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## **Executive Summary**

The current study aimed at delineating groundwater potential zones of Meket wereda by using integrated remote sensing and GIS-based multi-criteria evaluation to identify promising areas for groundwater exploration. The scarcity of water is a major menace in this Wereda spread over Amhara regions of Ethiopia and for satisfying human needs.

In the study, RS ( Remote Sensing ) and GIS (geographic information system) were utilized to generate five thematic layers, Hydrogeological units, Groundwater recharge, Lineament density, Lineament proximity, and TWI as factors influencing the groundwater potential. All the thematic layers were then assigned weights according to their relative importance in groundwater occurrence and corresponding normalized weights were obtained based on the Saaty's Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). Based on the rank assigned by a conceptual understanding of the specific wereda and weights aggregating the thematic maps is done using a weighted overlay method to obtain a groundwater potential (GWP) map. The GWP maps are verified by overlay analysis with observed borehole yield data. Single –Parameter sensitivity analyses are used to examine or to compute effective weights.

The spatial distribution of the Meket Wereda GWP zones generally match with the conceptual understanding of the Meket Wereda and well data during model validation. The good agreement of GWP map validation and well data indicate litho–structural control on groundwater recharge and movement process and factors affecting groundwater recharge were carefully analyzed during the development of thematic layers. Based on the result of sensitivity analysis, the effective weights for each thematic layers show some deviation from empirical weights. The GWP maps produced will be used to quickly identify the prospective GWP zones for conducting site-specific investigations.

This study generally demonstrates that GIS and remote sensing techniques coupled with field data can be used for mapping GWP zones, thereby narrowing down the target areas. Then, by conducting a detailed hydrogeological and geophysical survey at phase III, the 14 most appropriate and 14 optional sites will be selected for drilling.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ADSWE	-	Amhara Design and Supervision Works Enterprise
a.m.s.l	-	above mean sea level
AOI	-	Area of Interest
ASTER	-	Advanced Spaceborne Thermal Emission and Transmission
BGL	-	Below ground level
CSA	-	Central Statistical Agency
CTI	-	Compound Topographic Index
DD	-	Draw down
DEM	-	Digital elevation model
DFID	-	The UK department for international development fund
E.C.D.S.W.Co	-	Ethiopia Construction Design & Supervision Works Corporation
EC	-	Electrical Conductivity
EGS	-	Ethiopian Geological Survey
EMA	-	Ethiopian Mapping Agency
ENVI	-	Environment for Visualizing Images
ESA	-	European Space Agency
ESRI	-	Environmental Systems Research Institute
ETV	-	Evapotranspiration
FA	-	Flow Accumulation
FD	-	Flow Direction
FDRE	-	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
GEARS	-	Great East African Rift System
GIS	-	Geographic information system
GPS	-	Global positioning system
GSE	-	Geological Surveys of Ethiopia
GW	-	Groundwater
GWP	-	Groundwater potential
GWPZ	-	Groundwater Potential zone
Hr	-	Hour
IDW	-	Inverse Distance Weighted
km	-	Kilometer
LULC	-	Land use land cover
m	-	Meter
m <sup>3</sup> /s	-	cubic meters per second
MCM	-	Million Cubic Meters
MER	-	Main Ethiopian Rift
min	-	Minute
Mm	-	Millimeter
MoWE	-	Ministry of Water and Energy
MOWIE	-	Ministry of Water ,Irrigation and Energy
NDVI	-	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
NMA	-	National Meteorological Agency
pH	-	Hydrogen - Ion Activity

QGIS	-	Quantum Geographic Information System
RS	-	Remote sensing
SAR	-	Synthetic Aperture Radar
SCP	-	Semi-automatic Classification Plugin
SNAP	-	Sentinel Application Platform
SWL	-	Static water level
TDS	-	Total Dissolved Solids
ToR	-	Terms of References
TRB	-	Tekeze River Basin
TWI	-	Topographic Wetness Index
UTM	-	Universal Transverse Mercator
VES	-	Vertical Electrical Sounding
W.E.D.S.W.S	-	Water & Energy Design and Supervision Works Sector
WetSpass	-	Water & Energy transfer between soil, plants & atmosphere
WWDE	-	Water Well Drilling Enterprise
WWDSE	-	Water Works Design and Supervision Enterprise



# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 General

The consultancy contract agreement was signed between Basins Development Authority (Client) and Water & Energy Design and Supervision Works Sector In association with AFX OASIS Water Resources & Hydropower Engineering Construction P.L.C(Consultant) on May 14, 2021, for Hydrogeological Mapping by using an integrated approach of geological mapping, remote sensing, weighted GIS overlay analysis, hydrogeological mapping, and geophysical surveying in order to increase the success rate of drilling and provide resilient water sources to communities in the Meket Wereda.

It is the initiation of the client to conduct a groundwater study to make groundwater potential maps and to identify drilling target sites for boreholes and alternatives drilling site in the Meket Wereda.

The Project area cover water-scarce wereda known to have complex hydrogeology. The complexity of the hydrogeology is manifested by low and indirect recharge, high salinity groundwater, rugged topography, low yielding shallow groundwater, and very low past drilling success rates.

The current study aimed at delineating groundwater potential zones of the Meket Wereda by using integrated remote sensing and GIS-based multi-criteria evaluation to identify promising areas for groundwater exploration. The scarcity of water is a major menace in this Wereda to satisfying human needs.

In the study, RS ( Remote Sensing ) and GIS (geographic information system) were utilized to generate five thematic layers, Hydrogeological units, Groundwater recharge, Lineament density, Lineament proximity, and TWI as factors influencing the groundwater potential. All the thematic layers were then assigned weights according to their relative importance in groundwater occurrence and corresponding normalized weights were obtained based on the Saaty's Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). Based on the rank assigned by a conceptual understanding of the specific wereda and weights aggregating the thematic maps is done using a weighted overlay method to obtain a groundwater potential (GWP) map. The GWP maps are verified by overlay analysis with observed borehole yield data. Single –Parameter sensitivity analyses are used to examine or to compute effective weights.

The Phase – II report has been prepared based upon Field inventory data, Remotes sensing data, Climatological data, and GIS weighted overlay and is presented in seven chapters.

Chapter-1: Deals with an introduction to the phase II stage report;

Chapter-2: Data and Methodology of the study

Chapter-3: Conceptual Hydrogeological model of the study area

Chapter-4: Result and discussion

Chapter-5: Revised work plan for Phase – III

Chapter-6: Conclusion and Recommendation,

Chapter-7: References

In this report, Meket wereda of Amhara regional state groundwater potential map is presented.

## **1.2 Location of Meket wereda**

The proposed study area is located in Amhara Regional state. The project area is accessible by a network of dry weather roads and the asphalt road that runs from Addis Ababa — Bahir Dar-Debere Tabor to Filakit town or Addis Ababa-Awash-Woledia- Gashena to Filakit town major asphalt roads. The the project area is confined between the geographic coordinates of UTME 451301-527317 and UTMN 1279364-1331922 (Figure 1).

In general, Meket wereda seem to be easily accessible from all directions by a number of asphalt, all-weather roads, dry season roads and foot paths.

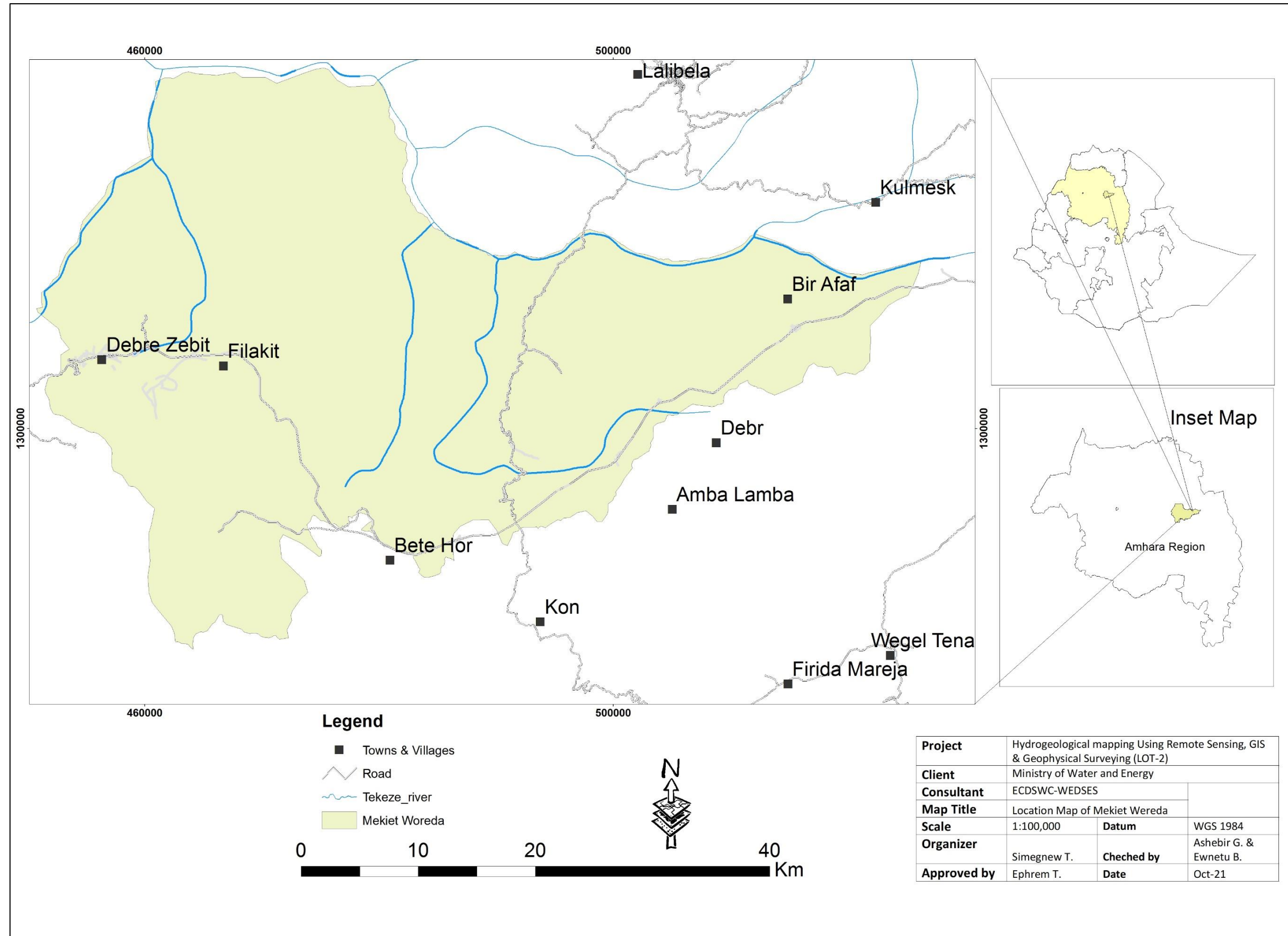


Figure 1: Location of Project area Meket (LOT-2)

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### **1.3 Objectives of the Study**

The main objective of this project is to produce operational hydrogeological maps and recommend drilling sites spread over 3 drought-affected regions of Ethiopia and pinpoint locations with high water demand in combination with high groundwater potential. With the compiled information, associated overlay analyses, and extra geophysical field surveys, the project team will propose 1 most promising drilling sites for groundwater abstraction and 1 alternatives (optional) drilling sites for the Meket Wereda in (IOT-2). Generally, the ultimate goal of the climate-resilient WASH project in Ethiopia is to increase access to safe and sustainable water.

The following specific objectives are also associated with the project:

- Carry out National Groundwater Risk Mitigation Strategy and make recommendations.
- Create detailed groundwater potential maps for target sites
- Identify one optimal drilling site and one alternative (optional) drilling site per wereda, using these maps and geophysical field investigation, and recommend the type of drilling methodology to be employed.
- Build the capacity of MoWE, Regional governments, and NGOs to use overlay analysis techniques for groundwater potential mapping in Ethiopia.

### **1.4 Scope of Works**

The overall assignment is to carry out the consultancy service for groundwater characterization, Groundwater mapping, and advanced mapping work with internationally known and accepted standards.

The ultimate goal of the project will be to produce operational Hydrogeological maps and to identify the most suitable site for drilling. Therefore, this project will be focused on the preparation of Operational hydrogeological maps of the Meket Wereda of LOT-2 and identification of target sites for borehole drilling with enhanced drilling success rates and optional drilling sites for the Meket Wereda.

