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Executive Summary

The current study aimed at delineating groundwater potential zones of Tselimt 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 Tselimt wereda 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 weredas 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 Tselemit Wereda GWP zones generally match with the conceptual understanding of the Tselemit 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, one most appropriate and one 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 <u>D</u> irection
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 ³ /s	-	cubic meters per second
MCM	-	Million Cubic Meters
MER	-	Main Ethiopian Rift
min	-	Minute
mm	-	Millimeter
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 former Ministry of Water and Energy(Client) and Water &Energy Design and Supervision Works Sector In association with AFX OASIS Water Resources & Hydropower Engineering Construction P.L.C(Consultant)onMay14, 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 selected the Tselemit 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 sites in the Tselemit Wereda.

The Project area cover water-scarce 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 Tselimt 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 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 Phase – II report has been prepared based upon Field inventory data, Remotesensing 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

1.2 Location of Tselimt wereda

Tselimt wereda is located in Amhara Regional state, in north Gondar. The study area is accessible by all-weather roads that connects Addis Ababa Bahir Dar-Gonder. The main asphalt road from Gondar to Tselimt wereda. The project area is confined between the geographic coordinates of UTME 413584-474040 and UTMN 1466952-1503084(Figure 1).

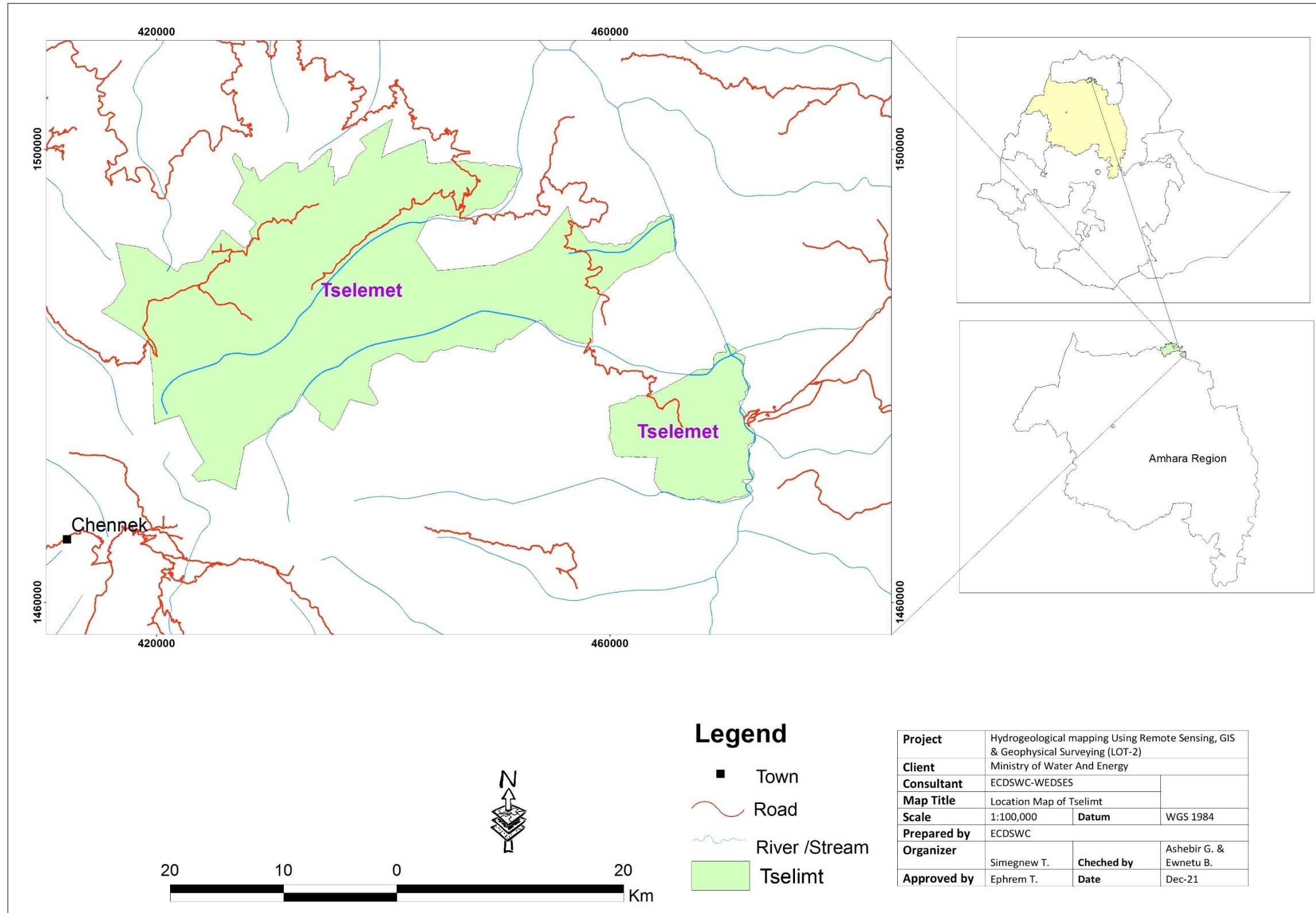


Figure 1: Location of Project area Tselimt

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 site for groundwater abstraction and 1 alternatives (optional) drilling site for the Tselemit 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 Tselemit Wereda of LOT-2 and identification of target site for borehole drilling with enhanced drilling success rates and optional drilling site.

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.

