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SLWP Programme

2015 was very challenging year for SLWP. While there was no reduction in Core Funding by GWP which remained at Euro 20,000/-, there was a severe reduction under the Water and Climate Resilience Programme (WACREP) Budget which reduced funding from Euro 68,800/- in 2014 to Euro 20,314/- in 2015. A further 33% cut in WACREP Budget is indicated in 2016. A four month funding freeze (June-September) by GWP globally resulted having to reschedule many cultivation season linked activities to the 4th Quarter of 2015. While all planned activities were carried out with help of our Partners by rescheduling, the timing of implementation was not the most preferable. Nevertheless we were able to add to savings by Euro 2462/- as income from work done for UN APAN and Janashakthi Pvt Ltd. Thus overall savings stand at a favorable Euro 18,273/- at end of 2015. By 2016 it is likely that SLWP will have more than one years annual core Budget as savings enabling it to weather any likely funding crisis.

Core Programme. Focus expanded on the urban wetlands programme due to continuing interest of the CEA, SLLRDC and the University of Colombo. These activities have led to a joint private sector activity with Chamber of Commerce and Sampath Bank to implement from November 2015 and in 2016. Work continued on River Basin Activities and source area conservation in Nilwala basin with the respective agencies and university of Ruhuna. SLWP has been in the forefront of creating awareness on Illegal and unregulated river sand mining since 2004 working closely with the regulator GSMB the CEA, District Secretariats and the universities. Active wok with the Police including the STF had considerable positive impact over the last 5 years. SLWP has now shifted focus from enforcement/regulation/ institutions to the issue of supply and demand and ramifications considering the unprecedented demand for sand multiplying over 5 fold to nearly 30million cubes a year working with the relevant agencies and the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) the main state agency and regulator as our partner. Other areas of intervention were schools activities including an initiative on school menstrual hygiene and world water day activities.

WACREP. With a drastically reduced budget programmes were limited to continuing activities under Agency Staff and Farmer Leader programmes on CCA, Schools CCA Programme and Drinking Water CBO programme. To expand outreach over and beyond publications and awareness/training programmes a video (30 Mins) in Sinhala on CCA with respect to Irrigated Farming was developed. This will be distrbted to all partner agencies for extension work on CCA. Under New Technology Options for CCA, programmes for agency staff of ID,IMD,DAS were conducted at the Department of Agriculture Field Crops Research Institute at Maha Illupallama and the Rice Research Development Institute Batalagoda on Paddy. 3 video tutorials will be prodded in 2016 with material already available.

Additional Core/ Private Sector Activities. SLWP will help validate the Drought monitoring model developed by IWMI in 2015 for GWP South Asia over a period of five months in 2016 that includes field testing in Ampara. This will be a collaborative activity with Irrigation Department, Irrigation Management Division of the Ministry of Irrigation, Department of Agriculture and Department of Meteorology. Funding is by GWP/WMO.

Work on the Bolgoda Wetland activity funded by Chamber of Commerce and Sampath Bank will continue in 2016.

Young Water Professionals Symposium (YWPS). The second YWPS is to be organized in 2016 with funding from CAPNET. Further contribution being sought from Corporate Partners.
Goal 01 - Catalyze Change in Policy and Practice

GWP – Core Activities

RSM, RBO/RBM sub-Basin and Source area conservation

(Activity 1)
Sri Lanka Water Partnership which strongly supports catchment and river bank conservation celebrated World Environment Day 2015 with tree planting campaigns in the various locations where their partner organizations are active on 5th June.

Tree planting campaigns took place in following locations

- Deduru Oya – by Deduru Oya Area Water Partnership in Gatalawa, Bingiriya.
- The Historic Balana Fort, Kandy by – with NetWwater and the Lions Club Pilimatalawe.
- Gin Ganga – led by the Department of Irrigation.
- The Nilwala Ganga, Matara – by the Nilawala Area Water Partnership.
- The Deniyaya Composting Project – by the Deniyaya Pradeshiya Saba and Nilwala AWP
- The Biodiversity Study Park, Talawathugoda – by Wetland Unit, Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation and Sri Lanka Water Partnership. This activity was featured in the IWMI Blog Linda Langa and in the Desertification Blog by Prof Wilhelm Van Cotthem -University of Ghent.

