

**MINUTES OF 18TH WATER AND SANITATION SECTORAL COMMITTEE MEETING
FOR JAFFNA PENINSULA.**

Date: 30th July 2007
 Time: 10.00 a.m
 Venue: District Secretariat, Jaffna.
 Chair: Mr. K.Ganesh, Government Agent, Jaffna.

18th Sectoral W.S Meeting commenced with the welcome address of Mr.K.Ganesh, G.A Jaffna.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS.

No	Name	Designation	Organization
1.	K.Ganesh	Govt.Agent	Kachcheri, Jaffna
2.	Eng. K.Selvakkumar	Senior Engineer	NWS&DB (NR)
3.	S. Jadenhradevan	Engineering Assist	NWS&DB
4.	S.Saravanan	Chemist	NWS&DB
5.	Y. Thayaparan	APO	UNICEF
6.	M.Patrick Diranjan	ACAD	Depart of Agrarian
7.	Mrs.T.Jeyarajah	Asst. Director, Planning	DS office, Point Pedro
8.	Mrs.Y.Ganeshalingam	Development Officer	DS office, Kopay
9.	Miss.T.Manchuladevi	ADS	Ds office, Uduvil
10.	R. Varathalingam	D.S	D.S Office Sandilipay
11.	J.Jude Walton	Prog.Manager	ZOA
12.	Esther Portmann	Head of Office	SDC
13.	S.Sivakajan	Field Officer	ICRC
14.	Valevte Aubert	Head of Sobdelegatia	ICRC
15.	T. Nadaraja	Secretary	P.S Vali East
16.	K.Srimohanan	AGA	Kayts
17.	K. Amirthalingam	Secretary	U.C Valvettythurai
18.	S.Pasupathy	Secretary	PS, Point Pedro
19.	P.Balasubramaniam	S.I.O	Regional ACLG's Office
20.	R.T.Jeyaseelan	AGA	Karainagar
21.	S.Srinivasan	D.S	D.S office, Chavakachcheri
22.	P.Senthilnathanan	Addl.GA II /D.S Nallur	Kachcheri, Jaffna
23.	Dr.A.Katheswaran	R.D.H.S	Health
24.	M.Piratheepan	Project Director	District Secretariat, Jaffna

AGENDA	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTION/ RESPONSIBILITY
1.0 Water Supply for IDP welfare centers	<p>Chunnakam DS said water sanitation facilities are not sufficient in the welfare centers.</p> <p>GA requested PD to collect the details of toilets and drinking water facilities needed by the welfare centers and their problems to be solved early. Representative of UNICEF said that they are awaiting the proposals and estimates.</p> <p>GA said UNICEF is supporting the water sanitation facilities for welfare centers in DS areas except Sandilipay DS area which will be coordinated by ICRC.GA requested PD to call for a water sanitation meeting for the welfare centers separately.</p>	<p>PD</p> <p>PD</p>

<p>2.0 Existing Water Supply Scheme</p>	<p><u>2.1 NWS&DB</u> Senior Engineer of the NWS&DB said that they requested for the second time to settle the payment of the excavation in respect of the laying of pipes for Kayts R/O plant. UNICEF replied that they are unable to pay.</p> <p>NWS&DB said that they will find their own funds to settle the cost.</p> <p>Engineer NWS&DB said that electricity is requested to reduce the maintenance cost of the Kayts R/O plant. Fund is needed for this electricity supply. G.A asked them to write to The Ministry of Nation Building.</p> <p>GA asked how NWS&DB are managing operating cost of R/O Plant now. NWS&DB said at present they are using the O & M funds.</p> <p>GA said funds for expenses should be sought immediately to operate the R/O Plants.</p> <p>AGA Kayts said that if they get Seized Trawler, they can supply drinking water by bowser to Elluwaithivu.</p> <p>G.A observed that the rejected (waste) water from the R/O plant at Karaveddy will affect fields if it is diverted to Aththulukkulam.</p> <p>Therefore necessary arrangements to divert reject water far away from fields and gardens as to be done. Two million is needed to lay pipe lines to divert waste water.</p> <p>GA requested PD of NORAD to get funds for rehabilitation of Aththulukkulam and the testing well at Mayakkai.</p> <p>Vali East Pradesha Saba secretary said that thirty cistern tanks were handed over to NWS&DB. Pipes are to be laid to connect remaining 10 tanks. Estimate was submitted.</p>	<p>NWS&DB</p>
	<p><u>2.2 Jaffna Municipal Council</u> No representation.</p> <p><u>2.3 Local Authorities.(ACLG)</u> Local Authority's representative said that their schemes are functioning satisfactorily.</p> <p>GA said that good quality drinking water should be supplied.</p>	

