

Verification Report for

Project : Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm

Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India.

UWR Project ID : 382

Name of Verifier	SQAC Certification Pvt. Ltd.			
Date of Issue	January 10, 2024			
Project Proponent &	Farm pond owner (farmers) of the villages from Deesa, Dhanera,			
Owner	and Lakhani Taluka, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India.			
UWR Project Aggregator	Yojan Solutions			
Work carried by	Mr. Santosh Nair			
Work reviewed by	Mr. Praful Shinganapurkar			

Summary:

SQAC Certification Pvt. Ltd. has performed verification of the "Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India". The project activity is a man-made constructed pond structure having a large catchment area that conserves and stores rainwater for future use in the different villages of Deesa, Dhanera, and Lakhani Taluka.

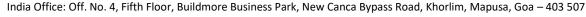
The project activity meets the following UN SDG's:



Verification for the period: 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022.

In our opinion, the total RoU's over the crediting / verification period stated in the Project Concept Note and Monitoring Report, PCNMR submitted to SQAC are found to be correct and in line with the UWR guidelines.

Accredited by 5 Jupiter House, Callera Park, Aldermaston, Reading Berkshire RG7 8NN, United Kingdom (UK).



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The verification was done remotely by way of video calls / verification, phone calls and submission of documents for verification through emails.

SQAC is able to certify that the RoU's from the Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India, (UWR ID - 382) for the period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022 amounts to **1,30,678** RoUs

Detailed Verification Report:

The project activity is pre-approved under the UWR RoU program for the following scope:

 Scope 2 (Measures for conservation and storage of excess surface water for future requirement).

Purpose:

The project, Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India, is located at 35 villages and 3 Talukas of Banaskantha district, Country India. The Project Proponent and owner (PP) maintain the project activity and ensure that the rainwater runoff is harvested and flows into the farm pond that provides potable water supply to the PP during post-monsoons for irrigation and other usage. PP is responsible for maintaining the catchment area and ensuring the smooth flow of rainwater during the monsoon period in the farm pond. PP maintains all the necessary permits and ownership documents for the water harvesting and conservation activity.







The project details are as follows:

Project Name : Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm

Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat India

UWR Scope: RoU Scope 2 : Measures for conservation and storage of excess

surface water for future requirement

Date PCNMR Prepared : 22nd August 2023

Catchment Area : 2000-3600 Sq.mt (approx.)

Type of structure : Square Shape Farm pond

Month and Year of Construction : June 2020

Month and Year of : 01/01/2021 Commissioning Rwh's

Average Rainfall : 678 mm (for the year 2021-2022)

Run off Coefficient : 0.3

Evaporation and absorption

losses

35%

Catchment Capacity : Approx. 6-8 million liters of water in each pond

RoU Crediting Period : 01/01/2021 – 31/12/2022 (For Year 2021-2022)

Total RoUs Generated For the

Crediting Period

: 130678

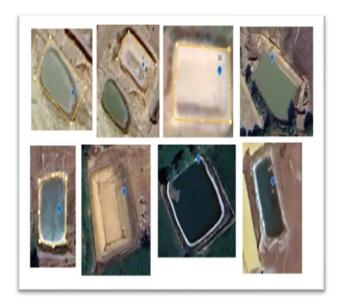
The project activity Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat India is a man-made constructed pond structure having a large catchment area that conserves and stores rainwater for future use in the different villages of Deesa, Dhanera, and Lakhani Taluka.

The project activity fulfils the UWR RoU requirements for "measures undertaken for conservation and storage of excess surface water for future requirements."

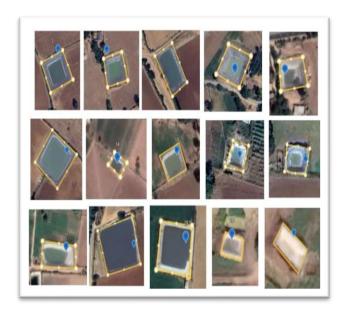
A farm Pond is a dug-out structure with a definite shape and size having proper inlet and outlet structures for collecting the surface runoff flowing from the farm area and others. It is one of the most important rainwater harvesting structures constructed at the lowest portion of the farm area and is cost-effective.



