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Goal I: Promote Water as Key Part of Sustainable Development

Activity 1.

The Proceedings of the Young Water Professionals Symposium held in November 2012 were printed and were circulated in July. The Synthesis Report for an Expert Consultation based on Symposium recommendations was completed by Dr M Samad of IWMI in September.

Output /Outcome.

A review of the Synthesis Report indicated insufficient material for development of a policy brief based on recommendations of the YWPS. Major outcome was the realization of a lack of quality papers/ presentations from the age group that could lead to policy support though most presentations were technically competent for age group especially with respect to implementation level activities..

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

Activity 1.

Menik Ganga Training Programme. The Menik Ganga AWP and SLWP in collaboration with the NWSDB Training Officer Monaragala arranged a training programme in Kataragama on 3rd August for AWP Youth Volunteers who will participate in the Clean River pollution mitigation and prevention programme during the festival starting on the 7th of August. This is an annual event organized by the AWP during the festival and the training programme was held after 3 years. The District Environment Officer of the CEA from Monaragala and The PHI representing the MOH provided the training with support of the NWSDB Training Officer. 49 participants including GWP SAS RC Member Mr Lalith Dassanike attended the programme.



Menik Ganga Pollution Mitigation Programme



Menik Ganga Training Programme

Activity 2. (Also part of Goal 3)

An awareness programme on Bulk Water Allocation to enhance the effectiveness of water management and water use efficiency was held for Farmer Leaders of Mahaveli H system on 2nd August. 65 Farmer representatives attended this programme held on 2nd August at Eppawala FO Office of MASL, SLWP also intends to hold a National Dialogue on this aspect to be convened by HARTI/MASL to promote this concept beyond System H to other major schemes including ID systems.



Bulk Water Allocation Programme

Activity 3. (WACREP Activity)

A CCA programme under WACREP for farmer leaders in Major/Medium schemes organized by SLWP and IMD of the Ministry of I/WRM was held in Anuradhapura on 27th August. This was a sequel to the Technical staff CCA programme held in Anuradhapura on 24th June. The programme was held in the Agrarian Services Department Conference Hall.

Resource persons included an agriculture/ agronomy specialist, Regional Director Irrigation Anuradhapura, Deputy Director Agriculture NCP and a Senior lecturer from the University of Rajarata. Over 80 farmer leaders from systems in North East of Anuradhapura participated. Programmes for other systems in Anuradhapura will also be held under WACREP,



Staff training programme - Anuradhapura



Farmer training programme - Anuradhapura

The second Farmer Leader CCA Programme for FO leaders in major /Medium Irrigation Schemes in West Anuradapura was held on 14th October in the Conference Hall of DAS in Anuradapura. This was attended by 74 participants from major/medium schemes. Director Irrigation Management Division of the Ministry which is leading this activity with ID and MASL attended this programme. If funds allow one more FO Leader programme is planned for December.



Activity 4. (WACREP Activity) (Also part of Goal 3).

The 3rd Agency Tech/Field Staff CCA programme for staff of Major/Medium Irrigation schemes organized in collaboration with the Irrigation Department was held in Kurunegala on October 28th. 59 participants including 52 from major/ medium irrigation schemes attended. Other participants were from NWSDB and Agriculture Department.

Activity 6.

A National Consultation on Bulk water Allocation in Mahaveli Systems) as option to cope with Climate Change (Core+WACREP) was held on 19th November at the HARTI. Jointly organized by SLWP HARTI and MASL aims at promoting this concept to other MASL Systems and Major Irrigation Schemes. 38 Participants from irrigation agencies, I&WRM Ministry, IWMI etc participated. Recommendations will be submitted for consideration by the Ministry.

Activity 7.

An APAN National Focal Point Consultation on work done and programming for 2014 was organized with the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management on 20th December at Hotel Janaki. 13 participants including the agency focal points attended the consultation which was attended by senior agency staff as well. Additional Secretary Ministry of I&WRM chaired the meeting.

Output/Outcome.

