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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AP	Affected Person/Party
ARAP	Abbreviated Resettlement Action Plan
CBO	Community-based Organization
CC	Community Centre
CE	Citizen Engagement
CER	Contingent Emergency Response
CMC	Cascade Management Committee
CSA	Climate Smart Agriculture
CSIAP	Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project
DAD	Department of Agrarian Development
DCC	District Coordinating Committee
DDR	Due Diligence Report
DOA	Department of Agriculture
DPD	Deputy Project Director
DS	Divisional Secretary
DSC	District Steering Committee
DSD	Divisional Secretariat Division
DWC	Department of Wildlife Conservation
E&S	Environmental and Social
ESCOP	Environmental and Social Codes of Practices
ESCP	Environmental and Social Commitment Plan
ESF	Environmental and Social Framework
ESG	Environmental and Social Guideline
ESHS	Environmental, Social, Health and Safety
ESIA	Environmental and Socia Impact Assessment
ESMP	Environment and Social Management Plan
ESR	Environmental Screening Report
ESS	Environmental and Social Standards
FD	Forest Department
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FO	Farmer Organization
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIS	Geo Information System
GND	Grama Niladhari Division
GoSL	Government of Sri Lanka
GRC	Grievance Redressal Committee
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
IA	Implementing Agency
ID	Irrigation Department
IEC	Information, Education and Campaign
IP	Indigenous People

IPPF	Indigenous Peoples Policy Framework
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LA	Land Acquisition
LDSP	Local Development Support Project
LGA	Local Government Authority
LMP	Labor Management Plan
LRP	Livelihood Restoration Plan
LSA	Livelihood Support Assistance
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MoALLI	Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Lands and Irrigation
NEA	National Environment Act
NGO	Non-government Organization
NGRC	National Grievance Redress Committee
NIRP	National Involuntary Resettlement Policy
NPD	National Planning Department
NPSC	National Project Steering Committee
OFC	Other Field Crops
OHS	Operational Health and Safety
OP	Operational Policy
PAD	Project Appraisal Document
PAP	Project-Affected Persons
PBC	Performance Base Condition
PD	Project Director
PDO	Project Development Objective
PG	Producer Group
PGRC	Provincial Grievance Redress Committee
PID	Provincial Irrigation Department
PMU	Project Management Unit
PS	Producer Society
PSC	Provincial Steering Committee
RTI	Right to Information
SAC	Social Audit Committee
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEA	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SEA/SH	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse/ Sexual Harassment
SEP	Stakeholder Engagement Plan
SH	Sexual Harassment
SL	Sri Lanka
SSR	Social Screening Report
STEP	Systematic Tracking of Exchange in Procurement
VAC	Violence Against Children
VAW	Violence Against Woman
WB	World Bank
WBG	World Bank Group

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1. Background and Purpose of the Document

The CSIAP is implementing subprojects in six provinces (Northern, North Central, North Western, Eastern, Uva, and Southern Provinces), 11 districts (Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Monaragala, and Hambantota), 37 Divisional Secretariat Divisions, 52 Agrarian Service Center Divisions, and 256 Grama Niladhari Divisions in Sri Lanka. The project's development objective is to improve the productivity and climate resilience of smallholder agriculture in selected climatically vulnerable hotspot areas.

A biannual safeguard progress report¹ was submitted to the World Bank at the end of March 2025, and a presentation was made during the 14th Implementation Support Mission of the CSIAP (1-10 April, 2025). Subsequently, it was requested to submit a monthly safeguard progress report to the World Bank Safeguard Team. Accordingly, this report has been prepared as the safeguard progress report for the month of April. The data included covers the period from April 1 to April 30, 2025.

2. Structure of the Report

1. Summary of the 2025 Annual Budget and Work Plan – Allocation for the Safeguard Sector

This section provides an overview of the Annual Budget and Work Plan (only Safeguard division) for 2025.

2. Implementation of Solar Powered Movable Seasonal Paddy Field Protected Electric Fences and current status of the new requirements

3. Progress of Seed Distribution as Compensation for Farmers Affected by Artificial Water Drawdown

This section describes the distribution of seeds to farmers impacted by the artificial drawdown of irrigation water, highlighting the number of beneficiaries and support provided.

4. Tree Planting Programme (Pre-school)

This section presents the objectives, implementation, and progress of the ongoing preschool based tree planting programme.