<p>3.0 On Going activities in the government sector.</p>	<p><u>3.1 NWS&DB</u> NWS&DB Engineer said that Colombo has decided that the funds for the Point Pedro WSS to be returned.</p> <p>GA said that at the presidential secretariat meeting it was decided to continue project.</p> <p>GA requested Addl.GA II to write to the General Manager, National Water Supply & Drainage Board regarding Point Pedro Water Supply Scheme.</p> <p>GA told to NWS&DB to work out the details regarding the transport of material by Sea.</p>	<p>Addl GA II</p> <p>NWS&DB</p>
<p>4.0 On Going activities of non government sector</p>	<p>Reports of ongoing works were not submitted by the NGO's.</p>	
<p>5.0 Water Quality</p>	<p>RDHS said that chlorination of WSSs is satisfactorily going on.</p> <p>Chemist NWS&DB said that of the schemes maintained by local bodies only one at a time can be tested with the UNICEF fund.</p> <p>To make it a regular programme for quality analysis for the local bodies WSSs. Local bodies should work out the details.</p> <p>GA asked the local Authorities to make arrangement to send water samples to NWS&DB and it to be tested at least once in every three months.</p> <p>PHIs are monitoring the chlorine application; they are not doing the water quality analysis.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that the water borne diseases (Example-Jaundice) are spreading in other districts early precautions above has to be taken.</p>	<p>NWS&DB</p> <p>ACLG</p>
<p>6.0 Rain Water Harvesting</p>	<p>NWS&DB said that they don't have funds to maintain the Rain Water Harvesting tanks.</p> <p>DSs Chavakachcheri and Chankanai requested to repair the RWHTs.</p> <p>GA wanted that the estimates be sent to him and he will find the funds. GA asked that the water collected from RWHTs must first be boiled if it is to be consumed.</p> <p>GA requested NORAD to hand over the laptop to NWS&DB to facility the awareness programme.</p>	<p>DS Chavakachcheri & DS Chankanai</p>

<p>7.0 Sanitation</p>	<p>GA asked the local bodies to do life fencing for garbage dumping sites and local authority to name the places for dumping sites.</p> <p>Secretary Point Pedro Pradesha Saba said that 02 gully emptiers are available. GA requested the secretary to release the tractor gully emptiers to Kachcheri to facilitate their use wherever it is needed.</p> <p>NWS&DB was informed that Solid wastes are randomly dumped. Composting site is not in operation. GA asked NWS&DB to write to S.L.Army for them to permit work at Kakaithivu composting manure production site under his signature.</p> <p>Point Pedro Pradesha Saba secretary said that the payment for reimbursement for supplying water to welfare centres is done by “ZOA”. But the arrears were not paid. GA asked to submit the original documents to Addl GA II to pay salary arrears from Tsunami funds.</p> <p>DS Chavakachcheri said that an access path is needed for gully emptiers to go to solid waste dumping places. GA asked Chavakachcheri Pradesha Saba to make a gravel road for this purpose.</p> <p>Houses were constructed in 1 ½ lachames for each family at Vali East by IOM. Construction includes Toilet and well. RDHS Request to construct a common septic tank for toilets.</p> <p>Valvettithurai Urban council secretary told about toilet problem at Athikovilladdy. GA said when making decision you should look in to practical problems.</p> <p>VVT urban council secretary said that toilet seal pit should be constructed far away from the well at Athekovilladdy.</p> <p>GA said that before constructing a toilet you have to look in to both environmental and financial position of the people.</p> <p>GA said that before constructing toilets to be consulted with Health Department (MOH of the Area)</p>	<p>ACLG</p> <p>Secretary Point Pedro</p> <p>NWS&DB</p> <p>Pradesha Saba Point Pedro</p> <p>Pradesha Saba Chavakachcheri</p> <p>RDHS</p>
<p>8.0 Any other Matters</p>	<p>GA told ACLG to look into the possibility of the repairing the water tank at the Thirunelvely employee’s quarters.</p> <p>GA said that the details regarding where tube wells is to be dug , details should be submitted to NWS&DB and permission will depend on the details and requirements.</p> <p>On meeting has been decided to test salinity of the Yamuna pond.</p>	<p>ACLG</p> <p>NWS&DB</p> <p>NWS&DB</p>

At end of the meeting G.A said that the people should in an early stage be involved and consulted before any work is undertaken. It is important that all government bodies and NGOS realize this.