



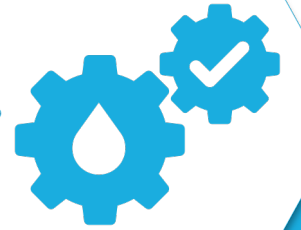
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# DIGITAL APPLICATION FOR IRRIGATION ASSET MANAGEMENT

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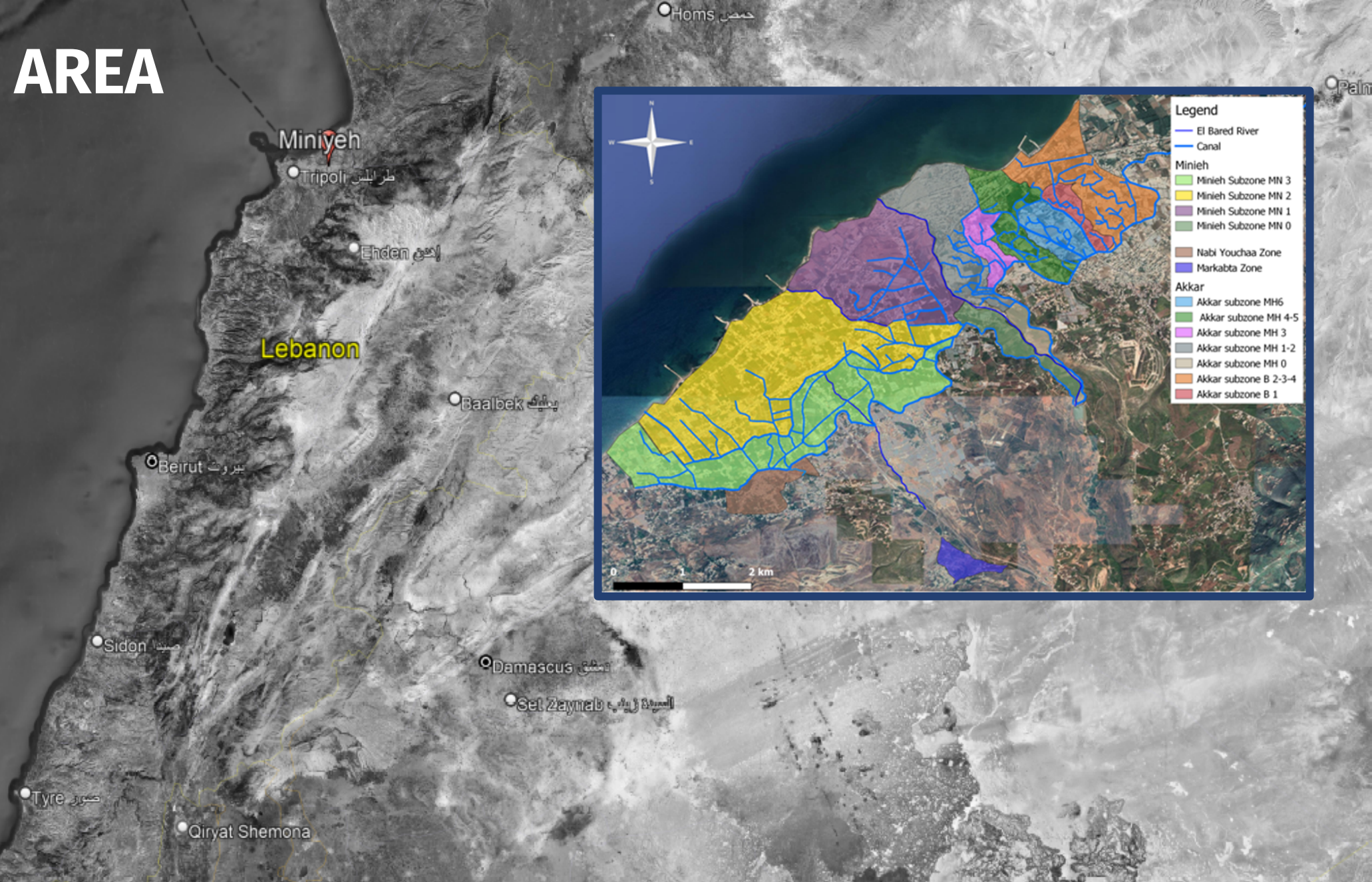


