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## **Targeting Investments in Medium to Large Scale Irrigation Schemes**

Simon Langan, Lal Muthuwatta, Thilina Prabhath and Anuradha Karunakalage

Innovative water solutions for sustainable development Food · Climate · Growth Context

## **Sub-Saharan Africa:**

- Irrigation performance has not improved over six decades
- Investments in irrigation have failed to deliver promised benefits
- Lack of financial resources to ensure long-term maintenance.

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41893-020-00670-7

Asia							
Country		Water Use Efficiency					
India		38%					
Sri Lanka		40%					
Pakistan		36%					
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Irrigated area for a second	or continent (m	illion ha) 🛛 🔳 C	Cropping intensity (%)				



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## Investments

In 2020, ADB financed more than 200 irrigation projects, with investments totaling \$6.6 billion, and about \$1.1 billion worth of investments are on the pipelines for irrigation.

Despite past decades of investment, the irrigation subsector continues to be impaired with:

- Poor system management
- Lack of adequate maintenance,
- Poor service delivery,
- Low cost recovery.





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# **Historical trends**

Build

Neglect

Rehabilitate

Incomes too low to pay for

irrigation fees

nsufficient funds

for sustainable

MOM

Unreliable and/or inadequate

1&D services

High risk for high-value croos

Stuck in low-risk

low-return trap

## The Build-Neglect-Rehabilitate Cycle

- Stems form an "infrastructure-only" approach to irrigation development of the past
- Breaking it requires a long-term focus on service delivery
- Investment cost in management represents a small fraction of typical infrastructural cost but present an opportunity for achieving major leaps in performance enhancements.



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# A fresh take on service delivery

#### Water service-delivery functions

- Irrigation service- Ensure scheduling and delivery of agreed-on-quality, quantity, reliability, flexibility and equity to enable specific uses of water in the scheme.
- Drainage services- Ensure the evacuation of excess water to avoid salinization and production loses after extreme events.

• Other water uses (if applicable) Water supply for the rural population and animals

#### **Organizational functions**

- Financing (capex and MOM)
- Technical operations, organizational and related process management.
- Asset management and strategy.

#### **Government functions**

- Transparency and customer orientation.
- Enabling polices and legal instruments.
- Institutional and organizational coherence, accountability, and inclusion.

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# Agriculture information and its accessibility

Less availability of DSS's for irrigation management compared to water supply and sanitation:

- For monitoring irrigation performances
- For guiding and prioritizing to make investments that have lasting impact
- For making extensions or changes in environmental polices



## SAMS4i

## Free and open source platform,

- Build, store and analyze data based on assets in an irrigation scheme,
- Generate performance reports for scheme regional/ sub-country and country levels.
- For irrigation scheme managers, government departments, donor agencies, investors and researchers







## Inputs

The scheme can be build up on SAMS using **Digital Twin** options as, Shape files, CSV files and, Photos.

Users can generate **management forms** and add **data** on:

Repair and Maintenance Production Water supply Farmer organizations Historical data



## **Forms Configurations**

Note: Default forms showing in purple color and user-defined forms in green color



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# **Basic information**



# **Performance framework and indicators**

## Framework:

- Service Delivery
- Agricultural performance
- Financial performance
- Environmental performance
- Gender Performance

(around 5 indicators under each performance area)





# SAMS4i capabilities, Performance indicator graphs



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# SAMS4i capabilities, Report Generation, Tabular...

Paddy production details of right-bank track in Rajanganaya reservoir for secondary (Yala) season from 2012 to 2019.

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## SAMS4i Help desk

Users will be guided and helped to learn and explore SAMS with,

- Comprehensive SAMS's User Manual, and
- SAMS's tutorial and example data.



# **SAMS4i locations**





Common framework to store and assess data to enhance service delivery

- User friendly tool for scheme managers , planners, donor agencies etc.
- Assessments within and among irrigation schemes
- Different administrative scales and controlled access for data security (Admin hierarchy)
- Developing and incorporating other IWMI work e.g. Spatial indicators and SMARTSTICK

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