



**Moving towards water** secure and climate resilient cities: Gandhidham



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### Moving towards water secure and climate resilient cities Gandhidham

Water Security Assessment for Gandhidham is prepared by the Center for Water and Sanitation (CWAS), at the Centre for Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), CEPT University in partnership with Empowerment Foundation and Dasra to support Gandhidham Municipal Council To move towards water secure and climate resilient cities.



### **Acknowledgment**

Cities have become more susceptible to water scarcity than ever before. Climate change and resultant uncertain weather patterns are forcing cities to take extreme steps to combat severe water crisis, especially during summer months. Indian cities are no exceptions. Understanding the severity, GoI has launched AMRUT 2.0 (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation) which focuses on making cities water-secure and self-sufficient through circular economy of water.

Gandhidham is located in the arid region at the Kachchh district, Gujarat. It receives around 430 mm of annual rainfall in comparison to the national average of 1152 mm. Large part of the Kachchh region including Gandhidham are water stressed with a severe shortage of drinking water in the summer and is characterized as a drought-prone areas. This situation has improved significantly since the long distant Narmada canal water has been made available as drinking water. However, change in rainfall pattern in Narmada catchment may result into water scarcity in Gandhidham, if the local water resources are not managed well.

In this context, CWAS at CEPT University in partnership with Empowerment Foundation and Dasra will support Gandhidham Municipal Council to move towards water security. The key support will include assessment of existing water scenario, developing water security plans for the city and demonstration of pilot projects like rain water harvesting, ground water recharge, revival of defunct wells and reuse of wastewater. A mix of secondary data provided by the city, primary surveys, and stakeholder interactions were done to prepare the assessment slide deck for Gandhidham city.

CWAS team acknowledges excellent support by Gandhidham Municipal council officials. Discussions with other stakeholders such as private water suppliers, water sector experts, community groups and slum households have also helped assess existing water scenario in the city.

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### About the project...

Moving towards water secure and climate resilient cities - Gandhidham:

CWAS-CEPT University in partnership with Dasra and Empowerment Foundation will support Gandhidham Municipal Council to move towards water security.

CWAS in consultation with Gandhidham Municipal Council(s), has carry out citywide assessment and will develop Water Security Action Plan for the city along with some pilot demonstration projects around rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge / revival of defunct well and potential reuse of used water

The project is being funded by Empowerment Foundation.

### What the project will bring in for the cities?

Water security action plan can benefit the cities to become water secure by augmenting water availability through harvesting and/or recharging, overcome water scarcity through demand management, behavioral changes in citizens on judicious use of water through community participation and bring in institutional accord through policy initiatives.

Thus, the study aims at moving Gandhidham towards water secure and climate resilient cities.

### The project will develop a water security action plan for both Anjar and Gandhidham...



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### **Overview of water scenario in India**

Water availability is becoming less predictable in many places with increased incidences of flooding and droughts.

Equitable access to safe drinking water continues to remain a challenge. Low-income communities, are most vulnerable

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### The threat of water scarcity or "Day Zero" is looming towards Indian Cities



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### Issues faced by urban water resources in India



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# Water Security is high on National and International agendas, cities too need to align towards these agendas



Government of India has put a strong emphasis on water security – The Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0) has water security as the central theme



Ensuring universal access to drinking water connection at household level

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Focus on moving towards water secure cities



Conservation of waterbodies and urban aquifer management



### Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 6)

- Target 6.1: Achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all
- Target 6.6: Protect and restore waterrelated ecosystems, including rivers, aquifers and lakes

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Definitions of water security across the globe focuses on quantity and quality of water

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Available in Qua	antity Su	fficient	In
Adequate	Safe	Reliable	
Sustainable	Acces	sible	
Affordable	Acceptable	<b>Good Quality</b>	

	to ATTAIN				
	Improved Livelihoods	<b>Resilient Economies</b>			
l	Healthy Ecosystem				
	Human well-bei	ng Peace			
	<b>Political Stability</b>	manage Water related risk			

"Water Security is access of water for basic human needs in adequate quantity and quality, which is reliable and affordable."

The frameworks are comprehensive, covering the various aspects associated with water and water governance, however water needs to be looked from regional context as the situation varies from place to place...





