully established in Aranayake. Planting is being planned for the wet season. A water quality survey of Maha oya also additionally supported by Janashakthi to be undertaken by SLWP with support of the University of Colombo will be inaugurated on 7th April at Rahala Aranayke at a ceremony connected with WWD schools activity and Catchment Conservation programme for the Maha oya upper catchment to be launched on this date with the Deputy Minister of Health who is the local MP as Chief Guest.



Output/Outcome

Collaborating with and partnering the private sector in IWRM activities has given impetus to the SLWP IWRM programme and enabled greater visibility and impact to be realized.

Activity 5.

YWPS.

The YWPS was Held on 22nd and 23rd November organised by SLWP with Sponsorship by IWMI and Unilever. Hon Minister of Water Supply was Chief Guest and Prof Mohan Munasinghe was the Keynote Speaker at the Inauguration. 24 Presentations were made at the Technical Sessions by Paper Authors. Over 130 attended the Inauguration and 65 the Technical sessions.

It was a major opportunity for networking among water professionals. Proceedings are with the printer and a Synthesis Report is being prepared by Dr M Samad Director IWMI as a prelude to the Expert Consultation that will develop a Policy Brief.

Output/Outcome.,

New initiative by SLWP seen as major capacity building initiative to be expanded to a regional programme in future. Positive response from sponsors. A Regional YWPS for SAS is included in the GWP CCA proposal to be led by SLWP and to be held in Sri Lanka in 2014.

Goal IV: Build a More Effective Network

Activity

- i) One Steering Committee Meeting and 6 Programme Committee Meetings have been held up to June this year. AWP established are being strengthened, but no new ones will be established due to funding and follow up capacity issues.
- ii) Chair SLWP and Regional coordinator 2012, participated in GWP Strategy Meeting (2014-2019) meeting held in Manila from 11th to 14th March 2013.
- iii) Country coordinator SLWP was chosen to represent GWP SAS at the Strategy task Force Meeting in Stockholm on 27th and 28th May. This was a follow up meeting to the Manila Meeting in March.

Output/Outcome

SLWP Programme on track. Unable yet to move on Comprehensive Water Policy due to apathy by state on this. YWPS likely to provide entry point in 2013.s. Operating to impact by working on “hot topics” such as floods, droughts, landslides, climate change, river sand mining, pollution etc. Major activity with Schools, AWP and collaborating partners.

Important.

SLWP strategy of working at all levels of the water sector (doing many small activities rather than a large projects as suggested by GWPO presently) with its broad outreach has been vindicated with visible impact in that IWMI and many Private sector corporates now consider SLWP outreach platforms a possible way to latch on to implementing mutually beneficial programmes. SLWP view is that while large projects are beneficial in terms of funding, visibility etc., the implementation arrangements serve to make the CWP another sub- contractor rather than the key player and central focus in promoting the GWP mission of IWRM.