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## **Geophysical Survey in Cheheldukhtran (Maya Khil) village, Chahar Asyab District of Kabul Province**

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## List of Abbreviation and Technical Terms

Roh:	Apparent Resistivity (ohm.m)
Sp:	Self Potential (mV)
Vp:	Voltage Potential (mV)
In:	Current (m A)
VES:	Vertical Electrical Sounding
DACAAR:	Danish Committee for Aid to Afghan Refugee
WASH:	Water Sanitation and Hygiene

## 1. Introduction

DACAAR performed geophysical survey (vertical electrical sounding) for provision of safe drinking water for Cheheldukhtran (Myakhil) village. This village is located about 5 Km to the west of Chahar Asyab district center. The people of this village have safe drinking water problems. The hydro geologic condition of this area is very complex for groundwater development. The tube wells were drilled to the depth between 43- 65 m and equipped with a hand pump. The water being pumped is saline and they are potentially a threat to the health of the people. The people are mainly collecting their drinking water from other villages which are located near of Chahar Asyab district center. Therefore, there is an urgent need to provide drinking water for the inhabitants of this village.

The area (Myakhil village) where DACAAR will construct water supply project is shown in the Figure 1.

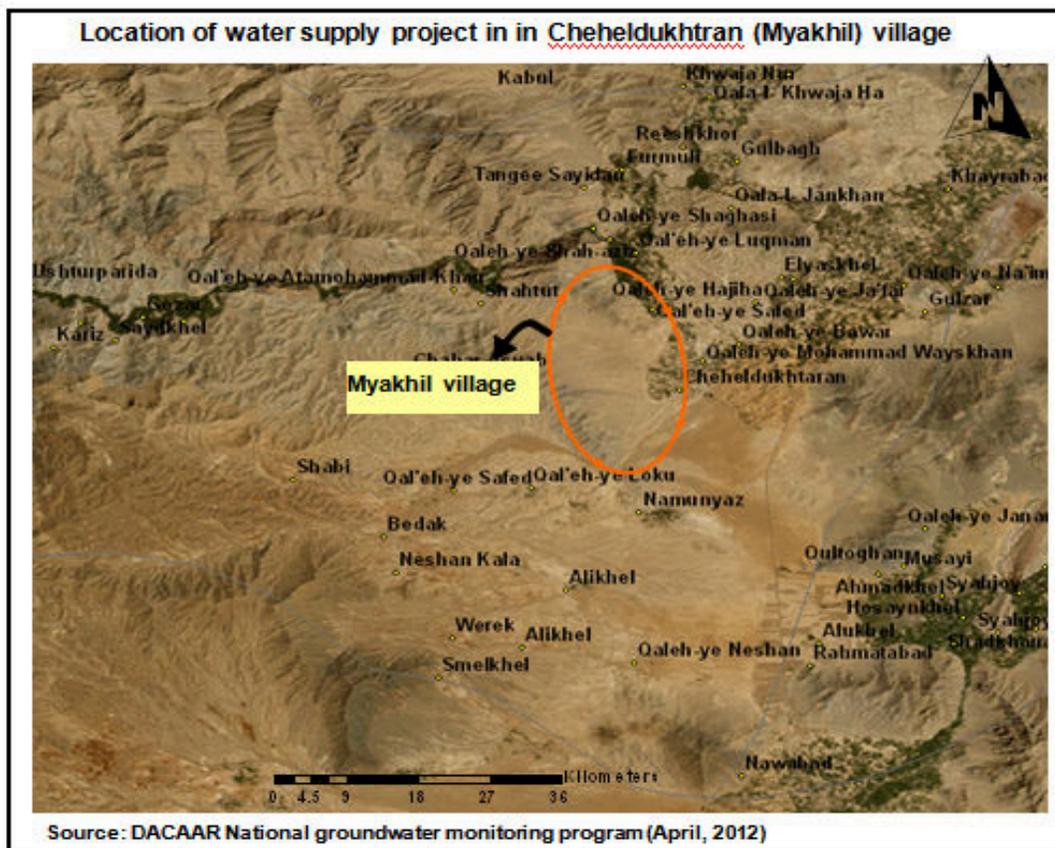


Figure 1, Location of water supply project (Myakhile village)

On March 29 to April 04 2012, DACAAR were performed Vertical Electrical Sounding (VES) survey in cheheldukhtan Myakhil (location 1), Nomunyaz (location 2) and Qalaehye Loku (location 3) villages using Shlumberger electrodes arrangement (Figure 2). The field data were measured by SYSCAL Pro resistivity meter and the data interpreted by IPI2 win software.



Figure 2, Recording VES profile field data using SYSCAL Pro resistivity meter

## 2. Surface Geological setting of area

The surface geological formation of the survey area is:

- Late- Recent Quaternary shingly and detritus sediments ( gravel, sand, clay clay sand, silt sand)
- Late Quaternary shingly and detritus sediments ( gravel, sand, clay, loam, clay sand, silt and silt sand )
- Paleocene: Limestone, sandstone, siltstone, clay and conglomerate,
- Carboniferous-Early Permian: Sandstone and siltstone.
- Late Permian: Limestone, dolomite, sandstone and siltstone.
- Early-Middle Triassic: Limestone, and dolomite
- Early- Proterozoic: Mica, biotite, amphibolite, gneisses, and quartzite.

