Types of CFW projects

The table below classifies, under different typologies, the vast array of CFW projects implemented under either emergency or longer-term public workfare programmes.

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| Area of works | Activities |
| Economic infrastructure | |
| Road sector | * Rehabilitation/maintenance of rural and urban roads * Construction and maintenance of feeder roads and trails (e.g. pavement, slurry treatments) * Road clearance and grass maintenance * Road markings and erection of road signs * Rock breaking for roads * Building/maintenance of pedestrian bridges * Building/maintenance of culverts, drifts, fences and retaining walls * Stock routes * Building bus stops, sidewalk ramps and steps * Cleaning existing road infrastructure |
| Market place | * Rehabilitation/construction of public market places * Paving of market yards * Building storage facilities, access roads and parking lots * Planting trees for shade * Installing latrines and waste-disposal pits * Making higher bases for helipads, market yards and animal/livestock market places |
| Irrigation systems/other productive infrastructure | * Rehabilitation/improvement of small-scale surface irrigation schemes * Digging and protection of irrigation canals and drains * Construction of small water retaining structures (e.g. water pans, earth dams, reservoirs) for irrigation, fish harvesting and livestock watering |
| Sanitary infrastructure | |
| Drinking water | * Construction and maintenance of: * community water supply networks * shallow wells (including hand-operated pumps and accessories) * small dams * ponds and other water harvesting structures, dug-outs * drainage and canals * Extension of water-distribution schemes * Stream diversion * Spring development and protection |
| Storm-water | * Construction and maintenance of: * gabions and reno mattresses * grassed or lined water channels * drainage systems * infiltration pits * Installation of pipes and arches |
| Waste water and solid waste | * Construction/rehabilitation/maintenance of : * sewerage networks * sewer manholes and manholes covers * maturation or flocculation ponds * waste disposal pits * humid or dry latrines * Garbage collection in poor urban areas * Preparation of intermediate and main dumping sites * Awareness-raising about sanitation through educational programmes |
| Social infrastructure | |
|  | * Construction/rehabilitation/maintenance of: * school classrooms and training facilities * community clinics, health centres * social services facilities * childcare centres * nursing homes * community centres and libraries * recreational facilities (theatres, parks, playing fields) * public showers, restrooms or latrines * housing for low-income and vulnerable groups * Manufacturing of masonry elements and roof trusses on site * Painting of public buildings and street walls * Street-sweeping * Running child care centres |
| Environmental/Agricultural projects | |
| Soil and water conservation projects | * Construction of terraces and small weirs to increase infiltration of run off * Afforestation * Setting up tree nurseries, community woodlots and fire lines * Gully protection using dry masonry or gabion structures * Flood-control structures such as bank-protection dikes, gully dams and bund walls * Drainage of waterlogged areas * Renovation of traditional water bodies, including de-silting of tanks * Reclamation of water bodies (e.g., removal of hyacinth) |
| Land productivity, availability and soil fertility restoration | * Area closures/wood lots * Multi-layered/storeyed agro-forestry * Physical conservation measures, e.g., hill side terracing * Micro-niche development * Harmful tree removal * Biological measures * Debris removal/bush brushing * Land reclamation of extremely degraded land * Gully control * Compost heap/organic manure for cultivated land |
| Fodder availability | * Vegetative fencing and fodder belts * Conservation measures * Fodder seed collection * Paddock systems * Water-logging control * Multi-purpose nurseries |

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