Below are the satellite images for some of farm ponds:











United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

The project activity ensures the water security of India and attains the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

Sustainable	Most relevant SDG Target / Impact	Indicator (SDG Indicator)
Development Goals		
Targeted		
1 NO POVERTY	1.4: By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other	1.4.1 Proportion of population living in households with access to basic services.
Goal 1 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere	forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.	
Goal 3 – Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.	3.9: By 2030, substantially reduce the number of deaths and illnesses from hazardous chemicals and air, water and soil pollution and contamination.	3.9.2 Mortality rate attributed to unsafe water, unsafe sanitation and lack of hygiene (exposure to unsafe Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All (WASH) services).
Goal 6 - Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.	 6.1: By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all. 6.4: By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity. 	 6.1.1: Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services. 6.4.2: Level of water stress: freshwater withdrawal as a proportion of available freshwater resources. 6.b.1: Proportion of local administrative units with



	6.b: Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management	established and operational policies and procedures for participation of local communities in water and sanitation management.
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value.	Number of jobs created, and people trained during the installation and maintenance process of the project activity.
Goal 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	8.6 By 2020, substantially reduce the proportion of youth not in employment, education or training.	
Goal 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries.	10.2: By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status	Improved water security and therefore a stronger sense of independence and trust amongst villagers.
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES Goal 11: Make cities	11.1: By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable basic services.	The PP provides SDW as a basic human right.
and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.		



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources	The PP will store and use the runoff rainwater for further use.
Goal 12: Ensure		
sustainable		
consumption and		
production patterns		
13 CLIMATE ACTION	13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning.	Amount of water conserved.
Goal 13: Take urgent		
action to combat		
climate change and its		
Impacts.		

Scope:

The scope covers verification of RoUs from the project - Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India, (UWR ID – 382)

Criteria:

Verification criteria is as per the requirements of UWR RoU program for the scope – 2.

Description of project:

The overall goal of this project is to promote sustainable water development in the villages of Deesa, Dhanera, and Lakhani Taluka of Banaskantha district, Gujarat, India and prevent over-exploitation of groundwater resources.

For the different villages of Deesa, Dhanera and Lakhani Taluka of Banaskantha district 109 Farm ponds have been constructed. Among them 70% of the farm ponds are covered with Geomembranes sheet and 30% of the farm ponds are built by applying the layer of soil and cement mixtures.



Hence among all the 109 farm ponds, the farm ponds with Geomembranes sheets layered are being used or reused for different purposes like irrigation water for cattle's, drinking, etc. The farm ponds which are having the layer of soil and cement mixture will gets some small cracks into it within the passing year of time so by the mode of this cracks water gets into it ground level and will helps in improving the ground water table along with the other usage. Some of this farm ponds are also helping in the recharging their Borewell.

The approximated catchment area of the farm pond is 1600 to 2500 sq.mt. of each pond. The total catchment area of all 109 farm ponds is approximately 1,64,737 Sq.mt. Hence approx. 6-8 million Liters of water can be stored in each farm pond during the heavy rainfall seasonal.

So approx. 400 million Liter of water can be stored in all the 109 farm ponds.















The artificial recharge of groundwater by the project activity aims at the augmentation of groundwater reservoirs by modifying the natural movement of surface water utilizing suitable civil construction techniques, such as rooftop rainwater harvesting.

Benefits of Farm Pond:

- It collects excess runoff during rainy periods.
- Stored water can be used for supplemental irrigation to crops, without waiting for rainfall.
- It is useful as drinking water for cattle during drought situations.
- It can be used for spraying pesticides.
- It conserves soil and moisture.
- It reduces soil erosion and recharges groundwater / Borewell.
- It helps to recharge the open well when there is excess water in the pond.
- One can use the soil excavated during pond construction as topsoil for uncultivable land.
- Increase the income of farmers as the increase in the crop irrigation.