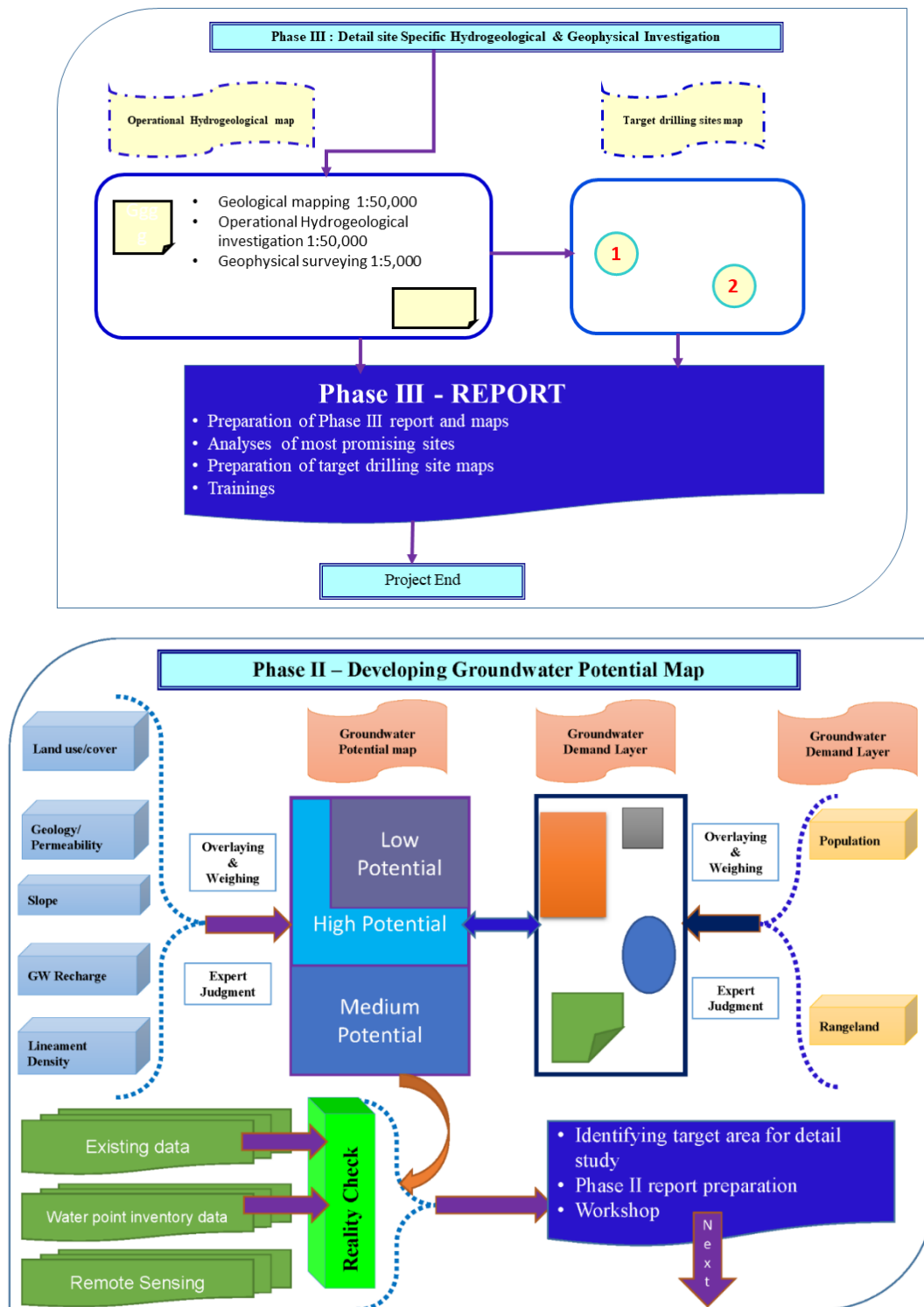


Figure 2: The project phases and the main deliverables

Phase II activities and deliverables

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

- Field inventory, basic groundwater data such as SWL, PH, and EC measurement, water sample for laboratory analysis was not carried out due to security problems. Available secondary reports were collected from different, government and non-governmental organizations.
- 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 Tselemit Wereda.
- Land cover, Soil, Depth to groundwater, Temperature, Rainfall, Wind 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 WetSpa model for Tekeze basin, and then the Groundwater recharge map was extracted by the respective boundary of the Tselemit 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 Aster 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 Tselemit Wereda.
- Lineament density map and Lineament proximity map was prepared from lineament map
- Topographic Wetness index was generated for the Tselemit Wereda
- Hydrogeological Sections was prepared for the Tselemit Wereda
- Overlay Analysis has been carried out for the Tselemit Wereda
- Sensitivity analysis was carried out for the Tselemit Wereda
- Validation of groundwater potential for the Tselemit 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 Tselemit 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 Tselimt Wereda field inventory was not carried out and the model is calibrated by using existing secondary data collected from different organizations.
- Lack and incompleteness of Groundwater data and reports in the Tselemit Wereda are observed. The model is validated by using representative and existing data collected from different organizations.
- Lack of expert in the Tselemit Wereda and Gap in the data handling, storing, and report preparation was observed.

The proposed mitigation measures are depicted as follows:-

- Available secondary existing data were utilized for validation of Tselimt 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 WetSpass 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.

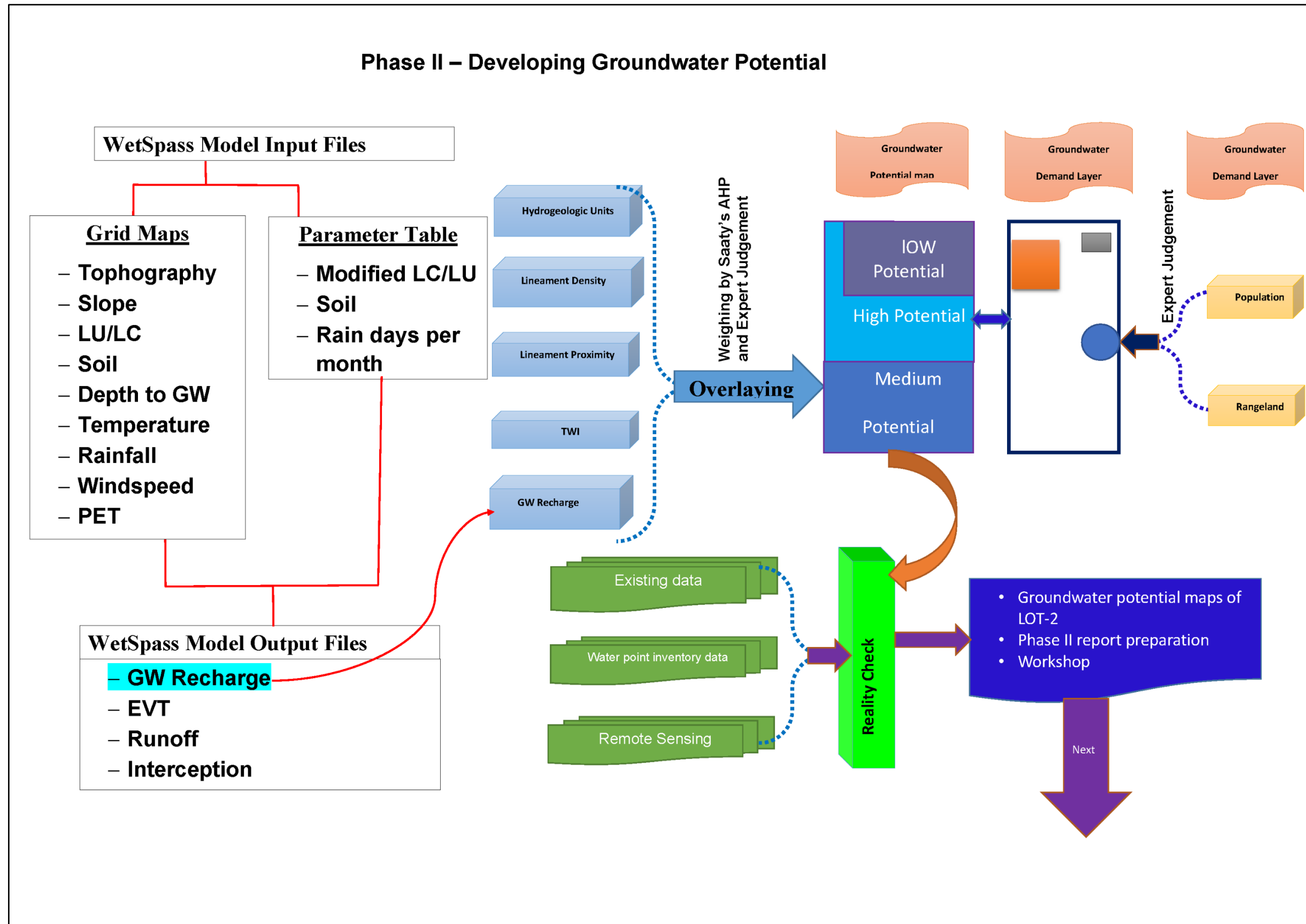


Figure 3: Phase II methods and deliverables

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 (SRTMDEM) 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 Tselemit 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.

Field Inventory and 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, water point inventory 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 Tselemit Wereda. The summarized inventory and existing data are presented in table 2 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
Tselimt					1	16		

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 Tselemit 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 Tselemit 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 Tselemit 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 Tselemit Wereda at a scale of 1:100.000. The Geology map of the Tselemit 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 http://glcfapp.glc.f.umd.edu:8080/esdi
5	SRTM Global Digital Elevation Model (GDEM), DEM Data @ 30m Spatial Resolution	Japan Space Systems (J-space systems) Japan, cooperation with US, 2009 http://gdem.ersdac.jpacesystems.or.jp/search.jsp
6	LansSAT-7 ETM+ (Enhance Thematic Mapper) Data @ 30m Spatial Resolution	Global Land Cover Facility (GLCF) http://glcfapp.glc.f.umd.edu:8080/esdi/
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 SRTM 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 SRTM. 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 Tselemit 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 Tselemit 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 Tselemit 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 the Tselemit Wereda upstream hydrological characteristics, particularly for the Tselemit 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 each wereda. As the result, all upstream portions of the selected wereda were 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 (Ampeet.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 softwares 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: -

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

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

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

Eq.3

Where the index raster refers to raster cell, with ET_{raster} , S_{raster} and R_{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:

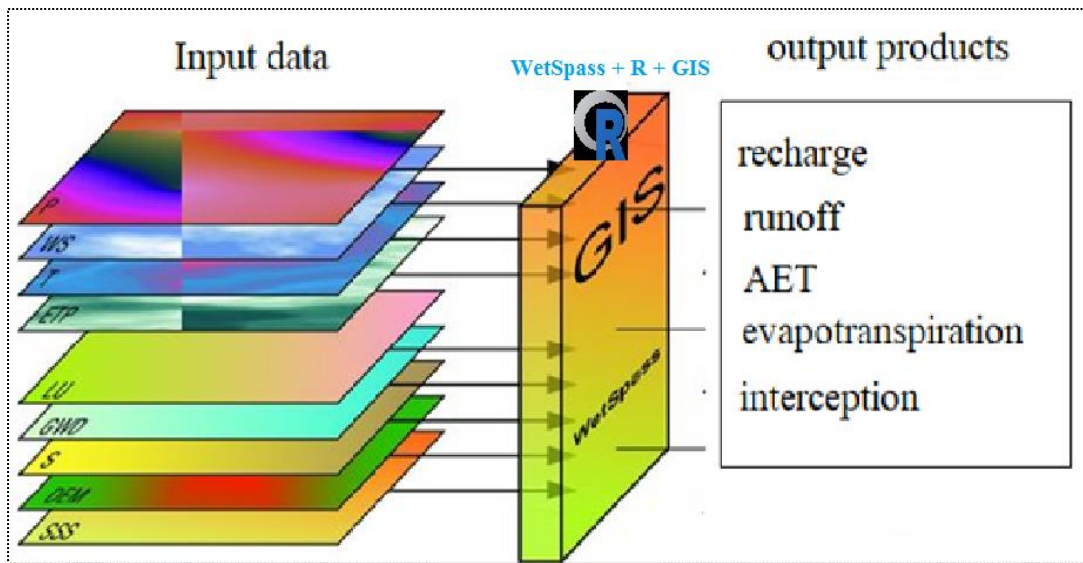


Figure 4: Schematic representation of model used for the study

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 each wereda over the project area.