### 1.5 General approach, Deliverables and Planning

The project is designed in three phases to delineate Groundwater potential zones, to prepare operational Hydrogeological maps, and to select target drilling site maps. The technical route is depicted in figure 2 below:

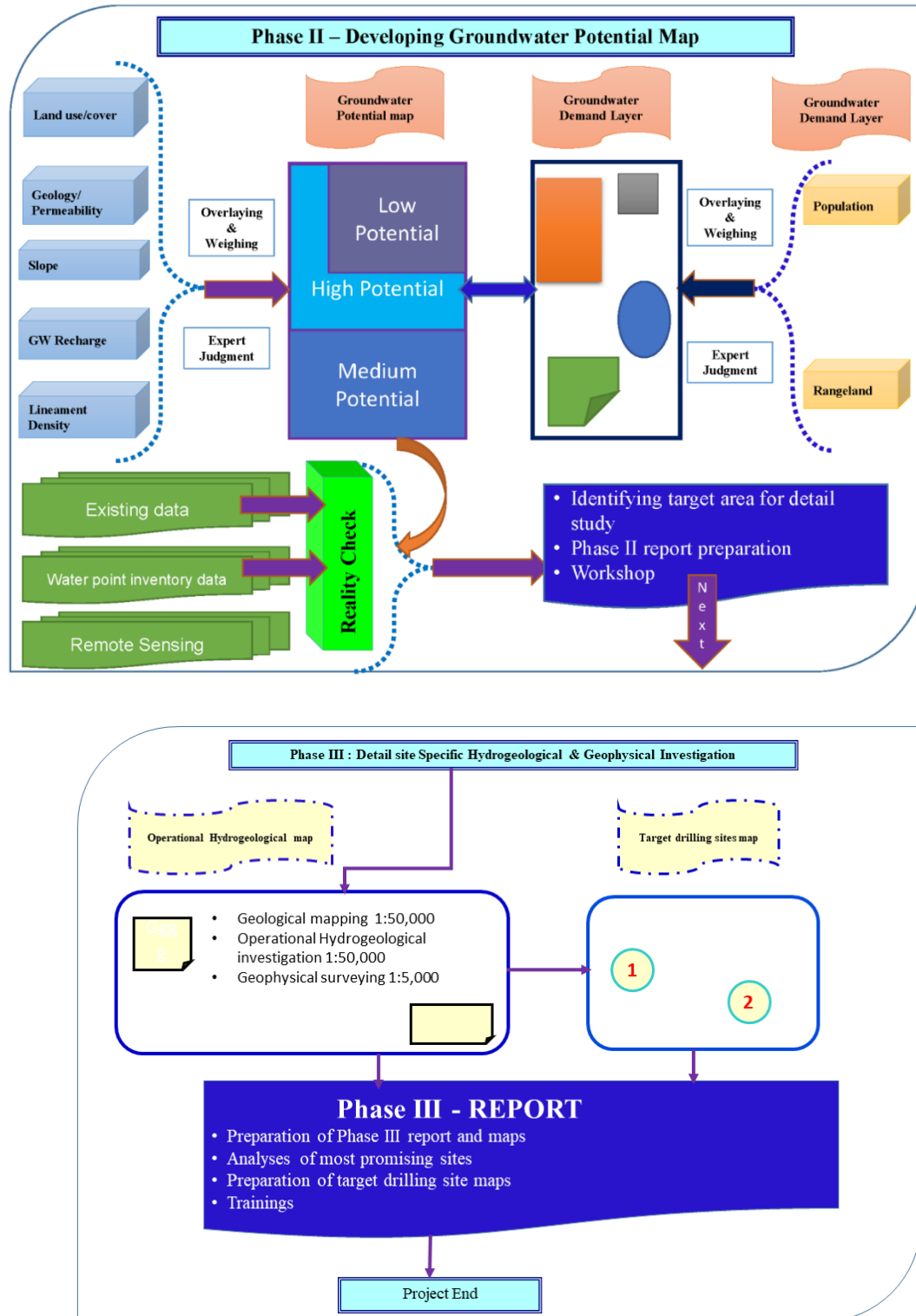


Figure 2: The project phases and the main deliverables

## Phase II activities and deliverables

The subject project was launched on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May 2021. Since validation and acceptance of Phase I Inception report the following activities listed below are completed:-

- For this wereda Field inventory and basic groundwater data such as SWL, PH, and EC were measured on-site, a water sample for laboratory analysis was not carried out, available reports were collected from different, government, and private organizations, due to security problems.
- Climatological data was collected from NMA and Satellite data and detailed analysis was carried out.
- Hydrological data was collected from MoWE and detailed analysis was carried out
- Kebele with Groundwater scarcity was identified by communicating with the Wereda water office and target population
- Satellite imagery and maps were acquired and interpreted for land cover mapping, Geological mapping, and lineament preparation of the Meket Wereda.
- Land cover, Soil, Depth to groundwater, Temperature, Rainfall, Winds speed, PET, Elevation maps were prepared.
- Rain days per month, modifying land cover parameter table based on the land cover map was prepared for input for Groundwater recharge estimation.
- Groundwater recharge was estimated by using the WetSpass model for Tekeze basin, and then the Groundwater recharge map was extracted by the respective boundary of the Meket Wereda.
- Geological Map 1:100,000 was prepared for each wereda from existing 1:50,000 scale base maps and Satellite images.
- Lineament was extracted from SRTM DEM 30m resolution and Sentinel 1A image radar by using PCI Geomatica software initially, and then the lineament extracted was manually filtered by overlaying road, boundary, and drainage density of Meket Wereda.
- Lineament density map and Lineament proximity map was prepared from lineament map.
- Topographic Wetness index was generated for the Meket Wereda.
- Hydrogeological Sections was prepared for the Meket Wereda.
- Overlay Analysis has been carried out for the Meket Wereda
- Sensitivity analysis was carried out for the Meket Wereda.
- Validation of groundwater potential for the Meket Wereda tested by using observed data collected during the groundwater inventory program on progress.
- The groundwater demand layer was prepared based on projected project CSA data
- Groundwater potential maps was prepared for each Meket Wereda
- Phase II report writing and submission

## 1.6 Risks and mitigation measures

The following anticipated constraints will have an impact on the timely execution of some of the project activities:

- Due to Security issues around the boundary of the Meket Wereda field inventory was not carried out and the model is calibrated by using existing data collected from different organizations.
- Lack and incompleteness of Groundwater data and reports in the Meket Wereda are observed. The model is validated by using representative and existing secondary data collected from different organizations.
- Lack of expert in wereda and Gap in the data handling, storing, and report preparation was observed.

The proposed mitigation measures are depicted as follows:-

- Available Existing data were utilized for validation of the Meket Wereda Groundwater potential maps.
- The data scarcity was filled by collecting existing available hydrogeological information from Wereda and the zone water bureau.
- The capacity building or Knowledge transfer for wereda Hydrogeologist was given and they participated in the groundwater inventory program together with our senior Hydrogeologists.

## **2. DATA AND METHODOLOGY OF THE STUDY**

The study methodology includes various tasks such as preparations for base maps, map updating according to field observations, digitization, and processing of image using software like WetSpaas model M1.3, Arc GIS 10.8, Saaty's AHP (K.D. Version 15.09.2018), PCI Geomatica, ESA-SNAP, ERDAS Imagine and ENVI classic software's and interpretation (See figure 3). In this study, RS ( remote sensing ) and GIS ( geographic information system ) were utilized to generate five thematic layers of Hydrogeological units, Groundwater recharge, Lineament density, Lineament proximity, and TWI as factors influencing the groundwater potential. All the thematic layers were then assigned weights according to their relative importance in groundwater occurrence and corresponding normalized weights were obtained based on the Saaty's Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP). Based on the rank assigned by the conceptual understanding of the specific wereda and weights aggregating the thematic maps is done using a weighted overlay method to obtain a groundwater potential (GWP) map. The GWP maps are verified by overlay analysis with observed borehole yield data. Single – Parameter sensitivity analyses are used to compute effective weights .



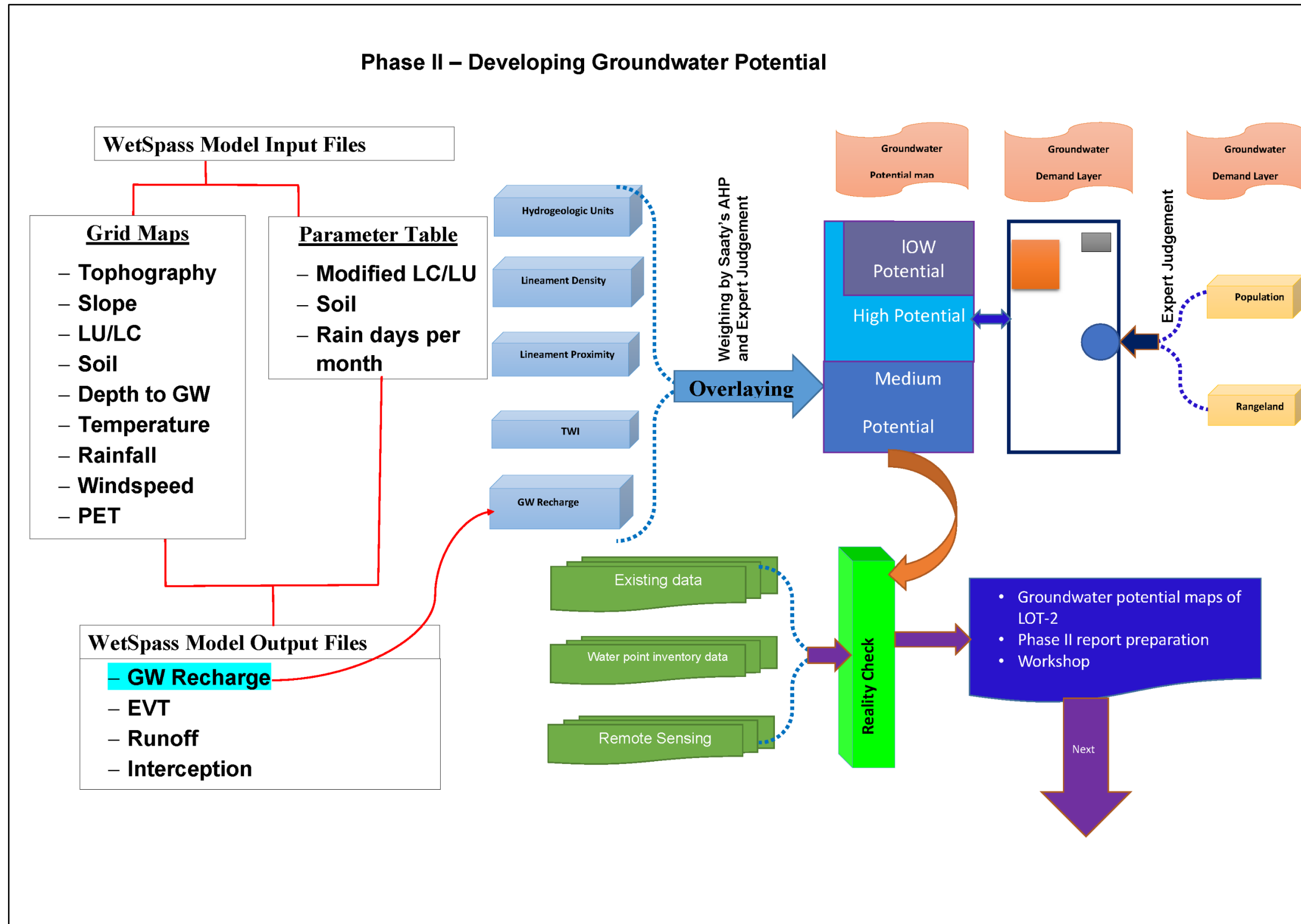


Figure 3: Phase II methods and deliverables

## **2.1 Remote Sensing data, Field Inventory, and Secondary data**

### **Remote Sensing data**

The primary issue in the projects (RS) remote sensing and GIS (Geographic Information System) span is identifying sources and availability of spatial input data and acquiring them. The data source could be primary and secondary. The primary sources are acquiring satellite images and interpreting them, field surveys, and generating out of the surveyed data. The secondary sources are previously conducted projects datasets, national and regionally such as CSA, NMA, EGS, and MoWE archives.

The Geospatial data by nature especially when we are dealing with satellite imagery with multiple band spectrums is huge file size and hence in this project hundreds of gigabytes of data were collected and integrated. The collected data was further explored for its content, quality, consistency, and extent to use for the study as deemed as a decision support system.

The Advanced Space-borne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer Digital Elevation Model (ASTERDEM) with the 30-m resolution are used to extract slope and drainage network. Topographic maps (Scale 1:50,000) from The Ethiopian Mapping Agency (EMA) are also used to digitize relevant features and drainage networks to enhance the raw DEM. Cloud-free Sentinel 2 imager that has a higher spatial resolution (10m) is used to classify land use /cover, SRTM DEM 30m resolution and Sentinel 1 imager using the interferometry approach and ESA-SNAP environment is used to extract lineament for Meket Wereda, SRTM DEM 30m resolution, SRTM DEM 30m resolution, Landsat-7 ETM + data 30m spatial resolution and Google Earth image @ 5m Spatial resolution, Rainfall data was used from CHIRPS, and then the satellite rainfall data was validated by using data collected from 34 metrological stations from the National Meteorological Agency (NMA) of Ethiopia. The mentioned meteorological data is also suggested to be used in Ethiopian climate by different scholars. One of the advantages of CHIRPS products for groundwater recharge estimation is its characteristics of utilizing the land cover type on its algorithm while developing the product. We considered the following additional datasets: elevation, aspect, and slope derived from 30m SRTM DEM, average January and July temperature acquired from JRA - 55, average January NDVI derived from the MODIS (MOD13Q1) data, average July NDVI derived from the MODIS (MOD13Q1) data. We considered the NDVI as a potential additional dataset because the NDVI shows a fast response to precipitation (greening up), which might be more suitable to represent precipitation patterns related to the Monsoon regime i.e. rainfall patterns are seasonal and directional) compared to elevation. For similar reasons, we included aspect and slope because there might be a certain directional pattern in the rainfall distribution.

### **Secondary data**

In addition to the remote sensing data, Secondary data such as 30 years of climatological data, river discharge data of 21 Hydrometric stations, Demographic data from CSA 2007, FAO soil data, existing groundwater data and available Groundwater data and reports are collected analyzed.

The Transmissivity and well discharge data was used for validation of groundwater potential maps of the Meket Wereda. The summarized existing data are presented in table 1 and the raw data is annexed (2).

Table 1: Inventoried and existing water points

Wereda	Inventoried water point				Existing water point			
	BH	Shallow wells	HDW	Spring	BH	Shallow wells	HDW	Spring
Meket					6	22		

### Preparation of thematic layers

Preparation of thematic layers involves digitizing existing base maps, digital image processing of remote sensing data, and integration of hydrogeological field data. To produce a GWP map of the Meket Wereda, the thematic layers of lithological units, Groundwater recharge, lineament density, lineament proximity, and TWI were prepared on a scale of 1:100,000 with a spatial resolution of 100m pixel size in a GIS environment. After the preparation of the thematic maps the rank is assigned to each thematic layers attribute based on the conceptual understanding of the Meket Wereda, the maps were converted into raster format, and then weighted overlay analyses were carried out according to assigned suitable weights in the order of their hierarchy process (AHP) (Saaty 1980, 1992) to each thematic layers. Thematic maps for each parameter are prepared as follows.