(Activity 2)
The field trip for investigating the deterioration of Digili oya basin and discussion

A field trip and a discussion were organized for investigating the deterioration of Digili Oya on 18th June as part of our catchment conservation nod RBO activity. The field trip was organized by the Nilwala AWP and University of Ruhuna with support of the with Departments of Irrigation and the Agricultural Engineering of the university.
110 persons from Department of Irrigation, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Sri Lanka Army, Police, Department of Wild Life Conservation, Department of Forest Conservation, Central Environmental Authority, Divisional Secretary Akurressa, Agrarian Services, Agriculture Department officers of the area and the Gramasewaka participated in the field trip and the discussion.

The participants were divided into two groups and discuss about the procedure and the protocols that should be attained relating to the River Reserve.

The main points of the discussions were woven around the steps to be taken for the conservation of the existing Forest alongside the river, the steps to be taken to prevent mixing chemicals directly into the river water, the way of preventing the exploitation the lands alongside the river, the prevention of mixing debris into the river water, given space for the officers to examine the condition of the river with regard to its composition and the steps to be taken for the conservation of bio diversity and water quality. An action plan is to be developed and followed up for implementation.

(Activity 3)
Impact of Climate Change on outbreaks of water borne diseases in Nilwala basin and remedial measures.

Sri Lanka Water Partnership in collaboration with University of Ruhuna (Nilwala AWP) organized a programme on 30th June on the above topic as part of its Water and Health/RBO activity at the auditorium of Department of Agric. Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, and University of Ruhuna.

The 60 participants of the programme were mainly Public Health Inspectors and Community Health Workers (52). The Director of Health Services thanked organizers on an timely event. Prof. Chamapa Navaratne delivered a speech on Climate change and the how it effects the health condition of people. She also discussed about the greenhouse effect. Whether patterns, impacts of whether on Nilawala basin, purification of drinking water were other topics among discussion. An analysis of local rainfall data showed clearly a relationship between dengue and dysentery with rainfall.

(Activity 4)
SLWP in Collaboration with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA formerly ICTAD) of the Ministry of Housing and Construction organized a programme on “Alternative to River Sand in construction”. (This activity is also linked under Goal 03 Activity 1. - Joint Private Sector / Partner Activity)

(Activity 5)
Building awareness for youth communities on climate change adaptation and IWRM
This programme was organized in collaboration with SLWP partner The Lions Club of Pilimathalawa on 07th December at Kotabogoda Vocational Training Center, Kadugannawa. Resource persons from National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Department of Agriculture (Extensions), University of Peradeniya participated the programme. The main target group was 40 young trainees from Kotabogoda Vocational Training Centre. Total of 53 participated the programme.
Wetlands activities

(Activity 1)
SLWP Senior Advisor Ms. Kusum Athukorala was invited to the programme celebrating International World Wetland Day (Celebrated February 2nd every year) organized by Ministry of Wild Life Conservation and Central Environment Authority on 2nd February. This special event was located deep within the Wilpaththu National Park which is also a Ramsar Site. The program brought together agency staff, school children, and civil society and community groups working with wetlands.

(Activity 2)
Focusing on raising awareness of the wise use of water and wetlands among school children, a special event was organized to mark the World Wetlands. The programme was organized in collaboration with the Wetland Unit of Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation which took place at the Wetland Center in Thalawathugoda on 6th February. 40 School children from selected schools participated with 15 other invitees including media and teachers.

(Activity 3)
Urban Wetlands was held in April 2nd at Thalwathugoda Eco Park organized with The Sri Lanka Land Reclamation and Development Corporation (SLRDC) with support from the Colombo and Ruhuna Universities for students and teachers from 3 schools and their parents (60) participated at this event. A school newsletter “Tech Bim Tathu” was also launched with first copy being handed over to Chairman SLRDC at this event. A seminar followed with 3 presentations being made on Water Cycle and Wetlands by Dr Deepthi Wickramasinghe, Climate Change and Impacts on Wetlands by Prof Champa Navaratne and Why Conserve Urban Wetlands by Dr Missaka Hettiarachi.