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 (Table 5). 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 Tselemit 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 Tselemit 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

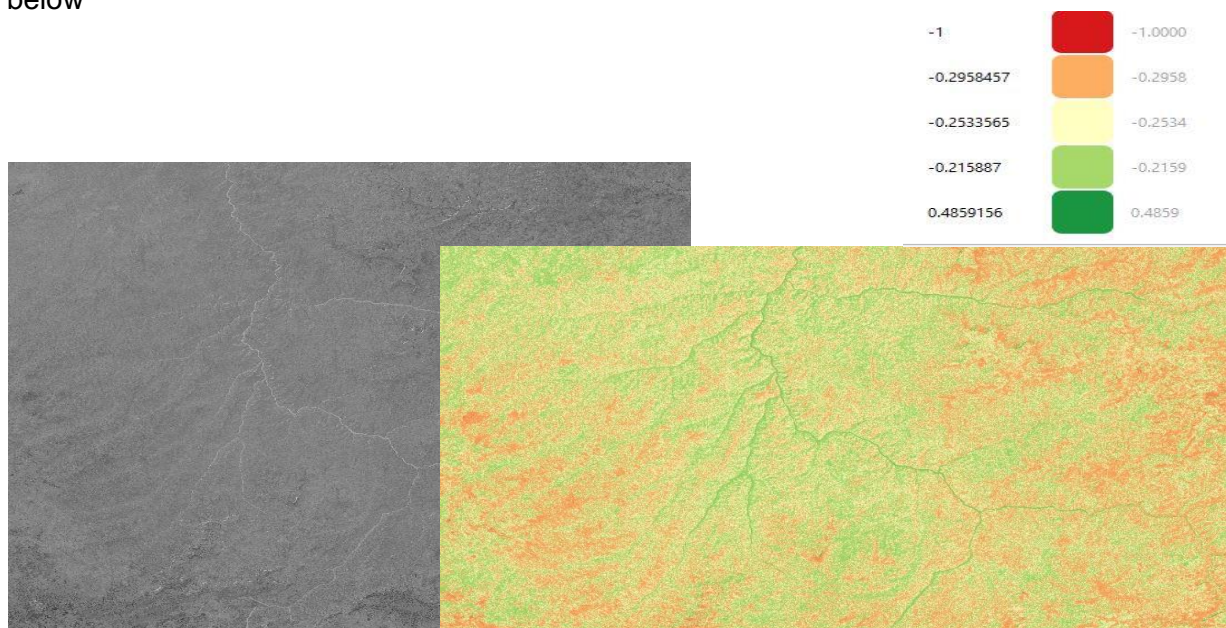


Figure 5: calculated NDVI using QGIS

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 ponding 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 ponding due to sewer overflow or basement back-ups

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

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

α = upslope contributing area; β = 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 Tselimt wereda is estimated to grow at the rate of 2.68%, 2.45% & 2.31 % annually in accordance with 2025, 2030 & 2035 CSA estimates of population growth rate for Amhara region. The projection is based on exponential growth rate model which goes, $P_t = P_o e^{\ln 10 \Delta t}$

When: P_t = Population at t year

P_o = Population at current (initial) year

$e = \ln 10 = 2.718$

Δt = the difference between t year and initial year

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

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

Year	Δt	Growth Rate	Tselimt wereda	
			Rural	Town
2021	0		68235	
2025	4	2.68%	68298	
2030	5	2.45%	68348	
2035	5	2.31%	68390	

Table 6: Number of livestock and Livestock and poultry (for private holdings), July 2021

Woreda	Cattle	Goats	Sheep	Horses	Mules	Donkey	Poultry
Tselimt	106858	66321	39857		659	12536	78301

3. Conceptual Hydrogeological model of the study area

3.1 Hydrogeological condition of Tselimt 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 area is mainly tertiary trap volcanic consisting of black olivine alkali basalt flows. It is coarse, intergranular texture has well-developed columnar jointing, and has concentrations of white zeolite and inter-flow fossil soils. Inter bedded lacustrine deposits of white silicified limestone and diatomite with gastropods occur at several levels.

The hydrogeological setup of the area shows the major sources of recharge for the study area (Tselimt Wereda) is assumed to be from Ras-Dashen Mountain composed of mainly tertiary trap volcanics to the northeastern direction toward Tekeze gorge through fractured, dissected intermountain valleys of erosional effects and jointed tertiary basalts.

In addition, geomorphological setup, geologic structures, NE river orientations in the Tselimt wereda shows that the groundwater recharged on the highland areas of Ras-Dashen Mountain is anticipated to get the highest annual rainfall and flows toward the Tekeze river gorge. According to the preliminary hydrogeological map of the area depicted below the study, wereda is found mainly within the extensive and moderately productive fissured aquifers of the tertiary trap basalts (Figure 6 & 7).