The Geological setting of the area is shown in the figure 3.

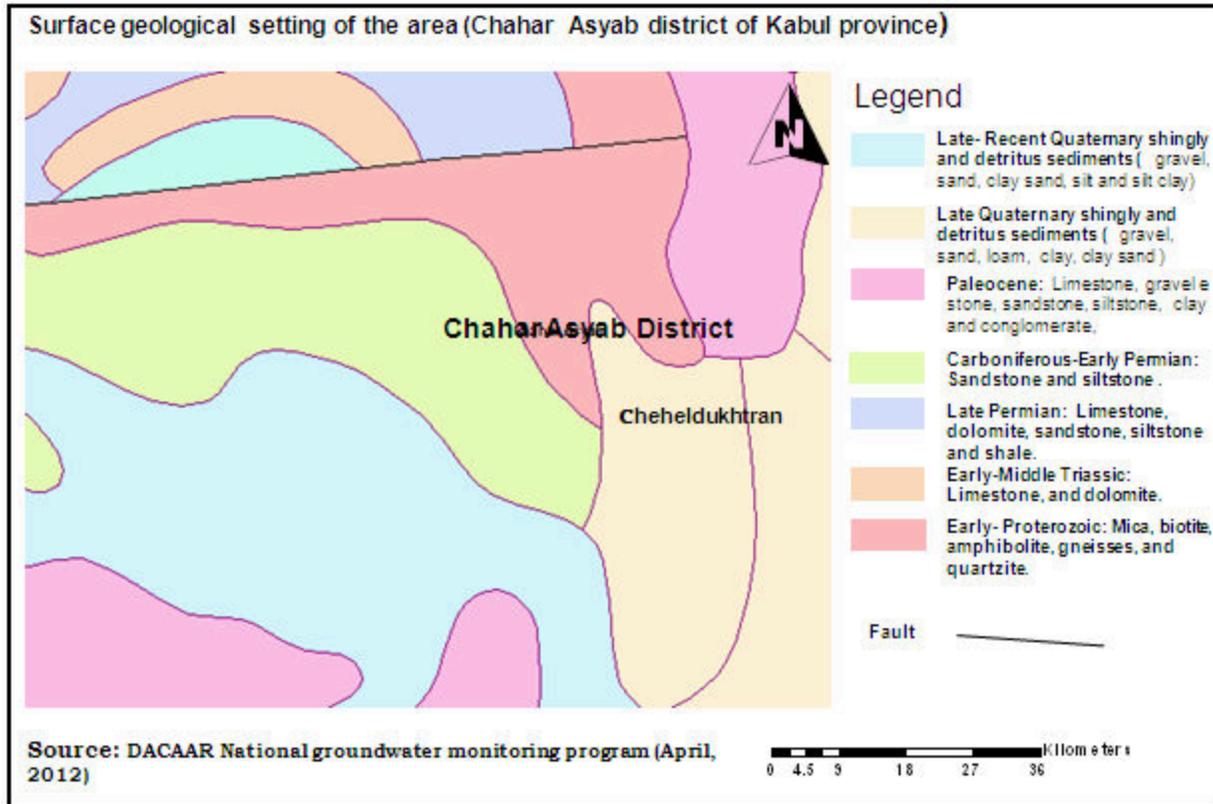


Figure 3, Surface Geological setting of the survey area (Chahar Asyab district)

### 3. Hydro geological setting

In the survey areas the natural groundwater system is characterized by two main hydro geologic units:

- Late- Recent Quaternary shingly and detritus sediments ( gravel, sand, clay sand, loess)
- Late Quaternary shingly and detritus sediments ( gravel, sand, loam, clay sand and silt )

The Late- Recent Quaternary shingly and detritus sediments (gravel, sand, clay sand, loess) has fresh groundwater, however, the Late Quaternary shingly and detritus sediments (gravel, sand, loam, clay sand and loess ) has fresh and saline groundwater. The water table ranges from 11 - 31 m. The groundwater salinity ranges from 712  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  (fresh water) to 4088  $\mu\text{S/cm}$  (saline water)

Table 1 and figure 4 indicate water tables and salinity of groundwater.

