

Gondi WUCS Administration:
Baseline Assessment



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1. INTRODUCTION

The *Karnataka Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management and Investment Programme* (KISWRMIP) supported by Asian Development Bank, has a component of forming/strengthening Water Users Cooperative Societies (WUCS) under Gondi Modernization Project 1. A strong, vibrant WUCS is critical to the success of Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM). As a part of the KISWRMIP, WUCS is also entrusted with constructing their own infrastructure such as the Field Irrigation Channels (FICs) and WUCS office buildings to induce strong sense of ownership. This approach seems to be materialising as reflected in the active participation of WUCS in Command Area Development (CAD) package works as well in the quality.

2. OBJECTIVE OF PERIODIC BASELINE ASSESSMENT

There are 11 WUCS in the Gondi Irrigation System. To assess their performance from time to time, as of reporting period, five baseline assessments have been carried out against 29 identified parameters. The first baseline assessment was designed and carried out during September/October 2016 and the fifth one during September 2017. An Action Plan is developed based on the findings of each of the assessments to enhance the institutional performance as well as knowledge and skills base of the WUCS office-bearers and members. Towards achieving this a series of training programmes and exposure visits have also been planned for the WUCS members both within Karnataka and outside.

3. METHODOLOGY AND DATA COLLECTION

The methodology used the check list of 29 parameters for assessment. PSC visited each of the 11 WUCS, conducted meetings which included both the office bearers as well as a cross-section of members including women. Along with the indicators, qualitative discussions were also held to understand the process of change. **Table 1** provides the change between the first and fifth rounds of assessment.

**Table – 1: Gondi WUCS: Performance Indicators:****1st round (September/October 2016) and 5th round (September 2017)**

S. No	Activity	Dodda Goppenahalli		Baranduru		Seegebagi		Tallikatte		Koppa Doddakere		Baballi		Nagathi belagalu		Holehonnuru		Kage Kodamagge		Dasarakallhalli		Mudala Vittalapura	
		1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL	1 st BL	5 th BL
1	WUCS Office	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	√
2	WUCS Board	x	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
3	Secretary appointed	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
4	WUCS Byelaws	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
5	Total farmers list	√	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	x
6	List of shareholders/ membership	√	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
7	Registration certificate	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
8	GB members list	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
9	General Body meeting minutes register	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√
10	Governing Body meeting minutes register	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	√
11	Meeting notice file	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√
12	Cashbook	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
13	Annual audit report	x	x	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
14	Income and expenditure register	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	√
15	Letterhead	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
16	Inward & Outward Register	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	√
17	PAN Card	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	x



18	TIN	x	x	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	x	√	√	x	√	x	x
19	Name of the Bank, Account Number and address	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
20	Amount deposited with bank account	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
21	Governing Body attended training	x	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
22	Exposure visit to WUCS in Karnataka and other places	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	√	√	√	√	x	x	x	x
23	Cadastral, soil & land use maps	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	x
24	Crop particulars detail list	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	x	x
25	MOU with KNNL	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√
26	One time functional grant	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	x	x	√	√	x	x	x	x
27	Works taken up by WUCS	x	√	x	√	x	√	√	√	√	√	x	√	x	√	x	x	√	√	x	√	x	√
28	Collecting water charges	x	x	x	√	x	x	x	√	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	√	√	x	x	x	x
29	Any O & M activity done	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	√	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	√	√	x	x	x	x
Total No. of Parameters		29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
No. of parameters achieved / in place		7	24	9	27	11	26	21	28	18	26	12	26	13	26	11	24	27	29	14	25	0	20



4. KEY FINDINGS

S. No	1 st round (September/October 2016)	5 th round (30 September 2017)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 out of 10 WUCS do not have offices; 5 WUCS do not have Secretaries; 4 WUCS need to organize letterheads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11th WUCS has been added during December 2016. All the WUCS now have offices; out of the 11 WUCS, Tallikatte and Kagekodamagge have own offices. The remaining are in rented buildings. All the WUCS have printed their letterheads and appointed the Secretaries.
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 WUCS do not have total farmers list; One WUCS needs to prepare List of shareholders; All 10 WUCS do not maintain general body meeting register; 3 WUCS to maintain governing body meeting register. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 WUCS have list of farmers; All 11 WUCS have prepared list of shareholders; All 11 WUCS have been maintaining General body meeting register, and All 11 WUCS are maintaining Governing body meeting Registers.
3	WUCS do not maintain cadastral, soil use and land use maps.	All the 11 WUCS are now maintaining cadastral map, soil use and land use maps in the office.
4	Only 5 WUCS completed last annual audit report	8 WUCS have completed the annual audit reports and GB meetings as of this reporting (September 2017). Rest planned for October 2017.
5	Only 3 WUCS maintain income and expenditure book.	5 WUCS have started maintaining income and expenditure book; others are in progress.
6	Only 1 WUCS obtained TIN number.	10 WUCS have GST registration; Mudlavittlapura has applied.
7	Only 3 WUCS obtained PAN card.	All WUCS have PAN number.
8	Only 1 WUCS is maintaining inward and outward register.	All WUCS are maintaining inward and outward register.
9	5 WUCS only signed MOU with KNNL/CADA;	All WUCS registered with CADA; entered into MoU with KNNL/CADA for CAD works.
10	3 WUCS mobilized one-time grant.	Eight WUCS received one-time grant from CADA while three (Holehannur, Dasarakallhalli and Mudalavittlapura) are in the pipeline.
11	1 WUCS was collecting water charges.	3 WUCS (Barandur, Tallikatte and Kagekodamagge) have started collecting water charges.
12	-----	As of 30 September 2017, all WUCS, except Holehannur WUCS, have started CAD package works. WUCS have collectively completed work worth more than INR 8.30 crores as of 30 September, 2017.
13	-----	All WUCS (except Mudalavittlapura) has all records/registers in place and in order, an operative bank account and are making bank transactions.

5. CONCLUSION

The baseline assessments are clearly indicative of significant improvement in the performance of the WUCS. Their active participation in the execution of the CAD package works is quite appreciative in spite of some difficulties and challenges. The assessments are also helpful in terms of indicating areas of improvement not only to PSC but also to WUCS themselves as the assessments are done jointly with the directors and key members.