**Summary**

The primary impact of the Project is to improve the living conditions and health standards in participating secondary towns and improve sustainability of purashava-level water utilities. The over-arching outcome of the project will be the sustainable access to improved and safe water and sanitation services in the project areas. More specific outcomes will include: (i) increased quantity and quality of water supply; (ii) increased sanitation coverage; (iii) improved community awareness of the link between proper hygiene, sanitation, and health; (iv) improved capacity of pourashavas to implement, operate, manage and maintain water supply and sanitation investments; (v) adoption of improved management practices consitent with SDP-WSSB for greater efficiency and sustainability of local water utilities; and (vi) improved capacity of Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE) to plan, design, supervise, monitor and provide technical assistance to pourashavas and local water utilities.