5. Planting Programme (Tree Planting Programme / Catchment Area Development)

6. Tree removal and Compensative Tree Planting Program

7. ESMP, Operation of GRM and Code of Conduct (COC) Awareness Creation for Contractors, Farmer Organizations (FO), Social Audit Committees (SAC), and Implementing Agencies.

8. Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) Operations

This section explains the functioning of the GRM, including the number and types of grievances received and their resolution status.

¹ <https://csiaplk.blogspot.com/2025/05/sr09may2025.html>

9. Progress Summary of Agreed Actions During the World Bank Mission

This section provides an update on the implementation status of key actions agreed upon during the recent World Bank mission, including timelines and responsible parties.

10. Identified Safeguard Issues and Implemented Mitigation Measures

This section outlines the key safeguard issues identified during the reporting period and the corresponding mitigation measures undertaken.

3. Annual Budget and Work Plan – 2025

Under the CSIAP Annual Budget and Work Plan for 2025, the following activities fall directly under safeguards. The details are provided below:

Table 1 Annual Budget Allocation for the Safeguard Division and Work Plan – 2025

No. ²	Activity	Unit	Allocated Amount (Mn Rs)						Total
			NCP	EP	SP	UP	NWP	NP	
1.1.11	Establishment of Seasonal Electric Elephant Fences.	Km							401.0
1.1.12	Provide Agricultural Seeds to Affected Farmers due to Water Drawdown Issues as Compensation.	ac	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	18.0
	Provide Agricultural Seeds to Affected Farmers due to Water Drawdown Issues as Compensation.								
2.2.14	Tree Planting Programme (Pre-school).	#	0.99	0.5	0.54	0.8	0.54	0.5	3.87
	Tree Planting Programme (Tree Planting Programme / Catchment Area Development).	#							
	Tree Planting Programme (Compensatory Tree Planting Programme).	#	No amount was allocated under the provincial budget; instead, a separate amount was included in the contractor's BOQ.						
2.2.15	ESMP Awareness Creation for Contractors, Farmer Organizations (FO), Social Audit Committees (SAC), and Implementing Agencies.	# of sites	0.20	1.55	0.25	0.55	0.20	0.20	2.95
2.2.16	Operation of GRM and Code of Conduct (COC) – Awareness on the Prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) for SAC, FO,	# of sites	0.20	0.50	0.20	0.50	0.20	0.18	1.78

² Activity number based on the annual budget

	Public Servants (PS), Contractors, and Others.								
	Total								427.6

4. Implementation of Solar Powered Movable Seasonal Paddy Field Protected Electric Fences

According to the records, a total of 234 elephant fences covering 748.87 km have already been established in the field, enabling farmers to protect their crops effectively.

Table 2 Solar Powered Movable Seasonal Paddy Field Protected Electric Fences -Supplied Details and Establishment Details Until 2024

Province	District	No of fences	Km	Year Supplied	Status
EP	Trincomalee	20	61.34	2024	Established
Subtotal		20	61.34		
NP	Kilinochchi	20	68.05	2024	Established
NP	Mullaitivu	30	131.92	2023	Established
Subtotal		50	199.97		
UP	Monaragala	27	89.7	2024	Established
Subtotal		27	89.7		
NWP	Kurunegala	30	155.67	2023	Established
NWP	Puttalam	77	178.79	2023	Established
Subtotal		107	334.46		
SP	Hambantota	29	63.05	2023	Established
Subtotal		29	63.05		
NCP	Anuradhapura (Thirappane FTS)	1	0.35	2022	Established
Subtotal		1	0.35		
Total		234	748.87		

Additionally, STEP approval has been obtained for 78 additional elephant fences, covering 277.66 km, which are planned for the Batticaloa, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, and Anuradhapura districts. These are currently under the Technical Evaluation Committee (TEC) review.

Another set of elephant fences, consisting of 116 fences covering 396.91 km, intended for the Mullaitivu, Monaragala, Kurunegala, and Puttalam districts, is going to be call the bids.

During field visits in the first quarter to these provinces, there was a significant demand for elephant fences in the villages. Farmers repeatedly requested the fences from project.

However, farmers have also complained that although the project proposed to provide elephant fences, they were not delivered on time. As a result, farmers did not receive the fences during the Yala 2025 cultivation season, causing disappointment.

New requirements for elephant fences will be collected from the provinces next month. If uncommitted funds are available, the project will propose purchasing additional fences.