#### 2.2.1 Geological mapping method of the study area

The present work is intended to produce a Geologic map of Meket Wereda at a scale of 1:100,000 by combining remote sensing and GIS. The methodologies adopted in this work are divided into; (i) Literature survey and (ii) Remote sensing and GIS studies.

A literature survey was carried out to survey the availability of the geological maps and review of the available geological maps in order to get a general overview of the geology of the area and to identify the gaps and fill these gaps by Remote sensing study. The project area has previously been geologically mapped by GSE at a scale of 1:50,000 and 1:250,000. These maps were provided better information to understand the geological evolution of the project area. However, a review of these geological maps has identified the gaps listed below which are considered during the present investigations by RS and GIS studies. The gaps identified were: -

- (i) Lack of exhaustive Imagery interpretation,
- (ii) Lack of consistency in lithological naming on geological maps,
- (iii) Lack of systematic mapping of litho-stratigraphy, and
- (iv) The significance of the lithology and structural data in establishing and understanding of the geological process are not discussed in detail.

The data set used and sources for the interpretation of the remote sensing geological map of the area are shown in the table below. Image interpretation was made both by computer and on printouts in which all pertinent geological data such as lithologic units, delineation of geological

contacts, geological structures (linear features, fractures, and faults), and geomorphological elements are mapped. From the different image combinations, layer stack image, decorrelation, stretch image, and IHS-to-RGB- transformation were selected for their valuable information. The IHS to RGB band 1, 2, 3 images are good in picking tonal and textural differences to identify lithologies. Generally, the Decorrelation stretch (band 6, 4, 2) and IHS-RGB transformation (3, 2, 1) image combination identified possible lithologic units on the project area. Moreover, DEM data were used for geomorphological mapping and tracing major lineaments.

Use of GIS and RS softwares (ArcGIS, ERDAS Imagine, ENVI, Global Mapper, GeoMatica) together with the existing geologic maps were used to prepare the geological map of the Meket Wereda at a scale of 1:100.000. The Geology map of the Meket Wereda is presented in annex (3).

Table 2: Existing geological map and Remote sensing data sources

No.	Data used	Data source
1	Topo map @ 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 scale	EMA, 1975
3	Geological Maps of Project Sites @ 1:50,000 and 1:250,000 scale	GSE
4	Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM), DEM Data @ 30m Spatial Resolution	NASA, & USGS EROS Data Center, 2006 <a href="http://glcfapp.glc.f.umd.edu:8080/esdi">http://glcfapp.glc.f.umd.edu:8080/esdi</a>
5	ASTER Global Digital Elevation Model (GDEM), DEM Data @ 30m Spatial Resolution	Japan Space Systems (J-space systems) Japan, cooperation with US, 2009 <a href="http://gdem.ersdac.jspacesystems.or.jp/search.jsp">http://gdem.ersdac.jspacesystems.or.jp/search.jsp</a>
6	LansSAT-7 ETM+ (Enhance Thematic Mapper) Data @ 30m Spatial Resolution	Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF) <a href="http://glcfapp.glc.f.umd.edu:8080/esdi/">http://glcfapp.glc.f.umd.edu:8080/esdi/</a>
7	Google Earth Image @ 5m Spatial Resolution	US Dept. of State Geographer, 2021

## 2.2.2 Lineament Extraction method

In this study, two DEM sources were used to generate lineaments of the study area. The first one is Advanced Space borne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER) 30m resolution DEM. The second data source used to generate lineament of the study area is Sentinel I imagery using the interferometry approach and ESA-SNAP environment.

As input for the first method, a digital elevation model (DEM) was obtained from Advanced Space borne Thermal Emission and Reflection Radiometer (ASTER). The study area covers 12 DEM Tiles in total and all the tiles were mosaic in the ArcGIS software environment.

### Lineament extraction process from SRTM DEM 30m resolution

The lineament extraction process was carried over the overlaid shaded relief images with multi-illumination directions of (0°, 45°, 90°, and 135° azimuth and sun angle of 30°). PCI Geomatica software was used for the automatic lineament extraction. These steps were carried out under the different threshold, and then lineament extracted was manually filtered by overlaying hill shade, drainage density, and road map of the Meket Wereda.

## **DEM extraction process from Sentinel - 1 Imagery using Interferometry approach and ESA-SNAP**

The second option checked for the lineament extraction is Sentinel 1 using the interferometry approach. We download the Sentinel 1A image and generate DEM, The DEM is used to generate hillsides and extract lineament in PCI GeoMatica. The same parameter, process, and azimuthal angle are applied to the hill shade which is generated from the sentinel 1 image. PCI GeoMatica with different threshold parameters was used to extract the lineaments.

Therefore, the final generated lineament from Sentinel imagery was manually filtered by overlaying hill shade, drainage density, and road map of the Meket Wereda. Generally, the lineament extracted by using SRTM DEM 30m and Lineament extracted from Sentinel 1A image were validated by ground-truthing and by comparing with the existing 1:250,000 geological map of the Meket Wereda.

### **2.2.3 Groundwater recharge estimation methods**

In this study, the Hydrological study was conducted by considering the overall hydrological connectivity of the basin; hence it was important to consider all part of wereda upstream hydrological characteristics, particularly for wereda where Main River crosses its boundary by considering the recharging source could be the cumulative effect both the drainage within wereda or rivers crossing the Meket Wereda. As the result, all upstream portions of the selected wereda was considered.

#### **Data used for Groundwater Recharge estimation**

The water balance quasi-steady-state model (WetSpass) requires a set of input data, that encompasses meteorological data (temperature, precipitation, wind speed, and potential evapotranspiration), distributed groundwater depth, topography (DEM and slope), land use/land cover, and soil types of Tekeze River Basins (Ampe et.al. 2012). A list of data that was used as input after resampled into 100m by 100m is presented in table 4. The spatial representation of land use, soil, Rainfall, Temperature, wind speed, PET and Elevation maps, and modified land use, soil, and rain days per month's parameter tables used as an input for the model is presented in phase III water balance reports.

Table 3: Dataset used for the evaluation of groundwater recharge

S. N	Input data	Data name	Resolution	Period	Description
1	Rainfall	CHIRIPS	0.25°x 0.25°	1980- 2019	Climate Hazards Group Infrared Precipitation with Station data (CHIRPS) designated by incorporating multi-source infrared sourced product. CHIRPS rainfall products and some Spatio-temporal analyses of rainfall using CHIRPS over Ethiopia and other Eastern-Africa regions indicates a potential to be used for various applications (Fenta. A, et. al., 2012; Ayehu, G, et.al. 2018; Maidment. R,et. al., 2013)
2	Temperature	JRA-55	0.56° x 0.56°	1958-2019	Japanese global atmospheric reanalysis project, where The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) conducted the second Japanese global atmospheric reanalysis, called the Japanese 55-year Reanalysis or JRA-55. Kobayashi et al. ,2015)
3	Wind speed	ECWF-ERA5		1979-2019	
4	Potential evapotranspiration	Calculated	30 km x 30km		penman-monteith and modified penman-monteith (for open water) used for calculation of PET
5	Groundwater depth	Historic GW data by ECDSWC			
6	Slope	SRTM	30m X 30m	--	SRTM (Shuttle Radar Topography Mission) DEM is a unique product that was produced by NASA and NGA in cooperation with the German and Italian space agencies. The slope of the study area is derived from this high-resolution digital elevation model.
7	Land use/ land cover	Esri	10mx 10m	2020	The recent land use-land cover (2020G.C) was used for the analysis. This layer displays a global map of land use/land cover (LULC). The map is derived from ESA Sentinel-2 imagery at 10m resolution. It is a composite of LULC predictions for 10 classes throughout the year in order to generate a representative snapshot of 2020
8	Soil	FAO			Harmonized World Soil Database v 1.2 and supervised in the Ethiopian context

## Groundwater Recharge Estimation Method

Three software or models were used for the study. Spatially distributed water balance quasi-steady-state model (WetSpass), programming language(R) software that is designed for statistical computing and graphics, and geographical information systems (GIS) for analysis and presenting results. The WetSpass stands for water and energy transfer among plants, soil, and atmosphere. A physically-based WetSpass model is usually applied to assess long-term mean spatial pattern and characteristics of recharge, surface runoff, and actual evapotranspiration. In this project, the main target of the WetSpass model is to evaluate the monthly recharge of selected wereda and eventually to understand long term mean annual recharge of the chosen wereda.

As the main task of hydrological analysis is to estimate groundwater recharge in the proposed wereda, the tool commonly recommended for spatial-based groundwater recharge estimation too, WetSpass model were applied. The WetSpass model treats a basin or region as a regular pattern of raster cells. Every raster cell is further sub-divided in a vegetated, bare soil, open water, and impervious surface fraction, for which independent water balance is maintained.

The total water balance per raster cell and hydrological season, calculated as follows: -

$$E_{\text{raster}} = a_v ET_v + a_s E_s + a_o E_o + a_i E_i \text{-----Eq.1}$$

$$S_{\text{raster}} = a_v S_v + a_s S_s + a_o S_o + a_i S_i \text{-----}$$

$$\text{Eq.2 } R_{\text{raster}} = a_v R_v + a_s R_s + a_o R_o + a_i R_i \text{-----}$$

Eq.3

Where the index raster refers to raster cell, with  $ET_{\text{raster}}$ ,  $S_{\text{raster}}$  and  $R_{\text{raster}}$  respectively, the total evapotranspiration, surface runoff and recharge in a raster cell and  $a_v, a_s, a_o$  and  $a_i$  respectively the vegetated, bare soil, open water, and impervious area fractions of a raster cell.

The geographic information system (GIS) tool was used for re-sampling and mapping of both input and output parameters. Among four common techniques of re-sampling or adjusting meteorological data resolution, bilinear methods were used to adjust the resolution of precipitation, temperature, and wind speed data towards 100 by 100 meters based on client interest. Overall schematic representation of the applied methodology is presented in figure 4 below:

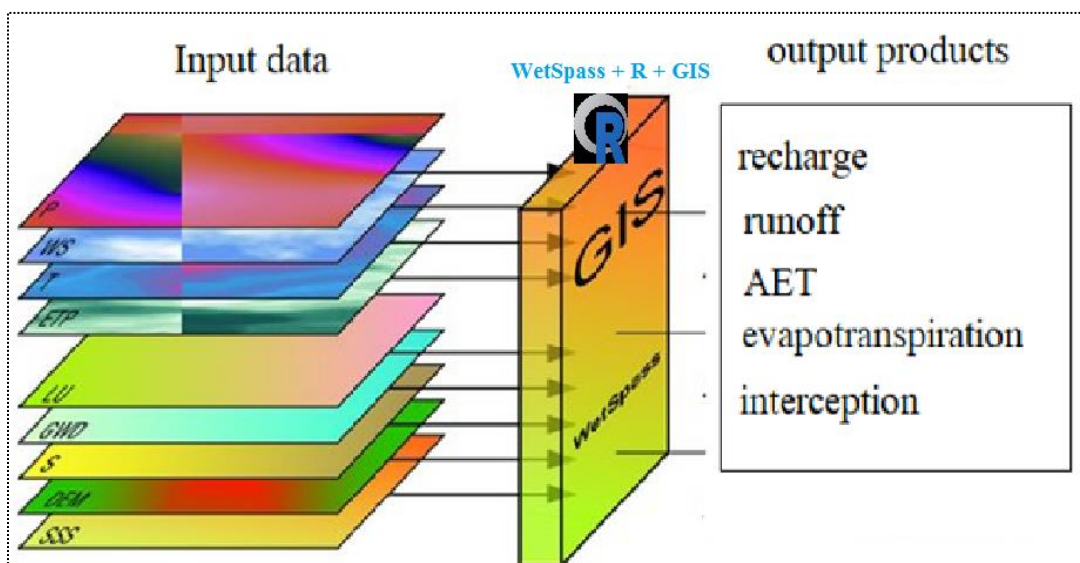


Figure 4: Schematic representation of model used for the study

## Land cover data Extraction method

### Downloading and processing raster data for land cover classification

Cloud-free Sentinel 2 imagery that has a higher spatial resolution (10 m) is used for LULC image classification. In this stage over 18 sentinels - 2b images were downloaded and pre-processed (geometrically and radio metrically corrected using QGIS software semi-automatic classification (SCP) plugin. In addition, each image was mosaic, enhanced, and resampled using the nearest-neighbor sampling technique in ERDAS IMAGINE Software. All the resampled images were mosaicked for further process (sub setting, LULC reclassification) using ENVI classic software.

Side by side while capturing fresh primary land cover classification techniques used above, for this project the ESRI land cover of 2020 is used as input. In 2020 ESRI developed a global land cover map from ESA Sentinel-2 10m resolution image and classified it into 10 classes. The originator of the data is suggested to use the dataset for food security, hydrologic modeling, conservation planning, and other related investigations. And hence this dataset will be explored and integrated into our hydrologic modeling with supplements from the land use/cover data generated through the methodologies indicated above.

Therefore, we reclassified the LULC map of ESRI based on our methodology, it was reclassified in 8 classes using Arc GIS reclassification techniques.

