

MINUTES OF 20th WATER AND SANITATION SECTORAL COMMITTEE
MEETING FOR JAFFNA DISTRICT.

Date: 28th September 2007
Time: 10.00 a.m
Venue: District Secretariat, Jaffna.
Chair: Mr.A.Sivaswamy, Addl.Government Agent, Jaffna.

20th Water and Sanitation sectoral coordination Meeting commenced at 10.00 am with the welcome address of Mr.A.Sivaswamy, Addl. G.A, Jaffna.

LISTS OF PARTICIPANTS.

No	Name	Designation	Organization
1.	A. Sivaswamy	Addl. Govt.Agent	Kachcheri, Jaffna
2.	Eng. B. Suganiya	Actg. Regional Manager	NWS&DB (NR)
3.	S. Jadenradevan	Engineering Assist	NWS&DB
4.	S.Saravanan	Chemist	NWS&DB
5.	Fredrik Asplund	PO	UNICEF
6.	M. Patrick Diranjan	ACAD	Depart of Agrarian
7.	S. Sivakajan	Field Officer	ICRC
8.	T.Baskaramaharajah	Representative	P.S Vali East
9.	S. Pasupathy	Secretary	PS, Point Pedro
10.	S. Srinivasan	D.S	D.S office, Chavakachcheri
11.	Dr. Mrs.J.T.Sivasankar	MOMCH	R.D.H.S Office, Jaffna
12.	M. Piratheepan	Project Director	District Secretariat, Jaffna
13.	Mrs.S. Premini	ADS	DS Office, Kopay
14.	Mrs.T. Babu	ADS	DS Office, Chankanai
15.	Mr. Sivapragasam	WWE	JMC, Jaffna
16.	Mrs. V. Mathumathy	ACLG	R/ ACLG's Office
17.	Mrs. T. Kaneswary	LUPA	DS Office, Velanai
18.	Mrs. T. Jeyarajah	ADP	DS Office, Point Pedro
19.	S. Paraneetharan	Engineer	SDC
20.	T Tharsana	Engineer	SDC
21.	M.Jegu	ADS	DS Office, Jaffna
22.	R.Varathalingam	DS	DS Office, Sandilipay
23.	T.Manchuladevi	DS	DS Office, Uduvil
24.	A.Rajaratnam	CARE	CARE International
25.	K.Sribaskaran	ADP	DS Office, Karaveddy
26.	A.A.Nadarajah	Secretary	UC, Point Pedro
27.	V.Sivakumar	DO	AGA Office, Kayts
28.	K.Karunanithy	Engineer	Irrigation
29.	R.Rajagobal	PA	AGA Office, Karainagar
30.	T.Sivalingam	S.W	PS Office, Nallur

Addl. GA asked for comments of participants on the minutes of the previous meeting. Project officer UNICEF said that they are going to give gully emptier to Chavakachcheri DS and Karaveddy DS divisions and not for Tellipalai DS division.

	AGENDA	SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION	ACTION/ RESPONSIBILITY
1.0	Water Supply for IDP Welfare Centers	<p>Project Director (PD) said that needs of welfare centers were submitted to UNICEF. D.S Uduvil said that watsan facilities are urgently needed at welfare centers. But works are not started. Work to be started before rainy season.</p> <p>DS Chavakachcheri and Secretary of Point Pedro Pradesha Saba said that they have not received the payment for water supply to welfare centers from December 2006 to June 2007.</p> <p>PO - UNICEF said that they have already released the fund to GA Jaffna and also they received the details needs in the welfare centers from the PD office.</p> <p>Addl. G.A said that results of the survey on welfare centers to be submitted to DSs by UNICEF.</p> <p>UNICEF supports for water and sanitation needs for the welfare centers at Chankanai, Chavakachcheri, Tellipalai, Uduvil, Point Pedro DS divisions and ICRC supports to the Sandilipay DS divisions.</p> <p>Addl.GA said that the payment and the works will be looked into by P.D</p>	<p>UNICEF</p> <p>UNICEF ICRC</p>
2.0 2.1	Existing Water Supply Scheme	<p><u>NWS&DB</u></p> <p>Actg. Manager NWS&DB said still they have not received clearance from the Ministry of Defense (MOD) for the transportation of chemicals from Colombo.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked to submit the letters which was sent for the MOD clearance for their follow up.</p> <p>Assistant Director Planning for DS Karaveddy office said that the water supplied in Karaveddy area is saline.</p> <p>Actg. Manager NWS&DB said that water in the intake well gets more saline because the rejected water from the R/O plant is diverted to the same place (Athulukulam).</p> <p>And further said that they are planning to divert rejected water to the lagoon at Sonappu 2.5 Km form Athulukulam in this regards they already approached UNICEF for their support.</p> <p>PO- UNICEF said that they have received the proposal and they are in discussion with NWS&DB.</p>	<p>NWSDB</p> <p>NWSDB UNICEF</p>
2.2		<p><u>Jaffna Municipal Council (JMC)</u></p> <p>Representative of JMC said that there have no issues / problem in the water supply.</p>	