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UWR Scope : RoU Scope 2: Measures for conservation and storage of excess

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Total Catchment area of all ponds : 164734 m²

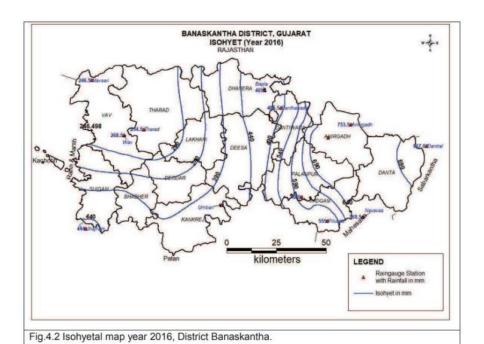
PCNMR Prepared on : 22/08/2023.

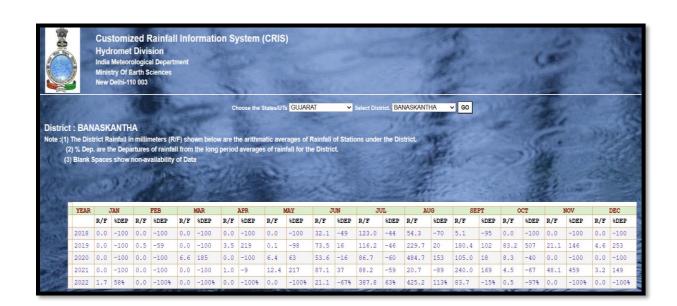
Project Commissioning Date : 01/01/2021

Rainfall and Recharge

Rainfall data in respect of 6 rain gauge station representing Banaskantha district have been collected from Water Resources Investigation (WRI), State Data Centre, Govt. of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. Data has been analysed for the year of 1981 to 2016 (36 years). The average annual rainfall of the area is 552.62 mm (year 1981-2016), although there is a considerable variation from year to year. It occurs generally during the months of June to September. The isohyetal map for the year 2016 shows the progressive decrease in annual rainfall towards the west. It is more than 690 mm in the east side and less than 290 mm.

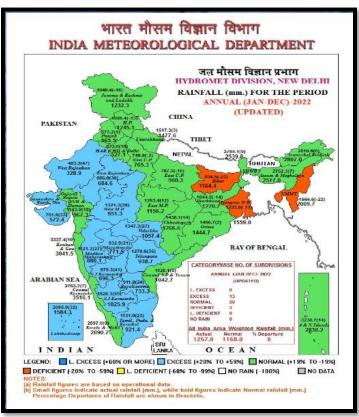




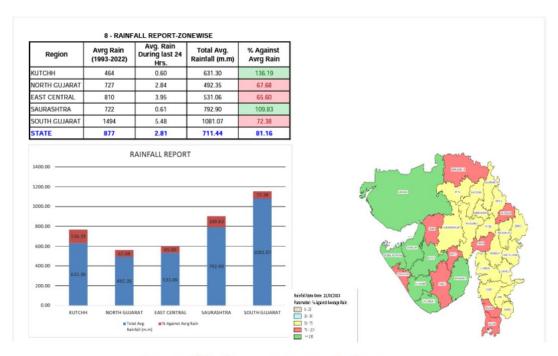












Source: http://www.gsdma.org/index.aspx

	Rainfall d			
Taluka / Year	Deesa	Dhanera	Lakhani	Total Rainfall (mm)
2021	708	465	272	1445
2022	1125	757	741	2623
				4068

Baseline scenario

The baseline scenario is the situation where, in the absence of the project activity, unutilized rainwater flows uncollected into drains or is not conserved and harvested within the project boundary and hence remains unutilized.



Baseline scenario, if not directly measurable, is calculated by using the UWR Standard.

