

Field Visit Report  
Kumbuk Wewa Tank Rehabilitation (Phase II – CSIAP)  
Trincomalee, Eastern Province

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## FIELD VISIT REPORT

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- **Date of Visit:** 26/05/2025
- **Location:** Kumbuk Wewa, Kadawaththa Cascade
- **Project:** Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project (CSIAP) – Phase II
- **Contractor:** Rasika Construction
- **Start Date of Work / Contractor Mobilized:**
- **Visited by:** Mr. G. Jayantha, and Dr. Sithara Attapattu (World Bank), Ms. Sharmila Shanmuganathan (PMU), Mr. T.Sekaran (SSO/DPDO/EP), and the Technical Team of the DPDO/EP

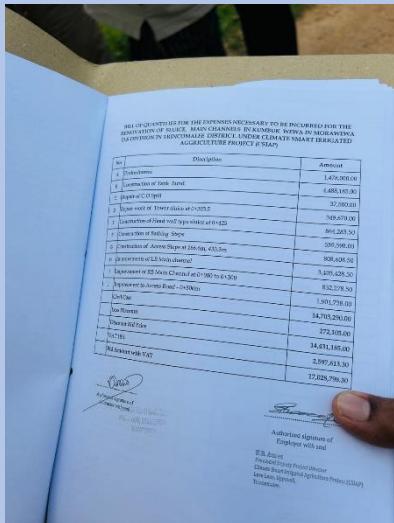
#### 1. Site Preparation and Access

- Work commenced on 15/04/2025.
- The scope of work includes: tank bund improvement, spill and tower sluice repair, head wall-type sluice construction, bathing and access steps construction, improvement of LB and RB main channels, access road improvement, and upstream and downstream canal works.
- Site clearing was observed, but material storage had not yet been initiated.
- Access roads were available, and no rainfall was recorded during the visit.
- At the site, farmers, SAC, FO members, one machinery, one laborer, one supervisor, and the contractor were present.
- Name board was not displayed.
- The contractor must install the name board to ensure public awareness and accountability.
- No construction work had started except for artificial water drawdown.



## 2. Construction Activities and Infrastructure Improvements

- A technical officer from DAD was present at the site.
- None of the scope-based construction work had commenced.
- Artificial water drawdown was done, and farmers agreed to forego Yala 2025 cultivation.
- Only one machinery was observed.
- Community disappointment was noted due to **delays**, despite their agreement to suspend cultivation.
- Immediate commencement of construction and close monitoring from DPDO and **implementing agency** is essential.



## 3. Environmental and Ecological Impacts

- Site is **outside** any environmentally sensitive area.
- No tree removal or vegetation clearance observed. **No impact on protected species or habitats.** Environmental risk: **Low**.
- No flooding at the site.
- Occasional elephant presence reported.



## 4. Social and Livelihood Impacts

- Farmers agreed to forego Yala 2025 cultivation for rehabilitation.
- Typically, **15 farmers** cultivate **15 acres**, which was **not done** this season.
- Compensation planned: **150 kg** of green gram per farmer.