(Activity 4)
The next wetlands programmes was organized in collaboration with Kesbeva Divisional Secretariat and University of Colombo, an interactive seminar on Bolgoda Wetlands in 6th November. Focus group of the programme were the This time the focus group was Grama Niladharis (GS), Developmental Officers and citizens groups in Bolgoda area. As the earlier programmes this was also focused on raising the awareness highlighting the services, the value of urban wetlands and the impact it has on the bio diversity.
As the Bolgoda wetland is the largest freshwater wetland in Sri Lanka, SLWP raised the importance of integrated actions of all stakeholders to conserve Bolgoda wetlands. Total of 45 participated the programme. (This programme is also linked with Goal 3 Joint Private Sector Activities)

**GWP – WACREP Activities on CCA**

**Agency Staff Programmes / FO Leader Programmes (Activity 2A)**

**(Activity 1)**
Sri Lanka Water Partnership in collaboration with Irrigation Management Division of Ministry of Irrigation organized a Climate Change Awareness Programme for Project Staff of Giritale, Minneriya and Kaudulla Major Irrigation Schemes. The Programme was held at the Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat Conference Hall on 27th February. There were 71 participants for the full day programme including 65 officers from the Irrigation, Agriculture, Agrarian Development Departments, Coconut Development Board and Project Managers and Development Officers of Irrigation Management Division (IMD) attached to the above projects participated. Programme was organized jointly by SLWP and IMD of the Ministry of Irrigation and Agriculture.

Resource persons included a Consultant Irrigation Agronomist, Chief Engineer Irrigation Office Polonnaruwa, Deputy Director Agriculture and a Senior Lecturer from the University of Rajarata. SLWP was represented by the Country Coordinator and Consultant, IMD by the Actg. Director who is also presently the Addl Director General Irrigation Department and the Monitoring Officer of IMD. Topics addressed included CC impacts on Water Resources and Rural Livelihoods, CC impacts on Irrigation Water Management, Cropping Practices to cope with CC and Adoption of New Technology as a CCA option.

**(Activity 2)**
Sri Lanka Water Partnership in collaboration with Irrigation Management Division of Ministry of Irrigation organized a Climate Change Awareness Programme on 16th March for Project Committee members of Nachaduwa, Nuwara Wewa, Thissa Wewa, Mahakanadarawa, Mahawilachchiya, Hurulu Wewa, Padaviya and Wahalkada Major Irrigation Schemes.

The Programme was held on 16th March at Conference Hall of the Dept. of Agrarian Development Anurahapura.
There were 95 participants for the full day programme including 75 officers from the Irrigation, Agriculture, Agrarian Development Departments, Coconut Development Board and Project Managers and Development Officers of Irrigation Management Division (IMD) attached to the above projects participated. Programme was organized jointly by SLWP and IMD of the Ministry of Irrigation and Agriculture. Resource persons were from the Irrigation Department, IMD, Agriculture Dept. and the University of Rajarata.

(Activity 3)
WACREP FO Leader programme was held in Kantale on 5\textsuperscript{th} October. 95 FO leaders and 25 PMC staff participated in the programme. Total participation was 130. This was jointly organized by the Irrigation Department, Dept. of Agriculture and the Irrigation Management Division. Though only 80 maximum participants were targeted 120 attended the programme. Almost 30\% FO Reps were conversant in Tamil and use of a Tamil translator was availed of. Translation to Tamil of the CCA FO booklet and the CBO booklet will be undertaken in 2016 as more programmes move to the North and East.

New Technology Options (Activity 5A)

(Activity 1)
A CCA awareness programme was held for Project Managers, Development Officers and Development Assistants of the Irrigation Management Division projects in Puttalam, Kurunegala and Anuradhapura on 26\textsuperscript{th} March at the Field Crop Research Institute (FRCDI) of the Dept. of Agriculture at Maha Illuppallama.

28 officers Project officials participated in the programme of a total of 37 participants. The Director of FRCDI Dr. S. Weerakoon and Dr Ajanatha De Silva Addl. Director conducted the programme. This is a follow up to programmes for farmer leaders conducted in Phase 1. At present farmers are receiving advice only from vendors of sprinkler/drip equipment and are thus tied to brand names and products. Over 50\% saving in costs are possible with local purchase and project staff will take action to promote this at the PMC regularly.

(Activity 2)
New Technology Options programme was held at Bathalagoda Rice Research and Development Institute on 31\textsuperscript{st} August for 40 participants including 22 Project Managers of IMD and Divisional Staff of Department of Agrarians Development and Irrigation Department of NWP. Programme focused on Agronomic practices in paddy cultivation to cope with climate change. These are follow up programmes held at Maha Illupallama and Angunakolapellessa FCRI.