2.3		<p><u>Local Authorities.(ACLG)</u> ACLG said that they have no problems in water supply to villages but the water supply for Island remains difficult and insufficient.</p> <p>Addl. GA said funds from Disaster Management Services Ministry are used for drinking water supply under drought relief through local bodies.</p>	
3.0 3.1	<p>On Going activities in the government sector.</p>	<p><u>NWS&DB</u></p> <p>Actg. Manager NWS&DB said rehabilitation of Nilawarai Tidal well is in progress. The project is supported by UNICEF.</p>	
		<p><u>JMC</u></p> <p>JMC Representative said that the pipe borne water supply is not provided in some areas with in the municipal limits and they need one bowser to supply water to these areas.</p> <p>Further said if any NGO could support them with materials then they JMC can make water bowser and supply water to people and also they need 350 mm cast iron pipes and specials for repair works.</p> <p>PO - UNICEF asked to send the request.</p>	<p>JMC</p> <p>UNICEF</p>
4.0	<p>On Going activities of non government sector</p>	<p><u>Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)</u> SDC representative said that they are supporting to construct sanitary buildings and to clean sewerage line to Point Pedro hospital. Presently 10% of the works are completed.</p> <p>Water supply to Point Pedro hospital is in progress. Yield test was carried out by NWS&DB. Design works for the water supply is completed and contracts will be awarded for three different contracts by 1st of Nov 07.</p> <p><u>ICRC</u> ICRC representative said that the water and sanitation requirement of welfare centers in the Sandilipay DS division will be supported by ICRC and also ICRC is willing to support the water supply in the Island.</p> <p>Actg. Manager NWS&DB said ICRC will support them with the PVC pipe for pipe borne water supply to Mandaithivu from Allaipiddy. But the pipes to be laid along the sea side from Allaipiddy to Mandaithivu.</p> <p>Permission to be obtained from Security Forces for laying pipes. Addl GA asked to NWS&DB to submit the details for their necessary support.</p>	<p>SDC</p> <p>NWS&DB</p>

		<p>UNICEF UNICEF representative informed that they support for 25 schools in Jaffna with Child Friendly School water and sanitation facilities. Presently the project is in the proposal stage and it will be implemented by UNOPS</p>	
5.0	Water Quality	<p>ACLG said that they have sent a list of wells to be tested for the water quality to NWS&DB.</p> <p>Actg. Manager NWS&DB said that works are delays because they have not received the MOD clearance for the laboratory chemicals.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked to get support from the UNICEF.</p> <p>PO - UNICEF said that they have space problems in shifting materials.</p>	
6.0	Rain Water Harvesting	<p>Actg. Manager NWSDB said 63 numbers of rain water harvesting tanks were constructed in various DS Divisions in Jaffna.</p> <p>But they are not properly maintained by the relevant people. But they have to attend the repairs before rainy season.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked to send reminder letters to ensure maintenance of rain water harvesting tanks.</p>	NWS&DB
7.0	Sanitation	<p>PO - UNICEF said that construction works for sanitation at welfare centers will be started at the earliest.</p> <p>Also he said that composed toilet method is included in Sri Lankan standard and compost toilets are in use in Tamilnadu. So for construction of toilets method also should be considered.</p> <p>Actg. Manager NWSDB said that the officers from Health Dept and NWSDB conduct an evaluation last year and the evaluation reveals that this type of latrine is not acceptable for Jaffna district.</p> <p>And also this committee has decided not to construct this type of latrine in Jaffna District. So we cannot consider this type of toilets and public also not willing to use composed toilets.</p> <p>Addl. GA said to DSs to get public opinion and views and it we will discuss in the next meeting. PO - UNICEF said that UNICEF will hold work shop in Colombo regarding the composed toilets.</p> <p>ACLG said that they are unable to empty some of the toilets because of no access available for gully emptier.</p>	DSS

	<p>JMC representative said that the garbage collection in JMC area is improved and also they are expecting a compact loader.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked to submit the letter to Sri Lanka Army to permit work at Kakkaithivu composed manure production site.</p> <p>JMC representative said that composed manure quality is improving but the demand is less.</p>	JMC
	<p>ACLG representative said that there was no much complaint regarding the garbage collection.</p> <p>JMC representative said that the drainage through Kayeetha welfare at Navanthurai is blocked and it will causes for the stagnation of water and mosquitoes breeding.</p> <p>JMC is looking for financial support for the repair of drainage. JMC requested for UNICEF's support for the above work.</p> <p>PO - UNICEF representative asked to submit the estimate</p>	JMC
	<p>Representative of RDHS said that the University land is low and flooded due to the drainage problem and also it is becoming as breeding ground for mosquitoes.</p> <p>Actg. Manager NWSDB said that they have received a proposal for the drainage work of University from their Head Office.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked NWS&DB to give priorities this work and discuss with University.</p>	NWS&DB & University of Jaffna
	<p>Representative of RDHS said that Dengue fever cases were identified at Kantharmadam, Uduvil and Chunnakam areas.</p> <p>Addl. GA said that Dengue fever is spreading due to the breeding ground for mosquitoes.</p> <p>Therefore drainage cleaning is very important to avoid water stagnation. Addl GA requested JMC and ACLG to do propaganda with the help of RDHS on this matter.</p> <p>JMC representative said that cleaning of drainages not allowed by security forces in the security zones. Personally they observe water stagnation in eight places in Jaffna.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked to submit the reports. So that then could take up this matter with the security commanders.</p> <p><u>Service Station</u> ACLG said that the waste water from the service station in Point Pedro was diverted in to the drainage.</p> <p>Addl. GA asked to write a letter to Assistant Director of Central Environment Authority regarding this matter.</p>	JMC ACLG

8.0	Any other Matters	<p>Point Pedro Pradesha Saba secretary requested the NWSDB to do the well cleaning which are supplying water to welfare centers. Actg. Manager NWSDB ask to sent a request.</p> <p>DS Jaffna said that chlorine stock is not available. ACLG said that the chlorine is available for their requirement.</p> <p>Representative of ICRC said in case of any emergency needs they can support for the supply of chlorine.</p>	NWS&DB
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Next meeting will be held on 2nd November 2007 at District Secretariat at 10.00am