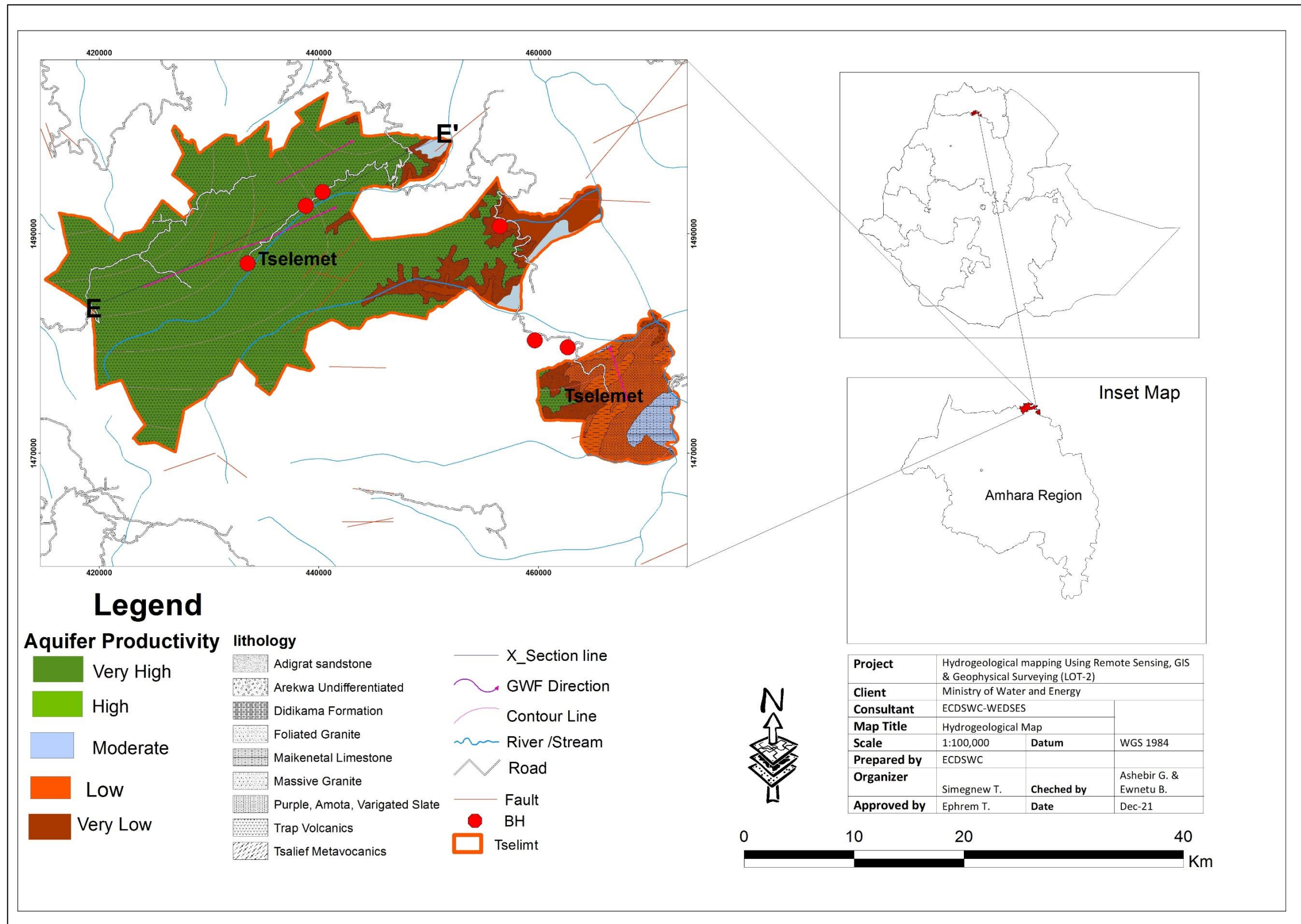


Figure 6 : Hydrogeological of Tselimt wereda

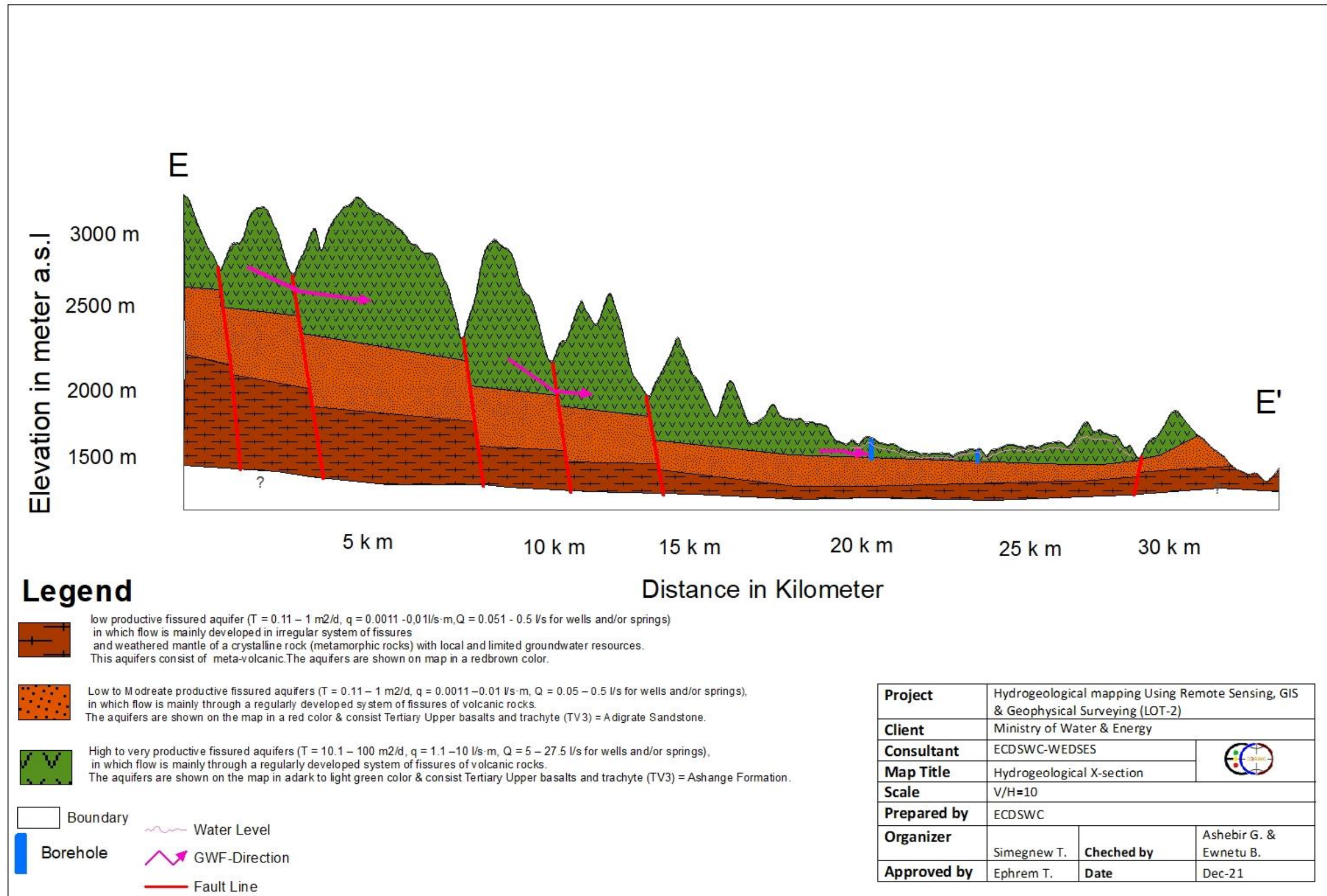


Figure 7: Hydrogeological Section along E – E'

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 are selected for the Tselemit Wereda, and weights are determined based on conceptual groundwater system for the Tselemit Wereda separately.

The weighting criteria are prepared by AHP (Analytic Hierarchy 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 projects, weights were determined for the Tselemit Wereda separately. 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 (λ_{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
RI	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 Tselimt wereda

Matrix		Lithology	GW Recharge	TWI	Lineament density	Lineament proximity	normalized principal Eigenvector	
		1	2	3	4	5		
Lithology	1	1	2	2	9	9	41.67%	
GW Recharge	2	1/2	1	2	7	7	28.88%	
TWI	3	1/2	1/2	1	7	7	21.77%	
Lineament density	4	1/9	1/7	1/7	1	1	3.84%	
Lineament proximity	5	1/9	1/7	1/7	1	1	3.84%	
Criterion		Comment					Weights	+/-
1	Lithology						41.7%	9.3%
2	Recharge						28.9%	8.3%
3	TWI						21.8%	5.1%
4	Lineament density						3.8%	0.5%
5	Lineament proximity						3.8%	0.5%
Eigenvalue						Lambda: 5.090	MRE: 21.3%	
Consistency Ratio	0.37	GCI: 0.07	Psi: 0.0%	CR: 2.0%				

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

Factors	Weight	Class	Groundwater Storage potential	Assigned Rank
Lithology	41.67	Trap Volcanics	Very high productive	5
		Un differentiated formation	High productive	4
		Limestone	Moderate	3
		Adigrat Sandstone	low Productive	2
		Massive Granite	Very low Productive	1
Recharge	28.88	394 -- 202	Very high	5
		202 -- 152	High	4
		152 -- 108	Medium	3
		108 -- 77	low	2
		77 -- 0	Very Low	1
TWI	21.77	13 – 19	Very high	5
		9 – 13	High	4
		7.5 – 9	Medium	3
		6.1 – 7.5	low	2
		6.1 – 3.8	Very Low	1
Lineament Density	3.84	1.15 – 1.44	Very high	5
		0.8 – 1.15	High	4
		0.5 – 0.8	Medium	3
		0.3 – 0.5	low	2
		0.3 – 0.0	Very Low	1

Lineament Proximity	3.84	0 - 250	Very high	5
		250 - 750	High	4
		750 - 1250	Medium	3
		1250 - 2000	low	2
		>2000	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 Trap volcanics, Adigrat sandstone, Massive and foliated granite, Amota slate, Arekwa undifferentiated, didikama formation, Malikental limestone and Tsalient Metavolcanics. 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 Tselemit Wereda, the Hydrogeological units of the Tselemit Wereda was classified as very high, high, moderate, low, and very low potential. The reclassified hydrogeological units are presented in see Figure 8.