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- i. Convert raster data into vector
- ii. Take an AOI for an additional LULC class, for instance, forest. This class was not included in the ESRI LULC classification
- iii. Convert the vector into a raster
- iv. Reclassify the raster data with the newly generated LULC classes



## Accuracy assessment of supervised classification methods for the re-classified LULC

Accuracy assessment is an important part of any classification project. It compares the classified image to another data source that is considered to be accurate or ground truth data. Thus, high-resolution imagery (Sentinel-2 and Google earth images) was applied for Ground Truth. The accuracy assessment has been done for the Meket Wereda.

The accuracy assessment aims to provide an index of how closely the derived class allocations depicted in the thematic land cover map represent reality. In essence, the summary metrics of accuracy provide a measure of the degree of correctness in the class allocations in the map. Attention is, therefore, focused on thematic accuracy. The confusion matrix is well suited to this task (Table4). The cases that lie on the main diagonal of the matrix represent those correctly allocated, while those in the off-diagonal elements represent errors. Two types of thematic error, omission, and commission, are possible and both may be readily derived from a confusion matrix (Congalton and Green, 1999). An error of omission occurs when a case belonging to a class is not allocated to that class by the classification. Such a case has been erroneously allocated to another class, which suffers an error of commission.

The most common way to assess the accuracy of a classified map is to create a set of random points from the ground truth data and compare that to the classified data in a confusion matrix. The assessment was done using ArcGIS software.

Checked the error matrix with the formula (Accuracy in % = total true value/total sample value\*100) and the total accuracy is 92.22% which is very good.

Table 4: confusion matrix over true values in the Meket Wereda.

OBJECTID	Predicts	Class1	Class2	Class3	Class4	Class5	Class6	Class7	Class8	Total True Value	Total Sample Value	Total Accuracy %
1	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
2	2	0	20	0	4	0	0	0	0			
3	3	0	0	37	0	0	0	0	0			
4	4	0	5	0	16	0	0	0	0			
5	5	0	0	0	0	29	1	0	0			
6	6	0	0	0	2	0	24	0	1			
7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	0			
8	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	178		
		17	25	37	22	29	26	29	8		193	92.22%
										Total Accuracy = Total True Value/Total Sample Value *100		

Land cover/land use map with 92.22 accuracy was prepared and used as an input file for groundwater recharge estimation.

### Normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI)

Vegetation indices are a staple remote sensing product and the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) is the most widely used vegetation index. The NDVI is a standardized index allowing to generate an image displaying greenness (relative biomass). This index takes

advantage of the contrast of the characteristics of two bands from a multispectral raster dataset—the chlorophyll pigment absorption in the red band and the high reflectivity of plant materials in the near-infrared (NIR) band.

NDVI measures the ratio of the reflective difference in the red and near-infrared portions of the spectrum to the sum of red and near-infrared reflectance. Green, healthy vegetation reflects light in the near-infrared portion of the spectrum and absorbs red light, and ranges from values of 1.0 to -1.0 where larger, positive values indicate green vegetation.

One of the input spatial layers for the hydrogeology study is NDVI. To calculate NDVI the inputs are availing appropriate imagery and a program that allows interaction with the image data. QGIS is a great, free option for a GIS program that provides the tools to display, analyze and present remotely sensed data. The following steps below are followed in QGIS and its toolbox environment to calculate NDVI for the Meket Wereda and sample main screenshots were added as pictures for demonstration purposes. As usual, the process started by downloading sentinel 2 images of required bands and used as input for the processing.

- i. Open stacked sentinel 2 images in QGIS.
- ii. FOR NDVI calculation we are using NIR (band 8) and red (band 4)
- iii. Use the raster calculator in QGIS is to calculate NDVI.
- iv.  $NDVI = \frac{NIR-RED}{NIR + RED}$

Then the resulting NDVI is classified for visualization purposes and shown in the figure below

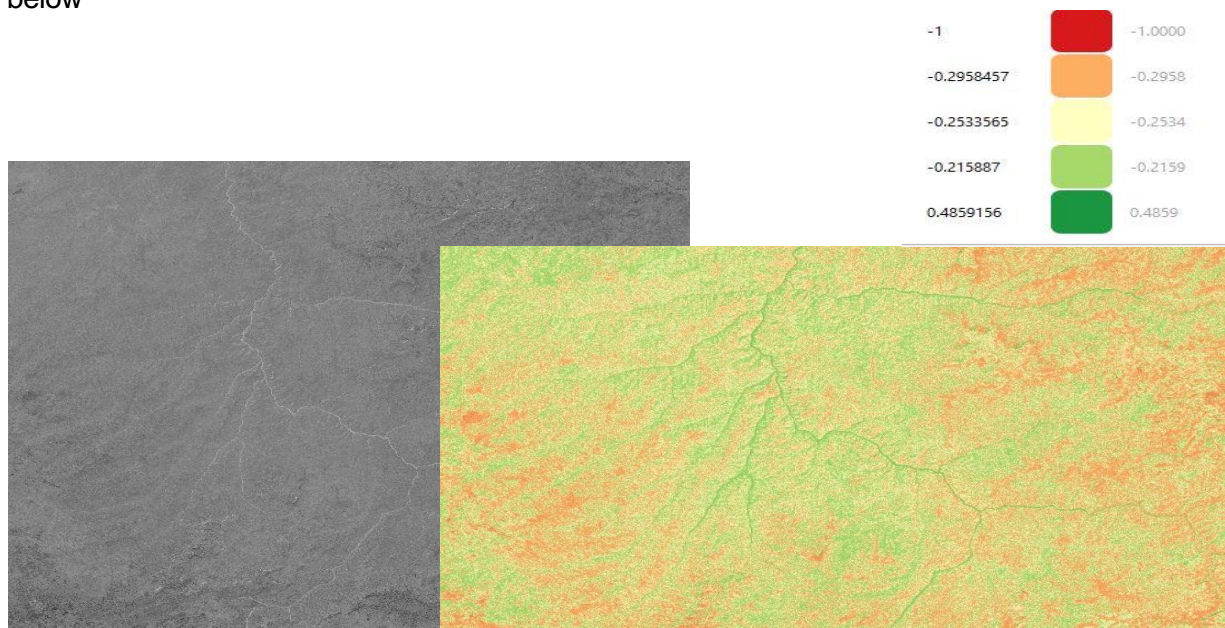


Figure 5: calculated NDVI using QGIS

## 2.2.4 Topographic Wetness Index (TWI) generation

TWI (also known as the compound topographic index (CTI)) is an indicator that measures the potential on where water tends to accumulate. A high index value indicates a high potential of water accumulated due to a low slope and vice versa.

Typically, the raw TWI indicators range from -3 to 30. The TWI is a unique tool that allows the user to identify areas that could be:

- Identifying the area adversely affected by pounding and flooding caused by rainfall events
- Can provide planners a visual mechanism for site selection of green infrastructure projects
- The identification of areas with increased susceptibility to pounding due to sewer overflow or basement back-ups

The equation given below was used for the estimation of TWI.

$$TWI = \ln \frac{\alpha}{\tan \beta} \text{-----Eq.4}$$

$\alpha$  = upslope contributing area;  $\beta$  = Topographic gradient (Slope)

### 2.2.5 Demography data of the project area

According to the report from the Central Statistical Agency Population Projection of Ethiopia for all Regions at wereda Level, July 2021

In order to estimate water demand knowing population growth rate is very important. Accordingly, the population of Meket wereda is estimated to grow at the rate of 3.46%, 2.99% & 2.65% annually in accordance with 2025, 2030 & 2035 CSA estimates of population growth rate for Amhara region respectively. The projection is based on exponential growth rate model which goes,  $P_t = P_o e^{r \Delta t}$

When:  $P_t$  = Population at t year

$P_o$  = Population at current (initial) year

$e = \ln 10 = 2.718$

$\Delta t$  = the difference between t year and initial year

Therefore, based on the above exponential population projection formula, the current population size of Meket wereda is projected for the planning period 2035 and the summarized population size is presented in the following tables.

Table 5: Population size of Meket wereda, July 2021 to 2035

year	$\Delta t$	Growth Rate	Meket wereda	
			Rular	Town
2021	0		256158	25168
2025	4	2.68%	294177	28903
2030	5	2.45%	341608	33563
2035	5	2.31%	390002	38318

Table 6: Number of livestock & Livestock and poultry (for private holdings), from wereda bureau 2021

Wereda	Cattle	Goats	Sheep	Horses	Mules	Donkey	Poultry
Meket	181990	54000	45000	15400	1500	40000	50000

### **3. Conceptual Hydrogeological model of the study area**

#### **3.1 Hydrogeological condition of Meket wereda**

The study areas fall in the upper Tekeze basin. The hydrogeological conditions of the area depend on the geology, geologic structures, and geomorphology of the area. The geology of the study areas is mainly Consolidated and unconsolidated sediment and basic volcanic rocks covered by thin soil, pyroclastic, trachyte, and basalt are the main volcanic rocks of the study area. They are jointed, fractured, and affected by dense weathering.

The geomorphological setup of the study area is characterized by a series of rugged topography. According to previous studies and hydrogeological set up of the area shows, the major sources of recharge for the study area (Wereda) are:

- precipitation induced within the study areas
- Infiltration from surface rivers and overland flows

In addition, geomorphological setup, water level observed, geologic structures, groundwater contour, and conceptual model developed in previous studies shows that groundwater recharged at central and northern highland areas flow toward Tekeze gorge and mixed up with groundwater recharge from surface rivers and rainfall-induced in the area and heads northward.

The hydrogeological setup of the area is discussed preliminary as follows:

From a geomorphological point of view, the groundwater may follow the surface drainage system. The topography of the area generally slopes towards the west and northwest. Topographically, much like the flow of water in a river, the flow of groundwater is subjected to gravity, flowing from areas of higher elevation to areas of lower elevation. Groundwater appears at the surface in the form of springs under the plateaus and as dug wells at the stream valleys at some part of Meket wereda and the boreholes are shallow. Generally, groundwater flow in the area can be indicated from the Eastern, western and southern highlands to the north and central Tekeze gorge.

In shallow groundwater, the movement and flow direction are dependent on the inclination, steepness, or slope of the topography in the area. The direction of flow of springs controlled by topographic breaks is an indicator of the possible groundwater flow. As shown on the hydrogeological map and on cross-section constructed along the groundwater flow path to conceptualize groundwater flow and storage in these wereda on (Figure 6 & 7) and also stated in previous works, the Tertiary volcanic units are recharged directly from precipitation, perennial rivers, and runoff. The groundwater flows from the eastern and southern mountain chain to the north and northwest. Existing data generally show groundwater flow to the northwest.

