

Meeting Minute

Special TPRM, Kerala Solid Waste Management Project
February 23, 2026

A special tripartite portfolio review meeting was held on February 23, 2026 to review the implementation progress of Kerala Solid Waste Management Project (KSWMP). Meeting participants are listed in the Annex.

Key discussions and agreements were summarized below:

- The meeting acknowledged the limited implementation progress so far, reflected in total disbursement of 17 percent and very low contract commitment rate of 25 percent.
- The meeting agreed on the urgent need for another project restructuring which would modify the scope of project only to limit to activities which could be implemented before the closing date of June 2027, and accordingly cancel the funds that could not be disbursed. The meeting informed that there will be no extension under the current project beyond the project closing date.
- The meeting discussed a preliminary restructuring scenario of cancellation of \$50 million (under IBRD) that is unlikely to be spent before the project closing. State Project Management Unit (SPMU) indicated an alternative scenario of nearly \$42 million cancellation.
- It was suggested that SPMU will share their project restructuring scenario , together with fund utilization plan with the World Bank team after the meeting, in order to mutually assess and finetune the scenario.
- It was also discussed that SPMU needs to expedite their efforts in dumpsite remediation works and particularly urgently address the fire risks at all sites with accumulated of flammable fractions.
- **DEA requested that Government of Kerala shares a project restructuring and cancellation scenario and letter at the earliest and no later than March 15, 2026.**

Annex. Meeting Participants

DEA:

- Simrandeep Singh

WB:

- Paul Procee
- Abedalrazq F. Khalil
- Santhakumar Sundaram
- Till Ludwig
- Zhiyu Jerry Chen
- Poonam Ahluwalia Khanijo
- Sona Thakur
- Lakshmi Narayanan

Kerala:

- Divya Iyer, Project Director
- State PMU staff