5. Progress of Provide Agricultural Seeds to Affected Farmers due to Water Drawdown Issues as Compensation

Table 3 Provided Agricultural Seeds to Affected Farmers due to Water Drawdown Issues as Compensation

District	# of the tank	GNDs	Actually, affected ac	Actually, affected Persons	Type of seeds/ compensation	Kg supplied	Current Status
Anuradhapura	30	12	981	884	Green gram Groundnut	16360	Seeds have been distributed as compensation.
Polonnaruwa	05	03	191	223	Green gram	1185	
Monaragala	01	01	134	157	Green gram	670	
Kurunegala	03	02	145	145	Green gram	1450	
04	39	18	1451	1409		19665	

During the baseline survey, data on the number of affected beneficiaries were collected from the FOs. However, during the input distribution, it was observed that the actual number of affected farmers was higher than expected. Therefore, the actual number of affected farmers, extent of land, type of seed supplied, and quantity of seeds supplied have been included in the above table.

6. Tree Planting Programme (Pre-school)

The Project Director of CSIAP has introduced a new initiative to engage preschool children in environmental sustainability through a coconut tree planting programme. The primary objective is to promote environmental awareness from an early age while contributing to the long-term ecological benefits of increased tree cover in identified hotspot areas. This initiative not only supports the project's sustainability goals but also nurtures a sense of environmental responsibility among the youngest members of the community.

Table 4 Preschool Details for the Coconut Tree Planting Programme in Climatically Vulnerable Hotspot Areas

Province	No. of Preschools	No. of Children	No. of Teachers	Total Number	No. of Coconut Trees Needed	Estimated Total Cost
NCP	27	380	49	429	858	257,400.00
NP	40	751	79	830	1660	498,000.00
UP	5	89	5	94	188	56,400.00
SP	5	147	13	160	320	96,000.00
EP	75	1837	130	1967	3934	1,180,200.00
NWP	11	238	18	256	512	153,600.00
Total	163	3442	294	3736	7472	2,241,600.00

Basic information on preschools, the number of children, and the number of coconut trees required has been collected. Currently, arrangements have been initiated to purchase coconut trees to be distributed to the preschool community. Under this intervention, no physical activities were carried out in April 2025.

7. Tree Planting Programme (Tree Planting Programme / Catchment Area Development)

In North Central Province, under this activity, the following tree planting programmes were initiated by the safeguard team in April 2025 as part of catchment area development. The expenditure for this programme was Rs. 0.1 million. The details are provided in the table below.

Table 5 Tree Planting Programme (Tree Planting Programme / Catchment Area Development)

District	Name of the tank	Name of the GND	Type of tree	Number of trees	Implementing partners	GPS Coordinate of the tanks	Current status
Anuradhapura	Horanakkarayagama	Puliyankadawala	Kumbuk Mee Damba	60	Forest Department, SSO-CSIAP AF-CSIAP, and Framer Organization	8.463590,80 .829609	Planting has already been completed. Follow-up will be carried out by the FO.
	Kolongasewa	Nambadawewa	Kumbuk Mee Damba	60		8.473725,80 .825864	
	Kuda unankewa	Nambadawewa	Kumbuk Mee Damba	60		8.444605,80 .850272	
	Mahaunankewa	Nambadawewa	Kumbuk Mee Damba	60		8.443204,80 .845981	
	Meehondawewa	Puliyankadawala	Mee Damba Kumbuk	60		8.4253083,8 0.818114	
Polonnaruwa	Kadahatha	Sinhagama	Mee Damba Kumbuk	20			The trees have already been planted. Follow-up is being conducted by the FO. The plants were obtained from the Forest Department free of charge.
	Moragasewa	30, Moragasewa	Mee Damba Kumbuk	30			
Total				350			

8. Tree removal and Compensative Tree Planting Program

It was proposed to remove 375 trees across 39 tanks, and a compensatory tree planting programme was also planned for implementation. However, no tree removal was carried out during this month, and the compensatory tree planting programme has not yet been initiated.

9. ESMP, Operation of GRM and Code of Conduct (COC) Awareness Creation for Contractors, Farmer Organizations (FO), Social Audit Committees (SAC), and Implementing Agencies.

An ESMP awareness programme, including the operation of the GRM and implementation of the Code of Conduct (CoC) on GBV, was conducted for the contractors and CBO members together, as per the request. The names of the tanks, names of the contractors, objectives of the programme, number of participants, expenditure details, photographs, and attendance sheets are attached (please refer the annex).

