

# Roadmap for Localization of SDGs Assam

**Draft Plan of Action**

# Assam at a Glance

<b>Area</b>		: 78,438.59 Sq Km.
<b>Districts</b>		: 34
<b>Population</b>		: 3,11,69,272
<i>(as per 2011 census)</i>	<b>Male</b>	: 1,59,54,927
	<b>Female</b>	: 1,52,14,345
<b>Rural population</b>		: 86%
<b>Urban population</b>		: 14%
<b>Density of population (per sq.km)</b>		: 397
<b>Sex ratio (No. of females per 1000 males)</b>		: 954
<b>Number of Zilla Parishad</b>		: 27
<b>Number of Anchalik Panchayat</b>		: 185
<b>Number of Gaon Panchayats</b>		: 2,197
<b>Number of Census Villages</b>		: 26,312

# Adoption of SDGs in Assam



# Localizing SDGs- Initiatives so far

Orientation  
workshops

## District level

25+ district level workshops on SDGs

## Council Level

Bodoland Territorial Council and KAAC & 6 Autonomous Dev Council, trainings on SDG Manual for 6th Schedule Autonomous Councils and line departments

## For elected representatives

SDG Workshop for **Hon'ble MLAs** in August 2021

District SDG  
Manual

- Published District SDG Manual for Districts/Blocks/Panchayats/councils
- Specified roles of Panchayats in SDG aligned GPDP preparation

# Government Orders

Government of Assam  
Planning and Development Department  
Dispur, Guwahati

No. PDP.55/2015/Pt-III/9

Dated, Dispur the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017

To,

All Additional Chief Secretaries  
All Principal Secretaries  
All Commissioners and Secretaries  
All Secretaries to Government of Assam  
All Principal Secretaries of Autonomous Councils/ Developmental Councils  
All Head of Commissionerates/Directorates/PSUs; and  
All Heads Autonomous/ Semi-autonomous organizations under the Government of Assam

Subject: Implementing Sustainable Development Goals: Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas

Dear Colleagues,

I am directed to invite your attention to letter no PDP. 55/2015/63 on implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), issued by Planning & Development Department, Government of Assam on 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, communicating the Government's decision and strategy to implement the 17 SDGs with 169 targets.

2. The above document indicated the approach of the State Government for achieving the SDGs, which included realigning of existing programmes, structures & processes and forging strong partnerships with all stakeholders, supported with requisite capacity building initiatives. It also laid down the institutional structure for implementation of SDGs as a Single Holistic Synergized Initiative (SHSI), and highlighted the need for use of latest technology and tools like Big Data, Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Foresight etc.

3. The Vision & Strategic Architecture Document brought out in July, 2016, outlined the mega-initiative "Assam 2030: Our Dream, Our Commitment" of the Government for achieving SDGs. The Vision is captured in the following extract from the document:-

"In brief, our dream is to recreate a *Xiroshito Assom, Vikashito Assom, Xarbasreshtha Assom* (Secure Assam, Developed Assam, Great Assam), where prosperity and well-being of all citizens is assured across the Brahmaputra Valley, Barak Valley and the two Hill districts, regardless of their caste, creed, ethnicity, religion, language and gender. We are committed to fulfill this dream, and create a prosperous, healthy and happy Assam, free from poverty and hunger, with opportunity, equity and access to all. We are committed to making citizens active stakeholders in the decision making process including in the different stages of policy cycle, in the spirit of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas (partnering with everyone for everyone's development), to make Assam one of the most developed and frontline states of the country, leaving no one behind."

4. The Strategic Architecture for implementing SDGs envisages three over-arching components, as indicated in the following extracts from the above document:

" i) Implementing SDGs as a Single Synergized Initiative: SDGs will be implemented as a Single Synergized Mega-Initiative, integrating effectively all sectoral initiatives of the Government through a single powerful IT/Technology-based platform. The entire

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Dear Colleagues,

Subject: "ASSAM 2030 IN LIGHT OF SDGs" - IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs) IN ASSAM

I am directed to invite your attention to the Resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, for adopting 17 Sustainable Development Goals ( SDGs ), with 169 targets and 304 indicators, on 25th September, 2015 under the official agenda "Transforming our world : the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The Government of India is one of the signatories to this Resolution. The Government of Assam recognizes that the 17 SDGs, 169 targets and 304 indicators represent the consensus of the global community on things to be done by different Governments in the interest of the well-being of the entire world and humanity.