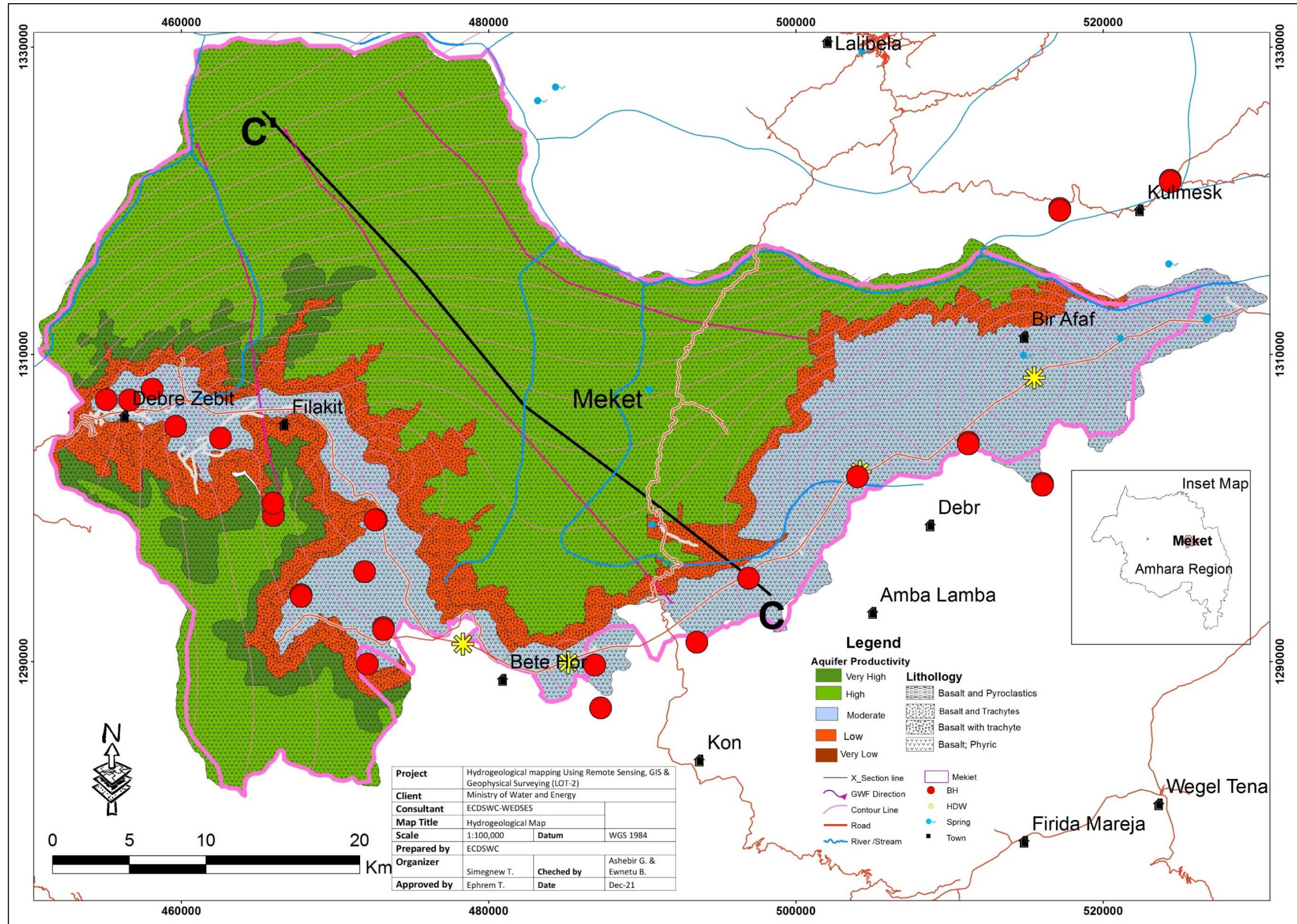


Figure 6: Hydrogeological map of Meket wereda

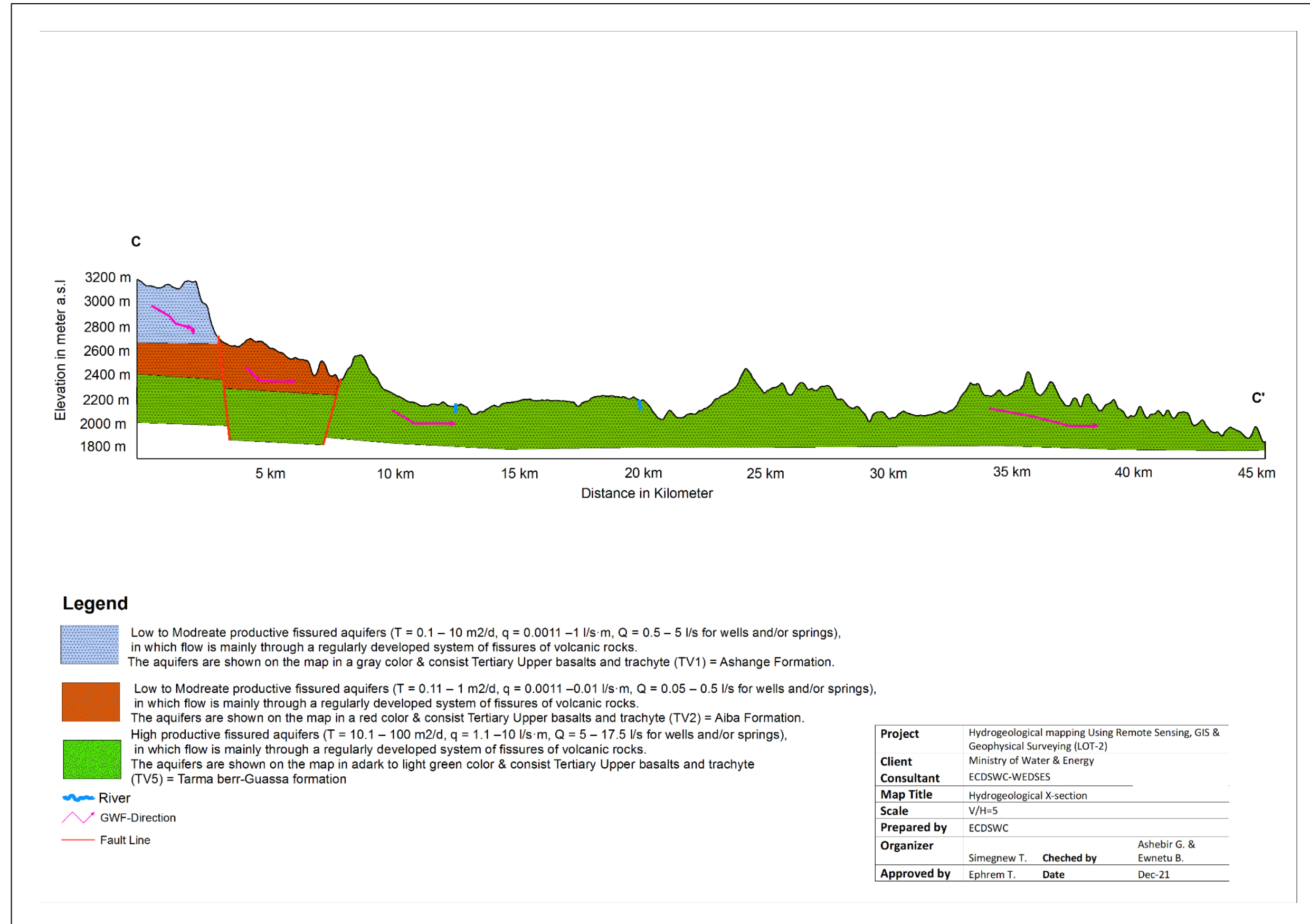


Figure 7: Hydrogeological section of Meket wereda

## 4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) Weight assignment using AHP

Five information layers (Lithology, Recharge, TWI, Lineament density, and Lineament proximity) that determine the groundwater potential, and weights are determined based on conceptual groundwater system for Meket wereda.

The waiting criteria are prepared by AHP (Analytic Hierarch process) (EVM multiple inputs) (K.D.Version 15.09.2018) based on the conceptual model and thematic layers proposed to use. As the hydrogeological conditions vary greatly across the project, weights were determined for the Meket Wereda. The result is shown in the tables below. The minimum and maximum values are included as well, which will be taken as the basis for sensitivity analyses on the mapped groundwater potential zones.

#### Analytic Hierarchy Process

The first step of the AHP method is to assign the level of importance of each factor based on Saaty's (2008) scale values. Consequently, all factors are compared in a pairwise comparison matrix. The weight which was assigned to different thematic layers was normalized using Saaty's AHP techniques. To control and test the Consistency Ratio (CR) is calculated. The first step to calculate CR is to compute the maximum eigenvalue ( $\lambda_{max}$ ).Then, calculate the consistency Index (CI) using equation 5, where n is a number of factors.CR is resulted by dividing CI by RI (ratio Index).The value of RI is given based on Saaty's 1 – 9.If the value is less than 0.1, the judgment of weights is acceptable and consistent. If CR is greater than 10%, we need to revise the subjective judgment.

$$CI = \frac{\lambda_{max} - n}{n - 1} \text{ -----Eq.5}$$

**Consistency Ratio = Consistency Index /Random Index**

$$CR = \frac{CI}{RI} \text{ -----E.q.6}$$

Table 7: Random Index

Attribute	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>RI</b>	0.52	0.89	1.11	1.25	1.35	1.4	1.45	1.49

Table 8: Pair-wise Comparison Matrix by using AHP for Meket wereda

Criterion	Comment	Weights	+/-				
1 Lithology		35.5%	4.1%				
2 Recharge		31.4%	3.9%				
3 Lineament Density		17.3%	2.4%				
4 Lineament Proximity		10.7%	2.6%				
5 TWI		5.1%	1.0%				
<b>Eigenvalue</b>		Lambda: <b>5.036</b>	MRE: 17.2%				
<b>Consistency Ratio</b>		0.37 GCI: <b>0.05</b> Psi: <b>3.3%</b> CR: <b>1.3%</b>					
Matrix		Lithology	Recharge	Lineament Density	Lineament Proximity	TWI	normalized principal Eigenvector
		1	2	3	4	5	
Lithology	1	1	1	2	4	7	35.55%
Recharge	2	1	1	2	3	5	31.43%
Lineament Density	3	1/2	1/2	1	2	3	17.27%
Lineament Proximity	4	1/4	1/3	1/2	1	3	10.66%
TWI	5	1/7	1/5	1/3	1/3	1	5.09%

Table 9: Assigned rank for various classes of all thematic layers of Meket wereda

Factors	Weight	Class	Groundwater Storage potential	Assigned Rank
Lithology	35.5	Basalt, olivine plagioclase, phyrlic	Very high productive	5
		Basalt, olivine plagioclase, aphanitic	High productive	4
		Basalt & Pyroclastic	Moderate	3
		Basalt & Trachyte	low Productive	2
		Basalt with Trachyte	Very low Productive	1
Recharge	31.4	243 -- 435	Very high	5
		194 -- 243	High	4
		141 -- 194	Medium	3
		108 -- 141	low	2
		0 -- 108	Very Low	1
Lineament Density	17.3	1.0 – 1.33	Very high	5
		0.5 – 1.0	High	4
		0.3 – 0.5	Medium	3
		0.1 – 0.3	low	2
		0.0 – 0.1	Very Low	1
Lineament Proximity	10.7	0 - 250	Very high	5
		250 - 750	High	4



		750 - 1250	Medium	3
		1250 - 2000	low	2
		>2000	Very Low	1
TWI	5.1	13 -- 20	Very high	5
		10 -- 13	High	4
		8 -- 10	Medium	3
		6.6 -- 8	low	2
		6.6 -- 4.3	Very Low	1

## 4.2 Reclassification of Thematic layers

### 4.2.1 Hydro - lithologic units

Hydrogeological units play a fundamental role in governing the spatial distribution and occurrence of groundwater. The porosity, size of pore space, and the ease at which the pore spaces are interconnected control storage and permeability of geologic medium that in turn affect the availability of groundwater in the area of interest. The main lithologic units found in the study area consist of Tarmaber-Guassa, basalt, Tarmaber-Megezez basalt, Alaje formation, Aiba basalt and Ashange formation. These lithologic units have been given weights (rates) based on hydraulic properties (hydraulic conductivity, transmissivity, Storativity and yields observed from pumping test, lithologic log (well completion reports) of the area. Based on the conceptual understanding of the Meket Wereda, the Hydrogeological units of the Meket Wereda were classified as very high, high, moderate, low, and very low potential. The reclassified hydrogeological units are presented in see Figures 8.

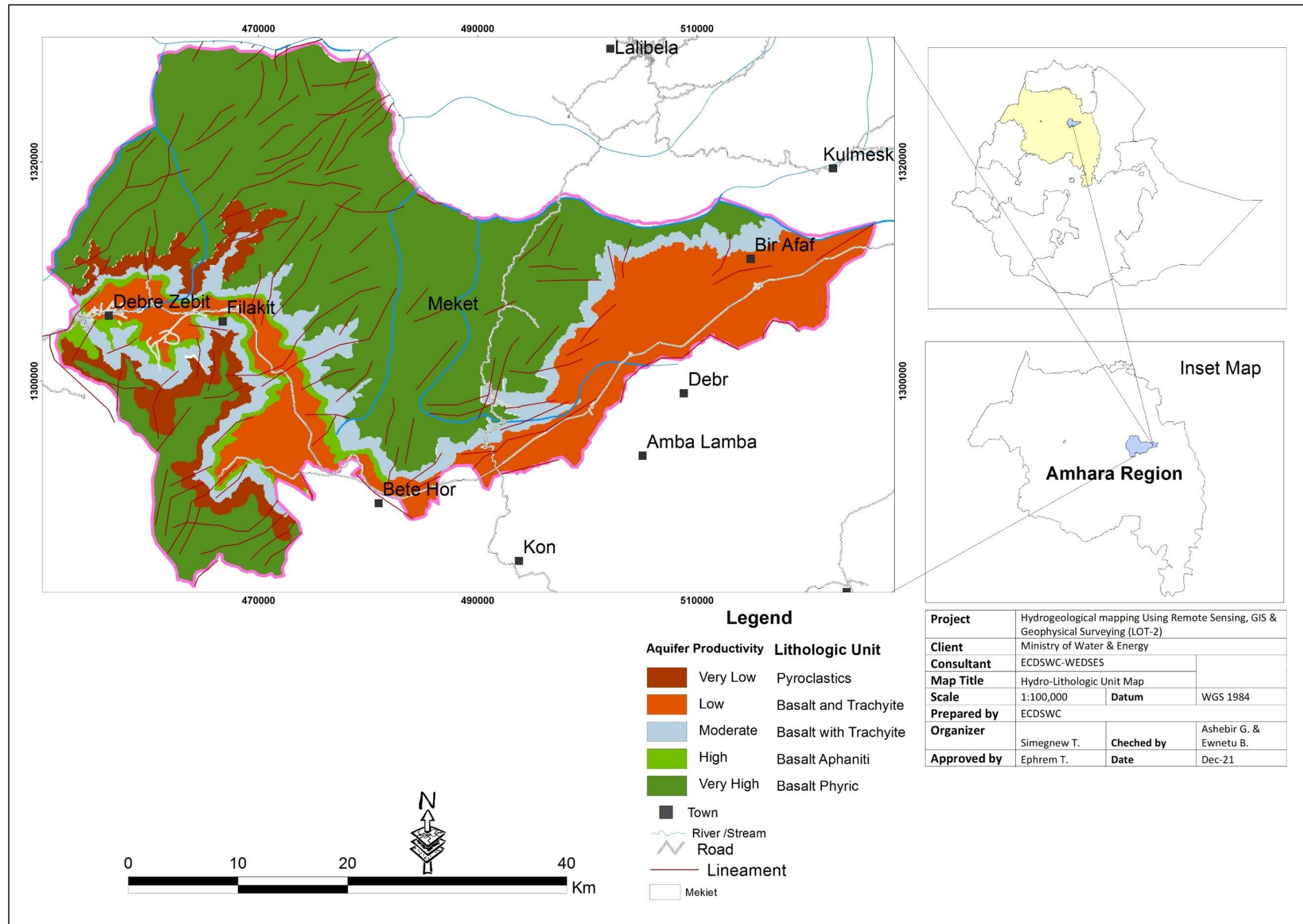


Figure 8: Hydro – Lithologic unit of Meket

## 4.2.2 Groundwater Recharge

In this study, Groundwater recharge of Tekeze basin were calculated by using the WetSpass model, and then groundwater recharge of the study areas was extracted by respective wereda boundary.

The WetSpass model produces monthly hydrological parameters like grid maps of groundwater recharge, actual evapotranspiration, surface runoff, interception loss, evaporation, etc. In this study, the annual groundwater recharge, annual actual evapotranspiration, and annual surface runoff are calculated from monthly recharge, actual evapotranspiration, and surface runoff by using a raster calculator of ARC GIS 10.8 respectively. A brief description of this output will be presented as a separate document in the phase III water balance study report.