Table 1, Groundwater tables and Salinity levels in the Cheheldukhtran village of Char Asyab district

No	Name	Lat	Lon	Depth (m)	Water Level (m)	EC ( $\mu\text{S/cm}$ )	Tem ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )	WP_Type
1	TW-1	34.37445	69.12099	65	22.4	3100	14.0	TW
2	TW-2	34.37385	69.10912	-	31.0	4080	-	TW
3	TW-3	34.37696	69.10950	-	19.0	3900	13.6	TW
4	TW-4	34.36184	69.11259	60	25.0	755	18.8	TW
5	DW-5	34.36680	69.09634	13	11.0	712	16.1	DW

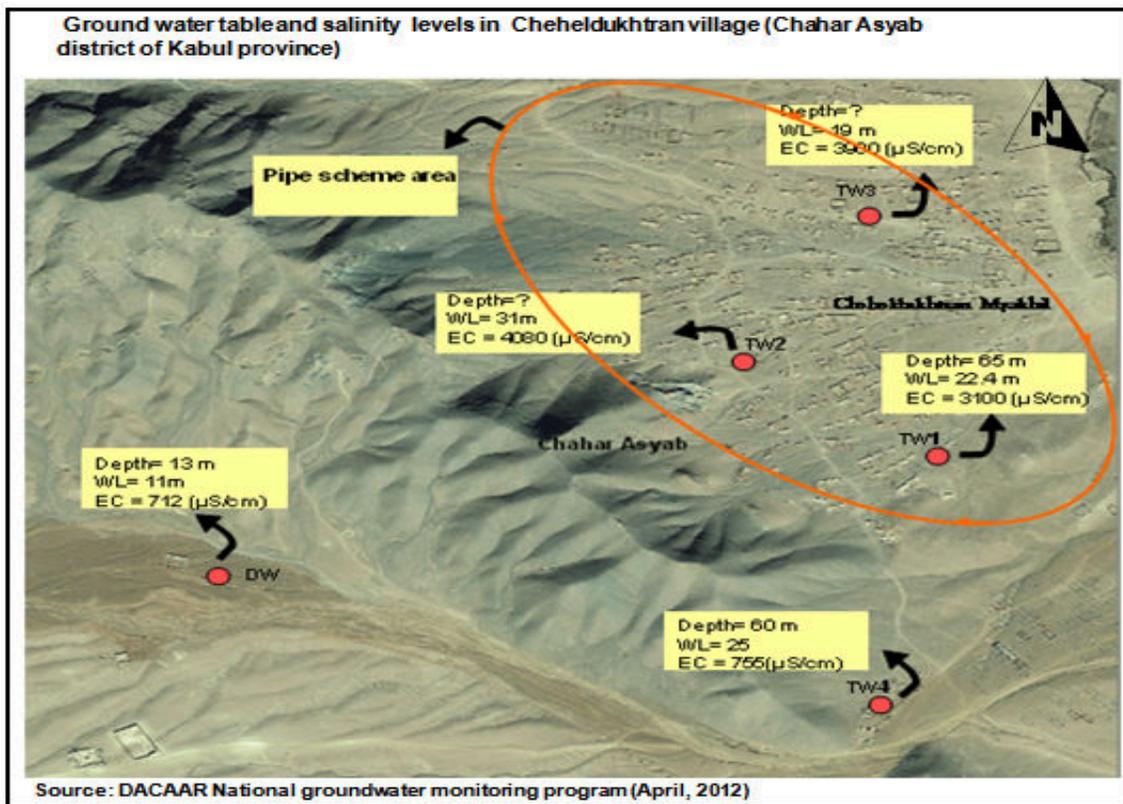


Figure 4, Groundwater level and salinity distribution level in the studied area

## 4. Vertical electrical sounding survey

### 4.1 Vertical Electrical sounding method

In this method the applied Schlumberger techniques was used. Current was transmitted into the ground from DC or low frequency sources by two electrodes (A and B) and the potential difference between a second pair of electrodes (M and N) was measured.

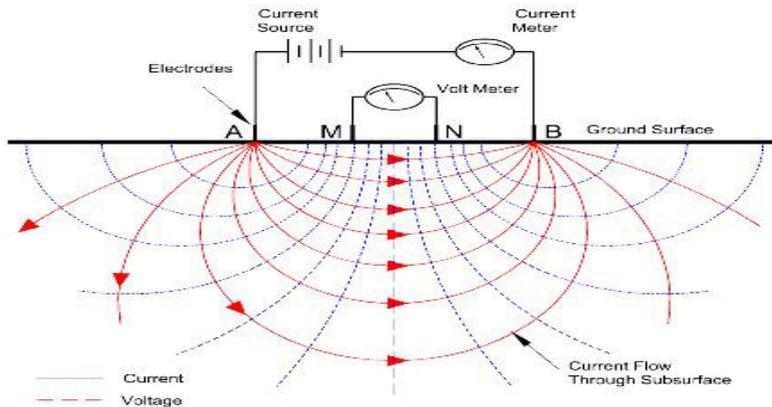


Figure 6, Vertical electrical sounding method

Apparent resistivity value is calculated:

$$\rho_a = K V / I$$

Where:

$\rho_a$  is the apparent resistivity  
 $K$  is the geometric factor,

$V$  is a voltage or potential difference between a second pair of electrodes in volts  
 $I$  is the current from DC or low frequency sources by two electrodes in ampere.

$$K = \frac{\pi n(n+1)a}{n}$$



The field data interrelated according to the following resistivity scale for water and rocks.