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# THE PILOT AREA



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# Baseline conditions



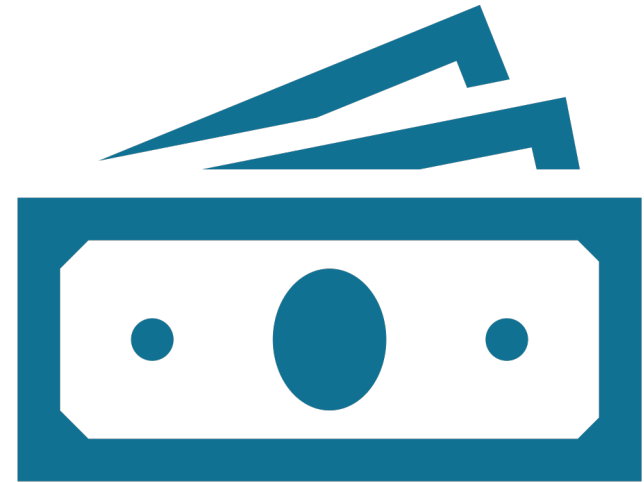
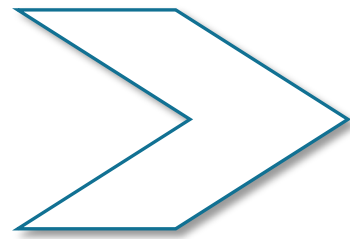
# Restored default condition

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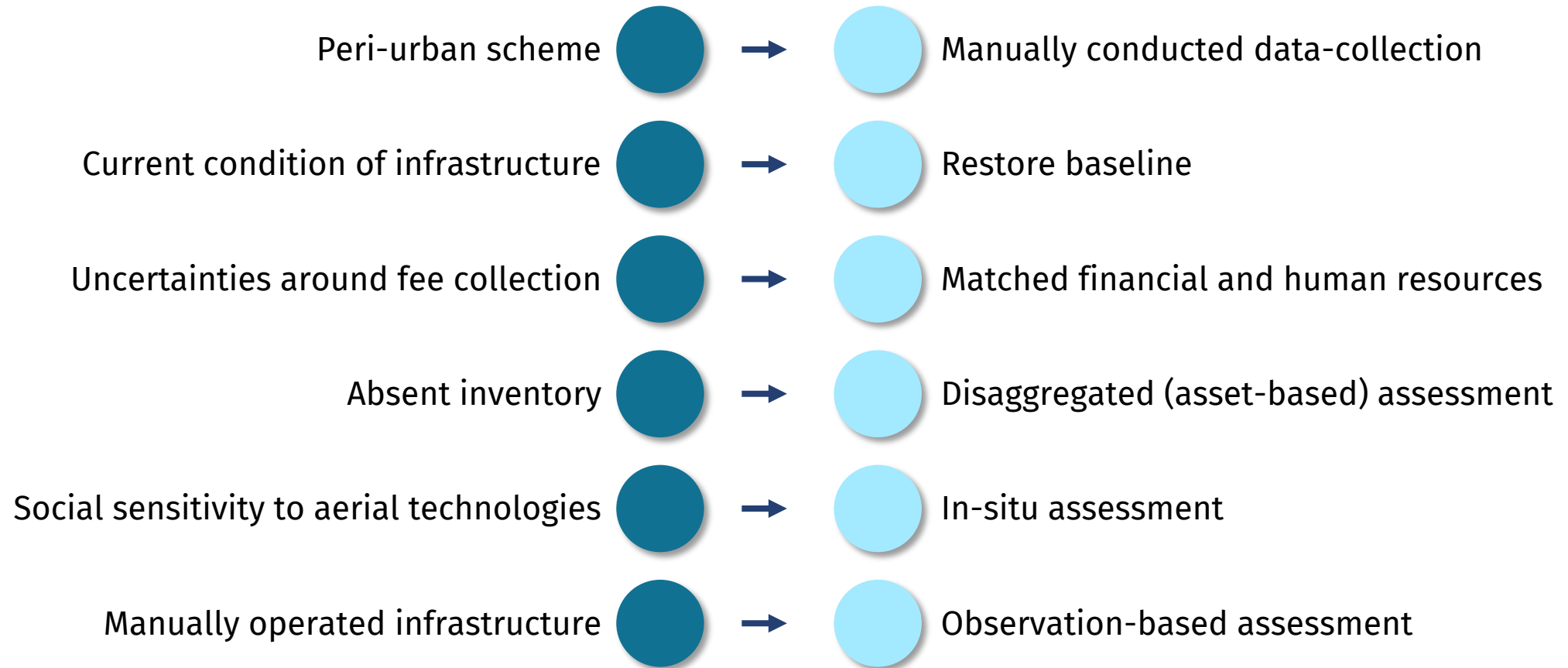
# CONDITION-BASED ASSET MANAGEMENT