The PP has selected the following method from UWR standard.

Harvested water or Volume of water utilized (m³)

= Area of Catchment / Roof / Collection Zone (m²) X Amount of rainfall (mm) X Runoff coefficient *Uncertainty Factor (1-0.35 = 0.65)

As per UWR RoU Standard:

Runoff coefficient

Surface Area	Runoff Coefficient (K)
2.1 Untreated Ground surface catchment	0.3

Area of Catchment: 1,64,737 Sq. mt

Level of Assurance:

The verification report is based on remote audit, information collected through tele interviews, supporting documents provided during the verification, Project Concept Note - Monitoring Report (PCNMR) submitted to SQAC. The verification opinion is assured provided the credibility of all the above.

Verification Methodology:

Review of the following documentation was done by SQAC Verifier, Mr. Santosh Nair who is experienced in such projects.

- Project Concept Note / Monitoring Report (PCNMR)
- Commissioning period.
- Self Declaration
- Rainfall Data

Sampling:

Ponds at Rampura, Sherpura, Gugal, Pechhadal and Laxmipura were taken as samples out of the entire lot of 109 farm ponds.



Persons interviewed:

Sr No	Name	Village		
1	Gordhanji Savaji jat	Rampura		
2	Narengji Lalaji Jat	Sherpura		
3	Suryben Natavarji Suthar	Gugal		
4	Vahtabhai Kanajibhai patel	Pechhadal		
5	Jagdish Tarad	Laxmipura		

સંબંધિત વ્યક્તિ માટે સ્વ-ધોષણા પત્ર

આથી હું નીયે સહી કરનાર માતૃ એનર્જી સર્વિસીસ કોર્પોરેશન ગુજરાતના બનાસકાંઠા જિલ્લામાં બાંધવામાં આવેવ ફાર્મ પોન્ડ પ્રોજેક્ટ નો પ્રોજેક્ટ એગ્રીગેટર છું

આથી હું જાહેર કંઇ છું કે આ પ્રોજેક્ટ હેઠળના બાંધવામાં આવેલ તમામ ખેત-તળાવો ખેડૂતોના પોતાના હોવાથી તેઓને કોઇ પણ સરકારી પરવાનગી અને અન્ય કોઈ પરવાનગીની જરુર નથી. આ ખેત-તળાવો ખેડૂતોએ પોતાના ખેતર માં સ્વચ્છાએ બનાવાની અમને પરવાનગી આપેલ છે. જેનો તમામ ખર્ચ માતૃ એન્જી સર્વિસીસ કોપોરેશન અને અન્ય સંસ્થાઓ ઉપાડશે. જેના પ્રમાણસ્વરુપ સમજૂતી કરાર દરેક ખેડૂત સાથે કરેલ છે તથા દરેક ખેડૂતોના ઓળખના પૂરાવા, જમીનના દસ્તાવેજો, અને અન્ય તમામ માહિતી અમારા દ્વારા વેક્સલા માં આવેલ છે અને તે અમારી શ્રેષ્ઠ જાલકારી અને માન્યતા પ્રમાણે સાથા છે અને તેમાં કોઈ સુધાવવાની વાત નથી

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પૂરું નામ <u>માત્ એનર્જી સર્વિસીસ કોર્પોરેશન</u>