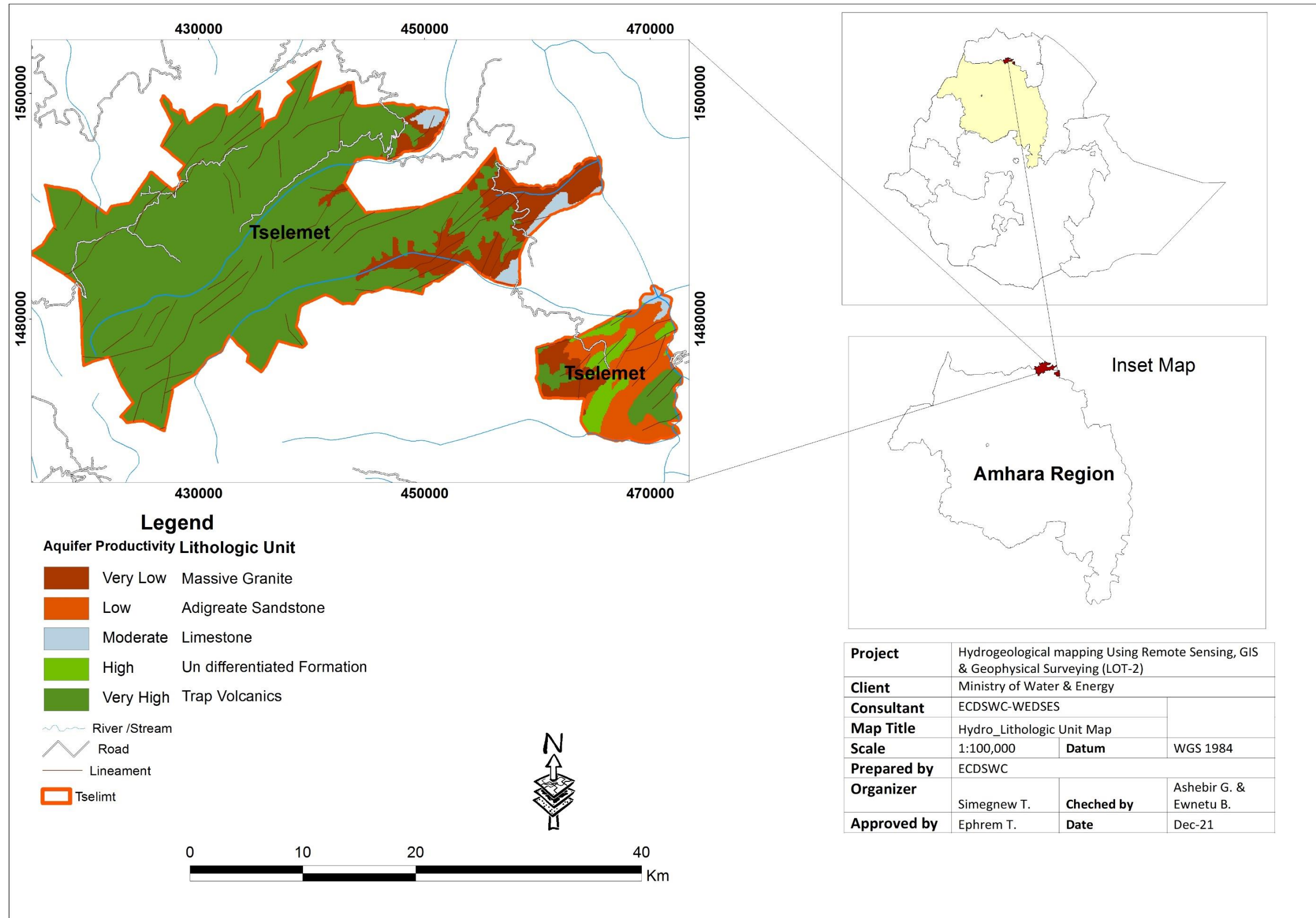


Figure 8: Hydro – Lithologic Unit of Tselimt Wereda

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 the Tselemit 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 basin 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 Tselemit Wereda. The recharge estimated was used as one thematic layer for groundwater potential mapping of the Tselemit 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.

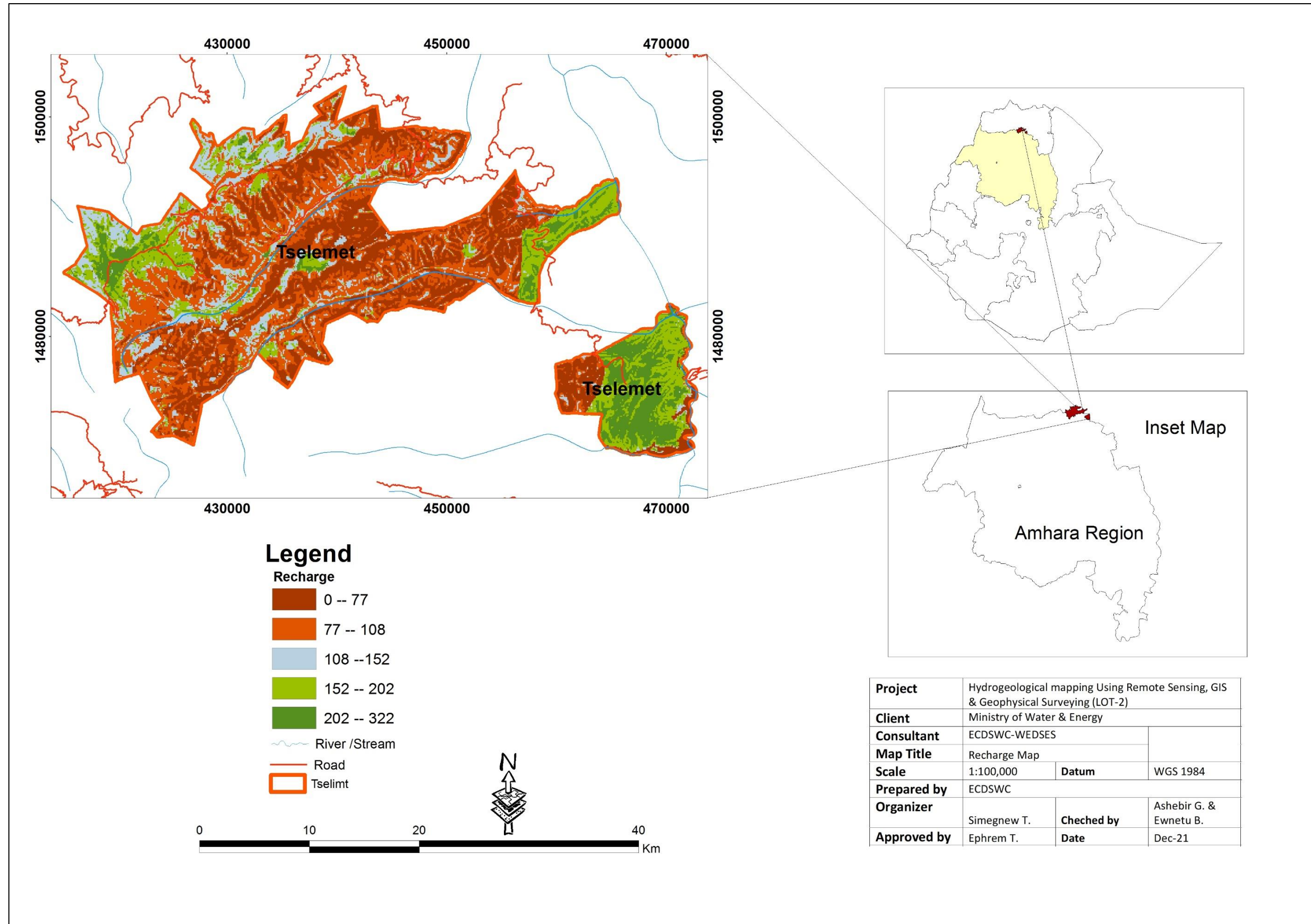


Figure 9: Groundwater recharge of Tselimt Wereda

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 Tselemit Wereda.

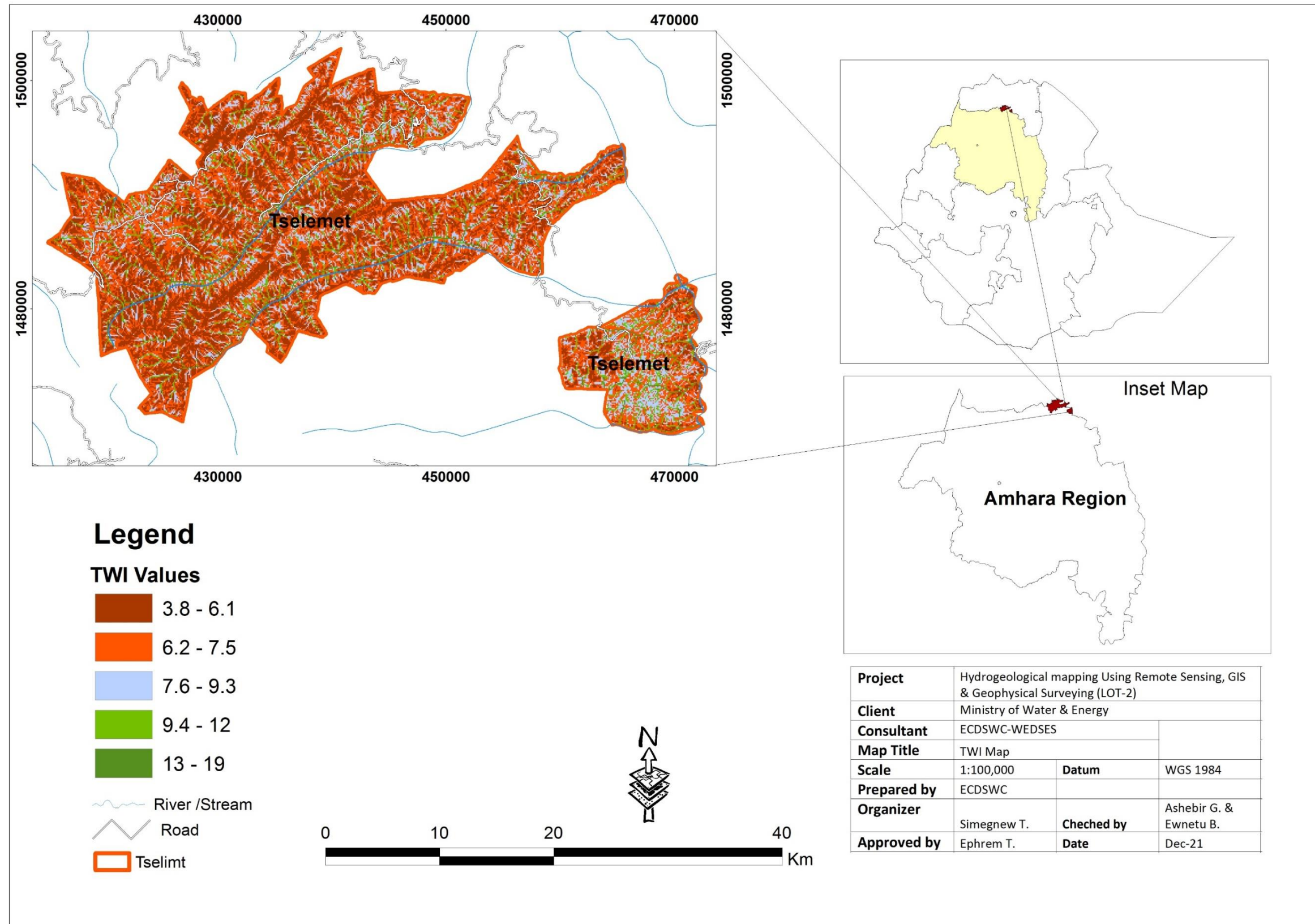


Figure 10: TWI of Tselimt Wereda

4.2.4 Lineament Density

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 Tselemit 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).