### **Study Objectives**

The study has four main objectives, which are as follows:

- To Assess the Existing water situation in both the cities: Existing water situation for both cities will be assessed through the lens of Accessibility, Quantity, Quality, Reliability and Affordability.
- To develop Water Security Action Plan: Water security action plan will be developed based on the water service chain assessment where new initiatives will be explored to make the two cities water secure.
- To implement pilot demonstration projects: The project also includes implementation of action oriented pilot demonstration around rainwater harvesting (RWH), ground water recharge (GWR), recharging urban flood spot etc.
- To document and disseminate the work: The complete project along with scale up plan will be documented.

CWAS CONTRE CRDF CEPT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND DEVELOPMENT Assessment of Existing water Situation in both the cities

To develop water security action plan

**Implementation of Pilot Demonstrations** 

**Documentation and Dissemination** 

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# Water Security assessment framework focuses on four key aspects: Water source study, municipal water services, institutional framework and citizen participation

Water Security assessment framework is based on the Urban Water Security Management Toolkit developed by CWAS and is further adapted. The toolkit, assess the city's existing water situation from Urban water supply system and Urban water resources perspective. The service chain is analyzed through the lens of five parameters viz., Accessibility, Quantity, Quality, Reliability and Affordability.

The **institutional and regulatory framework** adopted in the city plays a vital role in its **water management and service delivery.** Thus the same has been further examined for better understanding of the city' s water system.

Last but not least, **citizens**, the end user, of the water service must be included in the assessment process and hence the framework incorporate **assessing the existing water system from citizen perspective.** 

Based on the above assessment framework, the **Water Security Action plan** for the two cities will be developed which will explore the new opportunity to make the cities water secure.

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### **Study Methodology**



**Desk review** 

Detailed desk review of various Water security frameworks, toolkits etc. adopted across the globe to make cities water secure

- Asian Development Bank: Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO)
- United Nation: UN' s
   Framework for Water Security
- WaterAid: Water Security Framework

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CWAS: Urban Water Security
 Planning Toolkit based on
 Bhuj Experience

#### Site Visit



- Site visits to all the **water and sanitation** related **infrastructures** in the entire city
- Survey of all the **slums** to develop **slum profile** and understand equity aspect in city systems
- City survey to understand the urban fabric

#### **Discussion with ULB officials**





- Discussion with CO, President, department heads and engineers to understand the existing infrastructure and governance practices
- Visited various departments of the ULB like Water, sanitation, IT, property tax etc.

### Discussion with citizens (including Slum pockets)





Discussions with Citizens, slum dwellers, Youth leaders, senior citizens etc. has been conducted for better understanding of the existing water and used water systems in both the cities.

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### Gandhidham is a city located in Kachchh district of Gujarat...



- Kachchh is a largest district of Gujarat State; spread over 45,674 km2 with longest coast line of about 406 kms in the state
- Kachchh region falls under arid-semi arid zone (classified by average annual rainfall of 250-500 mm)
- Growing economic and industrial hub in the state. The key industries include Engineering, Power, Steel Pipes, Cement, Handicrafts. Emerging industry sectors include Construction, Chemicals, Ceramics and Textiles

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# The region is chronically drought prone with a frequency of once every 2.5 years. However the rainfall shows an increasing trend in past three decades



- Kachchh district has faced famine every 2.5
   – 3 years
- In the last decade this region faced severe drought in almost every alternate year (2012,16 & 18)
- Number of rainy days has increased (~13 days)

### In recent decades the rainfall pattern shows an increasing trend that can be tapped to augment the own water resource of the cities in Kachchh Region



Source: Gujarat State Disaster management Plan – 2016-17; and IMD; Economic and Political Weekly @ 2002;IMD Grid data https://crudata.ueu.ac.uk/cru/data/hrg/cru\_ts\_4.06/ge/?\_ga=2.66627182.1783822406.1667891824-833973110.1667891824; Kachchh Mitra (Local news paper, Kachchh) dated 9th September 2022; https://cdn.s3waas.gov.in/s32dace78f80bc92e6d7493423d729448e/uploads/2018/09/2018091226.pdf; Mamlatdar Office (AMC and GMC)

### Gandhidham is among first planned city for refugees that migrated post independence..



# Gandhidham is a planned city developed for resettlement of Hindu Sindhi's post partition



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The city has commercial development along the main spinal road. Residential setup with G+1 structures can be observed in and around the secondary roads



The city has dedicated land parcels for commercial setup and industrial functions like for GIDC, port areas, light industry etc

### ~17% of Gandhidham Population lives in Slums



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Gandhidham city has 17 notified slums. The slum population ranges from 60 – 13000 + (as per census 2011). The slums have mix of partly kacha and pucca houses with basic water and sanitation facilities provided by the municipality. These slums have major economic dependency on Kandla port, GIDC, KASEZ and similar industrial setups in and around the city.