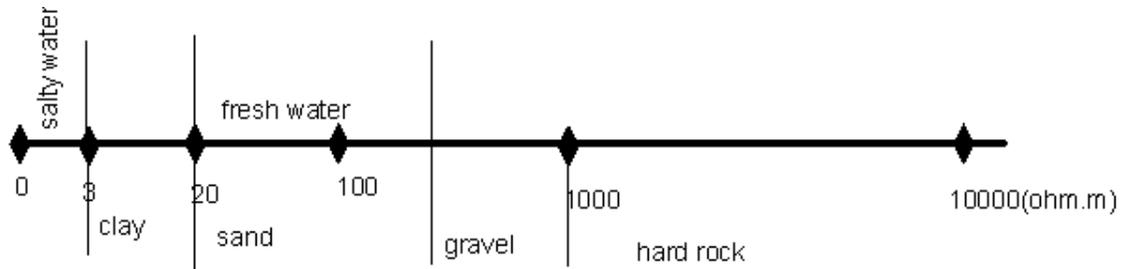


Figure 7, Resistivity scale for water and rocks

#### 4.2 Field study

On March 29 – April 04 2012, 7 Vertical Electrical sounding (VES) profiles (VES-1, VES-2, VES-3, VES-4, VES-5, VES-6 and VES-7) were performed in cheheldukhtan (location -1), Nomunyaz (location- 2) and Qala-e Loku (location-3) villages of Char Asyab district using Shlumberger electrodes arrangement (Figure 8). The lengths and locations of VES profiles are indicated in Table 2 and Figure 8.

Table 2, Location of VES profiles

NO	Location Name	VES Profiles	LAT	LON	Elevation (m)	VES Distance (m)
1	Camp Sakhi	VES-1	34.37402	69.11014	1913	300
2	Camp Sakhi	VES-2	34.37914	69.11220	1906	300
3	Camp Sakhi	VES-3	34.37015	69.11314	1913	300
4	Camp Sakhi	VES-4	34.36169	69.11359	1929	300
5	Camp Sakhi	VES-5	34.36539	69.09934	1959	300
6	Camp Sakhi	VES-6	34.36513	69.09754	1965	300
7	Camp Sakhi	VES-7				
8	Camp Sakhi	VES-8	34.36508	69.09671	1967	300

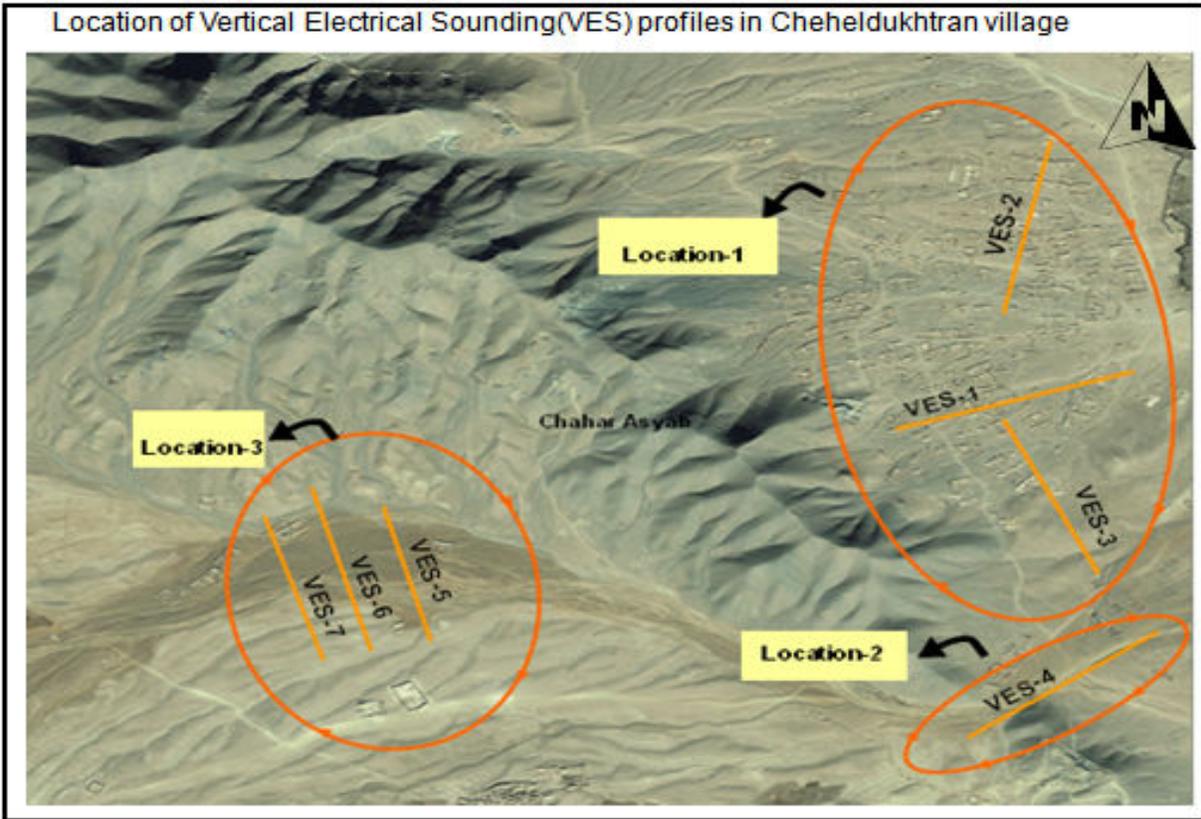


Figure 8, Location and length of VES profiles in cheheldukhtan (location -1), Nomunyaz (location- 2) and Qalaehye Loku (location-3) villages.