The objective of the ESMP awareness session for the contractor and Social Audit Committee members was to ensure they understand the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) requirements and to promote compliance with environmental and social safeguards throughout project implementation.

During the awareness session, the contractor and Social Audit Committee members gained a better understanding of environmental and social safeguards, improved their capacity to monitor compliance, and strengthened their commitment to implementing the project in an environmentally and socially responsible manner.

The ESMP awareness programme is expected to have a positive impact on the contractor by enhancing their understanding of environmental and social responsibilities, improving on-site compliance with safeguard measures, and reducing the risk of environmental and social issues during project implementation.

Table 6 Summary of the ESMP Awareness Programmes

District	ASC	Cascade	No of tanks covered	Total Number of participants	Expenditure
Polonnaruwa	Hingurakgoda	Gal oya	02	38	0.024 Mn
Polonnaruwa	Hingurakgoda	Gal oya	03	45	Rs. 0.023 Mn.
Anuradhapura	Parangiyawadiya	Parangiyawadiya	07	48	Rs. 0.0147Mn
		Nambadawewa			
Anuradhapura	Parangiyawadiya	Ibbigewewa	07	52	0.0147Mn
		Meehondawewa			
Anuradhapura	Parangiyawadiya	Nambakada Kandabe	03	28	Rs. 0.0147Mn
Anuradhapura	Koonwewa	Kokebe	03	33	Rs. 0.0147Mn
Anuradhapura	Koonwewa	Kokebe	05	38	0.0147Mn

Anuradhapura	Koonwewa	Kokebe	04	43	0.0147Mn
Anuradhapura	Koonwewa	Kokebe	02	28	Rs. 0.0147Mn
Trincomalee	Puloddai	Thuvarankulam	01	25	Rs. 12,950.
Batticaloa	Karadiyanaru	Individual tank	01	26	Rs. 13,960.
Kurunegala	Tambutta	Anderawa	05	35	Rs. 16,250.
	Ambanpola	Bakmee wawa	04	30	Rs. 13,050.
	Ambanpola	Mahadivullawa cascade	02	16	Rs. 9,750.
	Galgamuwa	Padipanchawa cascade	08	53	Rs. 10,800.
Hambantota		Bundala	17	111	Rs. 51,605.
		Wilmanna			
		Malalaara			
		Mattala			
		Badagiriya			
		Bebawa			
		Weerwila			
		Yodawewa			
Total			55	466	

10. Operation of Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

This section explains the functioning of the GRM, including the number and types of grievances received and their resolution status.

Table 7 GRM update - April

Month - April	NP	NCP	EP	UP	SP	NWP
# of grievances registered	0	0	0	03	01	02
# of grievances resolved	N/A	N/A	N/A	03	01	02

1. The Chairman of the FO complained that in Mahadivullawa, Ambanpola ASC division, farmers reported that the current water turnout of 10 from the Maha Divulawa tank downstream is insufficient. The farmer organization is demanding an additional 15 turnouts to receive adequate water. Farmers have threatened to break the canal to get water if their demand is not met. This matter was discussed with the Senior Technical Officer/ NWP and the DAD to consider increasing the water turnout. The work has not been done yet. The additional turnout will be installed when the canal construction begins.