## Local context

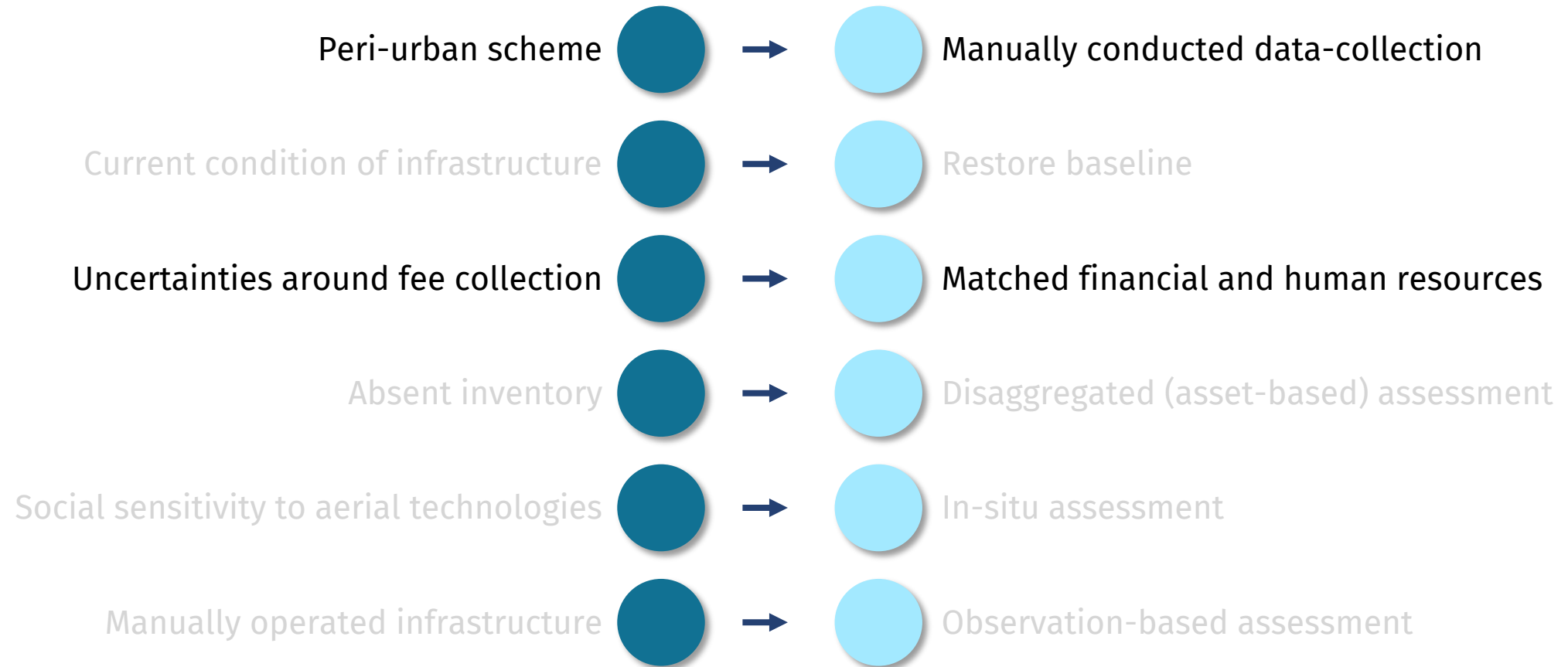
## Design requirement





## Local context

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# DESIGN OF FRAMEWORK



Inventory-based O&M protocol



Assessment of condition and criticality



Financing assets



# ASSET MANAGEMENT

## Field training

Training manual

September 2021

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# Inventory-based O&M protocol

Asset ID: type, location, installation date, responsible person, users, etc.