Households



### **Visual assessment of slums- Gandhidham**

Roads



Concrete/ bitumen/ paved roads with under ground drainage connection is observed

#### Housing Typology

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Sundarpuri area have G or G+1 pakka structures rest of the slum have structures with tin shed roofing's



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# The water source for the cities has made a radical shift from ground water to distant surface water source, post implementation of Narmada Project



• the city is planning to shift to surface water (Nar water) over a period of 5-8 years

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### **Gandhidham has 25% dependency upon ground water however water is drawn** from Anjar's aquifer...

- Household or community level bores are present in Gandhidham
- The 30 bores which supply 12 MLD water to Adipur Area are in Anjar Taluka
- Water levels observed to be shallow in Gandhidham at 19 feet to 40 feet.
- Saline ground water is found in parts of Gandhidham.
- **No control, regulation or monitoring** on ground water draft in Gandhidham.



Residents have **bores**, which were **drilled during construction of their houses** and they still use the bore water mainly for **daily chores** as and **when required**.

### To understand the geo-hydrological features of the region, CWAS has taken up detailed study of Geo-hydrological assessment to characterize aquifers in Gandhidham with ACT organization

### **Gandhidham has installed Water Treatment Plant (WTP) of 40MLD capacity**



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- Gandhidham has 40 MLD Water Treatment Plant The city is augmenting its treatment capacity by 27 MLD under "Nal se Jal" Project.
- The WTP at Rambaug, Gandhidham is nonfunctional since more than a year, however Chlorination is done at WTP

Source: field visit and discussion with WTP operators, Gandhidham officials

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### **Gandhidham's Water Treatment Plant is operated by private contractor**

- Private agency named- **R.P. Jaiswal** is managing the WTP for more than an year
- The contract is **revised annually**

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- Agency takes care of **mechanical and electrical part**, which includes overviewing the property, monitoring the motors, motor repair, valve repair etc.
- Due to **electricity fluctuations, pump failure** is the major issue which the agency faces
- Maintenance of the metering system comes under the responsibility of Gandhidham Municipality, however the intake meter of the WTP is not working since long (application for repair has been submitted to the respective department)

Non functioning meter has bring an ambiguity on amount of water supplied by Narmada (Raw bulk supply) and water received by the city







Source: field visit and discussion with WTP operators and O&M agency

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# Gandhidham has ~7 ML ESR and ~11 ML Sump storage capacity which distributes water across the city(1/2)



Source: field visit and DPR " Nal se Jal"

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# Gandhidham has ~7 ML ESR and ~11 ML Sump storage capacity which distributes water across the city(2/2)



As per MoHUA, the **required storage for daily supply is ~21 ML** which the city suffice

The city needs to emphasize on management of water supply system and move towards daily water supply systems

Source: Guidelines for Planning, Design and Implementation of 24x7 Water Supply Systems, MoHUA, https://mohua.gov.in/pdf/624eb498862a7Guidelines-for-Planning-Design-and-Implementation-of-24x7-Water-Supply-Systems.pdf

Source: field visit and DPR " Nal se Jal"

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Storage

# Gandhidham has good water supply coverage with only Khodiyar Nagar slum with partial supply connections



Source: 100 lpcd as per SJMMSVY; PAS (2016-21), Field Survey and discussion with ULB Officials, Gandhidham City

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### **Gandhidham city has intermittent supply system with once in 3 or 4 days supply and the supply hours vary from 1hr to 6 hours**

#### **GANDHIDHAM – City Area Supply Hours**

#### **GANDHIDHAM – Slum pockets Supply Hours**



**Spatial discrepancy** in **supply hours** is observed in city areas. Slum pockets have pressure issues. Some slums have continuous supply for 2 days and then supply is skipped for a day and a few pockets are missed out.