2. The Government of Assam further recognizes the great beneficial impact achievement of these Goals would have on the health, happiness, prosperity and well-being of each and every citizen of Assam, as also on the conservation and preservation of the State's unique bio-diversity, which is so important for the sustainable development and economic growth of Assam.

3. Keeping the above in view, the Government of Assam has decided to implement the SDGs in the State with effect from 1st January, 2016, and to launch an initiative titled "Assam -2030 in light of SDGs" from that date.

# State Level Steering Committee

## Composition

- Chairman : Chief Secretary
- Vice Chairman: Principal Secretary , P&RD
- Member Convener- Senior most Secretary P&RD
- Members-  
Senior most Secretaries of line departments like Education, Health, Social Welfare, T&D, Youth and Sports, etc.

## Roles and Responsibilities

This committee shall meet at least once a quarter.

- Share a common vision and perspective for child-friendly GP and foster development.
- Sharing of impact of respective initiatives
- Identifies bottlenecks and technical and administrative support needs and issues necessary direction from time to time.
- Defining role and responsibilities of participatory agencies
- To ensure the coordination among participating departments.

# District Level Committee on SDG

## Composition

- Deputy Commissioner in Plain Districts : Chairperson
- MP/MLAs from the district :Special Invitees
- District Development Commissioner : Vice Chairperson
- District Prabhari in respect of Aspirational Districts only : Special Invitee
- CEO Zila Parishad : Member
- Additional Deputy Commissioner(Development) : Member
- Senior Planning Officer as district SDG officer : Member Secretary
- Civil Society Organization Members- 2 : Member
- Academic Institutions- 2 : Member
- Private Sector/ Industry/ Association- 2 : Member
- Youth Group- 2 : Member
- Women's Groups/SHGs federation- 2 : Member
- Urban Local Body Members- 2 : Member
- District heads of Development Department as special invitee as per Agenda for discussion

## Roles and Responsibilities

The DLC will meet once in a quarter and record minutes to be submitted to I&D department.

- The representatives from Civil Society Organisation, Academic Institution ,Private Sector/Industry/Association, Youth Group, Women's Groups/SHGs federation and Urban Local Body to the DLC to be nominated by the Chairperson of the DLC.
- District Planning Cell in the DC Office will act as Secretariat
- Identification of district priority areas based on performance of social, economic and environmental indicators
- Identification of responsible implementing departments/schemes/projects and other stakeholders connected to the priority areas
- Quarterly/Monthly reviews of existing schemes/projects 7. Identification of vulnerable groups and administrative blocks/GP and ULBs
- Consultation with the departments and stakeholders for identifications of difficulties/hindrances in the implementation of schemes/projects, formulation of locally relevant strategy for effective implementation plans and programs.
- Review and course correction on effectiveness of strategies and interventions on achieving the SDGs.
- Forging of partnerships with local level academic institutions (schools and colleges), civil society organizations, industry and CSR, Youth groups, SHGs federations.
- Suggest needs for capacity building of functionaries for various level functionaries and key policy level strategies and interventions to the Government for approval
- "To oversee preparation and approval of District Vision 2030 and District 's Strategy and Action Plan and its subsequent implementation. and monitoring

# Council Level Committee on SDG (eg-KAAC)

## Composition

- Chief Executive Member of the Council (Chairperson)
- Principal Secretary of the Council Working chairperson
- Deputy Commissioner of District under KAAC Vice Chairpersons
- MP/MLAs from the district (Special Invitees)
- Executive Member(s) of the respective Councils (Special Invitee)
- Deputy Commissioner or Representative, KAAC Member
- Project Director, DRDA in KAAC area Member
- Secretary in charge of Rural Development in Council - Member Secretary
- Civil Society Organization Members
- 2 Member Academic Institutions- 2 Member
- Private Sector/ Industry/ Association- 2 Member
- Youth Group- 2 Member
- Women's Groups/SHGs federation- 2 Member
- Urban Local Body Members- 2 Member
- Council heads of Development Department (Invite as per Agenda for discussion) Member
- All Mission Heads in Council (invite as per Agenda for discussion)Member