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Guidelines on manufacturer/expert recommendations for optimal operation and necessary maintenance works and inspection checklist

Instructions for inventory: frequency, timing, data collection template, data delivery, information storing, etc.

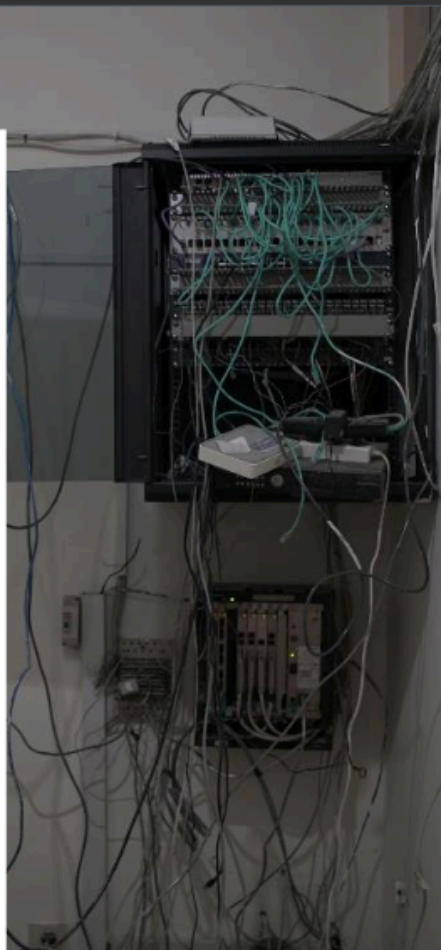
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# LEVEL LOGGER

Recommendations:

- **Frequency:** asset inspection is recommended at least 6 months frequency, or anytime when unprecedented event occurs
- **Required time to conduct scoring:** 10 minutes
- **Reporting line:** asset inspection requires field visit by site technicians. Scoring is to be reported to head office
- **Procedure:** Field technician perform asset inspection as per O&M Manual. Scores are reported to the head office with photographic evidence. Radar chart is generated based on scores
- **Baseline:** original master plans, condition in date of acquisition, international design standard
- **Supporting documents:** O&M Manual - datalogger

1. Condition score:

Dimensions	1. General maintenance level of logger	2. General maintenance level of wellhead	3. General maintenance level of auxiliary	4. General maintenance level of surrounding canal section	5. General maintenance level of surrounding environment
5 - Very poor	There is an evident sign that the logger is damaged (i.e. noises in the pipe, tilted structure, some large object fallen on the structure, etc.), needs immediate repair/replacement.	Critically damaged wellhead, the house is broken, and the wellhead is clearly affected, most probably it does not work, needs immediate repair/replacement.	Critically damaged auxiliaries (i.e. the cables visibly damaged and disconnected, the perforated pipe broken, houses broken or replaced, gauge broken etc.) which affect the operation, urgent repair or replacement is required.	Critically damaged canal section with major water loss, heavy sedimentation around the asset, potentially affecting the flow measurements, immediate intervention is required.	Critical decline in environment condition (i.e. heavy solid waste load, dense aquatic plants everywhere in the canal, other waste or large objects surround the asset), which is harmful for the datalogger, severely contaminated water, immediate intervention is required.