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Source: Field Survey and discussion with ULB Officials, Aniar City

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### Leakage in the system is the major cause of Non Revenue Water(NRW) in Gandhidham

	Authorized Consumption	Billed Authorized Consumption (36.0 MLD) 70 %	Billed Metered Consumption (NA) Billed Unmetered Consumption (36.0 MLD) 70 %	Revenue Water (36.0 MLD) 70 %
	(30.9 WILD)	Unbilled Authorized	Unbilled Metered Consumption (NA)	
<b>GANDHIDHAM</b> System Input Volume		(0.9 MLD) 1.73 %	Unbilled Unmetered Consumption <b>(0.9 MLD)</b> 1.73 %	Non-Revenue
(52 MLD)	(52 MLD)	Apparent Losses	Unauthorized-Consumption 0%	Water
	(15.1 MLD)	0 %	Metering Inaccuracies (NA)	(15.1MLD) 30 %
	30 %	Real Losses (15.1 MLD) 30 %	Leakage on Transmission and/or Distribution mains <b>(15.1 MLD)</b> 30 %	

• Need to switch from ad-hoc to permanent solutions which can be identified by conducting water audits.

# Due to intermittent supply, Private Water supply tankers have gained in importance in Gandhidham city, which the citizens find more reliable











Bore wells

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It was observed that approx 5 to 10 such suppliers were present within 1 km road leangth in many areas.

These tanker charge around 300-450rs per Tanker (5000lit water)

These suppliers generally have inhouse/ pvt. Borewells from where they draw water, however there is **no control or regulation** over ground water extraction

At times there is inspection from municipal authorities and penalities are levied from suppliers. However, they were reluctant to share any information.

In **Gandhidham**, though the ground water is saline and unfit for use, as per district GW report, we observed that many households have their individual borewells or handpumps which is **used for domestic purpose** 

Ground water in **Gandhidham is available at 50-70** ft., with one time cost of installation at Rs. 50,000- 1lakh, thus people find it **more economical** than private water suppliers







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### High Dependency on RO water for drinking is observed in Gandhidham



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**RO Water** 





Bottled water cost around Rs. 10-25 for normal water and around Rs. 30-40 for cold water (its cheaper if one goes to collect from shop). An average Household spends **Rs. 600-1000/ month on RO water bottles.** 

The main reasons identified for the same are-

- Odd supply hours (3am to 8 am)
- Poor quality of water (bad odour, pale color are observed)
- Low water pressure (quantity of water is not sufficient)
- Dependency on community stand post (lack of individual connection)



There is **no control or regulation or check** over quality of water supplied

**People in Non slum Areas also prefer using Ro water bottles** as water supply frequency is once in 3-4 days and there is 30-40% wastage of water in Regular RO.



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Alternate to RO bottles, there are Water ATMs, the source of water is ground water (inhouse borewells) but these are open 24x7 and bottles of various sizes can be filled directly. This facility is used by both Slums and Non-Slum areas.

Water tarrif remains **Rs. 1 / liter for normal water and Rs. 2/ liter for cold water** and machine installation cost is around Rs.1 Lakh









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### Water ATMs have been installed in slums in Gandhidham at private vendors shop which draft ground water through own borewells



#### Water ATM, Sector 4, Gandhidham

- Water ATM can be used with notes and coins.
- Vendor is making arrangement to make it available 24x7
- Installed by BM Water, just 3 months back (Cost: 1 Lakh)
- Rs.5/- for 10 L (Normal Water)
- Rs.25/- for 10 L (Cold Water)

#### Water ATM, Ward 1, Adipur, Gandhidham

- Water ATM can be used with coins and a Water ATM Card
- 24 x7 water is available at the ATM
- Installed by I-Water, just 2 months back
- Rs.5/- for 10 L
- Rs.1/- for 1 L

The ATM supply approximately **100 bottles of 20 L capacity per day** i.e., 2000 L water from one ATM



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# People are also dependent upon private water supplier for drinking purpose, this is more prominent in Gandhidham