(Activity 3)
35 Engineering Assistants of the Irrigation Department attended a Workshop on Agronomic Practices In paddy Cultivation to Cope with Climate Change held at the Rice Research and Development Institute Batalagoda on 30\textsuperscript{th} November. Officers from Ampara, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Kandy and Kurunegala attended the workshop. Both Director Water Mangement and Director Flood Management of Irrigation and Chair SLWP also attended this workshop.
WACREP World Water Day Programmes

(Activity 1)
WWD Programme by IMD in Nuwara Wewa and Bathalagoda. This was joint sponsorship from WWD last year. Road shows and Marches of FO Organizations and students were organized by Resident Project managers of Nuwara Wewa in Anurahadhapura and in Bathalagoda in Kurunegala. Nearly 1000 participated in both events. SLWP contributed to providing posters and flyers for the programme as the sponsor. SLWP also contributed 125 “Water Cycle” posters for WWD School to be distributed by the Irrigation Management Division in their national WWD programmes in districts.

Farmer Resilience Survey Consultant Report
The Consultant’s Report on taking the recommendations of the Farmer Resilience Survey to a Policy Dialogue in 2016 is now in its final stages.

Goal 02 - Generate and Communicate Knowledge.
GWP – Core Activities

Gender and Water Dialogue / CBO / FO Activity

(Activity 1)
Gender and Water Dialogue Programme in Galle
A Gender and Water Dialogue was organized with the collaboration of the District Secretary (DS) Galle and the Dept. of Irrigation by the Secretary Nilawala Area Water partnership and held at the Management Centre of the Southern Provincial Council at Wackwella on the 30th November and 1st December.

On the request of the DS the Divisional Secretaries of all the Divisions in Galle district were invited and were present. There were 50 participants on 31st and 45 on 1st of December.

There were presentations on climate change, gender and water, catchment conservation and forests, river basin development, health and water, disaster management and a group activity by participants listing major challenges related to Galle district.

Details of issues raised by the DS officers have been listed and sent to the District secretary. The following major issues and possibilities are selected and listed for immediate follow up with new partners accessed through the Dialogue in 2016.

1. Collaboration with Disaster Management Centre and Dept. of Irrigation, Galle for World Water Day activities in divisions bordering the Gin Ganga for a school Art and Essay completion culminating on World Water Day in an awareness program in Lankagama.

2. Collaboration with the Health Dept. on need for sanitation awareness, fecal pollution of water ways and supporting improved sludge management.

3. Impact of catchment conservation issues related to mini hydros in Ginganga on Sinharaja reserve.
With the development and promotion of shared activities with partners in Ginganga in 2016, there is a strong possibility of the formation of a Gin Ganga Area Water Partnership.

**School Programmes / Water Messenger Programmes**

**(Activity 1)**

**Menstrual Hygiene Programme for School Children**

Above programme is a 100 Day programme which started on January 2015 and continuing on a schedule to be ended in April. The programme is collaboratively organized by The Sri Lanka Water Partnership and Lions Club of Pilimathalawa. The first stage started in January 2015 with an awareness programme for school teachers on Hygiene Management. Then the programmes were scheduled to be carried out in the 100 day period in Udunuwara and Yatinuwara with permission from provincial educational director. In February programmes were carried out for School Principals and training teachers as instructors for training students in future programmes. 7 programmes have been undertaken in the Udu Nuwara and Yati Nuwara Education Zones.

A review meeting was held on 24th April at IWMI to move forward based on the survey on MH that was carried out. A workshop (planning activity) was held on 11th May to understand the challenges and define the type of activities to be carried out on 28th May 2015 in all the 86 schools in Denuwara Education zone, Central Province, Kandy.

**(Activity 2)**


90 students and 12 teachers from 6 Schools in Denuwara Educational Zone participated the above programme in two stages and students from Lagamuwa Maha Vidyalaya who were trained during this event held an exhibition commemorating the World Environment Day on 26th June. These students carried out water quality testing and according to the training they obtained from above programme. Total of 250 students and 26 teachers participated at this exhibition.

**(Activity 3)**

**A Tree planting and climate change awareness programme** was organized by the SLWP partner The Lions Club of Pilimathalawa. The programme was organized celebrating the National Tree Planting week on 16th October at Maligatenna Junior School. 86 Students 13 Teachers and 2 Lions members participated in the programme.
School Programmes - World Water Day Programmes

(Activity 4)
A World Water Day Programme was organized by Ma Oya Mithuro on 22nd March at Ambulugala Maha Vidyalaya. The programme included presentations on Water Management, Water Security and Methods of protecting water resources. 80 School children participated in the programme. Also an essay competition was organized parallel to this event and essays from 10 Schools in the area are selected. They are planning to compile a booklet on best 10 essays.