#### 4.3 Measured VES field data

The field data were measured by SYSCAL Pro resistivity meter and the measured data are shown in Table 3, Table 4 and Table 5.

Table 3, VES-1 and VES-2 measured field data.

VES-1 Location-1 (Cheheldukhtaran Myakhil village)					
LAT: 34.37402					
LON: 69.11014					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	147.37	821.51	350	13.7
2	0.5	173.77	857.07	581	24.7
3	0.5	198.53	517.54	716	56.2
4	0.5	205.91	260.89	626	100
5	0.5	212.47	198.52	726	157
6	0.5	209.23	148.76	798	226
8	0.5	194.45	84.98	922	402
8	2	195.45	382.75	922	99
10	2	153.9	193.63	948	156
12	2	118.42	127.54	118.4	225
15	2	85.52	76.35	154.9	352
20	2	47.34	16.58	108.9	627
20	5	55.6	51.6	109.3	247
25	5	31.19	15.6	94.3	389
30	5	22.38	7.06	86.7	562
40	5	16.42	2.1	63.2	1001
50	5	15.64	1.55	77.2	1567
50	10	15.68	-283	68.1	778
60	10	15	-163	60	1123
80	10	15.58	-77	49.2	2003
100	10	15.5	-48	49	3134
120	10	15.57	-29	42.3	4516
120	25	16.24	81	43.3	1790
150	25	17.73	75	58.6	2808
200	25	21.7	43	49.5	5007
250	25	26.14	19	29.5	7834
300	25	35.63	-	-	11290

VES-2 Location-1 (Cheheldukhtaran Myakhil village)					
LAT: 34.37914					
LON: 69.11220					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	180.25	968.38	33.7	13.7
2	0.5	124.67	737.34	69.6	24.7
3	0.5	171.7	762.52	52.3	56.2
4	0.5	170.99	277.4	44.5	100
5	0.5	173.53	233.61	66.6	157
6	0.5	170.84	109.48	71.9	226
8	0.5	159.45	40.66	51	402
8	2	153.26	168.3	51.7	99
10	2	132.71	105.49	59.9	156
12	2	124.42	65.22	57.6	225
15	2	94.43	25.13	46.1	352
20	2	54.87	5.32	30.2	627
20	5	52.66	13.92	31.1	247
25	5	24.8	11.38	86.4	389
30	5	17.86	4.12	63.4	562
40	5	14.52	1.48	50.7	1001
50	5	14.16	0.64	35.4	1567
50	10	15	1.45	36.5	778
60	10	16.53	1.2	40.1	1123
80	10	15.87	1	62.6	2003
100	10	17.15	0.91	83	3134
120	10	18.99	0.68	81.4	4516
120	25	19.48	1.84	82	1790
150	25	20.27	0.51	35	2808
200	25	23.25	0.59	63.2	5007
250	25	25.56	0.31	47.3	7834
300	25	27.6	0.21	44	11290

Table 4, VES-3 and VES-4 measured field data.

VES-3 Location-1 (Cheheldukhtaran Myakhil village)					
LAT: 34.37015					
LON: 69.11314					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	70.75	864.5	76.7	13.7
2	0.5	72.96	599.77	96.8	24.7
3	0.5	72.18	186.48	71	56.2
4	0.5	66.9	119.35	88.2	100
5	0.5	60.34	66.62	85.8	157
6	0.5	54.6	31.58	64.9	226
8	0.5	40.82	11.83	58	402
8	2	47.03	57.86	57.9	99
10	2	35.35	22.78	48.5	156
12	2	23.01	8.75	41.8	225
15	2	16.33	4.48	47.6	352
20	2	12.67	1.83	44.9	627
20	5	14.52	4.51	36.5	247
25	5	14.23	1.99	26.4	389
30	5	14.05	1.42	27.9	562
40	5	14.54	0.82	28.2	1001
50	5	13.66	0.22	12.9	1567
50	10	16.53	0.6	13.7	778
60	10	16.66	0.46	15.1	1123
80	10	16.37	0.83	50.2	2003
100	10	16.33	0.53	50.9	3134
120	10	20.25	0.63	70.4	4516
120	25	16.06	0.32	44.8	1790
150	25	16.08	0.83	44.9	2808
200	25	17.64	0.57	44.6	5007
250	25	20.28	1.66	202.8	7834
300	25	20.346	0.372	66	11290