Water Quality Testing Report of Gandhidham and Anjar								
Report	Report Generation Date: 16-09-2022							
Sample	Received Date:	02-09-2022						
Sr.No.	SapImle Location	рН	Turbidity, NTU	Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), mg/l	Chloride, mg/l	Alkalinity, mg/l	Hardness, mg/l	E. Coli
	Drinking Water Standards (IS 10500 : 2012)	6.5 - 8.5	1	500	250	200	200	Shall not be Detectable in 100 ml sample
1	Khodiyar Nagar Borewell, G.DM - GMC	7.5	0.1	1650	660	30	1030	Not Detectable
2	A. V. Joshi Slum (Municipal Supply), Sector 10, GIDC	7.8	0.6	378	175	15	545	Detectable
3	Sector 10, Gandhidham Municiapl Corporation (GMC)	7.8	0.4	335	157	15	330	Detectable
4	Municipal Supply, Sector - 10, GIDC, Gandhidham	7.7	0.2	401	167	10	625	Not Detectable
5	Municipal Water Supply of Gandhidham School, GIDC, Sector 10	8.0	0.1	378	170	10	195	Not Detectable
6	Ward No.5 Borewell, Gandhidham	6.9	0.1	2941	1859	55	995	Not Detectable
7	GM, Sector - 10	7.7	0.4	351	172	25	530	Detectable
8	Municiapl Water Supply, A. V.	8.0	0.7	396	182	10	290	Not Detectable
9	Anjar Ward No. 9, Vijaynagar	8.0	0.5	510	207	15	470	Not Detectable
10	Anjar Ward No. 2, APMC	7.6	0	571	222	25	1095	Not Detectable
11	Anjar Ward No. 6, Mahadevnagar	7.4	1.3	531	217	20	330	Not Detectable

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Based on pilot water testing we found some locations in **Gandhidham indicates traces of E.coli**, making the water unfit for use.

 Considering the perception and pilot results over drinking the Municipality supplied water, it is important to assess the water quality across the water service chain, thus CWAS is undertaking Water quality testing study in the city

### In Gandhidham, 1-2 selected areas are facing issues related to water supply



- No supply of water is the major issue which the city incur.
- From the spatial mapping it can be observed that mostly same wards/sectors/areas are registering complaints
- Though the cities are addressing the complaints, however the focus needs to shift from ad-hoc to permanent solutions



### Human stories for understanding water situation from stakeholder perspective



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Mixed perception and responses from stakeholders . . .

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# The city areas in Gandhidham city has 100% sewered network, however in slum pockets onsite sanitation (partial/full) can be observed



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- 29.5 MLD Sewage Generated in Gandhidham City
- Around 88% of slum population in has either partial or full onsite sanitation system

### Gandhidham city has achieved ODF++ status since 2016..



- 22 active Public Toilets and No community toilets were found in Gandhidham Municipal limits.
- 20 toilets are Pay and Use out of 22 and maintained by Sulabh International and Aadarsh Samajik Seva Sansthan.
- Gandhidham achieved ODF++ status in year 2016.

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• 6667 Individual toilets were last sanctioned in year 2015-16.

Source: Gandhidham Municipality and Field Surveys

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Disposal/ Reuse

# Some of the Slum pockets have partial or full on-site sanitation system in Gandhidham, which are dependent upon on demand desludging system

Desludging by ULBs	Free of cost
Desludging by Pvt. operators	Rs. 350-500/-

- Even though the city has 100% sewer connection as per PAS data, desludging has been observed in Maninagar and Sundarpuri areas
- Emptying is done at a collection point near Rambagh WTP, where Welspun has laid out a pipeline
- Pumping Station approx. 30 km from the city

### Desludging on demand basis is observed in the city, hence scheduling of the same can be considered for systematic operation of on-site sanitation management





Source: Anjar and Gandhidham Municipalities, Field visits and discussions with Pvt. Operators overage

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Disposal/ Reuse

# The cities showcase 100% reuse in Circular economy of wastewater management...

- Anjar and Gandhidham Municipalities have entered in a concession agreement with WIL (Welspun India Limited) for a period of 35 years
- Welspun has used a **Design, Build, Finance and Operate** (DBFO) model for this Sewage Treatment Plant
- Welspun is paying 40 Paisa/KLD to the municipalities through which Cities receive a revenue of Rs. 62 lakhs per year
- Sewage from both the cities is treated in the STP, further the treated water is used by the textile industry (Welspun)
- Benefits of the project:

