

Field Visit Report
Weheragala Anicut canal – Kokara Canal Development/ Rehabilitation (Phase II – CSIAP)
Southern Province

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KOKKARA CANAL (DOWNSTREAM WORKS) REHABILITATION (PHASE II – CSIAP)

Date of Visit: 02/07/2025

Location: Weheragala Anicut canal – Kokara Canal, Malala Ara Cascade

Project: Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) – Phase II

Contractor: Adambawa and Sons

Start Date of Work/ contractor mobilized: 01/07/2025

Field Observations during the Visit on 02/07/2025:

- The scope of work includes the construction of 3,200 meters of irrigation channel lining and 1,500 meters of agricultural road. This initiative is valued at Rs. 53.3 million.
- It was observed that work had commenced on 01/07/2025, the day prior to the field visit.
- The contractor informed that, as cultivation activities are currently ongoing, there was a delay in starting the concrete works.
- During the PMU team's field visit, officers from the implementing agency, workers, the contractor's site supervisors, the D PDO technical team, and the safeguard team were present at the site.
- Construction materials, workers, and machinery were also observed.
- No rainfall was reported on the day of the field visit. Farmers and workers noted that there had been no rainfall for the past three consecutive weeks, which allowed rehabilitation works to proceed without disruption.
- No grievances were reported during the field visit.
- Safety signboards were observed at the site.



It was observed that the works had only just begun, and no scope-based activities were observed at the site during the field visit.



Officers from the implementing agency, along with workers, the contractor's site supervisors, the DPDO technical team, and the safeguard team, were present at the site. It was also observed that workers were wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while carrying out their tasks.



- Farmers have cultivated their paddy fields during the Yala season of 2025, and the harvest is expected within 3–4 weeks from the date of the field visit. Over 192 farmers are cultivating approximately 300 acres of paddy land, jointly across the Arabedda and Kokkara canals, during both the Yala and Maha seasons.
- No tree removal was observed at the worksite. Furthermore, safety signboards were displayed, and workers were observed wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) while performing their tasks.

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that the contractor mobilize at least four (04) separate teams to carry out canal lining and road rehabilitation simultaneously during non-rainy periods. This will help expedite progress, minimize delays due to adverse weather, and ensure the timely completion of works before the onset of the rainy season.
2. Continue to ensure that no tree removal or other environmentally sensitive activities take place within or near the rehabilitation area.
3. The contractor must display the subproject name board prominently at the site to promote public awareness and ensure transparency and accountability.
4. Close coordination and regular monitoring should be maintained during the rehabilitation works to avoid further delays at the site.

Risk Level Assessment:

Considering that the contractor has just mobilized and none of the scope-based works have commenced yet, but the necessary materials, laborers, and machinery were observed at the site. If the contractor mobilizes four separate teams to carry out the works, the project can be completed on time. Otherwise, the site will be considered a moderate-risk location for timely completion.

With Yala cultivation for 2025 currently ongoing, therefore, the contractor should mobilize at least four separate teams to carry out canal lining and road rehabilitation simultaneously during non-rainy periods. Therefore, the site is categorized as moderate risk.
