

## **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:****1<sup>st</sup> round (September/October 2016) and 7<sup>th</sup> round (June 2018)**

S. No.	Activity/Item	Dodda Goppena halli		Baranduru		Seegebagi		Tallikatte		Koppa Doddakere		Baballi		Nagathi belagalu		Holehonuru		Kage Kodamagge		Dasarakallahalli		Mudala Vittalapura	
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1	WUCS Office	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
2	WUCS Board	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
3	Secretary appointed	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
4	WUCS Byelaws	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
5	Total farmers list	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
6	List of shareholders/ membership	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
7	Registration certificate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
8	GB members list	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
9	General Body meeting minutes register	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
10	Governing Body meeting minutes register	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
11	Meeting notice file	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y



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12	Cashbook	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
13	Annual audit report	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
14	Income and expenditure register	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
15	Letterhead	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
16	Inward & Outward Register	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
17	PAN Card	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
18	TIN/GST/TAN	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
19	Name of the Bank, Account Number and address	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
20	Amount deposited with bank account	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
21	Governing Body attended training	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
22	Exposure visit to WUCS in Karnataka and	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y



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	other places																						
23	Cadastral, soil & land use maps	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y
24	Crop particulars detail list	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	N
25	MOU with KNNL	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y
26	One time functional grant	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
27	Works taken up by WUCS	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
28	Collecting water charges	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
29	Any O & M activity done	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y
<b>Total No. of Parameters</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>No. of parameters achieved / in place</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26</b>



#### 4. KEY FINDINGS

S. No	1 <sup>st</sup> round (September/October 2016)	6 <sup>th</sup> round (31 March 2018)
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 out of 10 WUCS do not have permanent offices;</li> <li>5 WUCS do not have Secretaries;</li> <li>4 WUCS need to organize letterheads.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All 11 WUCS are functional.</li> <li>While 2 WUCS, Tallikatte and Kagekodamagge have own offices the remaining are getting their offices under 2<sup>nd</sup> list of CAD packages except Doddagoppenahalli who could not find a land as of this reporting.</li> <li>All the WUCS have their letter heads and seals ready.</li> <li>The minimum score attained is 26 out of 29 in case of Mudlavittlapura which is the most recent addition to WUCS.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 WUCS do not have total farmers list;</li> <li>One WUCS needs to prepare List of shareholders;</li> <li>All 10 WUCS do not maintain general body meeting register;</li> <li>3 WUCS to maintain governing body meeting register.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All WUCS have list of farmers;</li> <li>All WUCS have prepared list of shareholders;</li> <li>All WUCS have been maintaining General body meeting register, and</li> <li>All WUCS are maintaining Governing body meeting Registers.</li> </ul>
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	All 11 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. Baballi, Kagekodamagge, Nagatibelagalu, Mudalavittlapura, Holehonnuru, Seegebagi have started filing GST returns. Others will also follow suit soon.
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) have submitted request for one-time grant.
11	1 WUCS was collecting water charges.	3 WUCS (Barandur, Tallikatte and Kagekodamagge) have started collecting water charges. In the coming quarter at least another 2WUCS will start collecting water tax in the coming quarter. PSC is motivating all the Secretaries towards membership drive and water tax collection.
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 30 June 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.

This quarter greater emphasis was on mobilising more women to join the Board where elections are to held and also start new women's sub-committees so that they are trained for a second line of leadership in the coming years. A few women entrepreneurs have also been identified. One such case of Geetha, a tailoring trainee, has been published in this QPR.

As regards the issue of GST representations have been made to KNNL also to request clarify what all taxes are paid as part of the bills being cleared so that the WUCS can claim the input credits on those items.

Requests have been coming from women of various sub-committees to take them on exposure to the Gondi anicut and the main canals to see and learn how and from where they have been getting water for their fields.