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- ✓ Elimination of dumping of untreated sewage into the Nakti Creek
- ✓ Revenue to municipalities through royalty from Welspun
- ✓ Entire waste water is being recycled for production activities at Welspun
- ✓ Zero water pollution and sludge generation
- ✓ Excess bio-sludge is used as manure for plantation



### Anjar and Gandhidham have common STP, owned and operated by Welspun, which has reduced burden on blue water use by the industry from Narmada



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Source: Field Visit and Discussion with Municipality and Welspun officials

Treatment

**Disposal**/ Reuse

### Anjar and Gandhidham have a common STP, Built, Owned and Operated by Welspun, which has reduced burden on blue water use by the industry from Narmada



Responsibility of Concessionaire\*\*



**Revenue:** 61.9 Lakh per Annum at the rate of Rs. 0.4/KL Sewage Collection + 50% of Revenue Generated from Sale of Carbon Credit

Capital: 20Lakh for Technical and Legal Support for Implementation of Project

\*The respective ULBs ensure that Sewer generated by citizens is free from Industrial waste, hazardous material, prohibited and restricted material \*\*Welspun Infrastructure Ltd and Technology Providing Partner Ion Exchange Ltd (Concessionaire).

\*\*\* Sewage Pumping Station other than GNP Facility, network of bulk transmission of sewage from Designated location to STP proposed by Concessionaire.

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Source: Field Visit and Discussion with Municipality and Welspun officials

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### Water Sector institutional set up in Gandhidham city

Agency/ Authority	Jurisdiction	Roles and Responsibilities
Sardar Sarovar Narmada Nigam Limited (SSNNL)	State Level	Bulk supply of Narmada water
Gujarat Water Infrastructure Limited (GWIL)	State Level	<ul> <li>Establish bulk water Infrastructure projects across the state for drinking water</li> <li>To prepare, promote, execute, finance, implement and operate and maintain water supply projects in the state</li> </ul>
Gujarat Water Supply and Sewerage Board (GWSSB)	State Level	<ul> <li>Development and proper regulation of water and sewerage services in the state; Implementation of state government schemes on water and sanitation</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Gandhidham Municipal Council</li> <li>Industrial estates (GIDC)</li> </ul>	City Level	<ul> <li>Water service provider</li> <li>Operation and maintenance</li> <li>Levying and collecting taxes and user charges</li> </ul>

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### Gandhidham Municipality established in 1959, was separated from Anjar taluka in 1997

**Gandhidham Nagarpalika** was established in the year 1959 and was separated from Anjar taluka in 1997. There are two wings in -Executive wing and Elective wing.

- **Executive wing** is mainly the part of government which enforces law and has overall responsibility. The key person here is **Chief Officer (CO)**. There are **18 departments** mainly water supply, sanitation, Public Health, PWD, Taxation etc. each of these departments are headed by respective HOD' s. A few departments have separate offices for Adipur area.
- Elective wing comprises of elected members from each ward of the city. The key person is President along with Vice President. There are 13 wards with 4 councilors in each ward so a total of 51 elected members. There are 12 committees mainly water works, social welfare etc. that are headed by chairman of respective committee.



Gandhidham Water department falls under the purview of PWD, however it would be good if the city has separate and dedicated water department



### **Institutional Set-up of Gandhidham Municipal Council**

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Agency/ Authority	Jurisdiction	Category	Roles and Responsibilities
Gandhidham Municipality	City Level	Urban Local Body	<ul> <li>Infrastructure and Services within the area of jurisdiction</li> <li>Property tax collection within the area of jurisdiction</li> <li>All functions and services as per Gujarat Municipalities Act</li></ul>
Gandhidham Development Authority (GDA)	Regional Level (Master plan Area)	Development Authority	<ul> <li>Regional plan preparation</li> <li>Development control and planning</li> <li>Building Approval and development permission</li> </ul>
(Ne	City Level ighborhood Units- NU a	irea)	Road network layout and development
The Sindhu Resettlement Corporation Ltd (SRC)	City Level (Wards Area)	Joint stock company for new town development	<ul> <li>Land management in Wards area</li> <li>ESW, LIG Housing/ other community projects</li> </ul>
Deendayal Port Authority (Kandla Port Trust-KPT)	Regional Level (Port Area) City Level (Sector Area)	Port Authority	<ul> <li>Land management in Sectors area of Gandhidham</li> <li>Kandla Port management and services</li> <li>Industrial projects related to port and shipping</li> <li>CSR projects, activities under Swacchta Abhiyan of KPT</li> </ul>

### Gandhidham Municipality takes around 3-4 weeks time for new water and sewerage connections with the similar processes.