The above activities contributed to creating awareness on Climate Change Adaptation CCA activities focused at 3 levels viz Grass roots (Farmer/ Community Leaders), Tech/Field Staff and Agency Heads/ Policy makers in the water sector. These give

direction to implementation of WACREP during 2014. Generation of and distribution of knowledge products has increased under WACREP and constitute a vital input to Awareness and Capacity Building activities.



APAN National Focal Point Consultation Programme

Goal III: Reinforce Knowledge Sharing and Communications, Capacity Building

Activity 1.

A schools Water Messenger programme on the theme *Lets Protect our Environment* was organized by the Nilwala AWP with the University of Ruhuna on 10th July 2013 at the AK Charles Auditorium of the university for 100 selected students of 15 schools in Matara and 15 teachers one from each school. This programme was supported by the Dept of Agric Engineering of the University, and NetWwater. Chief Guest was Prof S Subasinghe Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture of the University.

Activity 2.

Two of Three Award Winners of the YWPS held in November 2012 were selected to follow a programme in Ground water management at ICRISAT Hyderabad organized by IWMI India in December. One participant was sponsored by Unilever Sri Lanka. The other awardee was sponsored to attend the IWA Development Congress in Nairobi in October.

Activity 3

The Exhibition on Community Water Services organized by the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage and NWSDB was held in Anuradhapura on 16th and 17th August in parallel to the International Community Water Conference held at the Provincial Secretariat Anuradhapura. SLWP had stall at the exhibition alongside the stall by IWMI. The stall was managed by MS Swarna Sumanasekara RC member with assistance from staff of the University of Rajarata .

Activity 4

The second CBO training activity on catchment management for water supply CBO was held on 2nd August at the NWSDB auditorium Katugastota organized jointly by SLWP and The Upper Mahaveli AWP (Nation Builders Association) in collaboration with the NWSDB and CEA. Resource persons included in addition staff of the Wild Life Department, University of

Peradeniya and the Disaster Management Centre. 50 participants (45 from CBO) attended this programme. Similar programmes are planned under WACREP for CC vulnerable areas.

A Nilwala Upper Catchment Conservation Programme organized by the Nilwala AWP/University of Ruhuna in collaboration with the NWSDB and CBO of the community water trust of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage was on 17th September in Kotapola Deniyaya. The Programme was organized in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture Engineering, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka Water Partnership, Net Wwater, Local Government Authority and Sri Lanka Association of Advancement Science (SLAAS). Mr. Dayananda Abeywickrama, Chairman Local Government Authority, Kotapola (Kotapola Pradeshiya Sabha) was the chief guest of the programme. The Programme focused on the importance of the Nilwala Upper Catchment conservation, problems related to Nilwala Upper Catchment and conservation practices for protecting the upper catchment.



CBO Kotapola Programme (WACREP)

Two Drinking Water CBO, CCA Activities (WACREP) were organized in Anurahapura on 15th and 16th November for representatives from 55 (30 & 25) CBO in Anuradhapura District . The programme was organized in collaboration with the NWSDB and the National Community Water Trust, Chair SLWP and Trustee from the Water Trust participated in both Programmes.

Another WACREP Drinking Water CBO activity was held in Kotapola Deniyaya on 23rd December co organized with the Nilwala AWP and local Pradeshiya Sabha. 63 CBO representatives and 10 officials/resource persons attended this programme.

Activity 5

A programme for members of the YWCA on IWRM ensuing Community water Security was held on 12 August at YWCA headquarters Colombo. 40 participants from 10 YWCA branches from WP and NWP participated. Chair national council Of Women was the Chief Guest and President of the YWCA also attended this programme. Resource persons were from the University of Ruhuna, NWSDB, CEA. Ms. Swarna Sumanasekara RC Member and Chair SLWP also served as resource persons.



A programme on Water and Climate Change for YWCA members in North and East was held in 16th December in collaboration with the University of Jaffna, NWSDB and the Local Regional Health Department. 27 YWCA members from North and East attended the programme.