2. The Chairman of the FO also complained that in Sangappaliya, Tambutta ASC division, farmers reported that the project has not yet started the rehabilitation work for the Sangappaliya Maha Wewa tank as agreed. There is a delay in starting the tank rehabilitation. Farmers expressed concern because water is currently available, and they need it for paddy cultivation during Yala 2025. After discussions, farmers agreed to harvest their crops before June 2025 and hand over the tank for rehabilitation by June 15th. They will cultivate a 3-month paddy variety for Yala 2025. This matter was discussed with the DO and FO members. Paddy cultivation is still ongoing, so tank rehabilitation work cannot begin yet.
3. A grievance was registered by the Sawusiri Farmer Organization/ SP over the phone, related to the tank rehabilitation. The contractor was unable to proceed with the construction of the canal system due to a lack of access to the required land area needed for concrete work. This obstruction delayed progress on the rehabilitation works. A meeting was conducted with the Sawusiri Farmer Organization to address the issue. During the discussion, land access concerns were clarified, and appropriate boundaries were agreed upon. It was decided to construct the canal according to the verified measurements obtained during the meeting. The Farmer Organization agreed to facilitate access based on the mutually accepted boundaries.
4. Chairman and SAC (Gemunu Tank)/ UP reported over the phone and verbally during a site inspection regarding the tank rehabilitation. The farmers and members requested the immediate commencement of the tank's rehabilitation works, urging that there should be no delays. The CSIAP team organized a meeting with the contractor and advised/requested them to mobilize and start the works promptly without any delays. Rehabilitation works were started on 1st May 2025.
5. Bathala Ara Farmer Organization/UP verbally raised a request during the site inspection related to tank rehabilitation. The farmers requested that their Right Bank (RB) channel be extended with concrete lining for approximately 50 meters to cultivate a new area. During the site inspection held on the same day, all parties engaged in discussion and provided an explanation of the situation. Taking into account the available financial resources and the engineering work already estimated, the Line Agency and the Project Technical Team agreed to positively consider this matter in the future. It is necessary to wait for the completion of the initial rehabilitation works of the tank before proceeding.
6. D.M. Wijethilaka and K.M. Gunasena in UP raised concerns over the phone and verbally during a site inspection regarding the rehabilitation of the Ambalanpotta Anicut. The farmers and members requested the immediate commencement of the anicut's rehabilitation works, urging against any delays. They explained that the anicut was initially selected for rehabilitation in 2021, but those works did not proceed at that time. It was selected again, yet the rehabilitation has still not started. They expressed deep concern and emphasized the urgent need for the rehabilitation. A contractor could not be secured for the anicut rehabilitation due to a contractual issue. The issue requires either retendering or finding an alternative solution. The Deputy Project Director (DPD) has brought this matter to the attention of the Project Management Unit (PMU) and CSIAP for assistance. The DPD will continue to coordinate with the PMU to facilitate resolution.

11. Progress Summary of Agreed Actions During the World Bank Mission

This section provides an update on the implementation status of key actions agreed upon during the recent World Bank mission, including timelines and responsible parties.

Table 8 Progress Summary of Agreed Actions During the World Bank Mission

Sn	Agreed Action ³	Responsible	Timeframe	To be Done	Ongoing	Status
01.	Safeguards Monitoring and Implementation Plan	PMU	30/04/2025			Preparation is ongoing. The report will be submitted by the end of May 2025.
02.	Safeguards training on Monitoring and Reporting	PMU	28/04/2025			Tentatively scheduled to be held in the 4th week of May 2025.
03.	Bi Annual Monitoring Report	PMU	30/09/2025			Monthly reporting is in progress.
04.	Compilation of best practices (PPT)	PMU	30/05/2025			Data collection is ongoing.
05.	Pilot study on benefits of tank rehabilitation on Ecosystem Services	PMU	30/05/2025			To be done.
06.	Implement the LSA plans - providing OFC cultivation or home garden support prior to the start of the Yala season. During monitoring, ensure proper records are maintained including consultation notes, agreements with farmers to forgo the cultivation season, beneficiary lists and details of support extended to affected farmers.	DPDs	30/04/2025			Seed distribution is ongoing. NCP and Uva Province have been completed.
07.	Conduct ongoing consultations with communities and SACs to a) ensure civil works are	DPDs/ SACs	Continue			The first round of consultations with all contractors has

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	completed in a timely manner avoiding livelihood impacts and b) identify any potential risks for livelihood impacts in case of civil works delays and take necessary contingency measures to mitigate the risks/impacts.					been completed for six provinces. Initial ESMP awareness was conducted during the kickoff/ratification meetings. Specific site-based ESMP awareness is ongoing.
08.	Hold LSA implementation progress reviews with World Bank	DPDs	Monthly			Progress is included in the monthly safeguard progress report.
09.	Conduct an awareness program on SAC operations and grievance handling for newly appointed SAC members, FOs, affected parties, and key field-level stakeholders including newly recruited DPMU staff.	DPDs	31/05/2025			Implementation is underway.

12. Identified Safeguard Issues and Implemented Mitigation Measures

This section outlines the key safeguard issues identified during the reporting period and the corresponding mitigation measures undertaken.

