

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN OPERATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT OF RURAL WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM

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ABSTRACT

The CBO management of rural water supply system is a new concept which has been adopted by the planners and project implementers in the rural water supply sector in Sri Lanka. This concept basically adopts approach where beneficiary communities and their Community Based Organization placing in the center of the management process. Government of Sri-Lanka (GOSL) has principally recognizes the importance of this deviation of Rural water supply sector and provided its supports by introducing policies in rural water supply and sanitation sector in line with this concept. Involvement of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in managing RWSS projects has increased during last few decades and presently 4185 Rural Water Supply Scheme (RWSS) are being managed by the CBOs .This concept has been further strengthened by introducing CBO management in Small Town water supply systems in Sri-Lanka and presently its operates in 54 small towns throughout the country.

PALAVRA-CHAVE: Community, Management, Sustainability, Operation, Maintenance, agreement