Activity 6 (WACREP Activity)

Two Schools CCA activities (WACREP) were held at the Central colleges in Medawachiya and Horowpathana in the North Central Province with assistance from the two school Principals and the Director Zonal Education Office Kebithigollawa on 7th and 8th November. This programme was supported by the NWSDB and Provincial Regional Director of Health. 252 middle level/senior students inc 6 teachers participated in the Medawachiya programme while 253 students and 13 teachers participated in the Horowpatahana programme. Senior Advisor SLWP and Programme Assistant participated in the two day programme.



School Programme (WACREP)

Activity 7

A programme for Girl Guides/ Guide Teachers on IWRM as part of the SLWP Sisu Jala Hamuwa/ Water Messenger Programme was held in Jaffna on 16th December in collaboration with the GGA headquarters and Provincial Commissioner GGA Jaffna. 50 guides and teachers attended this programme.



Girl Guides Programme & Teacher Training Programme

Output/ Outcome

The above programmes cover interventions at school and youth level and constitute a continuing activity by SLWP under our Gender and Water and Schools Sisu Jala Hamuwa or Water Messenger Programme. These are both awareness/capacity building activities supplemented with knowledge products such as flyers, technical papers, brochures, booklets etc. The CBO programme helps build capacity of Drinking water CBO to cope with CC vulnerability issues. As women are closely involved in drinking water supply and there are many women representatives this programme covers our interventions under the women and water programme as well. The involvement of the Girl Guides Association over the last few years and now the YWCA has helped widen outreach in our schools and women and water programmes.

Goal IV: Build a More Effective Network

1) Private Sector Collaboration

a) SLWP Janashakthi Programmes

Activity 1

Awareness Programme on Rain Water Harvesting at Rural Hospital, Hemmatagama and Rahala Junior School on 9th September as follow up to construction of RWH tanks as support for school sanitation and augment supply water for needs of the school and hospital. Both programmes are supported under the CSR support from Janashakthi Insurance.

The Rural hospital treats about 400 OPD patients per day and about 60 in patients, while Rahala Junior School has about 250 students and they can use the supplementary water from the RWH Tanks for sanitation purposes. This programme is locally coordinated by the Maha Oya AWP.

Activity 2

Completion of Ma Oya Water Quality Survey study / Report, SLWP – Janashakthi CSR Programme. Field work on this study undertaken by the University of Colombo is over and final report awaited

b) SLWP NDB Programme

Activity 3

School toilet infrastructure survey in Denuwara. Undertaken on behalf of NDB bank under their CSR programme and as a follow up activity to the school sanitation programme the Bank supported in earlier this year. The intent is to identify sanitation/toilet rehabilitation requirements of 84 Schools in Denuwara for further support by NDB Bank.

2) SLWP /GWP Governance.

Activity 4

The Annual SLWP Partners Forum was held on 18th December at Salon Anthurium Hotel Galadari. Senior Minister of Science and Technology Prof Tissa Vitharana was Chief Guest while Director General of IWMI Mr Jeremy Bird was Guest of Honour. 52 Partners and collaborating institutions participated. Annual Audit Report 2012, Programme and Progress both Physical and Financial 2013 and 2014 Budget and Work Plan were presented to the forum.



Honorable Minister and DG IWMI at PF 2013



Partners at the PF 2013

7 Programme Committee (PC) meetings, 2 Steering Committee (SC) Meetings were also held during the reporting period.

Chair SLWP and RC Member (male) attended the 19th Regional Council Meeting of GWP SAS in Thimpu in November. Country Coordinator SLWP also attended as an observer.

Output/Outcome

Collaborating with our partners in SLWP activities for mutual benefit has increased significantly over the last two years. These activities has helped SLWP to widen its portfolio and at the same

time receive visibility and credibility among corporates seeking entry into water sector through their CSR programmes. A critical mass of interventions has been made possible through such collaboration. Increasing links and collaboration with the main water sector agencies has enabled SLWP to mainstream its activities to harmonise with sector programmes while enabling the IWRM message to be internalized to greater extent at all levels by these agencies. SLWP represented in the monthly National WATSAN committee by the Chair on request of the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage. This helps support the profile of the organisation in a positive manner and guarantees acceptance by the stage agencies who participate in this activity.

The regular supervision and direction by the PC and SC enabled SLWP to respond to new issues and interventions and ensure successful completion of its activities.