## Roles and Responsibilities

- The CLC will meet once in a quarter and record minutes to be submitted to T&D and Hill Areas departments in the Government District Manual for Achieving SDGs in Assam
- Representatives from Civil Society Organisation, Academic Institution ,Private Sector/Industry/Association, Youth Group, Women's Groups/SHGs federation and Urban Local Body to the CLC to be nominated by the Chairperson of the CLC.
- The T&D Department of Council, KAAC will function as the Secretariat for the CLC.
- District Planning Cell in the DC Office will assist T&D Department of Council for smooth functioning of the CLC
- Identification of district priority areas based on performance of social, economic and environmental indicators
- Identification of responsible implementing departments/schemes/projects and other stakeholders connected to the priority areas
- Quarterly/Monthly reviews of existing schemes/projects 8. Identification of vulnerable groups and administrative blocks/VDC and ULBs.



# Block Level Committee on SDG

## Composition

Chairperson – Block Development Officer

Member Convener : Block Accountant

Members-

- Block-level Departments Heads of Line departments, like education, Health, Social Welfare, T&D, Youth and Sports, Cultural Department, etc.

## Roles and Responsibilities

- This committee shall meet once a month.
- Identification children's related issues
- Sharing of impact of respective initiatives.
- Providing community assets of continuing benefit to the children
- To ensure the coordination among participating department

# Village Level Committee on SDG

## Composition

- GP President (Chairman)
- GP Secretary- Member Secretary
- Field level functionaries of GPs
- Field level functionaries from the line departments in the GP
- Field officers of Revenue and Disaster Management
- GP ward member

The following members are to be selected in the first sitting of GPC:

- Civil Society Organization Members- 2
- Academic Institutions- 2
- Private Sector/ Industry/ Association- 2
- Youth Group- 2
- Women's Groups/SHGs federation- 2

## Roles and Responsibilities

- GP level committee will be responsible for identification and selection of villages or pockets in the priority areas
- To identify the existing needs of the village and GP based on GPDP
- Identification of schemes based on SDG Priority areas and GPDP
- Selection of beneficiaries in the priority areas based on schemes/projects guidelines Implementation of schemes under purview of GP
- Coordination and oversee of schemes/projects taken by the line departments and other agencies including corporates and private sector at the GP level  
Collection of data on Implementation of projects/scheme 8. Submission of MPR to the block

# State Policy and Action Plan

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Department</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Preparation of State Policy and Action Plan on LSDGs	P&RD	To begin	
Meeting with the Transformation & Development Department, Rural Development and SIPRD to discuss on the draft State Policy and Action Plan for LSDGs at village level	P&RD	To begin	August-22
Meeting with the Steering Committee' for final approval of the State Policy and Action Plan for LSDGs at village level	P&RD	To begin	Jul-22

# Capacity Building

Action	Responsible Department	Status	Timeline
Identification of Master Trainers from all relevant departments (Faculty + External RPs)	SIPRD	1 <sup>st</sup> Batch Completed and planning for ToT phase 2	April, 22 July, 22 (for phase 2)
Preparation of the Annual Action Plan	SIPRD	Completed	April, 22
Till August 2022, 50,000 participants will be trained on LSDG	SIPRD	On going	August 22
Preparation of the Training Module for LSDGs	SIPRD	Completed	April, 22
Capacity building of the Master Trainers	SIPRD	Completed	April, 22
Assigning of SIRD faculties for handholding support and monitor of 5 GPs by each faculty	SIPRD	Completed	April-May, 22
Awareness and capacity building of GP functionaries, SHGs, FLWs etc.	SIPRD	On going	May, 22 onwards
Awareness and capacity building of Block functionaries (Anchalik Panchayat)	SIPRD	On going	May, 22 onwards
Awareness and capacity building of District functionaries (Zilla Parishad)	SIPRD	On going	May, 22 onwards
Awareness and capacity building of Officials from Line Department at District and Sub district level	SIPRD	On gong	May, 22 onwards
Capacity Building of CBOs/NGOs/VOs/FLWs on IEC preparation and roll out	SIPRD	To begin	July, 22