## 5. Stakeholder Engagement and Community Participation

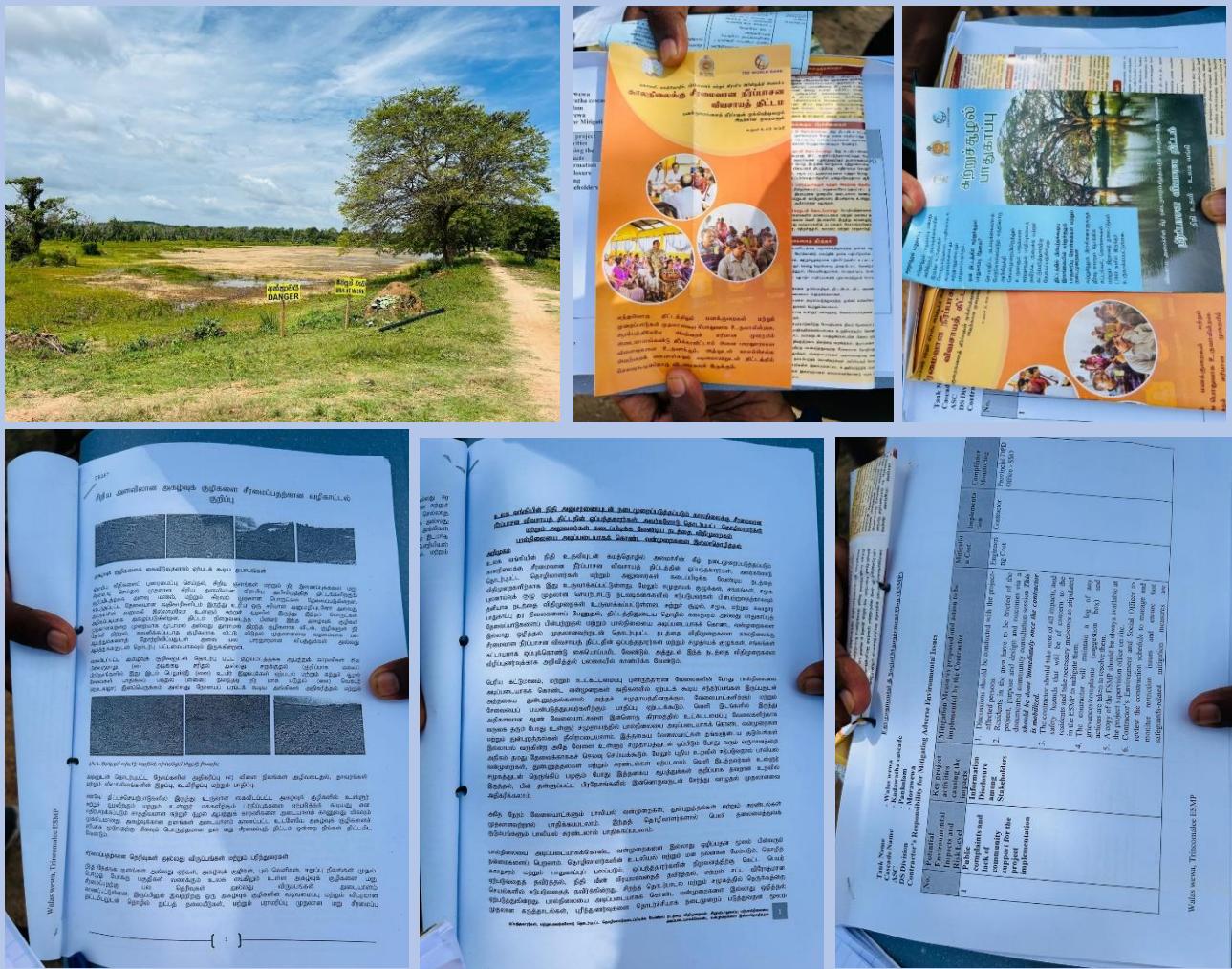
- FO and SAC members were present and engaged during the visit.
- Weak coordination noted between contractor and farmers, as work had not started.
- No SAC logbooks available at the site.
- No grievances reported, possibly due to limited participation.
- ESMP awareness program had been conducted for the contractor by the safeguard officer.



## 6. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Camp Management

- The site office should be properly set up to withstand rain and wind.
- Material storage was not observed.
- Only one machinery operator was present.
- First aid box and grievance box were not available at the site.
- Safety signboards were inadequate.
- OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) measures require significant improvement.
- As a result of the ESMP awareness programme conducted by the safeguard officer, ESMP, COC-GBV, GRM, and awareness materials were available at the site.





## 7. Risk Level Assessment

Taking into account that construction work has not yet commenced according to the approved scope, and only the **artificial water drawdown** has been completed with **farmers agreeing to forego Yala 2025 cultivation** the **site conditions** currently indicate a **manageable external risk environment**. Although no rainfall was recorded in recent days and **dry weather** persisted, the **contractor** halted work, despite suitable conditions to proceed. This reflects a **missed opportunity** to advance during a **favorable period**. The potential for weather-related **delays** remains low, and work should be prioritized based on effective logistical arrangements. There are **no significant environmental or social sensitivities** that could hinder progress. While the interventions cover both **upstream and downstream areas** and the **environmental impact** is minimal, the absence of **contractor personnel** and sufficient laborers, combined with ongoing **delays**, elevates the **site's risk level** from low to moderate/high risk. This **contractor-side delay** must be addressed through **close coordination and monitoring** by the **Technical Team** of the DPDO/ IA and the **contractor's management**. Nonetheless, considering the **overall project scope and site conditions**, there is a **moderate likelihood** that the **rehabilitation work** can be completed on or before 30th September 2025, provided that **activities resume without further delay**.

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