								Rain till	Rain During		% Agains		
		(1991-2020)	Yesterday	last 24 Hrs.	Rainfall	Avg Rain	-		(1991-2020)	Yesterday	last 24 Hrs.	Rainfall	Avg Rain
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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	Kutch						4	Mahesana					
	Abdasa	402 474	400 867	0	400 867	99.40 182.96	1 2	Becharaji	663 746	711 668	0	711 668	107.22 89.55
	Anjar Bhachau	466	428	0	428	91.76	3	Jotana Kadi	746 814	753	0	753	92.53
	Bhui Bhui	394	426 598	0	428 598	151.89	4	Kheralu	678	500	0	753 500	73.73
	Gandhidham	394 424	466	0	466	109.91	5	Mahesana	774	627	0	627	81.01
	Lakhoat	357	298	0	298	83.53	6	Manesana Satlasana	752	496	0	496	65.92
	Mandvi(K)	474	488	0	488	102.92	7	Uniha	741	776	0	776	104.70
	Mundra	511	513	0	513	100.47	8	Vadnagar	645	405	0	405	62.83
	Nakhatrana	433	584	0	584	134.89	9	Viapur	808	631	0	631	78.06
	Rapar	490	471	0	471	96.14	10	Visnagar	662	429	0	429	64.76
10	Dist. Avg.	442	511	0	511	115.60	10	Dist. Avg.	724	600	0	600	82.86
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	NORTH GUJAR	ΔΤ					2	ldar	974	685	0	685	70.30
	Patan						3	Khedbrahma	836	553	0	553	66.17
1	Chanasma	510	382	0	382	74.88	4	Posina	829	845	0	845	101.90
2	Harii	591	402	0	402	68.00	5	Prantii	822	612	0	612	74.49
3	Patan	697	631	0	631	90.52	6	Talod	795	598	0	598	75.26
4	Radhanpur	638	551	0	551	86.40	7	Vadali	872	669	0	669	76.70
5	Sami	528	337	0	337	63.86	8	Vijaynagar	839	794	Ö	794	94.64
6	Santalpur	443	345	0	345	77.97		Dist. Avg.	852	665	0	665	77.96
7	Sarswati	688	821	0	821	119.33	6	Aravalli					
8	Shankheshwar	521	402	0	402	77.15	1	Bayad	877	503	0	503	57.37
9	Siddhpur	761	702	0	702	92.23	2	Bhiloda	926	474	0	474	51.18
	Dist. Avg.	593	508	0	508	85.63	3	Dhansura	902	668	0	668	74.03
	Banaskantha						4	Malpur	803	376	0	376	46.81
	Amirgadh	810	453	0	453	55.90	5	Meghraj	866	601	0	601	69.39
	Bhabhar	504	397	0	397	78.76	6	Modasa	862	690	0	690	80.09
	Danta	849	920	0	920	108.35		Dist. Avg.	875	552	0	552	63.09
	Dantiwada	634	543	0	543	85.67	7	Gandhinagar					
	Deesa	666	708	0	708	106.25	1	Dahegam	806	474	0	474	58.82
	Deodar	534	360	0	360	67.42	2	G'nagar	715	423	0	423	59.16
	Dhanera	597	465	0	465	77.83	3	Kalol (gnr)	782	742	0	742	94.90
	Kankrej	505	343	0	343	67.97	4	Mansa	800	574	0	574	71.75
	Lakhani	607	272	0	272	44.79	-	Dist. Avg.	765	553	0	553	72.27
	Palanpur	774	659	0	659	85.14		N.G.REGION	717	555	0	555	77.50
	Suigam	544	403	0	403	74.06	1						
	Tharad	440	343	0	343	77.88	-						
	Vadgam	756	767	0	767	101.46	4						
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8 - RAINFALL REPORT-ZONEWISE Rainfall Report 30-11-2022 (Rainfall in mmi)(DL23-11.2022 06:00 am to DL30.11 2022 06:00 am)													
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2	Anjar	499	919	0	919	184.23	2	Jotana	753	890	0	890	118.21
3	Bhachau	474	537	0	537	113.31	3	Kadi	812	792	0	792	97.49
4	Bhui	411	1206	0	1206	293.50	4	Kheralu	679	759	0	759	111.72
5	Gandhidham	436	577	0	577	132.46	5	Mahesana	780	1010	0	1010	129.56
	Lakhpat	366	1041	0	1041	284.35	6	Satlasana	754	1100	0	1100	145.97
7	Mandvi(K)	488	976	0	976	199.89	7	Uniha	752	645	0	645	85.77
	Mundra	523	1025	0	1025	196.07	8	Vadnagar	643	594	0	594	92.42
	Nakhatrana	451	836	0	836	185.34	9	Viiapur	802	1003	0	1003	125.03
	Rapar	501	548	0	548	109.36		Visnagar	662	649	0	649	98.07
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	Hari	596	636	0	636	106.66	5	Prantii	815	729	0	729	89.44
	Patan	708	870	0	870	122.97	6	Talod	788	701	0	701	89.00
	Radhanour	649	1009	0	1009	155.57	7	Vadali	866	1263	0	1263	145.80
	Sami	531	440	0	440	82.84	8	Viiavnagar	834	1161	0	1161	139.14
	Santalour	449	615	0	615	137.08	-	Dist. Avo.	848	1091	0	1091	128.69
	Sarswati	705	785	0	785	111.38	6	Aravalli	040	1031	v	1031	120.03
	Shankheshwar	527	483	0	483	91.71	-	Bayad	878	632	0	632	71.99
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	Dist. Ava.	601	736	0	736	122.46	3	Dhansura	906	1032	0	1032	113.93
	Banaskantha	001	136	0	136	122.46	4	Malpur	797	665	0	665	83.45
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	Amirgadh					142.33	6	Meghraj Modasa					
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-	Danta			0			-	Dist. Avg.	875	916	U	316	104.69
	Dantiwada	646	1070	0	1070	165.60	7	Gandhinagar					
	Deesa	683	1125	0	1125	164.77	1	Dahegam	790	897	0	897	113.59
	Deodar	542	952	0	952	175.78	2	G'nagar	711	568	0	568	79.85
-	Dhanera	607	757	0	757	124.68	3	Kalol (gnr)	784	840	0	840	107.12
	Kankrej	509	655	0	655	128.68	4	Mansa	792	709	0	709	89.52
	Lakhani	609	741	0	741	121.65		Dist. Avg.	760	754	0	754	99.16
	Palanpur	777	1192	0	1192	153.38	_	N.G.REGION	720	881	0	881	122.45
	Suigam	556	873	0	873	157.04	1						
	Tharad	450	648	0	648	144.13							
	Vadgam	765	1137	0	1137	148.59							
	Wav	520	540	0	540	103.90							
	Dist. Avg.	634	908	0	908	143.29							