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Source: Gandhidham Municipality

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# Gandhidham Municipality has online as well as offline complaint redressal systems, however online system is not functional.



#### Gandhidham: Timeframe for redressal – approximately 2 weeks

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- The complaint can be **tracked online**
- Three types of water related complaints that can be registered:
- Water Leakages
- Mix Water
- Not getting water
- Gandhidham city's online complaint redressal is facing issues due to which complaints are registered offline
- The city appointed a consultant for establishing online system, however the project was void in-between
- The city can adopt to state portal E-nagar for the same, which Anjar has also adopted

### Gandhidham has high water connection charges compare to state average..

Water Connection Charges – One time charge in INR

#### Water Connection Charge

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Gandhidham connection cost– 1000 : Deposit 1000 : T.O Fees 1000 : NC 1000 : Road Cutting charges

- The state average for water connection charges is Rs. 985/- and Rs. 888/- for residential and urban poor respectively
- Gandhidham have high connection charges, however no charges are levied from Urban Poor for same

### **Gandhidham has flat annual water tariffs**

Water Tarrif – Annual Charge in INR



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**Annual Water Tariff** 

- The city charge Rs. 900/- annually, which is higher than the state average
- The city also **levy same tariff from the urban poor**, which otherwise varies in their respective peer cities
- City can pass special circular or GR to reduce water tariff for urban poor or link it with property tax to have progressive tax system. This will allow the tax to be more equitable as those with larger and better properties pay a higher property tax and water tax.

# Gandhidham has low cost recovery of water services and high collection efficiency of water charges





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- Gandhidham's cost recovery has **remained low at around 40%** against the State average of 92%.
- In Gandhidham, Water tax collection efficiency is steady at 62% till year 2020-21 and increased to 72% in year 2021-22.
- Gandhidham city should revise water tax to recover operation and maintenance cost and move from flat rate charge to % property tax to make it equitable and inclusive.
- City can introduce One Time Settlement Schemes to collect its property tax and water tax arrears.
- City can also organise arrear collection drives and can offer rebates or relax the penalties.

### **Revenue Expenditure for Water Supply- Gandhidham**

- Operation and maintenance makes the largest contribution to Anjar's revenue expenditure on water supply.
- Bulk water purchase and contract expenses negligible in 2020-21 and 2021-22 revised estimate.
- In 2020-21, O&M expenses increased significantly by 51% from previous year.

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All figures in INR lakhs



### **Capital Receipts and Expenditure- Gandhidham**

- Capital receipts have been higher than expenditure in all years except 2021-22 revised estimate.
- In 2021-22 revised estimate, capital receipts fell by 60% as there were significant reduction in capital receipts from AMRUT and SJMMSVY.
- In 2022-23 budget capital receipts are consistent with previous years.

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Capital Receipts Capital Expenditure

#### All figures in INR lakhs

Source: Anjar and Gandhidham Municipality Budget Document of FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23

# Policy level initiatives have been taken by authorities to augment own water resources however ground implementation is very limited

### Inclusion of Rainwater Harvesting in Building Permission...

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- Gandhidham Development Authority (GDA) (Est.1957)
- Inclusion of Rainwater harvesting as part of Environment Responsiveness

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Rain water harvesting is mandatory for all buildings with ground coverage of 80 sq.mts and above

Building Plot Area (Sq.km)	Harvest Infrastructure Type
Between 80 to 500	Percolation Pit or Bore Recharge
Between 500 to 1500	Percolating Well with Rain Water Harvesting System
Between 1500 to 4000	Percolating Well with Rain Water Harvesting System (up to ground second river)
4000 and above	Percolating Well with Rain Water Harvesting System (up to ground second river) for every 4000 sq.mt area

- Manual building approval system
- Records of only total building approved available
- No ground implementation monitoring practiced

Policy initiatives needs to be supported by ground level monitoring system and incentives for property owners to invest in RWH...