(Activity 5)
A speech competition and a workshop were held on 14th May in Rajapakse Central College Deniyaya to commemorate World Water Day. The focus of the programme was to highlight the “Impacts of the Climate Change on Water Quality”. The programme was organized in collaboration with University of Ruhuna and Kotapola Provincial Council. Discussions were carried out on Effects of Climate Change on Water Resources and issues caused by pollution of water resources. Also a lecture and a practical demonstration on how to examine water quality. Total of 124 students, 10 Teachers three Kotapola Pradesheeya Sabha officers and eight final year students representing the University of Ruhuna for event management participated the programme.

(Activity 6)
A Brainstorming session for Youth a programme on “Youth Engagement in Water” was organized collaboratively with Verite Research on 16th September in Colombo. 18 participants representing youth interests participated. Action plan being prepared. Will be linked to GWP youth strategy activities.

GWP – WACREP CCA Activities

Drinking Water – CBO Activities (Activity 7A)

(Activity 1)
CBO Programme in Passara and Welimada on 12th and 13th March. The Programme was organized by the Sri Lanka Water Partnership in collaboration with National Water Supply and Drainage Board and The National Community Water Trust.
The Programmes were focused on the climate change and the effect of the climate change on water supply and the rural community with the Drinking water CBO as target groups. They also discussed health issues related to climate change and issues the community has on adapting to climate change. The resource person included from an engineer, a senior chemist and sociologist from National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Regional Epidemiologist from regional health department and a forest officer. Total of 56 including resource persons on 12th (Passara Programme) and 46 including resource persons on 13th (Welimada Programme) participated in the programmes.

CCA Schools Programme (Activity 7B)

(Activity 1)
Two school programmes were held in Anuradhapura district on 11th and 12th May. On 11th the programme was held in Kebithigollewa Madya Maha Vidyalaya and total of 183 participated including 4 teachers. On 12th the programme was held in Kahatagasdigiliya Madya Maha Vidyalaya and total of 162 participated including 12 teachers.

Resource persons from National Water Supply and Drainage Board and Provincial Health Department participated the programme and introduction to Climate Change, Proper use of drinking water, water quality and water born diseases were discussed in both programmes.

Community Based Knowledge Products / Media Activities (Activity 7C)

(Activity 1)
Special PC meeting was held on 28th August to discuss and plan for implementation of WACREP Media activity based on discussions held with Department Of Agriculture (Director Extension) on 21st August.

(Activity 2)
A special Programme Committee Meeting was held on 14th September to discuss regarding the WACREP Media Programme. Activity Leader for activity (KA) and SLWP Consultant visited the Dept. of Agriculture on 29th August and 9th September and to discuss format/ content of video and obtain library shots for film. This will be done jointly with the audio Visual unit of the Department.

This video on CCA in Sinhala covering Irrigated agriculture and rural livelihood needs of water was developed as a product under WACREP to be used as training tool and provide greater outreach. This video will be provided in DVD format for use by our collaborating Partners especially The Departments of Irrigation, Agriculture, Irrigation Management Division of the Ministry of Irrigation and Resources and Department of Agrarian Development. 3 tutorials are being developed based on film material available also in DVD format to reinforce the awareness campaign of SLWP on CCA. A short clip with English sub titles will also be developed for presentation purposes in 2016.
Goal 03 - Strengthen Partnerships

Private Sector Collaboration / Partner Activities

(Activity 1)
Awareness on Improving Water Quality and Introduction to Environmental Friendly Bio Cell Septic Tanks.
The programme was organized by Sri Lanka Water Partnership in collaboration with Net Wwater, Lions Club of Pillimathalawa and the Kadugannawa Urban Council on 27th March. The programme focused on improving water quality and introduction to bio cell septic tanks. Department of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Provincial Health Department and St. Anthony’s Ltd the Bio Cell Agents collaborated as resource persons. 81 participants participated including locals, business community and the government officers in the area. This was follow up activity and due to a resurgence of interest St Anthony’s Ltd has agreed to support a joint programme to be carried out.

(Activity 2)
Programme on Alternative to River sand in construction industry
The above programme was organized by SLWP in Collaboration with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA formerly ICTAD) of the Ministry of Housing and Construction.

