

## Business Model: Effective Community – Public Partnership Outreach by SLWP

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Sri Lanka Water Partnership's interventions on Climate Change in relation to water sector started in 2002 and several local and national dialogues are being held to create awareness on the need to consider Climate Change and Adaptation (CCA) seriously. With the support of Water and Climate Resilience Programme (WACREP) in 2013, SLWP was able to implement a coherent, integrated and a focused critical mass of activities on CCA.

While policies and strategies including investment plans to address CC have been developed at national level, there was a minimal knowledge and interaction at the agency and field level with both staff and the farming community. The approach of SLWP was to catalyse and facilitate field level involvement and implementation of the national strategy. The training needs assessment has established the approaches and target groups for outreach.

SLWP implemented its programmes directly with the collaborating partners rather than it is being outsourced, notwithstanding the difficulties involved. SLWP trust that this approach would enhance the capacity and knowledge within the partnership and related agencies, assisting to internalise CCA in their respective agencies and encourage provision from their own budgets. Interaction, networking and consequently integration of efforts are being observed on CCA issues within water sector, with growing priority being given by agencies based on increasing demand of targeted groups.

### Capacity building programmes conducted for different focus groups:



Irrigation Department, Irrigation Management Division of the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Community Water Trust (now Department) under the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage, Department of Agriculture, Department of Agrarian Development, Department of Meteorology, Provincial Health and Education Departments and the Universities of Rajarata and Ruhuna enabled outreach activities to be conducted with interdisciplinary input and full inter agency involvement. The partners shared a significant portion of costs of these programmes. Agency staff (executives, technical and field) at provincial, district and local levels and farmer organisations, Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and school children in selected areas were trained on CCA.

## Training Programme Summary:

Type of Training	No. of Programmes	No. of people trained	Provinces and other
Provincial/District Staff (Tech / Field)	13	867	North Central, North Western, Uva, Central, Eastern, Western, Southern
Farmer Organisations/ Farmers	20	1,677	North Central, North Western, Central, Uva, Southern
New Technology Options	4	218	Southern, North Western, North Central, Central
Drinking Water CBOs	15	1,027	North Central, North Western, Uva, Central, Western
School Programme	13	2,971	North Central, North Western Central, Uva
Training of Trainers (3 days)	1	55	Agency Executives including 35 Engineers
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6815</b>	

Source: SLWP Chapter of WACREP Project Completion Report

## Farmer Resilience Survey in irrigated agriculture



A Farmer Resilience Survey was completed with the assistance of Universities of Rajarata and Peradeniya and Open University with the Technical Supervision of Mr M. Aheeyar, Researcher at International Water Management Institute and former Head - Water Resources and Environment of Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute (HARTI). 1,500 responses from major, medium and minor irrigation schemes of North Western and North Central Provinces were obtained.

### Positive Outcomes:

- Training institutions, such as Irrigation Training Institute of Department of Irrigation at Galgamuwa, International Irrigation Training Institute of Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources and Mahaweli Authority at Kothmale absorbed CCA to their institutional training curricula.
- CCA has been internalised in Irrigation Department, Irrigation Management Division of the Ministry of Irrigation, Department of Agriculture and National Water Supply and Drainage Board. These agencies have started arranging programmes in close collaboration with each other, including Department of Meteorology and Universities which were inducted initially under SLWP organised CCA activities.
- Extension Division of Department of Agriculture which collaborated extensively with SLWP for holding Training of Trainer Programme on CCA for professional staff has recognised the catalytic role played by the SLWP. The Extension Division opened a CCA unit within the Protected Agriculture (Sub Division) of Extension Division.

This is a Success Story documented by SLWP.

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