

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

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WEERAKATIYA WEWA REHABILITATION (PHASE II – CSIAP)

Date of Visit: 03/07/2025

Location: Weerakatiya wewa, Kalukubukke Cascade

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

Contractor: Samarasinghe Constructions

Start Date of Work/ contractor mobilized: 3rd July, 2025

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

- The scope of work includes improvement of the tank bund, construction of riprap, improvement of the spillway, construction of a causeway, improvement of the sluice and canal, and construction of farmer turnouts and bathing steps.
- Farmers are currently harvesting Yala paddy, which is expected to be completed within a week.
- Site clearing work has commenced. It was informed that leveling is planned to be completed by the second week of July.
- During the PMU team's field visit, contractors and workers, representatives from the Farmers' Organization (FO), the Social Audit Committee (SAC), the DPDO technical team, and the safeguard team were present at the site.
- Machinery was observed at the worksite. No access issues were observed at the worksite.
- 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 has enabled smooth progress of the rehabilitation works without any disruptions.
- The delay in starting the contract occurred because the first lowest bidder did not accept the contract. As a result, the contract was awarded to the second lowest bidder only recently.
- The community and SAC members expressed their willingness to provide any necessary support to complete the works.
- SAC members facilitated the identification of rent house for the workers.



Representatives from the Farmers' Organization (FO), the Social Audit Committee (SAC), contractors and laborers, as well as officers from the DPDO technical team and the safeguard team, were present at the site. No grievances were reported by the farmers or the community during the field visit.



No tree removal was observed at the worksite. The active community consultation and involvement of the Social Audit Committee (SAC) at this site are commendable.

Recommendations:

1. It is recommended that the contractor should mobilize at least two separate teams to carry out the work 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. As residents were observed within a 300-meter radius of the tank site, it is recommended that rehabilitation work be carried out without causing disturbance to the local community.
4. Contractors are strongly encouraged to hire local laborers to promote community participation and enhance local livelihoods.
5. 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 **Moderate Risk** to complete the works on or before the September, 2025.