VES-4 location-2 (Nomunyez village).					
LAT: 34.37914					
LON: 69.11220					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	231.7	1200.91	32.5	13.7
2	0.5	37.67	614.9	29.9	24.7
3	0.5	66.97	410.57	43.3	56.2
4	0.5	81.33	154.56	27.3	100
5	0.5	85.52	106.55	29.6	157
6	0.5	88.72	8308.8	33.4	226
8	0.5	87.33	42.22	31.2	402
8	2	87.97	43.78	32.1	99
10	2	275.56	189.78	32.4	156
12	2	261.33	59.73	17.2	225
15	2	250.7	40.54	17.7	352
20	2	232.34	22.84	17	627
20	5	186.53	19.12	31.8	247
25	5	188.15	51.78	32.4	389
30	5	151.26	27.53	34.3	562
40	5	121.11	16.09	36.5	1001
50	5	76.62	6.41	41.4	1567
50	10	51.61	2.27	34.3	778
60	10	56.13	5.16	34.6	1123
80	10	44.53	3.08	38.1	2003
100	10	40.14	1.34	33	3134
120	10	41.37	0.63	24	4516
120	25	42.03	0.42	22.7	1790
150	25	46.83	1.31	24.3	2808
200	25	50.16	1.57	43.1	5007
250	25	50.76	0.41	19.9	7834
300	25	43.41	0.43	38.9	11290

Table5, VES-5 and VES -6 and VES-7 measured field data.

VES-5, location-3 (Qalsehye Loku village)					
LAT: 34.36539					
LON: 69.09934					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	216.7	1228.48	35.6	13.7
2	0.5	243.7	718.49	34.7	24.7
3	0.5	220.27	190.28	23.7	56.2
4	0.5	232.86	160.62	34.1	100
5	0.5	226.41	143.88	49.4	157
6	0.5	216.15	55.02	28.5	226
8	0.5	191.74	28.54	29.8	402
8	2	198.84	128.22	30.3	99
10	2	183.74	52.72	21.6	156
12	2	174.35	48.81	30.7	225
15	2	162.42	60.31	64.4	352
20	2	143.25	23.33	50.6	627
20	5	145.21	50.67	41.1	247
25	5	114.58	17.95	29.5	389
30	5	93.61	14.03	41.2	562
40	5	52.31	2.56	24.2	1001
50	5	35.17	1.25	27.6	1567
50	10	37.1	2.81	28.6	778
60	10	28.04	0.85	16.7	1123
80	10	24.19	0.71	29.2	2003
100	10	24.4	0.24	15.8	3134
120	10	27.67	0.1	88	4516
120	25	26.42	0.18	15.5	1790
150	25	25.78	0.48	16.1	2808
200	25	28.45	0.23	11.1	5007
250	25	38.24	0.6	39.1	7834
300	25	43.23	0.28	2.59	11290

VES-6, location-3 (Qalsehye Loku village)					
LAT: 34.36513					
LON: 69.09574					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	277.96	122.573	27.7	13.7
2	0.5	246.22	173.1	8.2	24.7
3	0.5	137.28	47.88	9.5	56.2
4	0.5	79.41	10.88	6.7	100
5	0.5	69.47	7.99	8.9	157
6	0.5	55.76	4.05	8.1	226
8	0.5	45.69	5.08	22.2	402
8	2	50.34	25.13	23.5	99
10	2	46.99	21.58	34.6	156
12	2	43.85	11.45	28.7	225
15	2	37.56	3.27	15.1	352
20	2	29.08	1.97	21.1	627
20	5	32.12	5.96	21.8	247
25	5	27.78	2.54	17.2	389
30	5	24.91	1.92	21.2	562
40	5	28.23	4.11	72	1001
50	5	22.52	6	13.18	1567
50	10	18.74	0.32	13.4	778
60	10	23.51	0.87	14	1123
80	10	23.36	3.25	76.5	2003
100	10	21.5	1.38	63.9	3134
120	10	20.81	0.32	24.4	4516
120	25	21.81	0.53	21.1	1790
150	25	22.49	1.17	71.9	2808
200	25	27.99	0.12	10.9	5007
250	25	30.04	0.32	41.4	7834
300	25	34.562	0.732	57.112	11290

VES-7, location-3 (Qalsehye Loku village)					
LAT: 34.36508					
LON: 69.09671					
AB/2	MN/2	Rho (ohm.m)	Vp (mV)	In (mA)	K (m)
1.5	0.5	50.39	1660.89	20.7	13.7
2	0.5	59.49	784.3	15.53	24.7
3	0.5	69.15	139.78	55.5	56.2
4	0.5	73.36	84.4	56.9	100
5	0.5	70.54	69.82	76.9	157
6	0.5	85.96	64.84	84.7	226
8	0.5	86.72	10.27	23.7	402
8	2	89.54	24.85	13	99
10	2	61	15.03	18.5	156
12	2	47.59	37.41	86.4	225
15	2	38.9	2.59	11.5	352
20	2	25.43	1.27	15.6	627
20	5	29.52	4.38	17.5	247
25	5	21.45	2.95	25.9	389
30	5	18.14	0.51	7.8	562
40	5	17.12	0.52	15.3	1001
50	5	15.63	0.37	18.4	1567
50	10	21.99	1.05	18	778
60	10	20.64	0.98	26.3	1123
80	10	20.11	0.17	8.4	2003
100	10	19.03	0.37	30.7	3134
120	10	19.09	0.37	44.2	4516
120	25	18.71	0.74	34.5	1790
150	25	18.29	0.42	32	2808
200	25	23.39	0.45	48	5007
250	25	27.47	0.22	32.6	7834
300	25	28.704	0.17	26.424	11290

## 4.4 Interpreted field data

The collected field data were interpreted by IPI2 wins software. The interpreted data were used to calculate apparent resistivity, thickness, depth and boundaries of layers. The interpreted data are shown in Table 6.