Corrective Action Requests (CARs)

Not applicable as no non-conformities has been evidenced.

Applied methodologies:

Verification criteria is as per the requirements of UWR RoU program for the scope – 2.

Applicability of double counting emission reductions

Currently not applicable for water credits.

Issuance Period: (02 years, 00 months) – 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022

According to the UWR RoU Standard principles, the project activity accomplishes the following:

- Increases the sustainable water yield in areas where over development has depleted the aquifer
- Collect unutilized water or rainwater from going into storm drains or sewers
- Conserve and store excess water for future use



Harvested water or Volume of water utilized (m^3) = Area of Catchment / Roof / Collection Zone (m^2) X Amount of rainfall (mm) X Runoff coefficient *Uncertainty Factor (1-0.35 = 0.65)

Annual RoU calculation:

Year	Catchment Area	Rainfall (mm)	Runoff Coefficient (K)	Uncertainty Factor	(RoUs)
	Α	В	С	D	(A*B*C*D)/1000
2021	164737	1445	0.3	0.65	46418
2022	164737	2623	0.3	0.65	84260
				Total	1,30,678

Conclusions:

Based on the audit conducted on the basis of UWR Protocol, which draws reference from UWR RoU program, the documents submitted during the verification including the data, Project Concept Note (PCNMR), SQAC is able to certify that the Water Credits from the project -: Rainwater Harvesting and Reuse through Farm Ponds, Banaskantha, Gujarat, India (UWR ID – 382) for the period 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2022 amounts to 1,30,678 RoUs

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