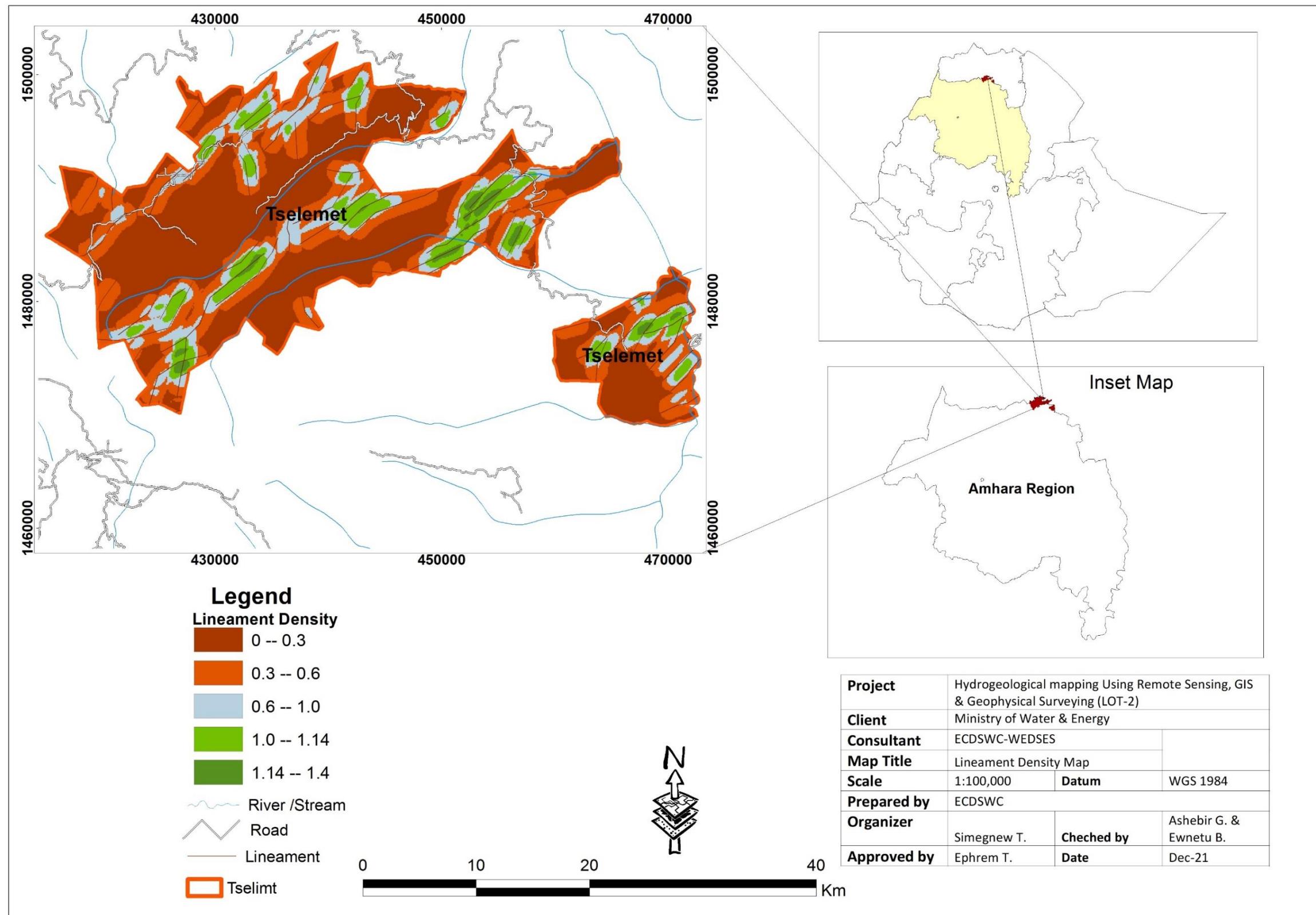


Figure 11: Lineament Density map of Tselimt wereda

4.2.5 Lineament Proximity

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 Tselemit 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 figures12

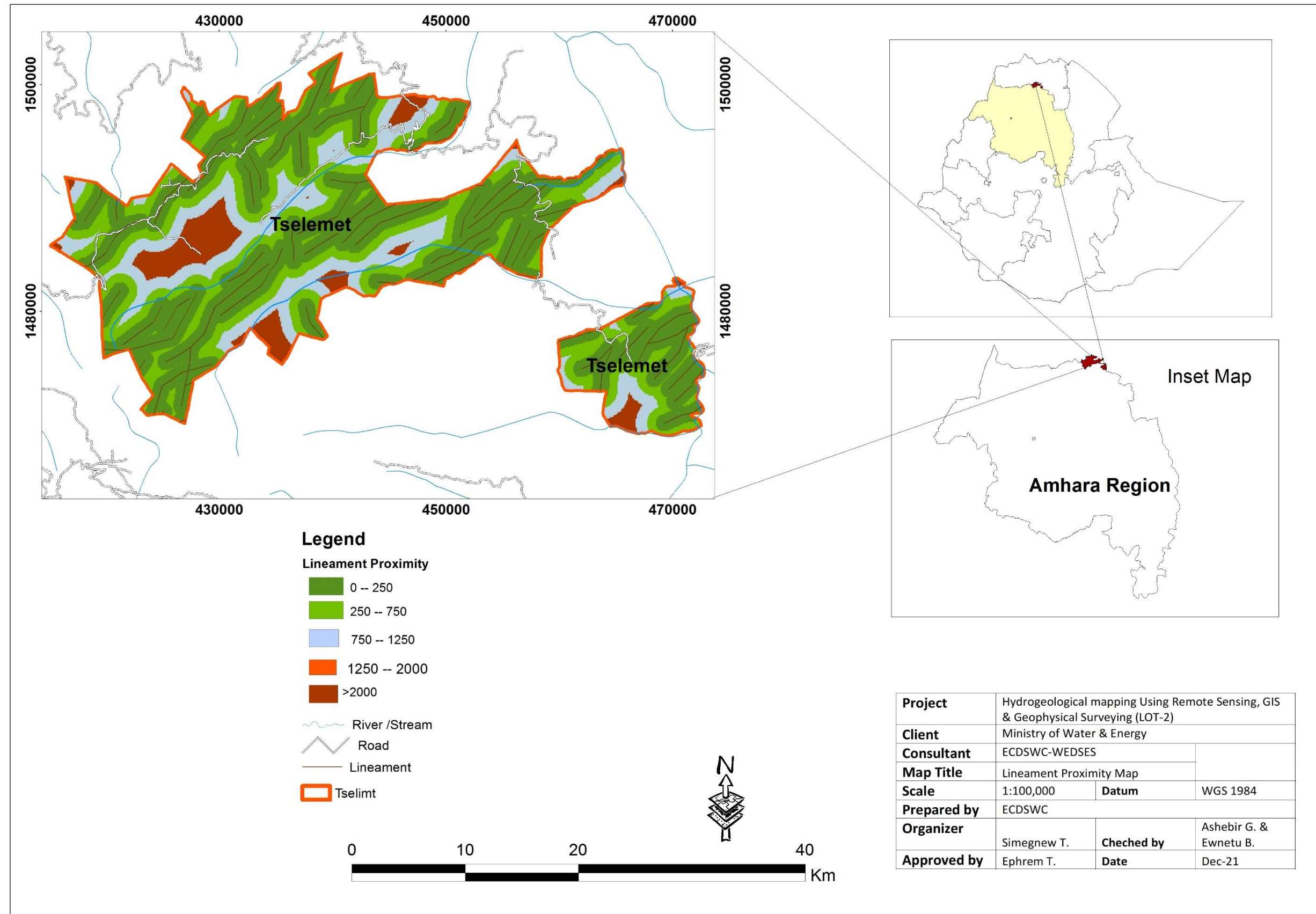


Figure 12: Lineament Proximity Map of Tselimt wereda

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 Tselemit Wereda. The following formula was used to estimate the groundwater potential maps of the Tselemit Wereda.

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

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.