There are different models to estimate recharge in a given area depending on actual areal conditions. In this case, the WetSpass model estimates monthly long-term spatial distribution amounts of groundwater recharge of Tekeze basins by subtracting the monthly surface runoff, Interception, and evapotranspiration from the monthly precipitation.

Usually, the recharge areas are in topographic high places; discharge areas are located in topographic low. Using only a topographic setup of the area could not be enough to classify the area as recharge and discharge zones. Land use/land cover, soil types, and morphology of land are equally important in the classification of the area into recharge and discharge zones.

Since recharge is a result of evapotranspiration and surface runoff processes it incorporates all influences and spatial patterns of these processes.

Figures 9 show the yearly groundwater recharge estimated with the WetSpass model of the Meket Wereda. The recharge estimated was used as one thematic layer for groundwater potential mapping of the Meket Wereda. The values were reclassified into five categories or classes such as very low, low, moderate, high, and very high by using the natural break classification method. The high weights have been assigned for high groundwater recharge areas and vice versa.

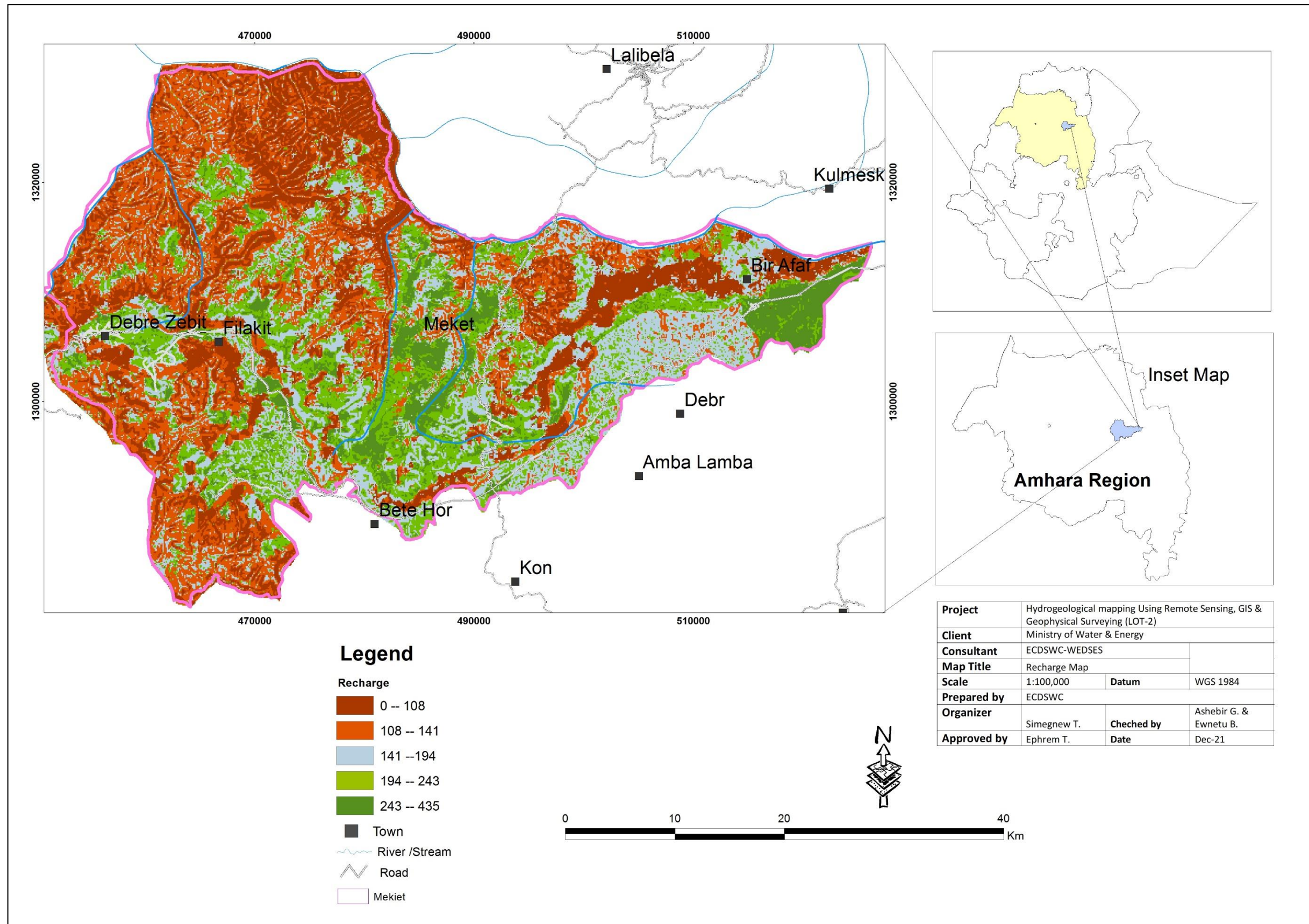


Figure 9: Groundwater Recharge of Meket wereda

### **4.2.3 TWI**

Topographic Wetness Index (TWI) is usually used to compute topographic control on the hydrological process and reflects the potential groundwater infiltration caused by the effect of topography. The values were reclassified into five categories such as very low, low, moderate, high, and very high. The high weights have been assigned for high TWI and vice versa. Figure 10 shows the TWI map of the Meket Wereda.

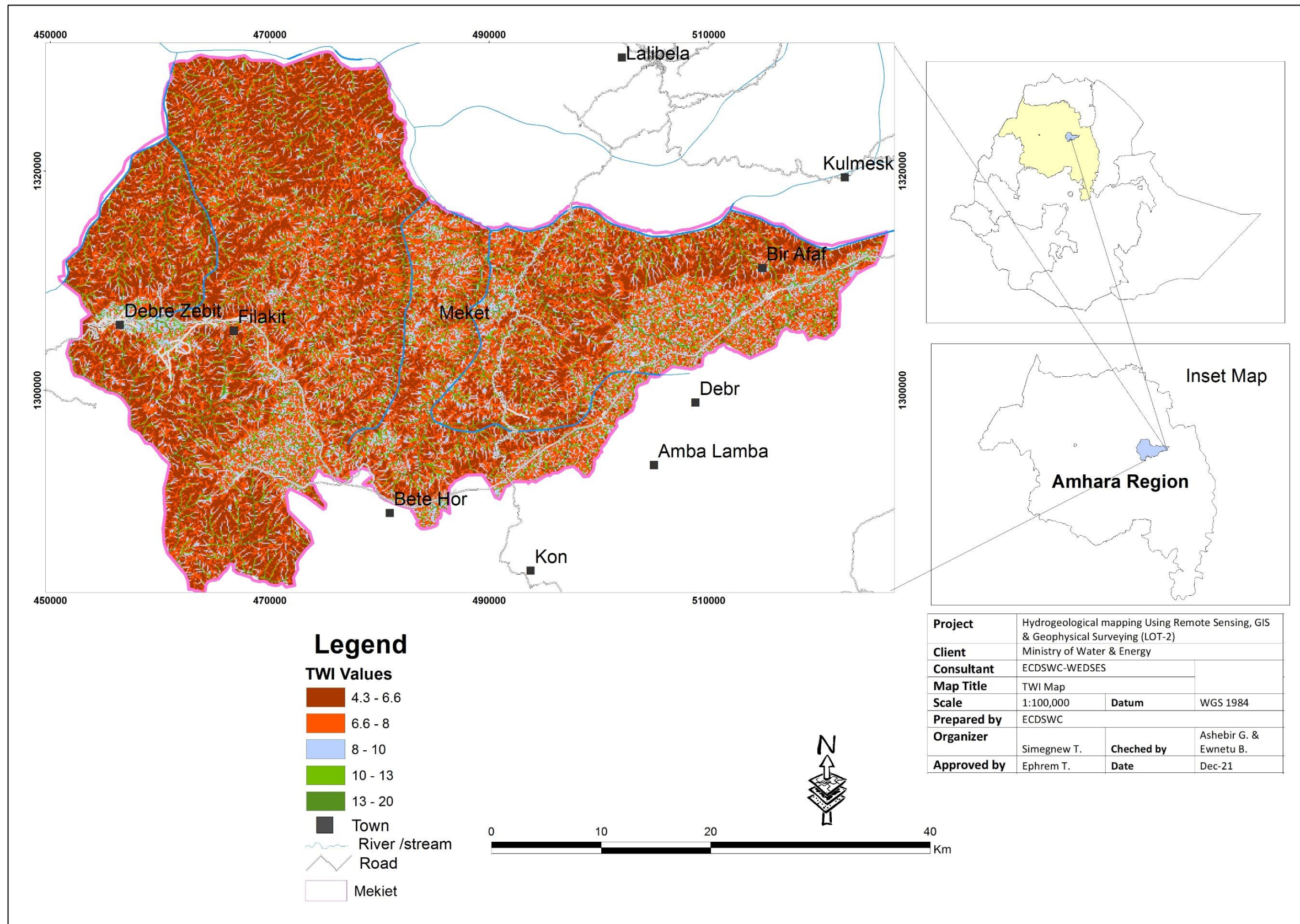


Figure 10: TWI of Meket wereda

#### **4.2.4 Lineament Density thematic layers**

Like primary porosity, secondary porosity is also essential for the determination of hydrogeological conditions. Lineaments represent secondary porosity and are linear features of tectonic origin. Due to their linear, direct, curvilinear form, they can easily be demarcated in satellite imagery. Some other indications like tone, texture, relief, drainage, and vegetation soil tone's linearity also give valuable information for lineament differentiation.

The groundwater potential is expected to increase with increasing lineament density values. Thus, areas that are characterized by high lineament density values are expected to have high groundwater potential. This is because; lineament acts as conduits for groundwater flow and reservoir for groundwater storage .considering lineament map as a baseline, lineament density is defined as the total length of the lineament per unit area.

The lineament density of the Meket Wereda was classified into five classes, in decreasing order of their relative infiltration capability. These classes were: 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 representing very high, high, medium, low, and very low density, respectively (figure 11)

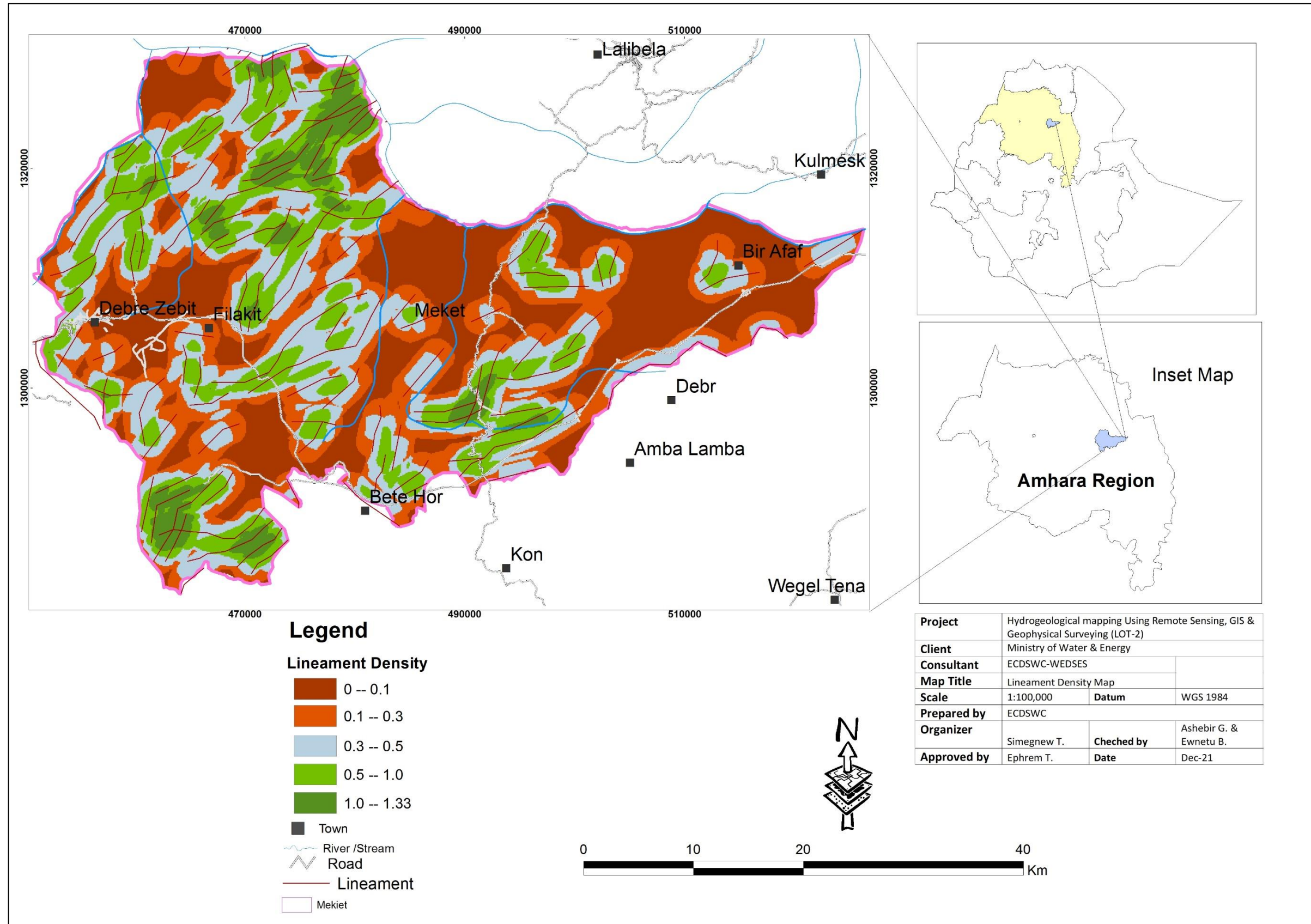


Figure 11: Lineament Density map of Meket wereda



#### **4.2.5 Lineament Proximity thematic layers**

There is a close relationship between lineament proximity and groundwater potential. Thus, the intensity of groundwater potential decreases with increasing distance from the lineaments and increases with decreasing distance from the lineament. The proximity from the lineament was derived by creating buffers based on conceptual understanding of the specific Meket Wereda. High weights are assigned to the areas nearby the lineament and low weights to distance locations. The proximity from lineament maps is shown in Figures (12).