# LSDG dissemination platforms

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Department</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Collaboration with ASRLM to disseminate LSDG in VO meetings	SIPRD	To begin	September-December 2022
Dissemination through AIR Guwahati, FM channels, Community Radios, social media and print media etc.	P&RD/SIRD	To begin	September-December 2022
Dissemination through Gram sabha, mother's club, Mahila Sabha, Neighbourhood meetings, NSS volunteers, local festivals and celebration etc.	SIPRD	To begin	September-December 2022

# Role of PRIs

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Department</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Identification of the prioritised SDG themes by the GPs	P&RD	Begin (Already 1607 GPs have identified)	April, 22 onwards
Preparation of PDP aligning to the Thematic Goals and Targets / Thematic framework	P&RD	On going	April, 22 onwards
SDG Model GP to showcase a replicable model where SDG has been integrated	P&RD	315 adopted	April, 22

# IEC Activities

Action	Responsible Department	Status	Timeline
Develop IEC, training tool kit and reading material for Master Trainers for LSDGs at village level in consultation with the SDGCC, Planning & Coordination Department	SIPRD	On going	April-22
Develop publicity materials such as wall poster and hoarding boards on the importance of the SDGs in consultation with the SDGCC, Planning & Coordination Department	SIPRD	To begin	July- August 2022
Document best practices, develop small videos and folk songs for localising the SDGs in consultation with the SDGCC, Planning & Coordination Department	SIPRD	To begin	July- August 2022
Technical assistance from external agencies (UN agencies, content designer, web designer etc.)	SIPRD	To begin	July onwards
Collaboration with educational institution and other youth groups for community mobilization	SIPRD	To begin	July onwards
Organize events on International, National and State Festivals	SIPRD	To begin	July onwards

## Finalisation of the LIF, targets and M&E Framework for Panchayat level

Action	Responsible Department	Status	Timeline
Mapping of Flagship Programmes, Schemes and Projects with each thematic areas	Planning & Development	To begin	July 2022
Mapping of schemes of P&RD with each thematic areas	SIPRD	Begin	2021
Finalizing Local Indicator Framework (LIF) reflecting the SDGs, themes and targets based on village priorities	Planning & Development	To begin	July 2022
Establishing a database of all LIF's data sources, frequency, targets, baseline, schemes mapped etc.	Planning & Development	To begin	July 2022
SDG monitoring Dashboard at each level	P&RD (through External Agency)		
Report Card (0-4 Scale Report Card)	P&RD (through External Agency)		



# Resource Envelope

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## **Available Resource:**

- 15th FC, JJM, MGNREGA, SBM, OSR, PMAY-G, SSA, NRLM, RURBAN, PMKSY etc.
- Communicated Resource: Departmental Programmes

# Role of SHGs, CBOs and NGOs

Activity	Responsible Department	Status	Timeline
Mapping and identify the local-based NGOs with their activity and sectors	SIPRD	To begin	Sep-22
Awareness, implemenation and funding the SDG-related activities in the village	NGOs	To begin	September-December
Community mobiliser (SHG, CBO, NGO members)	SIPRD, ASRLM		
Preparation of VPRP by SHGs	SIPRD and ASRLM	On going (Aligning with PDP)	On going process
Mentoring of Panchayats by CBOs	SIPRD	To begin	August 22 onwards
Advocates of Gender equality, sanitation, women and child health, good governance	P&RD, SIPRD	To begin	July 22 onwards

