

Field Visit Report
Gemunu Wewa Downstream Development/ Rehabilitation (Phase II – CSIAP)
Uva Province

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Date of Visit: 03/07/2025

Location: Gemunu wewa, Kalukubukke Cascade

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

Contractor: SwashakthiConstructions

Start Date of Work/ contractor mobilized: April, 2025

Field Observations during the Visit on 03/07/2025:

- The scope of work includes the improvement of the tank bund, construction of riprap, enhancement of the spillway, construction of a causeway, improvement of the sluice and canal, and the construction of farmer turnouts and bathing steps.
- Tank bund improvement and the canal works are going on currently.
- Farmers did not cultivate during the Yala season in 2025. They voluntarily agreed to forgo cultivation and prioritized the tank rehabilitation works.
- During the PMU team's field visit, workers and the safeguard team were present at the site.
- Machinery was observed operating at the worksite, and no access issues were reported.
- No rainfall was recorded on the day of the visit. Farmers mentioned that there had been no rainfall over the past three consecutive weeks, allowing smooth and uninterrupted progress of the rehabilitation activities.
- Safety signboards were properly displayed at the site.
- No grievances were reported during the field visit.





Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that the contractor should mobilize at least two separate teams to carry out the upstream and the downstream works simultaneously during non-rainy periods. This approach will help expedite progress, mitigate delays due to adverse weather, and ensure timely completion of the works before the onset of the rainy season.
2. Continue to ensure that no tree removal or other environmentally sensitive activities occur within or near the rehabilitation area.
3. The contractor must display subproject safety signboards and a name board at the site to promote public awareness and ensure transparency and accountability.

Risk Level Assessment:

Considering that the contractor has recently mobilized, the number of available workers, the presence of machinery at the worksite, and the effective coordination and facilitation by the Social Audit Committee (SAC) and the Farmers' Organization (FO), the contractor has the potential to complete the works on or before the start of the Maha season—provided that two separate teams should be mobilized at the site. Furthermore, Yala paddy harvesting is currently ongoing, allowing rehabilitation work to proceed without major obstruction. Based on these observations, the site is categorized as **Low Risk** to complete the works on or before the September, 2025.
