

Field Visit Report  
Annuakkan Wewa Downstream Development/ Rehabilitation (Phase II – CSIAP)  
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## FIELD VISIT REPORT

### ANNUKKAN WEWA (DOWNSTREAM WORKS) REHABILITATION (PHASE II – CSIAP)

**Date of Visit:** 02/07/2025

**Location:** Annuakkan Tank, Badagiriya Cascade

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

**Contractor:** C J Construction

**Start Date of Work/ contractor mobilized:** May, 2025

#### Observation during the last field visit:

Annuakkan Wewa is undergoing minor irrigation rehabilitation, focusing solely on downstream canal works. The rehabilitation commenced in April 2025, with a scope limited to canal improvements and agricultural road rehabilitation. During the visit in April, it was observed that work had not yet started, and the contractor had only recently mobilized. However, due to continuous heavy rainfall, the contractor had been unable to begin the work. Meanwhile, paddy cultivation activities were ongoing.

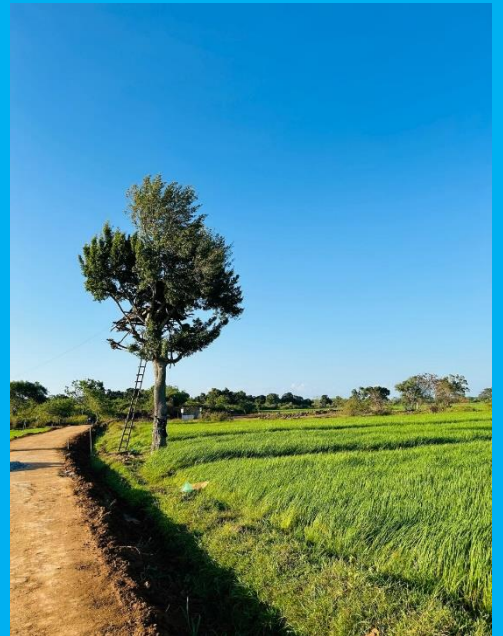


#### Field Observations during the Visit on 02/07/2025:

- The scope of work includes concrete canal lining and agricultural/canal road construction. It was observed that the gravel road had been established, with approximately 80% of the work completed.
- As it was difficult to access the site without a proper road, the contractor was instructed to prioritize road rehabilitation first, followed by concrete canal work.
- Canal works had not yet commenced. Currently, cultivation activities are ongoing, and canal work will begin after the harvest is completed. The contractor's team mentioned that canal construction will resume once the watering for cultivation is stopped.
- During the PMU team's field visit, representatives from the Farmers' Organization (FO), the Social Audit Committee (SAC), the DPDO technical team, and the safeguard team were present at the site.
- However, officers from the implementing agency, workers, and the contractor's site supervisors were not observed at the site. Since the site is located in a high Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) area, workers and machinery typically leave the site by 4:00 p.m. daily. Therefore, they may not have been present during the time of the visit.
- Construction materials were also observed at the site.
- No rainfall was reported on the day of the field visit. Farmers noted that there had been no rainfall for the past three consecutive weeks, which allowed smooth progress of the rehabilitation works without any disruptions.



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Representatives from the Farmers' Organization (FO), the Social Audit Committee (SAC), as well as officers from the DPDO technical team and the safeguard team, were present at the site.



- As the upstream tank structure is in good condition, it is not being rehabilitated. Farmers have cultivated their paddy fields during the Yala season 2025, and the harvest is expected in 3–4 weeks from the date of the field visit. A total of over 150 farmers are cultivating approximately 300 acres of paddy land, jointly across Thammannawa and Anukkan Wewa, during both the Yala and Maha seasons.
- No tree removal was observed at the worksite. Community consultation and Social Audit Committee (SAC) involvement at this site are commendable. Furthermore, safety signboards were observed at the site.
- No households any other social sensitive locations were observed within a 300-meter radius of the project site.
- No grievances were reported by farmers or the community during the field visit.

#### Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that the contractor mobilize at least two separate teams to carry out canal lining and road rehabilitation simultaneously during non-rainy periods. This will help expedite progress, mitigate delays due to adverse weather, and ensure timely completion of the works before the rainy season.
2. Continue ensuring 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 at the site to promote public awareness and ensure accountability.

#### Risk Level Assessment:

Considering that the contractor has already completed a significant portion of the work as per the project scope, and that Yala cultivation for 2025 is currently ongoing, the remaining works can be completed on or before the upcoming Maha season in 2025—**provided that** the contractor should be mobilized at least two separate teams to carry out canal lining simultaneously during non-rainy periods.

Therefore, the site is categorized as **Low Risk**.

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