Table 6, VES -1, VES-2, VES-3, VES-4, VES-5, VES-6 and VES-7 interpreted data

No	VES Profiles	Vertical Electrical Sounding data interpretation results				Expected litho logy of layers
		App-Resistivity (Ohm-m)	Layer	Thickness (m)	Depth (m)	
1	VES-1 LAT: 34.37402 LON: 69.11014	115	1	0.75	0.75	Mixed sediment (Clay, sand, gravel)
		278	2	5.37	5.37	Dry shingly and detritus sediments (clay sand, gravel, silt)
		14.2	3	137	137	Shingly and detritus sediments (clay, sand, gravel, clay sand)
		4957	4	> 137		Bedrock
2	VES-2 LAT: 34.37914 LON: 69.11220	48.9	1	0.75	0.75	Mixed sediment (Clay, sand, gravel)
		113	2	3.74	4.49	Dry sand and gravel
		15	3	54.8	59.2	shingly and detritus sediments
		37.5	4	> 59.2	> 59.2	Bedrock
3	VES-3 LAT: 34.37015 LON: 69.11314	95.19	1	4.305	4.305	Mixed sediment (Clay, sand, gravel)
		3.444	2	3.385	7.69	clay
		37.05	3	8.22	15.91	Mixed sediment (Clay, sand, gravel)
		6.054	4	23.82	39.73	Sand and gravel
		26.87	5	> 39.73		Bedrock
4	VES-4 LAT: 34.37914 LON: 69.11220	244	1	0.75	0.75	Mixed sediment (Clay, sand, gravel)
		0.565	2	0.0232	0.773	clay
		442	3	0.676	1.45	Dry sand and gravel
		6.22	4	11.3	12.7	Sand and gravel
		32	5	19.2	31.9	sand and gravel
		0.162	6	> 31.9		Clay?
5	VES-5 LAT: 34.36539 LON: 69.09934	24	1	1.29	1.29	Shingly and detritus sediments ( gravel, sand)
		204	2	9.23	10.5	Dry shingly and detritus sediments (clay sand, gravel, silt)
		20.6	3	88.3	98.8	Shingly and detritus sediments saturated with water
		129	4	> 98.8		Bedrock (Sandston and siltstone?)
6	VES-6 LAT: 34.36513 LON: 69.09574	396	1	1.08	1.08	Dry shingly and detritus sediments (clay sand, gravel, silt)
		48.9	2	7.34	8.42	Sand, gravel and clay sand
		21.5	3	190	198	Shingly and detritus sediments (clay sand, gravel, silt)
		1407	4		> 198	Sandston and siltstone?
7	VES-7 LAT: 34.36508 LON: 69.09671	67.9	1	1.14	1.14	Dry sand, gravel and clay sand
		362	2	1.91	3.06	Dry sand, gravel and clay sand
		21.7	3	46.9	52.6	Sand, gravel
		7.5	4	41	93.6	Clay
		109	5		> 93.6	Bedrock (sandstone and siltstone?)

#### 4.5 Vertical Electrical sounding data Graphic interpretation

The VES -1, VES-2, VES-3, VES-4, VES-5, VES-6 and VES-7 field data (Apparent resistivity versus Electrodes distance) were interpreted by IPI2 win software as well as manually. The boundaries, thickness and depth of rocks layers were determined according to the measured and computed apparent resistivity and geo electrical model (Table 6). The rock types were specified according to the computed apparent resistivity based on the geophysical interpretation principles. The Apparent resistivity versus Electrodes distance curve for VES -1, VES-2, VES-3, VES-4, VES-5, VES-6 and VES-7 are shown in the Figure 9, Figure 10, Figure 11, Figure 12 and Figure 13.