# Revisit the GPDP Guideline

Action	Responsible Department	Status	Timeline
Modify: - the 29 subjects with the 9 thematic areas - the GP level SDG matrix in the context of localization	Rural Development	To begin	August 22
Revisit the GPDP guideline	P&RD and SIPRD	To begin	August 22
Re-mapping of SDGs (in context of the 9 thematic areas)	P&RD and SIPRD	To begin	August 22
Earlier working groups of 4 will be increased to 9 in respect of the 9 thematic areas	P&RD	To begin	August 22
6 Standing Committees by virtue of being statutory bodies will monitor the 9 thematic areas	P&RD	To begin	August 22
Reflection of the allocation of funds in alignment of the thematic areas			

# Role of Village functionaries in CSS

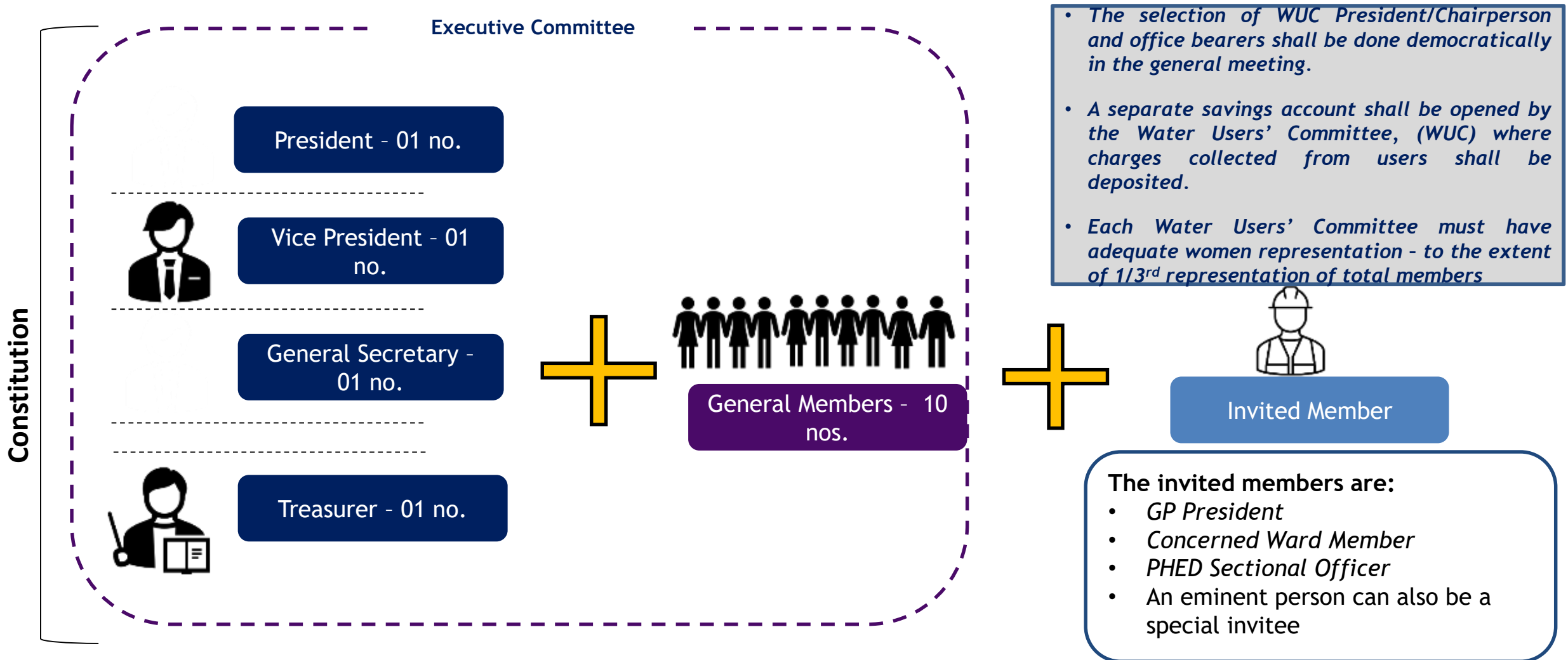
- Specific roles of Panchayat are the inbuilt provisions of different Central Sponsored Schemes and Central Sector Schemes