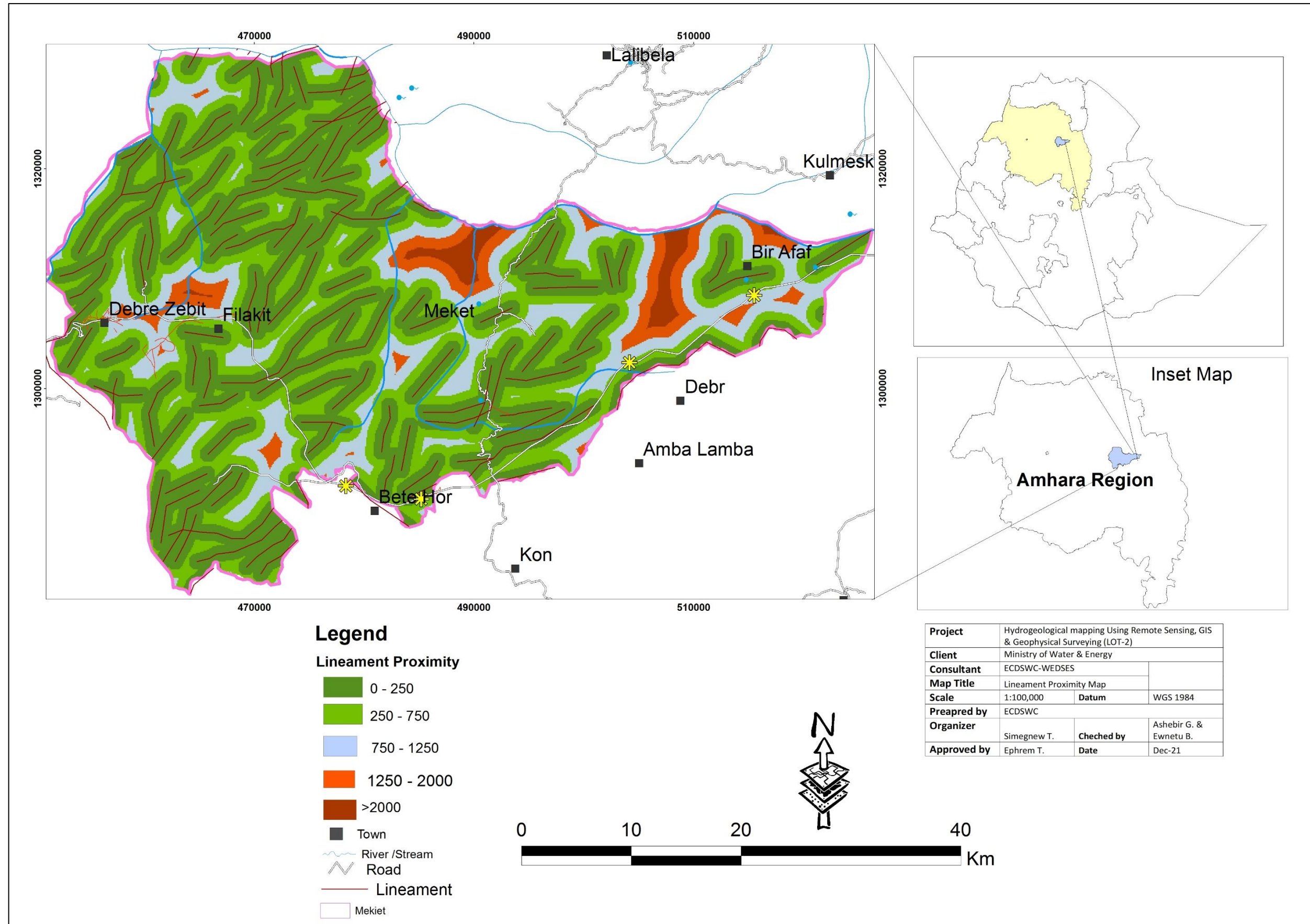


Figure 12: Lineament proximity of Meket wereda

### 4.3 Overlay analysis

All five thematic layer maps were integrated using ArcGIS 10.8 using the weighted overlay method in the GIS environment to produce the groundwater potential maps of the Meket Wereda. The following formula was used to estimate the groundwater potential maps of the Meket Weredas.

$$GWP = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i \quad \text{Eq.7}$$

Where GWP = groundwater potential,  $W_i$  = weight for each thematic layer, and  $X_i$  = is the ranking of a thematic layer

### 4.4 Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analysis provides important information related to the influence of assigned weights to each thematic layer on the output GWP map. It can indicate which layer is the most / least significant in determining the output map. Hence, single parameter (Napolitano and Fabbri 19996) sensitivity analyses were carried out to justify the influence of thematic layers on the GWP map

The Single – parameter method examines the impact of each thematic layer on the GWP map. This test compares the “effective “or “real” weight for each of the thematic layers with the “Empirical” weight assigned to the same layer in the GWP map. For each thematic layer, the effective weights were calculated using equation (8):

$$w = \frac{PrPw}{GWP} * 100 \quad \text{--Eq.8}$$

Where  $W$  is the effective weight of each thematic layer

$Pr$  and  $Pw$  are the rates and weight values of each thematic layer

$GWP$  is the groundwater potential map generated using all the thematic layers.

#### 4.4.1 Single parameter Sensitivity analysis of Meket

The statistics of the single-parameter sensitivity analysis of Meket Wereda are shown in Table 9. There is some deviation in the effective weights when compared to the empirical weights. The single-parameter analysis of Meket Wereda shows Lithologic units and groundwater recharge as the most effective layer in GWP mapping with mean effective weights of 42.0% and 26.3% respectively. The next higher effective weight of 14.0% and 13.6% was recorded in the Lineament proximity layer and lineament density respectively. In addition, the TWI tends to be almost effective thematic layers with mean effective weightings of 3.5% when compared with its empirical weights of 5.1%.

Table 10: Effective weight of single parameter sensitivity analyses of Meket wereda

<b>The effective weight of Single parameter Sensitivity analysis of Meket wereda</b>					
<b>Effective Weight (%)</b>					
	<b>Empirical Weight (%)</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>SD</b>
Lithology	35.5	37.7	42.0	46.6	2.6
Recharge	31.4	27.9	26.3	24.6	4.7
LD	17.3	14.4	13.6	12.7	0.4
LP	10.7	15.2	14.0	12.9	0.8
TWI	5.1	3.5	3.3	3.1	0.6

#### 4.5 Validation using well data

Overlay analysis techniques based on GIS methods have been applied to evaluate the groundwater potential of Meket Wereda. The technique involves setting overlay criteria for the five thematic layers (Lithology, recharge, lineaments density, lineaments proximity, and TWI) by using AHP methods. Layer weights and class have been established based on the developed conceptual model, hydrogeological set up of each wereda, and analysis of previously conducted works. The final output of the work is the production of a groundwater potential map for each wereda classified as very high, high, moderate, low, and very low to demarcate target areas for further detailed hydrogeological and geophysical investigations.

Before proceeding to detail hydrogeological and geophysical investigations, the output of the overlay analysis needs to be validated. In order to validate the overlay analysis results (maps), ground-truthing work has been conducted over each wereda.

To validate the result of overlay analysis, ground-truthing of the work is conducted by comparing it with local and regional hydrogeological and geomorphological conditions and also previously drilled shallow and deep wells. In order to validate produced groundwater potential map, the following steps are followed. Geological and hydrogeological observations

- Regional and local geomorphological settings observation
- Verifications of groundwater potential map with series of ground control
- Water point inventory and comparison of inventoried boreholes characteristics with groundwater potential map
- Checking groundwater potential map produced with general ground conditions

Meket Wereda is bounded by the water divide and major marginal faults in the east and west direction. Topographically, Meket wereda represents the high flatlands around Debre Zebith. It also includes other slightly denuded landscapes. This region is the result of erosion and degradation of remnants of volcanic rocks.

According to overlay analysis made to map groundwater potential zones, the western and most eastern edges of this wereda is mapped as low to moderate groundwater potential zone. Pyroclastic and trachytes are observed outcrop on the east western edge, whereas the central and most northern and the tip of the southern part is covered by basalt and less affected by geologic structures. Validation made by boreholes drilled in the east-west margin part shows that boreholes drilled in this area have low to high yield and this area can be considered as a moderate groundwater potential zone based on potential zone map and validation points.

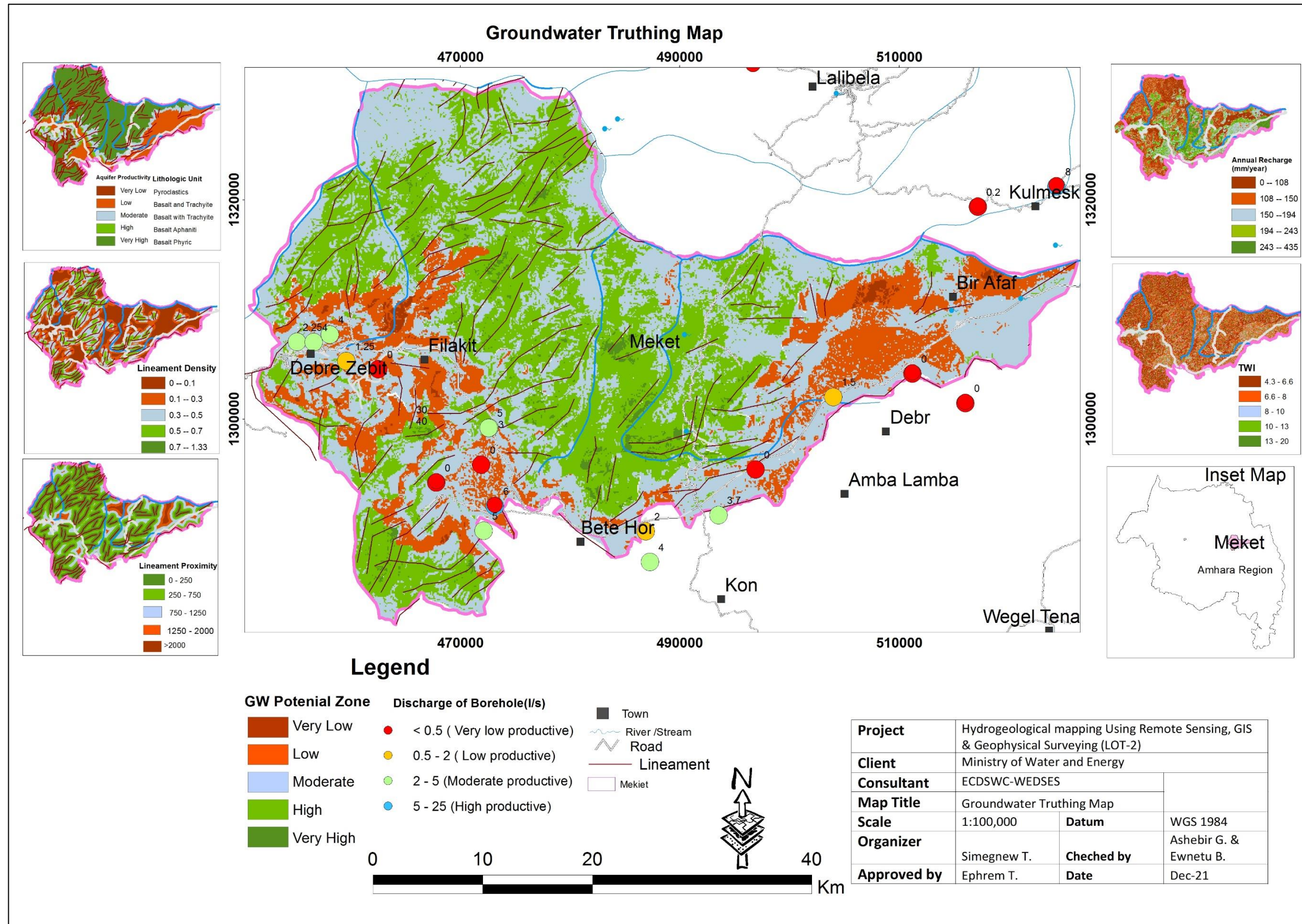


Figure 13: Groundwater truthing of Meket wereda

#### 4. 6. Socio - Economy and water demand of Meket wereda

To estimate the water demand of the Meket Wereda CSA projected population data of July 2021 is used. As per the GTP-2 (2016-2020) water supply service level standard, it is required to provide safe water in minimum 25 l/c/day within a distance of 1 km for rural areas while in urban areas it is required to provide safe water in minimum 100 l/c/day for category 1 towns/cities (towns/cities with a population more than 1 million), 80 l/c/day for category 2 towns/cities (towns/cities with a population in the range of 100,000-1million), 60 l/c/day for category 3 towns/cities (towns/cities with a population in the range of 50,000 -100,000), 50 l/c/day for category 4 towns/cities (towns/cities with a population in the range of 20,000-50,000) up to the premises, and 40 l/c/day for category-5 towns/cities (towns/cities with a population less than 20,000) within a distance of 250m.

The water demand of the Meket wereda for water supply of small-town, livestock & rural water supplies water demand are summarized in the table below.