The programme was held on 2nd September at CDIA auditorium. Total of 35 participated representing various government institutions, Industry and private organisations. Presentations were made by specialists including from the University of Moratuwa. Options and magnitude of problem and solutions have been identified and need to be implemented. This programme complements SLWP programme on RSM with Police/Regulators and communities being undertaken since 2003.

2nd follow up activity of the RSM programme “Alternative for River Sand in Construction” was held on 28th September at CIDA auditorium, Colombo. The programme was carried out as a brainstorm session for gathering ideas, views on alternatives for river sand and problems facing in manufacturing, marketing and promoting. 39 participated in the programme including organizations in government like University of Moratuwa, Geological Survey and Mines Bureau and private sector also. Task forces to address aspects to taken up will be set up with CIDA being the focal Agency. SLWP will support aware mess and capacity building efforts and a public campaign.
(Activity 3)
SLWP Chair Mrs. Badra Kamaladasa participated in the 5th INWEPF (International Network For Water & Ecosystems in Paddy Fields) preparatory meeting at the Ministry of Irrigation on 1st October. SLWP is collaborating as a core organizer and the symposium is scheduled to be held in November 3rd to 5th 2015.

(Activity 4)
SLWP Chair Mrs. Badra Kamaladasa participated in the CEO forum and second annual meeting of members of SL B & B Platform held on 6th Oct 2015 at Ramada Hotel on invitation by Sri Lanka Business and Biodiversity Platform. The event was carried out with the participation of CEO and other senior officials from 55 members of Bio diversity Platform, donors, Patron organizations and implementation organizations such as SLWP. Launching ceremony of “Biodiversity platform Sri Lanka” was also taken place at the forum. Four projects have been selected to facilitate through SLB & B after formation of “Biodiversity Sri Lanka”. The project proposed by SLWP, titled “Wetworking and conserving the Bolgoda wetland Complex” has been selected by Sampath Bank to provide funding. The MOU between the facilitator and the donor for this project was interchanged as a symbolic gesture to launch the programs at the ceremony.

(Activity 5)
SLWP Chair participated in the programme Gender, Agricultural Water and ‘Big Data’: Practical Steps and Forward Thinking under the SDGs organized jointly by NetWwater, IWMI and WfWp. held on 12th Oct 2015 at Club Palm Bay Hotel, Marawila, representing Sri Lanka Water Partnership. The objective of the workshop was to assess and respond to the global (and local) challenge of data, gender equality and agricultural water development as the global community moves forward with implementation of the SDGs.

Nearly 50 participants participated representing IWMI, member organizations of WfWp, Sri Lankan government organizations, INGO and NGO operating in Sri Lanka. Dr. Alan Nicol Principal researcher and Theme Leader, Governance, Gender and Poverty of IWMI and Ms. Kusum Atukorale Chair, Network of Women Water Professionals and Snr. Advisor Sri Lanka Water Partnership introduced the objectives and agenda of the meeting. Ms. Lesha Witmer and Dr Alan made presentations giving background on gender, agricultural water, Big data and SDG’s. A plenary discussion was held in the morning following the presentations. Five working groups discussed about the following questions paused to them.

(Activity 5)
SLWP Chair, Senior Advisor and Country Coordinator participated in the INWEPF Symposium organized by the Ministry of Irrigation on 3rd November at Negambo. SLWP was a co-organizer. Many rice cultivating countries from Asia and the Middle East were represented at this symposium. Prof. Deepthi Wickramasinghe made a presentation and Chair participated in the INWEPF SC meeting on 4th November.

(Activity 6)
Several activities connected with the Bio diversity Survey in Bolgoda were conducted in November starting with the South lake. This is part of the activity undertaken under the SLWP/ Chamber of Commerce activity with sponsorship of Sampath Bank.

Contract Agreement between SLWP and COC to be signed by IWMI as legal representative being processed by IWMI. Sampath Bank is main sponsor. Inception Report due by 31st December.

(Activity 7)
SLWP Annual Partners Forum 2015
The Annual SLWP Partners Forum was held on 21st December 2015 at Galadari Hotel with 40 partners and collaborating agency representatives participating of a total of 49 including special invitees. Heads of several agencies including Secretary Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources were present.