# Assessment of condition and criticality

4- Poor	No evidence of proper maintenance, damages are visible, contamination is harmful, but the logger seems to be in place and condition can be partially restored.	No evidence of proper maintenance, wellhead is damaged, but still in place and condition can be partially restored.	No evidence of proper maintenance, i.e. perforated pipe is silted and its foundation is loose (i.e. rotating), which affects the operation, housing and auxiliaries are damaged, gauge scale needs cleaning.	Deteriorated canal section with major water loss and sedimentation, which affects the asset and potentially the flow measurements.	Damaging condition have immediate and long-standing maintenance is required to avoid long-term effect. The datalogger condition is under risk of long-term exposure, the water contamination is severe (i.e. solid waste clogging, dense aquatic plants around the structure, rapidly deteriorating canal condition etc.).
Moderate	The logger seems to be suffering from minor damages (i.e. sign of attempted cleaning, but not fully restored).	Well-head is maintained, some minor damages are visible (i.e. attempt to break the house). The wellhead is in place and condition can be restored.	Moderately deteriorated parts, but auxiliaries are still functional, i.e. perforated pipe needs maintenance and cleaning, cables are slightly loose, housing and cabinet are damaged, gauge scale needs cleaning.	Moderately deteriorated canal, leakages are observable both in the bed and on banks, sediment deposit and flow measurements are not potentially affected.	Moderate condition (i.e. datalogger is surrounded by weed or aquatic plants in distant areas, foundation becomes instable due to canal deterioration etc.), water contamination is visible but not critical, environment degradation may have long-term effect.
2 - Good	No sign of damage or defect, minor signs of contamination that does not affect the operation, the logger is in place and condition can be certainly restored.	No sign of damage or defect, wellhead is well-maintained, some clearing issues occur (i.e. water leaking into the house, etc.). The wellhead is in place and condition can be certainly restored.	No visible sign of damage or defect, auxiliaries are well-maintained, minor signs of maintenance issues, i.e. perforated pipe is slightly contaminated, cables need to be reinforced, housing and cabinet with lockers are undamaged, gauge scale is slightly contaminated.	Good condition, some leakage is observed, but it does not affect the asset performance and thus the flow measurements.	Good condition, some environmental issue (i.e. algae infestation, etc.) occur, but may not be harmful in long-term, water is clean.

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4- Poor	No evidence of proper maintenance, damages are visible, contamination is harmful, but the logger seems to be in place and condition can be partially restored.	No evidence of proper maintenance, wellhead is damaged, but still in place and condition can be partially restored.	No evidence of proper maintenance, i.e. perforated pipe is silted and its foundation is loose (i.e. rotating), which affects the operation, housing and cabinet are damaged, gauge is not functional.	Deteriorated canal section with major water loss and sedimentation, which affects the asset and potentially the flow measurements.	Damaging condition have immediate and long-standing, maintenance is required to avoid long-term effect. The datalogger condition is under risk of long-term exposure, the water contamination is severe (i.e. solid waste clogging, dense aquatic plants around the structure, rapidly deteriorating canal condition etc.).
3- Moderate	The logger seems to be suffering from minor damages (i.e. sign of attempted stealing), but the logger is in place and condition can be restored.	Well-head is maintained, some minor damages are visible (i.e. attempt to break the house). The wellhead is in place and condition can be restored.	Moderately deteriorated parts, but auxiliaries are still functional, i.e. perforated pipe needs maintenance and cleaning, cables are slightly loose, housing and cabinet are damaged, gauge scale needs cleaning.	Moderately deteriorated canal, leakages are observable both in the bed and on banks, sediment deposit and flow measurements are not potentially affected.	Moderate condition (i.e. datalogger is surrounded by weed or aquatic plants in distant areas, foundation becomes instable due to canal deterioration etc.), water contamination is visible but not critical, environment degradation may have long-term effect.
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# Financial analysis



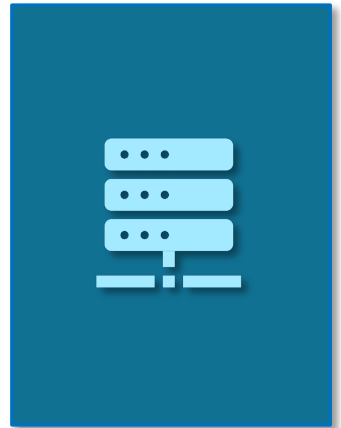
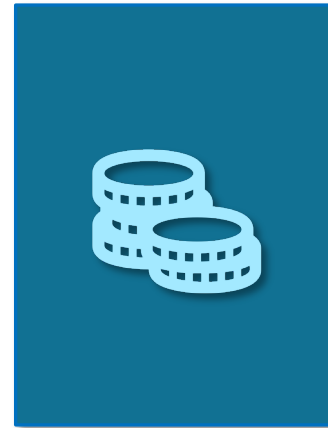
# LIFE CYCLE COST ANALYSIS

**Life-cycle costs (LCC):** all cost associated with the ownership of irrigation assets over its entire life

**Context:** aligned calculation specifications (minimum cost categories)

**Accuracy:** deterministic and stochastic variables

**Defined objective:** provision of good irrigation service while generating revenue





Parshall flume MA Sluice gate MA Datalogger MA Flowmeter MA Life cycle cost

Select Gate : B3\_GT

Condition score -guide Condition score Criticality score -guide Criticality score Gate manuals