4.4.14 Single parameter Sensitivity analysis of Tselimt

The statistics of the single-parameter sensitivity analysis of Tselimt wereda are shown in Table 9. There are no deviations in the effective weights when compared to the empirical weights. The single–parameter analysis of Tselimt Wereda shows Lithologic units and groundwater recharge as the most effective layer in GWP mapping with mean effective weights of 55.9% and 22.1 % respectively. The next higher effective weight of 15.7% was recorded in the Lineament density layer. The TWI and Lineament proximity tend to be less effective thematic layers with mean effective weightings of 5% and 2.5% respectively.

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

The effective weight of Single parameter Sensitivity analysis of Tselimt wereda					
Effective Weight (%)					
	Empirical Weight (%)	Min	Mean	Max	SD
Lithology	41.7	46.0	55.9	68.4	5.2
Recharge	28.9	25.0	22.1	19.1	1.8
TWI	21.8	17.8	15.7	13.5	1.8
LD	3.8	5.8	5.0	4.2	0.4
LP	3.8	2.9	2.5	2.1	0.4

4.5 Validation using well data

Overlay analysis techniques based on GIS methods have been applied to evaluate the groundwater potential of project the wereda. The technique involves setting overlay criteria for the five thematic layers (Lithology, recharge, lineaments density, lineaments proximity, TWI) by using AHP methods. Layer weights and class have been established based on the developed conceptual model, hydrogeological set up of Tselimt 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

The hydrogeological setup of the area shows the major sources of recharge for the study area (Tselimt Wereda) is assumed to be from Ras-Dashen Mountain composed of mainly tertiary trap volcanics to the north eastern direction toward Tekeze gorge through fractured, dissected intermountain valleys of erosional effects and jointed tertiary basalts.

In addition, geomorphological setup, geologic structures, NE river orientations in the Tselimt wereda shows that the groundwater recharged on the highland areas of Ras-Dashen Mountain is anticipated to get the highest annual rainfall and flows toward the Tekeze river gorge. According to the preliminary hydrogeological map of the area depicted below the study, wereda is found mainly within the extensive and moderately productive fissured aquifers of the tertiary trap basalts.

According to overlay analysis made to map groundwater potential zones, the north eastern and most central part of this wereda is mapped as moderate to very high groundwater potential zone. Validation made by boreholes drilled in the central and northeast part shows that boreholes drilled in this area have very high to moderate yield at shallow depth and these areas can be considered as high groundwater potential zone based on potential zone map and validation points.

As shown on produced map, areas affected by dense tectonic forces and lithologies of primary and secondary porosities are observed are delineated as moderate groundwater potential zone. A total of 3 wells were used for validation, the 2 wells yield values agree with the groundwater potential zone map of Tselimt wereda which fell within moderate to high potential. While the other well which fell within a low potential zone map has moderate groundwater potential, the unfit observed may be due to poor well construction and this study shall be verified during detailed investigation of Geophysical and Hydrogeological investigation. In addition, it is recommended that this study shall be supported by test well drilling.

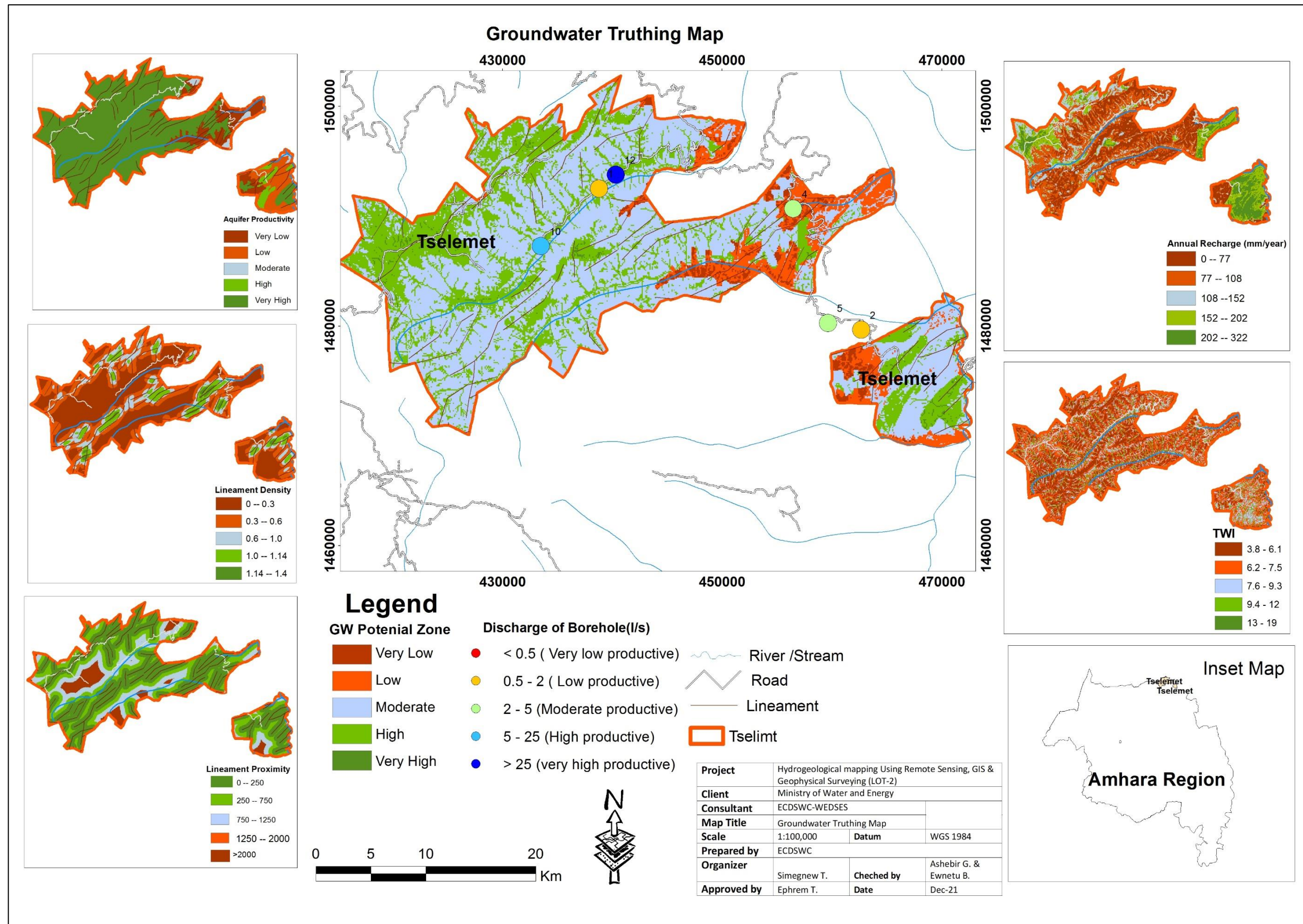


Figure 13: Groundwater truthing map of Tselimt wereda

4. 6. Socio - Economy and water demand of Tselemit Wereda

To estimate the water demand of the Tselemit Weredas 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 Tselimt wereda for water supply of small-town, livestock & rural water supplies water demand are summarized in the table below.

Table 11: Water demand of Tselimt wereda

year	Tselimt wereda Rural AVG water Demand m3/day
2021	2167
2025	2169
2030	2171
2035	2172

Were da	Livestock Category									Water Demand in m3/day
	Shoats	0.01	Cattle	0.7	Donkey	0.6	Chicken	0.001	TLU	
Tselimt	106178	1061.78	106858	74800.6	13195	7917	78301	78.301	83857.681	2096.442025