**Priority  
Activities on  
Drinking  
Water &  
Sanitation  
as part of  
localization  
of SDGs**

1. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of **Piped Water Supply Scheme (PWSS)** constructed under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), after handed over to the PRIs.
2. Construction of Community Managed Sanitary Complex (CMSC); in the ratio of **70:30** from PHED and P&RD respectively. And O&M of the same
3. Solid Liquid Waste Management (SLWM) at Village level; in the ratio of **70:30** from PHED and P&RD respectively. And O&M of the same

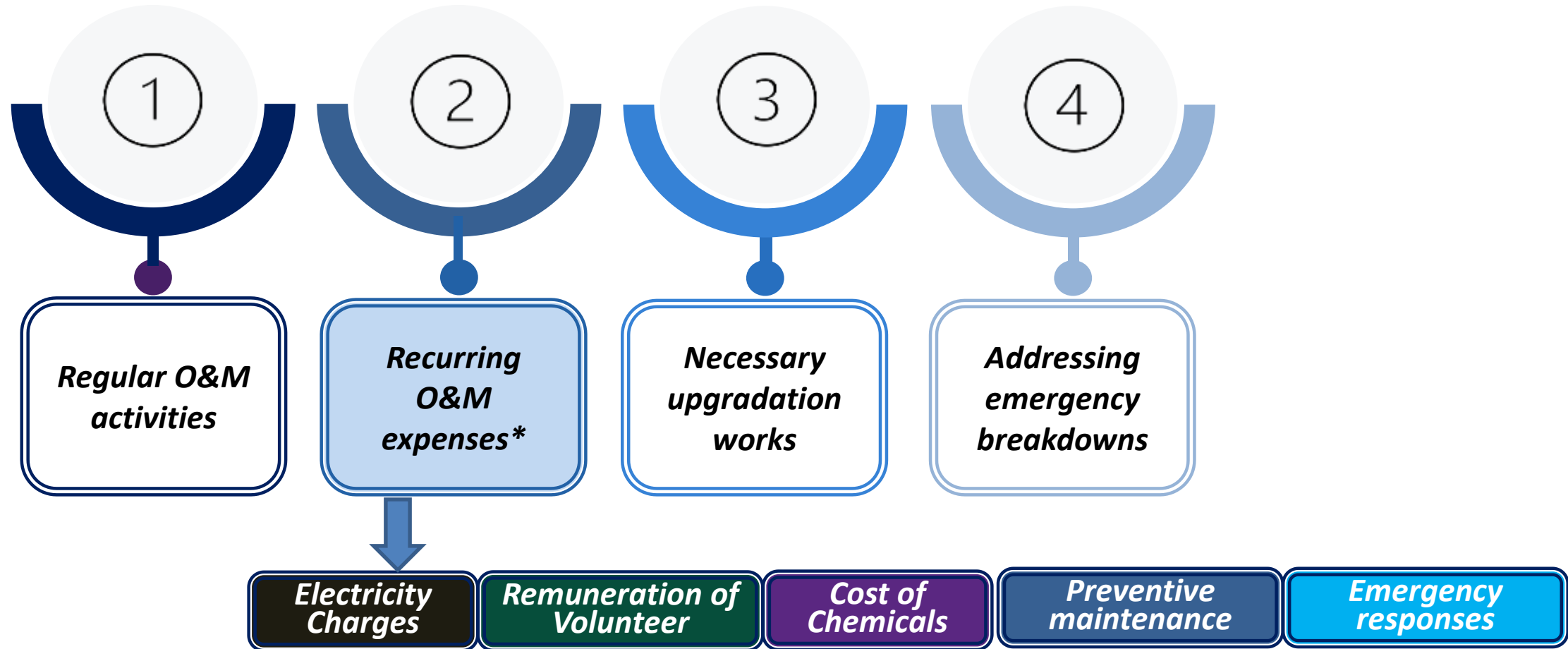
# Structure of Water Users' Committee

*Water Users' Committee will be responsible for sustainable operations and maintenance of the water supply scheme.*