## Condition of the Asset (Condition Score) Guide

## 1. General maintenance level of fixed parts

Fixed parts are critically damaged, excessive corrosion on gate, cannot stop flow, needs immediate repair/replacement (5- Very poor)

Fixed part are partially damage/broken, excessive corrosion on gate surface, permanently leaking due to corrosion or damage, requires partial repair/replacement (4 - Poor)

Semi solid structure, structure is partially deteriorated, visible leakage, visible corrosion (3 - Moderate)

Solid structure, few visible defects, no visible leakage, minor signs of corrosion (2 - Good)

Solid structure, No visible defects, complete sealing, no visible corrosion (1 - Excellent)

## 2. General maintenance level of moving parts

Moving parts are critically damaged, important parts are missing, excessive corrosion on gate, cannot stop flow, needs immediate repair/replacement (5- Very poor)

Solid structure, few visible defects, no visible leakage, minor signs of wear and tear (4 - Poor)

Moderate deterioration, some parts are broken or missing, corrosion is visible, but gate is still functional, shows sign of leakage. (3 - Moderate)

Defective and deteriorated gate parts, some moving parts are missing, excessive corrosion occur, leaking gate, requires partial maintenance (2 - Good)

Moving parts in hard form, no defects, smooth operation, appropriately lubricated screws, provide complete sealing (1 - Excellent)

## 3. General maintenance level of cleaning

Critical dust/silt deposit, which prevents complete sealing, requires urgent maintenance, but corrosion is long-standing (5- Very poor)

Dust and corrosion are not removed, which prevent the exercising/moving, gate cannot fully close due to entrapped dust, silt, etc. maintenance is required (4 - Poor)

Moderate dust and silt deposit, cleaning is not regular, corrosion is visible, entrapped dust/silt cause gate leakage (3 - Moderate)

Gate is occasionally cleaned, no visible corrosion, but dust deposit is visible, no obstruction to moving parts (2 - Good)

Gate is regularly cleaned, all parts, rubber sealing are cleaned, no visible corrosion or dust/silt (1 - Excellent)

## 4. General maintenance level of surrounding canal section

Critically damaged canal section with major water loss, declined design capacity, which needs urgent repair or maintenance (5- Very poor)

Deteriorated canal section with major water loss and sediment deposit, which affects the design capacity (4 - Poor)

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No visible defects, canal section is well-maintained, no leakage (1 - Excellent)

## 5. General maintenance level of surrounding environment

Critical environment condition, which is harmful for gate condition, immediate intervention is required (5- Very poor)

Damaging condition (i.e. loose casting due to soil erosion etc.) are long-standing, maintenance is required to avoid long-term effect (4 - Poor)

Moderate condition (i.e. design capacity is affected by weeding, casting affected by soil degradation etc), environment degradation may have long-term effect (3 - Moderate)

Good condition, some environmental issue (i.e. weed infestation, canal construction, etc.) occur, but may not be harmful in long-term (2 - Good)

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# The tool

Select Gate :

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# VALIDATION RESULTS



Request to simplify the scoring criteria and language / staff turnover



Make scoring "equipment-independent"

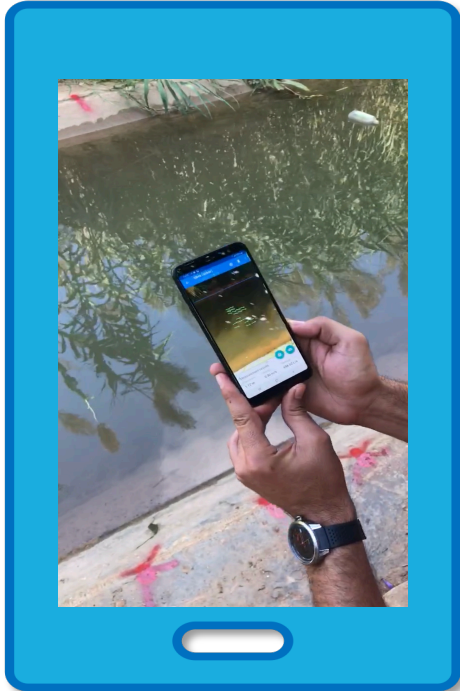


Optimize allocated time





# FUTURE STEPS



Crowd-sourcing based scoring



Forecasting of condition and performance



Finalization of LCC estimates and identification of alternative income sources



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