

Project Summary for Public Disclosure
(after approval of NDB financing)

Project Name	Southeast Guwahati Water Supply Project
Country	The Republic of India
Type	Sovereign
Area of Operation	Water & Sanitation
Concept Approval Date	16 November 2023
Financing Approval Date	27 November 2025
Total Project Cost	INR 11,620 million
Initial Limit of NDB Financing	USD 89.03 million
Current Limit of NDB Financing	USD 89.03 million
Borrower	The Republic of India
Project Entities	The Government of Assam Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board
Project Context	<p>Guwahati is the largest city in northeast India as well as a major economic center. The city has in recent years witnessed rapid urbanization; however, development of essential infrastructure has not kept pace with concomitant needs of its residents. In particular, the gap between water supply and demand is especially severe.</p> <p>The southeast zone of the city has no access to piped water supply service. The residents rely entirely on ground water or private water tankers to meet their daily water needs. Groundwater sources have been found to be contaminated posing significant health risks, while private water vendors charge high rates. Provision of safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable water supply is hence of utmost importance in improving the living conditions of these residents.</p>
Project Description	<p>The Project involves construction of necessary water supply infrastructure and facilities to provide improved quality and regular water supply to the southeast zone of the Guwahati city. The major components of the Project include water intake system, raw water rising main to the treatment plant, water treatment plant, reservoirs, and distribution network with household connections.</p>
Project Objective	<p>The Project aims at providing access to 24x7 piped drinking water supply of not less than 135 liters per capita per day for a projected population in 2038 of around 520,000 people in southeast Guwahati.</p>
Implementation Arrangements	<p>The Government of Assam will be in charge for overall planning the Project, guiding and monitoring its execution and achieving planned</p>

	results. Guwahati Metropolitan Drinking Water and Sewerage Board will be responsible for day-to-day implementation of the Project, for which a dedicated Project Implementation Unit has been set up. The implementation period for the Project is 5 years.		
Environmental and Social Information	<p>The Project has been categorized as Category B in accordance with the NDB Environment and Social Framework. The main environmental and social (E&S) risks stem from potential adverse impacts during construction period such as effects on the aquatic environment and species due to bottom dredging works and construction of water intake, clearance of native vegetation, occupational and community health & safety risks, and potential unforeseen resettlement impacts.</p> <p>E&S impacts will be mitigated by conducting Environmental Impact Assessment and Social Due Diligence, preparation of and adhering to site-specific E&S Management Plans, Resettlement Framework, and implementation of the impact mitigation measures stipulated in the Environmental and Social Impact Management Plan devised by NDB for the Project.</p>		
Financing	Source of Fund		Amount
	NDB		USD 89.03 million
	Asian Development Bank*		USD 20 million
	Counterpart funding		INR 2,405 million
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* already disbursed