Table 11: Water demand of Mekeit Wereda

Meket Wereda		
year	Meket Rural AVG water Demand m3/day	Filakit town AVG water Demand m3/day
2021	8136	3411
2025	9344	3917
2030	10850	4549
2035	12387	5193

Wered a	Livestock Category								TLU	Water Deman d in m3/day
	Shoat s	0.0 1	Cattl e	0.7	Donke y	0.6	Chicke n	0.001		
Meket	9900	990	6635	46449.2	19313	11587.8	368057	368.057	59395.06	1484.876

### 4.7 Groundwater potential zone (GWPZ)

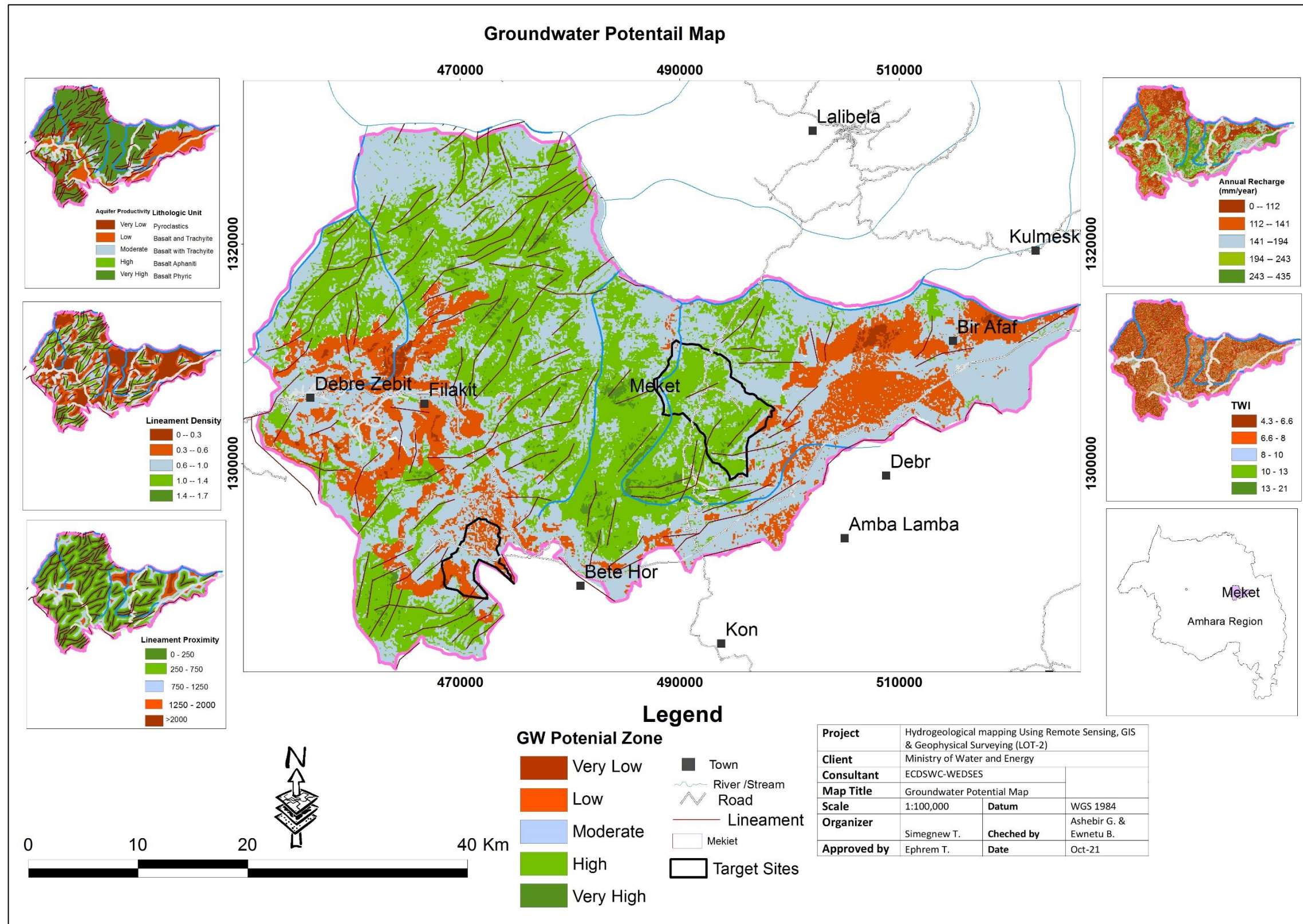


Figure 14: Groundwater Potential map of Meket wereda

## 5. Revised work plan for the phase – III

The Revised Work Programs for Phase III is prepared considering the remaining work volume. Accordingly, the revised work program is prepared for phase III and is given in Figure 17

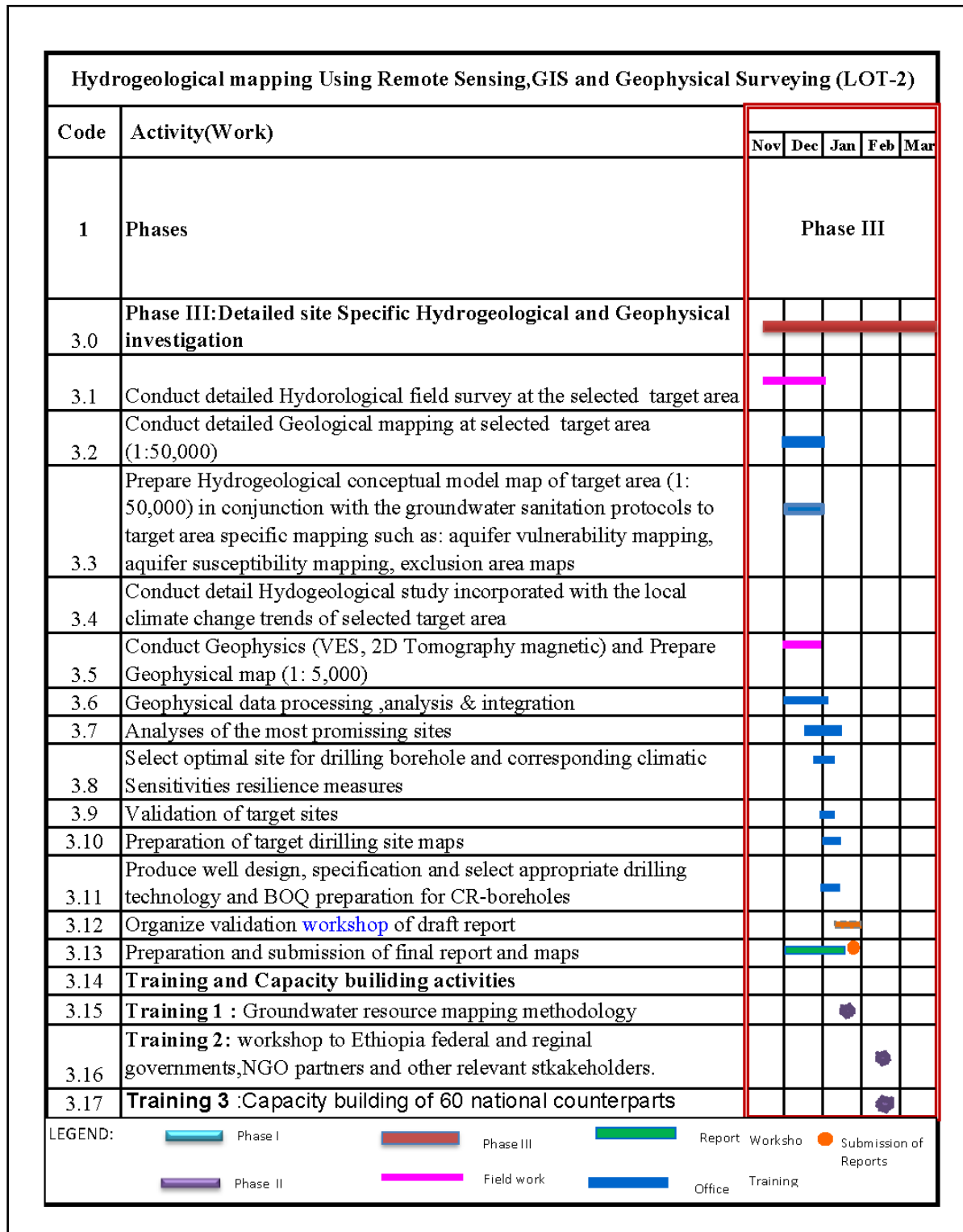


Figure 15: Revised Work Program for phase III work activities



## 6. Conclusion and Recommendation

The present study is an attempt to delineate the groundwater potential zones using RS, GIS, and MCDM techniques in Meket wereda, which are located in Amhara, regional state. A total of five thematic layers such as Lithologic units, Lineament density, Lineament proximity, TWI, and Recharge were used in this study to delineate the groundwater potential zones. Different steps chosen for the study include the development of the thematic layers followed by GIS-based Multi-Criteria evaluation based on saaty's analytical hierarchy process (AHP) is used to compute weights for the thematic layers, the ranks from 1 to 5 allocated for each thematic layers which indicate very low, low, medium, high and very high in ascending order, associated with each class, were selected based on the influence of each factor on the groundwater potential, weighted overlay analyses for the demarcation of GWP zones, sensitivity analyses to understand effect weight of each thematic layer and validation of GWP zone by using well data and conceptual understanding of the Meket Wereda.

The spatial distribution of the Meket Wereda GWP zones generally match with the conceptual understanding of the Meket Wereda and well data during model validation. The good agreement of GWP map validation and well data indicate litho–structural control on groundwater recharge and movement process and factors affecting groundwater recharge were carefully analyzed during the development of thematic layers. Based on the result of sensitivity analysis, the effective weights for each thematic layers show some deviation from empirical weights. The GWP maps produced will be used to quickly identify the prospective GWP zones for conducting site-specific investigations.

This study generally demonstrates that GIS and remote sensing techniques coupled with field data can be used for mapping GWP zones, thereby narrowing down the target areas. Then, by conducting a detailed hydrogeological and geophysical survey at phase III, the most appropriate and optional sites will be selected for drilling.

It recommended that this study must be supported by detailed Hydrogeological, Geophysical, and test well drilling before being used by planners and decision-makers.

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**Annex 1: Observation during groundwater truthing and validation Meket**

No.	Wereda	Locality	UTM E	UTM N	Elev.	Characteristic of validation point
1	Meket wereda	Weketa	474605	1294191	2878	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The observation point is close to Filakit town. Tophographically the area is on the plateau. Basalt and pyroclastic deposit is observed exposure and there are numerous NE-SW trending marginal faults and lineaments with in the vicinity. One borehole (127m depth &amp; 6 l/sec discharge &amp; 30.95m SWL) located around this observation point. From hydrogeological point of view and based on overlay analysis, the observed point has at the contact of moderate and high groundwater potential.</li> </ul>

**Annex 2: Water point inventory data Mekeit Wereda**

No.	Well ID	UTME	UTMN	Elev, m	Local/Site Name	Region	Wereda	Well Type	Well Depth, m	Drilled Year	Static Water Level, m	Well Discharge, l/s
1	kulmesk1	517169	1319392	2168		Amhara	Meket	DW	250		38	0.2
2	Kulmesk3	524356	1321245	2286		Amhara	Meket	MW	200		2.77	8
3	Segno-Gebeya	496686	1332293	1948		Amhara	Meket	MW	180		8.06	28
4	Weketa	473135	1292111	2836		Amhara	Meket	SW	127		30.95	6
5	Estayish1	516048	1301496	3174		Amhara	Meket	SW	144			0
6	Estayish2	511221	1304183	3163		Amhara	Meket	MW	200			0
7	Hanamekuat	467789	1294254	2807		Amhara	Meket	MW	220			0
8	Kulmesk2	532200	1322501	2475		Amhara	Meket	DW	250		36.58	0
9	Akat2	486899	1289808	2907		Amhara	Meket	SW	30		3	2
10	Arbit	493534	1291283	2899		Amhara	Meket	MW	184		13	3.7
11	Boyaa	503988	1302053	3197		Amhara	Meket	SW	25		1	1.5
12	Meket	472663	1299262	2810		Amhara	Meket	SW	73.45		18	3
13	Sorat	481843	1343187	2494		Amhara	Meket	SW	43			1
14	Timtimat	496914	1295448	3035		Amhara	Meket	SW	55			0
15	FGW2	465981	1299532	2078		Amhara	Meket	SW	124		8	40
16	FGW1	465965	1300334	2098		Amhara	Meket	SW	137		13	30
17	Akat	487278	1287011	2906		Amhara	Meket	MW	153		44	4
18	Bewa	565766	1343830	1565		Amhara	Meket	MW	165		15	35
19	Guba Lafto	566092	1300913	1807		Amhara	Meket	MW	203.3		26	12.5
20	Bichiro	560175	1353877	1563		Amhara	Meket	SW	66		12	4
21	Atamober	455110	1307065	2874		Amhara	Meket	SW	30		3	2.25
22	Yekoso	459604	1305326	2882		Amhara	Meket	SW	38		6	1.25
23	Tsebelat	472107	1289854	2843		Amhara	Meket	SW	39		7	5
24	Goneja	458090	1307743			Amhara	Meket	SW	22		8	4
25	Aymati	456612	1307049	2872		Amhara	Meket	SW	66		4	4
26	Warkaye	471901	1295869	2860		Amhara	Meket	SW	67			0
27	Tsebelat no-2	462527	1304575	2888		Amhara	Meket	SW	60			0
28	CSP26	490847	1298816	2367		Amhara	Meket	Spring				0.01
29	CSP27	490663	1307617	2017		Amhara	Meket	Spring				10
30	UTSP1	515033	1309826	3220		Amhara	Meket	Spring				0.1
31	UTSP2	521323	1310927	3311		Amhara	Meket	Spring				5

Annex 3: Geologic map and cross section of Meket Wereda