# O&M Activities with Tied Grants

The Indicative list of activities to be supported from 15th FC Tied grants for long term sustainability in drinking water supply sector



- So far **1830** numbers of Piped Water Supply Scheme (PWSS) constructed under JJM handed over to the PRIs and PRIs is maintaining the PWSS through the Water User Committees (WUC).
- **2039** number of Community Managed Sanitary Complex (CMSC) are being constructed in convergence with PRI and SBM-G and being maintained by PRIs





GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
PANCHAYAT AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
DISPUR ::: GUWAHATI-6

ORDERS BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
NOTIFICATION

No. PDA.193/2021/7

Dated: Dispur the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

In pursuance of the Cabinet decision held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2021, the Governor of Assam is pleased to notify the following advisory for prioritizing activities to be undertaken by the Gaon Panchayats, Anchalik Panchayats and Zilla Parishads under Tied Grant of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

Advisory for prioritizing activities to be undertaken by the Gaon Panchayats, Anchalik Panchayat and Zilla Parishad under Tied Grant of 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission.

Of the two components recommended under 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Grant, the Tied Grants can be utilized for the following basic services equally:

- A. Supply of drinking water, rainwater harvesting and water recycling.
- B. Sanitation and maintenance of open defecation free status and this should include management and treatment of household waste, and human excreta and faecal sludge management.

However, if any PRI has fully saturated the need of one category, it can use the fund in the other category. Such saturation shall be certified by the respective Gaon Sabha and duly confirmed by supervising authority of the panchayats.

The total allocation of tied grants for the rural local bodies is distributed among the three tiers of panchayats in the following ratio:

- 70% for Gaon Panchayats
- 15% for Anchalik Panchayats
- 15% for Zilla Parishads.

The main purpose of the 15<sup>th</sup> FC tied grant for water Supply and sanitation is to enable Gram Panchayats/RLBs to shoulder the full responsibility for potable water supply to every household, Schools, Anganwadi centres, PHCs/ CHCs, community Centres, wellness centres, etc. on longterm and regular basis, greywater management, solid waste management, maintenance of open-defecation free status and improved sanitation in the villages. It is to be ensured that the 15<sup>th</sup> FC tied grant is used to achieve tangible outputs with intended outcomes

10. Executive Engineer, PHED : Member
11. Executive Engineer, ZP : Member
12. Two Social Activists : Member (tobenominated by Deputy

Commissioner with the approval of the Hon'ble Guardian Minister of the district).

Other instructions as detailed in guideline issued by PDA.149/2020/33 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2020 will remain same.

(Alakan Deep, IAS)

Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Public Health Engineering Department

(Dr. J B Ekka, IAS)

Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Panchayat and Rural Development Department

Memo No. PDA.193/2021/7

Dated: Dispur the 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

Copy to:

1. The Commissioner, Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Panjabari, Juripur, Guwahati-37 for information & necessary action.
2. All Deputy Commissioners.
3. All Principal Secretaries, 6<sup>th</sup> Scheduled Areas.
4. The Director, State Institution of Panchayat & Rural Development, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-22 for information & necessary action.
5. All Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Parishads.
6. All Project Directors, DRDA for 6<sup>th</sup> Scheduled Areas.
7. P.S. to Hon'ble Minister, Panchayat & Rural Development/ Public Health Engineering Departmen, Dispur, Ghy-6 for kind appraisal of Hon'ble Minister.
8. P.S. to Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering Department, Dispur, Ghy-6 for kind appraisal of Additional Chief Secretary.
9. P.S. to Principal Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development Department, Dispur, Ghy-6 for kind appraisal of Principal Secretary.
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By order etc.

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam  
Panchayat & Rural Development Department

Joint  
Advisory for  
O&M

# Partnership

Develop of the partnerships strategies with all relevant stakeholders:

- UN Agency (UNICEF, UNDP)
- Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA)
- Academic Institutions (MoU signed with Tezpur Central University and Central Institute of Technology)
- NSS
- National Foundation for India
- CBOs/NGOs
- Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
- Internship with different Universities like Tezpur University, Sankardev University, USTM etc.

Thank You