WASH ACTIVITIES OF CWSA AND IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Outline

- 1. What is the mandate of CWSA
- 2. What technologies are being facilitated (water & sanitation)
- What are the effects of climate change
- What do the effects lead to
- What is the conclusion and the way forward

CWSA MANDATE

 Facilitate the provision of safe water and related sanitation services to rural communities and small towns

WATER PROVISION TECHNOLOGIES

- Spring-based piped schemes
- Hand-dug wells with handpumps
- Boreholes with handpumps
- Boreholes for motorised piped schemes
- Surface water-based piped schemes
- Rain water harvesting schemes

SANITATION TECHNOLOGIES

- Household VIP latrines
- Institutional KVIP latrines

SOURCES FOR WATER PROVISION

- Ground water (including springs)
- Surface water
- Rainwater (limited use)

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON GROUNDWATER RESOURCES

Lowering groundwater levels resulting in

- Dry hand dug wells
- Dry boreholes
- Low yielding boreholes
- Poor water quality due to flooding

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON SURFACE WATER RESOURCES

- Low production from intake
- Poor water quality (due to flooding)

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON SANITATION FACILITIES

 Flooding of pit latrines resulting in contamination of surface and ground water resources.

RESULTS OF EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

- Low coverage (access) to safe water and decent sanitation facilities
- High cost of operation and maintenance (energy cost, treatment cost, spare parts)
- Additional investment from GoG and DPs

CONCLUSION AND WAY FORWARD

- Climate change resulting in drought or flooding is a major treat to water and sanitation services delivery
- Concrete actions at the national regional, district and community levels to mitigate the threat.