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### Key Findings across supply chain for Gandhidham City



Quantity

Accessibility

#### Water Source

- The city has **75%** dependency upon **Narmada water supply system** (NWSS), which is a distant source, thus **seasonal variation in quantity** of supply persists, as per discussions with city officials
- The city, **before NWSS was dependent upon 40 borewells, out of which 28 are active,** however the **12 dysfunctional bore wells can be revived** to strengthen city's own water source
- In Gandhidham there is a huge market of Pvt. Water suppliers, which source their water from Ground water, with no regulation on the same.
- The city is planning to **shift 100% on Narmada**(distant source) water supply under "**Nal se Jal**" project in next 5 years.
- City authorities has no plans to augment own water sources

#### Coverage

- Gandhidham has 64% Individual water supply connections, however the cities will achieve 100% individual water supply connections post implementation of "Nal se Jal" project under AMRUT 2.0.
- The per capita water supply has decreased over the period from129 LPCD (2016-17) to 90LPCD (2020-21), indicating the acute need to augment the current water supply system/ management
- City authorities have plans to provide **140 LPCD on daily basis**

### Key Findings across supply chain for Gandhidham City



Quality

#### Water Treatment

- Gandhidham has **40 MLD treatment capacity**, however in case of **Gandhidham the WTP is non- functional** for more than an year; thus city needs to refurbish existing water treatment plant to ensure safe water supply to its citizens
- In discussion with **citizens (slum as well as non-slum areas)** we found that almost every **house hold has borewell** and uses ground water, however as per **CGWB**, **the water is saline and unfit** for use, the issue needs to be addressed by better water management by the city administration



### **Intermittentt Supply**

- In Gandhidham, water is supplied for once in 3 to 4 days, with supply hours ranging from 1 hour to 6 hours, in most of the areas, increasing the dependency on pvt. Water suppliers or on borewells
- Distribution is not uniform in terms of supply hours across the city



Affordability

#### **Cost Recovery**

- In Gandhidham, water tariff is Rs. 900/- annually for household connection with connection charges of Rs. 4000/- and no charges are applicable in slums.
- Cost recovery is 41% in Gandhidham.



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#### Findings



High dependency of distant water

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- Implementation of RWH/ GWR structures
- Initiating the implementation from educational buildings, public buildings, parks and gardens and further scaleup to community and individual HH Levels

Possible recommendations to be explored

AUGMENTATION OF OWN WATER RESORCES

- Strengthening existing policy frameworks for successful implementation and monitoring
- Building awareness for Government officials, experts and citizens



Intermittent water supply

#### MOVING FROM INTERMITTENT TO DAILY SUPPLY

- Technical evaluation of existing water infrastructure to move towards daily supply
- Awareness generation towards benefits of daily water supply over intermittent water supply – Reduced NRW, less wastage of water due to excess storage, contamination reduction etc. – to change perception issues and behavioural pattern
- Explore **automation of valve operations** (pilot water supply zone) to address resource crunch



### Key recommendations to explore in the Water Security Action Plan...(2/3)

### Findings



Prevalent presence of Private water market

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 As per field observation and FGDs dependency is due to - intermittent supply; odd supply timings, pressure issues at tail end HHs and quality of water supplied

Possible recommendations to be explored

**REDUCING DEPENDENCY ON PVT. WATER MARKET** 

 Quality of water supplied needs to be assessed, this will drive the next step; if quality is poor –ULB need to follow quality testing regime; if quality is good - awareness among citizen needs to be generated



Urban Flood due to changing climate pattern

#### MITIGATION MEASURE TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

- Identification of urban flooding spots in the entire city
- Strategic approach to mitigate urban flooding: Institutional measures pre monsoon cleaning of stormwater drains; Awareness – pre monsoon cleaning drive; citizen engagement; GWR structures (low-cost structures in slums identified with water logging situation, society level GWR structures)
- Community participation for O&M of structures to develop a sustainable system



### Key recommendations to explore in the Water Security Action Plan...(3/3)

### Findings



Issues related to Water supply in Slum pockets

#### Possible recommendations to be explored

#### COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM FOR 24X7 - SLUMS

- Though the coverage of water supply connections in slums is 100%, issues related to water supply such as intermittent water supply, pressure issues at tail end HH, odd supply timings etc. were identified, community ESRs/ reservoirs can be developed for pilot slum
- The system will provide water to the slum dwellers for 24X7, thus resolving the issues faced on day to day basis
- **Good practices** from across the globe supports such community systems



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