4.7 Groundwater potential zone (GWPZ)

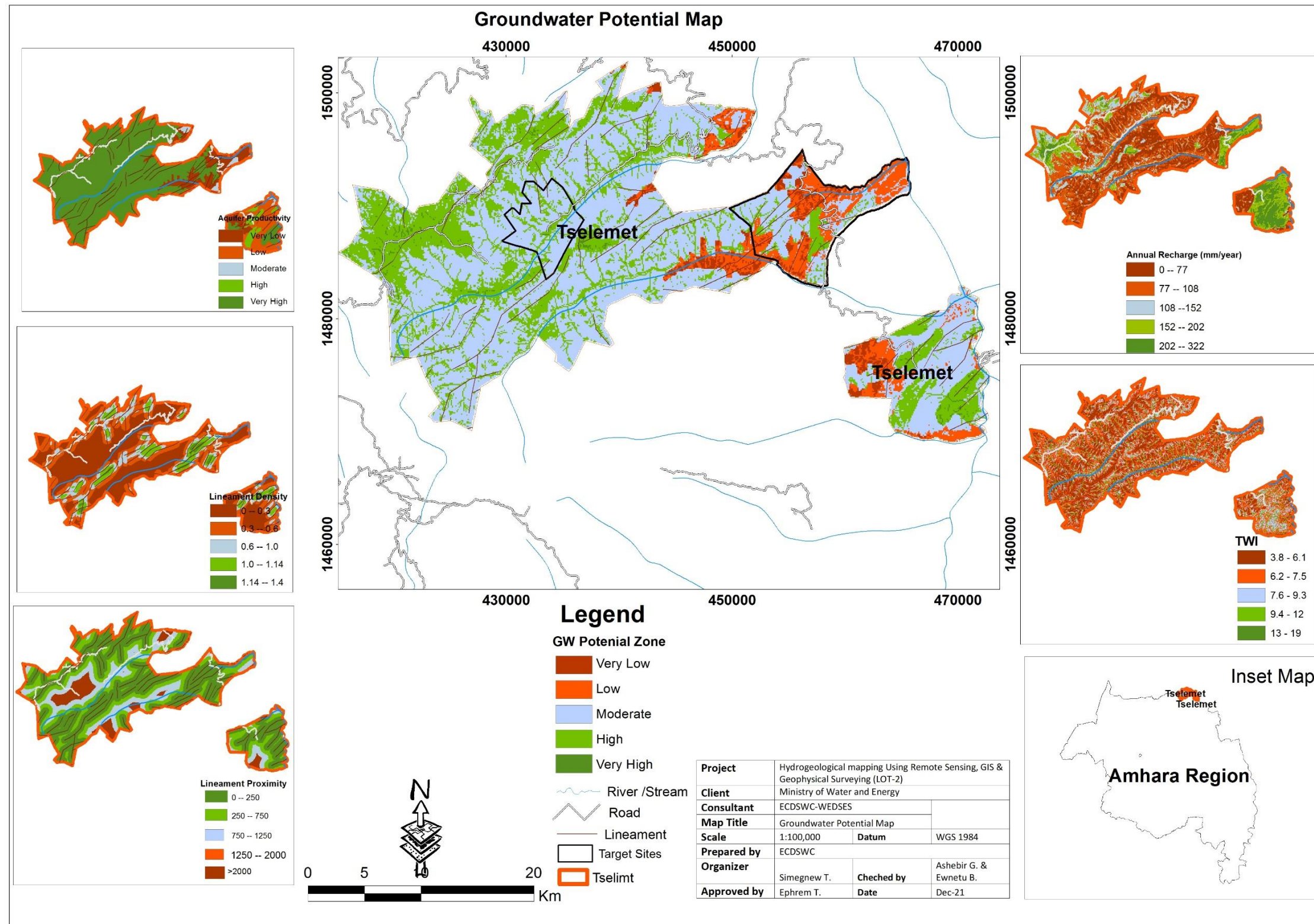


Figure 14: Groundwater Potential map of Tselimt wereda

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 15.

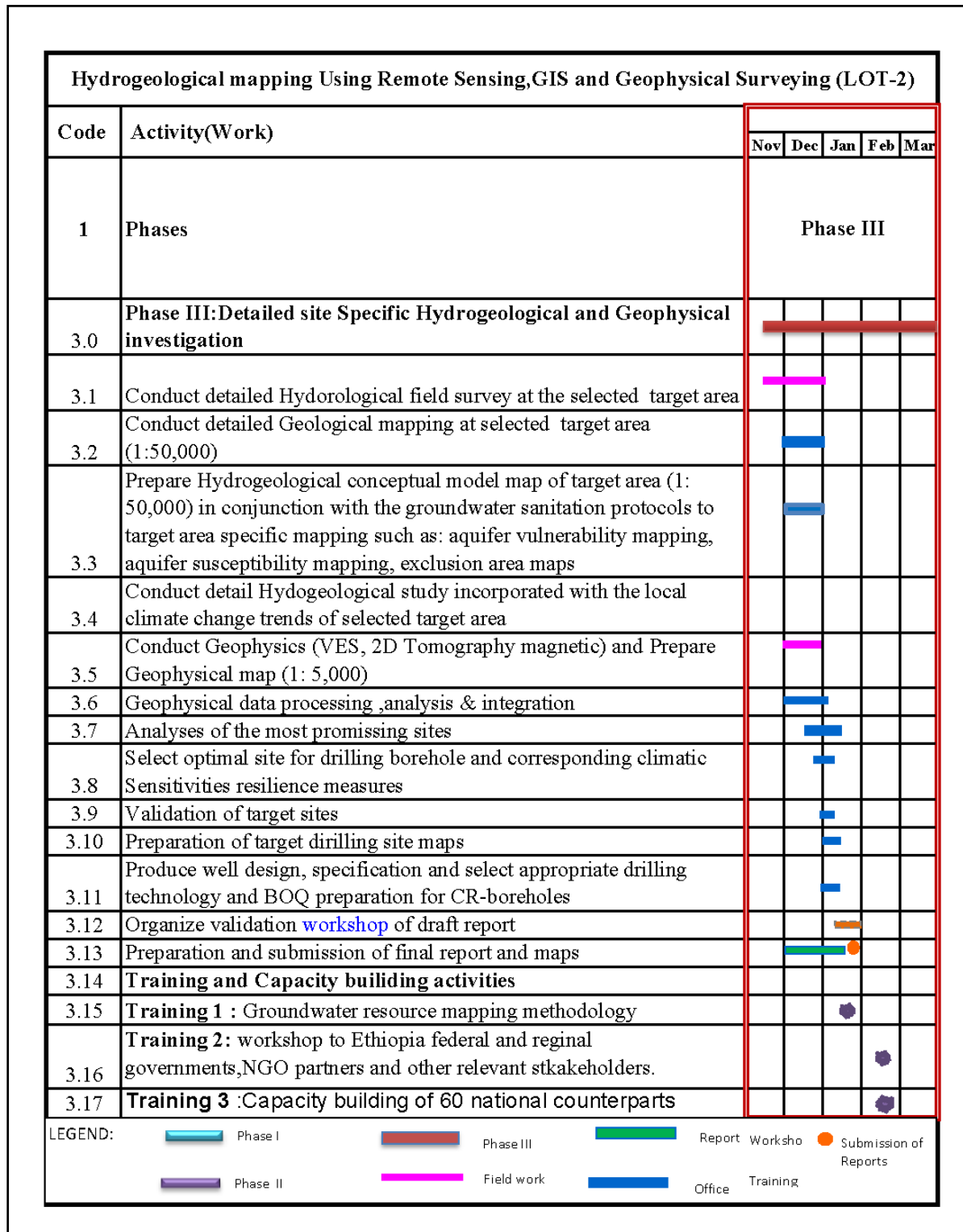


Figure 15: Revised Work Program for phase III work activities

6. Conclusion and Recommendation

The present study is an attempt to delineate the groundwater potential zones using RS, GIS, and MCDM techniques in Tselimt wereda, which is located in Amhara regional states. 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 Tselemit Wereda.

The spatial distribution of the Tselemit Wereda GWP zones generally match with the conceptual understanding of the Tselemit 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 of Tselimt wereda

No.	Wereda	Locality	UTM E	UTM N	Elev.	Characteristic of validation point
1	Tseemit	Dejach	433508	1487291	1818	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Exposed Trap volcanics covers this observation point. The area is near the gorge, a number of streams arises from south flows through the area towards Tekeze River. NE-SW major faults are observed within the vicinity and one borehole (40 m deep) drilled on the edge of the river yields 10l/s. In terms of groundwater potential the observation point is deemed to be good due to existence good productive lithologies that exhibit primary and secondary porosities, high groundwater recharge from subsurface inflow from adjacent aquifers, river bank infiltration and direct rainfall. ▪ The area is mapped as high to very high groundwater potential zone.
2		Abera	419184	1486367	3073	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The observation point is mountainous, sloppy and located in river valley. No deep & shallow well, no hand dug well, no spring and Trap volcanics is the observed outcrop. ▪ The area is mapped as high groundwater potential zone

Annex 2: Water point inventory data of Tselimt 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	Ayebahir	438813	1492532	1602	Ateba	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	90			1
2	Dejach	433508	1487291	1818	Tara	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	40		4	10
3	Tsedamud	440329	1493799	1615	Negade meshageria	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	57		9	12
4	Shasherna	456478	1490688	1492	Degibe	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	39		7	4
5	Amhalane	455015	1491229	1506	Degibe	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	75			0
6	Tariyameda	455737	1491088	1527	Dereba	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	63		37	0
7	Ambbo	459662	1480290	1238	Merrow	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	45		9	5
8	Tisegini	49077	1480055	1751	Merrow	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	42		11	3
9	Mygassa	462673	1479665	1239	Merrow	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	42		21	2
10	Geregrameda	472577	1299238	2806		Amhara	Tselimt	SW	75		24	5
12	Esetayish-1	516048	1301496	3174	Alalay(019)	Amhara	Tselimt	SW	144			0
13	Esetayish-2	511221	1304183	3163	Derke wenze	Amhara	Tselimt	MW	200			0

Annex 3: Geologic map and cross section of Tselimt Wereda