12.1 Identified issues and the mitigation measures- NCP

Table 9 Identified issues and the mitigation measures - NCP

	Level of Impacts	No impact	Low	Moderate	High
Sn.	Environment/ Social/ Gender Issues observed	Photographs (Impacts/ Issues) (Date and Location)	Impact Level	Mitigation measure/s taken	Photographs Mitigation measures (Date and Location)
01.	Livelihood loss (Yala season paddy cultivation) due to artificial water drawdown caused by tank rehabilitation.	 2025.03.02 Makulawa wewa	Low	The project provided green gram and groundnut as compensation to cultivate other field crops (OFC) for those who lost their livelihood (paddy cultivation during the Yala season) due to tank rehabilitation.	 2025.04.20 Makulawewa

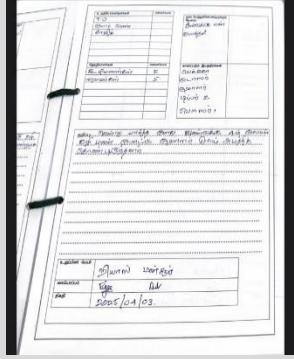
02.	Human-elephant conflict has been identified as a significant issue	 Kadurugaswewa 2025.04.24	Low	Plans have been made to establish crop protection fences for paddy fields and small-scale protection fence units for farmers. The requirements have been submitted to the PMU.
03	Lack of knowledge on cascade management and the importance of cascades.	Farmers have limited knowledge about the cascade system.	Low	Conducted a cascade awareness program to improve the knowledge of community organizations (PS, FOs, CBOs).  Parangiyawadiya 2025.04.20
04	Tree removals were proposed due to the tank rehabilitation.	 2025.03.15 Thalakolawewa	Low	The project has decided to conduct tree planting programs.  Ranorawa 2025.04.11

05	Lack of water for cultivation due to artificial water drawdown.	 2025.03.20		<p>The project has introduced different crops, such as groundnut and green gram, as mitigation measures due to the artificial water drawdown in the tanks.</p>	 2025.04.28 Ibbigewewa
06.	Temporary Removal of Permanent Elephant Fences from Tank Bunds for Construction Work.			<p>Inspection of Removal of Permanent Elephant Fences for Construction Work at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kolalakada Tank 2. Thalakolawewa II 3. Kirimatiyawa 4. Kurunduwewa 	

12.2 Identified issues and the mitigation measures EP

Table 10 Identified issues and the mitigation measures EP

	Level of Impacts	No impact	Low	Moderate	High
Sn.	Environment/ Social/ Gender Issues observed	Photographs (Impacts/ Issues) (Date and Location)	Impact Level	Mitigation measure/s taken	Photographs Mitigation measures (Date and Location)
01.	The contractors and SAC members were not aware of the environmental and social complaints and due diligence requirements.			An ESMP awareness and GRM operation awareness programme was conducted for the contractors and SAC members.	 Location – Workers of the Sun Construction, Thuvarkulam Contractors  SAC, FO members Panichchayadi Tank, 09.04.2025
02.	The safeguard work site signboards were not installed, and unsafe working conditions were identified	 26.03.2025 Location- Thuvarkulam		The contractors were made aware of the need to place the signboards.	

	at the Thuvoran kulam tank.			
5.4.2025	Location- Thuvoran kulum			
03.	There is a lack of maintenance of documentation at the worksite.		The contractors and SAC members were instructed to maintain the logbook.	 <p>The SAC members are responsible for maintaining the SAC site monitoring logbook and updating the daily progress.</p>
04.	There was an exclusion of youth farmers during the inputs distribution, along with a lack of encouragement in the agriculture sector.			Mr. M. Nisanthan, a 29-year-old graduate of the University of Peradeniya, is an active participant in the CSIP programme in Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee. As part of the project's support, he received a drip irrigation system, vegetable seeds, and poly mulching materials for his cultivation activities. He successfully completed CSA training at the Farmer Training School in Thirappane, along with FBS training in Kuchchaveli. With the

				knowledge gained and the guidance provided by the project, he now cultivates onions, long beans, and brinjal successfully.
05.	Vulnerable farmers were excluded during the input distribution.			Mr. K. Konesh, a 61-year-old farmer from Kuchchaveli, Trincomalee, received training on CSA at the Farmer Training School in Thirappane, along with additional onsite CSA training. As part of the project support, he was provided with a sprinkler irrigation system and seeds—specifically, chilli and brinjal.