The Audit Report for 2014, Progress on work as of December 2015 and 2016 Work Plan and Budget were presented by the Executive Secretary.
Prof Nimal Gunawardena from the University of Peradeniya made the Keynote Address on Water Resources Development and Challenges while Chairman National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) Eng. K.A. Ansar read a special message from Hon. Rauf Hakeem Minister of Water Supply and Town Planning which specially acknowledged the major role played by SLWP in the water sector and close collaboration with his Ministry, NWSDB and the Department Of Community Water.

Governance

a. 11 Programme Committee Meetings and 2 Steering Committee Meetings held during the period.

b. SLWP Chair Ms. Badra Kamaldsa participated in the Disaster Management Coordination Committee Meeting on 27th February at the Ministry of Disaster Management, Colombo.

c. SLWP Senior Advisor Ms. Kusum Athukorala participated on the World Water Day Programme "Symposium on Dissemination of findings of Research and Development Studies, carried out by the staff of the NWSDB organized by the National Water Supply and Drainage Board on 19th March.

d. Chair Ms. Badra Kamaladasa was invited to the National Symposium on "Water and Development" organized by Irrigation Department on 20th March. This program was the major event of ID’s island wide program commemorating World Water Day 2015. The keynote address was delivered by Dr Herath Manthritilake of Inter National Water Management Institute, while the guest speech was delivered by Prof. Shanthi de Silva of Open University. The forum was attended by more than 250 participants including senior officials of Ministry of Irrigation and Agriculture, Irrigation Department and many retired senior officials of ID.

e. Chair SLWP participated at the Workshop on Perpetration of Integrated Environment Solution Plans for 14 Local Authorities in the Kelani River Basin organized by the UNDP and the Central Environment Authority on 31st March.

f. Chair-LJ participated the 63rd NDMCC meeting held on 29th May at NDMC. The meeting was chaired by Mr W M Bandusena, Secretary of Ministry of Disaster Management. Booklet on National Policy on Disaster Management was distributed among the participants.

g. Chair SLWP appointed as a member of INWEPF national committee and is involved in organising committee of INWEPF symposium to be held in November in Sri Lanka as a partner.

h. SLWP Chair participated in 4th INWEPF (International Network for Water & Ecosystems in Paddy Fields) preparatory programme at Ministry of Irrigation, Colombo on 10th September. SLWP is core organizer of an international workshop to be held in November.

i. SLWP Senior Advisor Ms. Kusum Athukorala participated in Annual General Meeting of Girl Guides Association on 26th September.
j. **Special Meeting with Dr. Kala Vairawamoorthy**  
GWP TAC member currently on assignment with IWMI. Dr Kala had three discussions one with the PC members and the other two with the Country Coordinator with a view to associating himself with SLWP activities. SLWP is fully supportive of this effort as it had been its stand that TAC Members adopt GWP Regions to familiarize themselves of ground situations with respect to GWP activities. SLWP will be working closely with Dr Kala on urban water and GWP issues in general as this provides opportunity for upstream/downstream information flow.

k. **Accelerating WASH Programme in South Asia**  
SLWP Snr. Adviser Ms Kusum Athukorala attended the meeting to develop the CSO Advocacy Plan of the above held from 25th to 27th November in Yatiyana. Workshop was facilitated by Water Aid

**Reports/Media.**

a. A report on Water Disaster Early Warning Systems was submitted as part of UN APAN SAS Regional activity.

b. Report being prepared on Issues arising and recommendations based on Farmer Resilience Survey by a Consultant

c. **Website.** SLWP (Lanka Jalani) new website uploaded. Being modified based on comments/observations during trial period

d. **World Water Day 2015. – Newspaper** articles by Chair Ms. Badra Kamaldasa, Country Coordinator Mr. Ranjith Ratnayake, Senior Advisor Ms. Kusum Athukorala and Dr Deepthi Wickramasinghe Executive Secretary were published (Full Page) in and a special World Water Day Supplement in English in two national newspapers “Sunday Island “ and “Sunday Observer”.

An article by Chair SLWP on WWD was also published on 18th March in the “Dinamina” Sinhala newspaper. The SLWP articles in the Sunday Observer the largest circulation English Sunday paper were the only non-commercial articles included in the special supplement next to messages by the President, Prime Minister, Minister of Water Supply, Deputy Minister and Chair NWSDB.

e. **Video on Climate Change Adaptation. (WACREP)**  
Filming complete, editing in progress. Clips were view by the PC at its meeting on 4th December. Trailer to be ready for Partners Forum on 21st December. Final video ready before 31st December. 3 More tutorials to be developed with available footing/ material in 2016 as teaching material for WACREP programme.