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, six 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 sixth one during March 2018. 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 sixth rounds of assessment.



Table – 1: Gondi WUCS: Performance Indicators:

1st round (September/October 2016) and 6th round (March 2018)

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

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17	PAN Card	×	V	×	√	×	√	√	√ ,	V	V	√	√ ,	×	√	×	√ ,	√ ,	√	×	√	×	
18	TIN/GST/TAN	×	V	×	√	×	V	×	$\sqrt{}$	×	$\sqrt{}$	×	√	×	V	×	V	√	$\sqrt{}$	×	√	×	√
19	Name of the Bank, Account Number and address	×	V	V	√	V	V	√	√	V	V	√	V	√	V	V	$\sqrt{}$	√	√	V	V	×	1
20	Amount deposited with bank account	×	√	√	V	V	V	V	V	V	√	V	√	V	√	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	√	V	√	√	×	√
21	Governing Body attended training	×	√	√	V	×	V	V	V	√	√	V	V	V	V	$\sqrt{}$	\checkmark	√	V	√	√	×	V
22	Exposure visit to WUCS in Karnataka and other places	×	√	×	√	×	√	×	V	×	√	×	√	×	√	V	√	√	V	×	√	×	√
23	Cadastral, soil & land use maps	×	√	×	V	×	V	×	V	×	V	×	V	×	V	×	√	×	√	×	√	×	V
24	Crop particulars detail list	×	√	×	V	×	V	×	V	×	√	×	V	×	V	×	√	V	V	×	√	×	×
25	MOU with KNNL	×	V	×	V	×	V	V	√	V	V	×	V	V	V	×	V	V	√	√	√	×	√
26	One time functional grant	×	√	×	V	×	V	V	V	V	V	×	V	×	V	×	X	V	√	×	Х	×	×
27	Works taken up by WUCS	×	√	×	V	×	V	V	V	1	√	×	V	×	√	×	√	√	√	×	√	×	V
28	Collecting water charges	×	х	×	V	×	×	×	V	×	×	×	×	×	Χ	×	Х	√	V	×	Х	×	×
29	Any O& M activity done	×	√	x	V	×	√	×	V	×	V	×	V	×	√	×	√	√	V	×	√	×	√
To	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
No. o	f parameters achieved / in place	7	28	9	28	11	28	21	29	18	28	12	28	13	28	11	27	27	29	14	27	0	26





4. KEY FINDINGS

S. No	1st round (September/October 2016)	6 th round (31 March 2018)
1	8 out of 10 WUCS do not have offices;	All 11 WUCS are functional.
	5 WUCS do not have Secretaries;	All the WUCS now have offices; While 2 WUCS,
	4 WUCS need to organize letterheads.	Tallikatte and Kagekodamagge have own offices the remaining are in rented buildings.
		 2 WUCS (Tallikatte and Kagekodamagge) have achieved all 29 while 6 WUCS (Doddagoppenahalli, Baranduru, Seegebagi, Koppadoddakere, Baballi and Nagathibelagalu) have achieved 28 parameters. These and the remaining WUCS are yet to start collecting water cess.
		 The minimum score attained is 26 out of 29 in case of Mudlavittlapura which is the most recent addition to WUCS.
2	3 WUCS do not have total farmers list;	All WUCS have list of farmers;
	One WUCS needs to prepare List of shareholders;	All WUCS have prepared list of shareholders;
	 All 10 WUCS do not maintain general body meeting register; 	All WUCS have been maintaining General body meeting register, and
	3 WUCS to maintain governing body meeting register.	All 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	10 WUCS have completed the annual audit reports and GB meetings as of this reporting (March 2018). Baranduru has submitted all records and report is pending.
5	Only 3 WUCS maintain income and expenditure book.	All 11 WUCS have started maintaining income and expenditure book.
6	No WUCS has GST.	All 11 WUCS have GST registration.
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		All WUCS have started CAD package works and 2 WUCS have completed 100% of works. WUCS have collectively completed work more than INR 20 crores out of 22.8 crores as of 31 March 2018.

5. CONCLUSION

The baseline assessments are clearly indicative of significant improvement in the performance of all the WUCS. Despite lack of adequate experience in executing civil works the quality and progress of work executed speaks loud about their commitment and ownership of the CAD works. 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.