12.3 Identified issues and the mitigation measures- UP

Table 11 Identified issues and the mitigation measures - UP

	Level of Impacts	No impact	Low	Moderate	High
Sn.	Environment/ Social/ Gender Issues observed	Photographs (Impacts/ Issues) (Date and Location)	Impact Level	Mitigation measure/s taken	Photographs Mitigation measures (Date and Location)
01.	Farmer organizations and SAC members lack awareness/ knowledge regarding construction-related social and environmental safeguard activities and CSIAP safeguard policies. (UP)		Low	Environmental and social safeguard officers conducted successful awareness/ training sessions for the farmers regarding project-related social and environmental safeguard compliance and CSIAP safeguard policies. (UP)	 Date-22.04.2025 Location – Weeraketiya tank and samagi Tank related Community hall (UP)
	There is a lack of personal safety and site safety at the		Low	Occupational health and safety, environmental, and social safeguard	

<p>ongoing new tank construction. (UP)</p> <p>Date-18.03.2025 Location – Pathaha Tank (UP)</p>		<p>mini-awareness and training sessions were conducted by the Environmental and Social Safeguard Officers of the Uva, Southern DPD, CSIAP, for the new contractors.</p> <p>Subsequently, site safety improved to a satisfactory level. (UP)</p>	 <p>Date-02.04.2025 Location – Pathaha Tank (UP)</p>
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12.4 Identified issues and the mitigation measures- SP

Table 12 Identified issues and the mitigation measures - SP

Issues and mitigation measures					
	Level of Impacts	No impact	Low	Moderate	High
Sn.	Environment/ Social/ Gender Issues observed	Photographs (Impacts/ Issues) (Date and Location)	Impact Level	Mitigation measure/s taken	Photographs Mitigation measures (Date and Location)
01.	There are land issues with the FO in Siyabalag as Wewa regarding the construction of the left canal.	 2025.04.20	Low	A meeting was arranged with the FO, contractor, and SAC. then, all parties agreed to proceed with the canal construction.	
02.	Tree removal in the Bundala cascade area	 2025.04.21	Moderate	A field visit was conducted to observe the tree removal, with the participation of officers from the Wildlife Department, Forest Department, PID, and CSIAP.	 2025.04.29

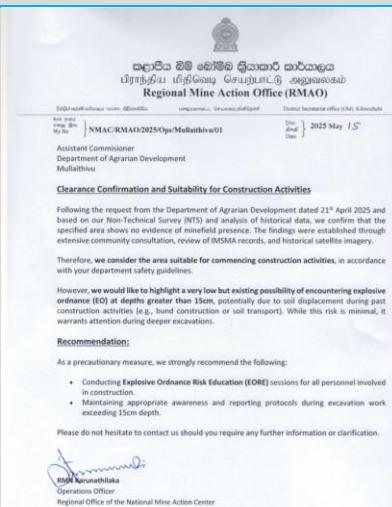
12.5 Identified issues and the mitigation measures – NWP

Table 13 Identified issues and the mitigation measures – NWP

	Level of Impacts	No impact	Low	Moderate	High
Sn.	Environment/ Social/ Gender Issues observed	Photographs (Impacts/ Issues) (Date and Location)	Impact Level	Mitigation measure/s taken	Photographs Mitigation measures (Date and Location)
01.	There is no signboard or barcoding at the work site.	Udadivullawa tank 2025.04.02	Low		 2025.04.10

12.5 Identified issues and the mitigation measures – NP

Table 14 Identified issues and the mitigation measures – NP

	Level of Impacts	No impact	Low	Moderate	High
Sn.	Environment/ Social/ Gender Issues observed	Photographs (Impacts/ Issues) (Date and Location)	Impact Level	Mitigation measure /s taken	Photographs Mitigation measures (Date and Location)
01.	Identified Anti Personal Land mines	 	the HALO Trust, a landmine-clearing team, visited the area to clear the mines.	the HALO Trust, a landmine-clearing team, visited the area to clear the mines.	Vavetti tank 09/04/2025 
			Obtained clearance Certificate		

Annex:⁴

Monthly Safeguard Progress- April, 2025- Uva Province



Monthly progress
April 2025 - UP Final S

Monthly Safeguard Progress- April, 2025- Eastern Province



Monthly progress
April 2025 - EP Final S

Monthly Safeguard Progress- April, 2025 – North Central Province



Monthly progress
April 2025 - NCP Final

Monthly Safeguard Progress- April, 2025 –Southern Province



Monthly progress
April 2025 - SP Final S

Monthly Safeguard Progress- April, 2025 –North Western Province



Monthly progress
April 2025 - NWP Fina

Monthly Safeguard Progress- April, 2025 –Northern Province



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