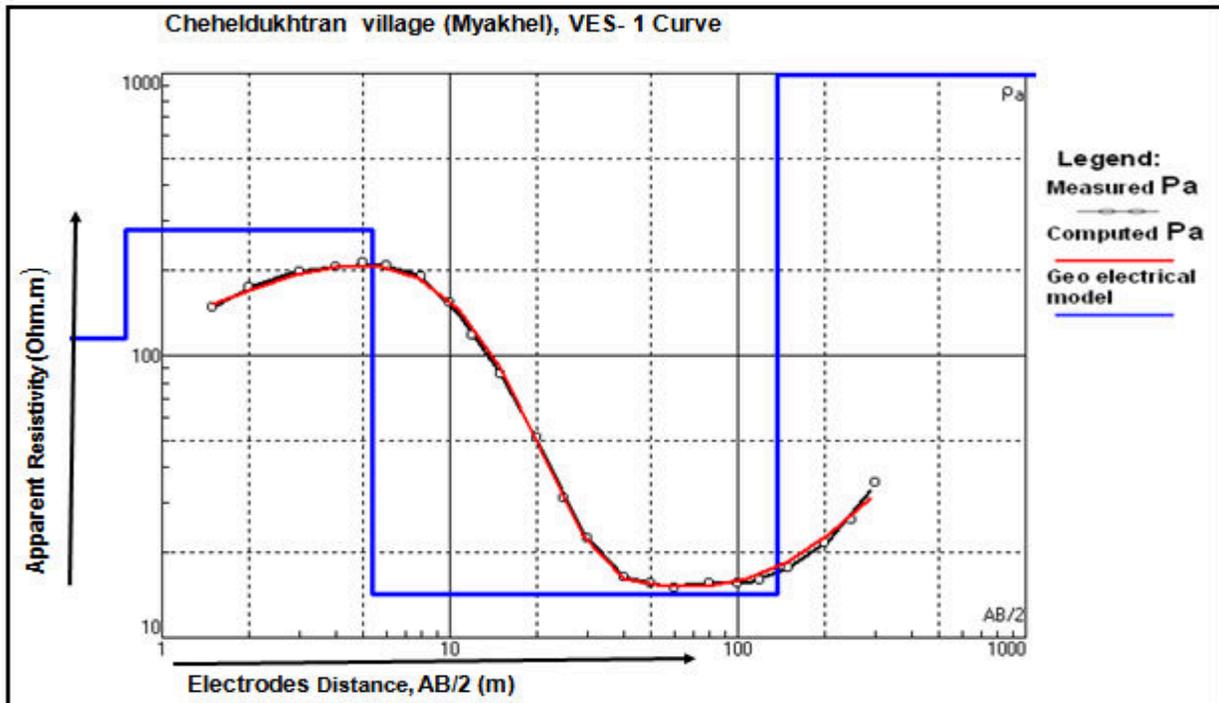


Figure 9, VES-1 Curve

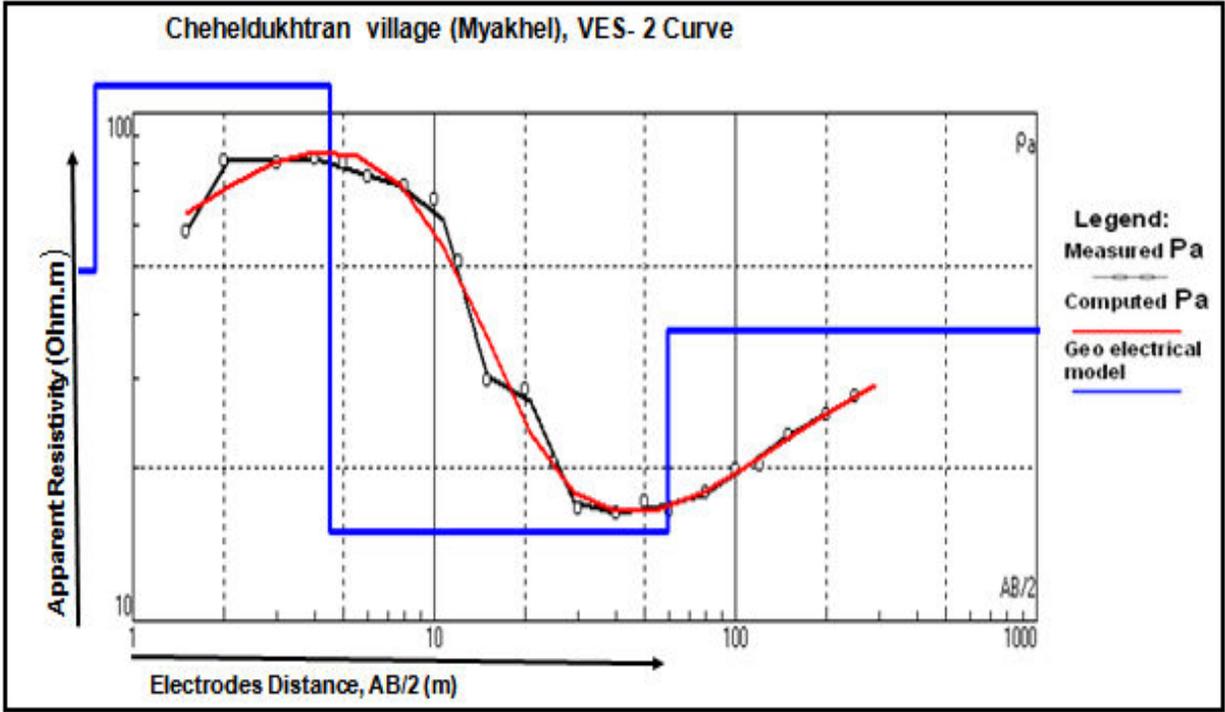


Figure 10, VES-2 Curve

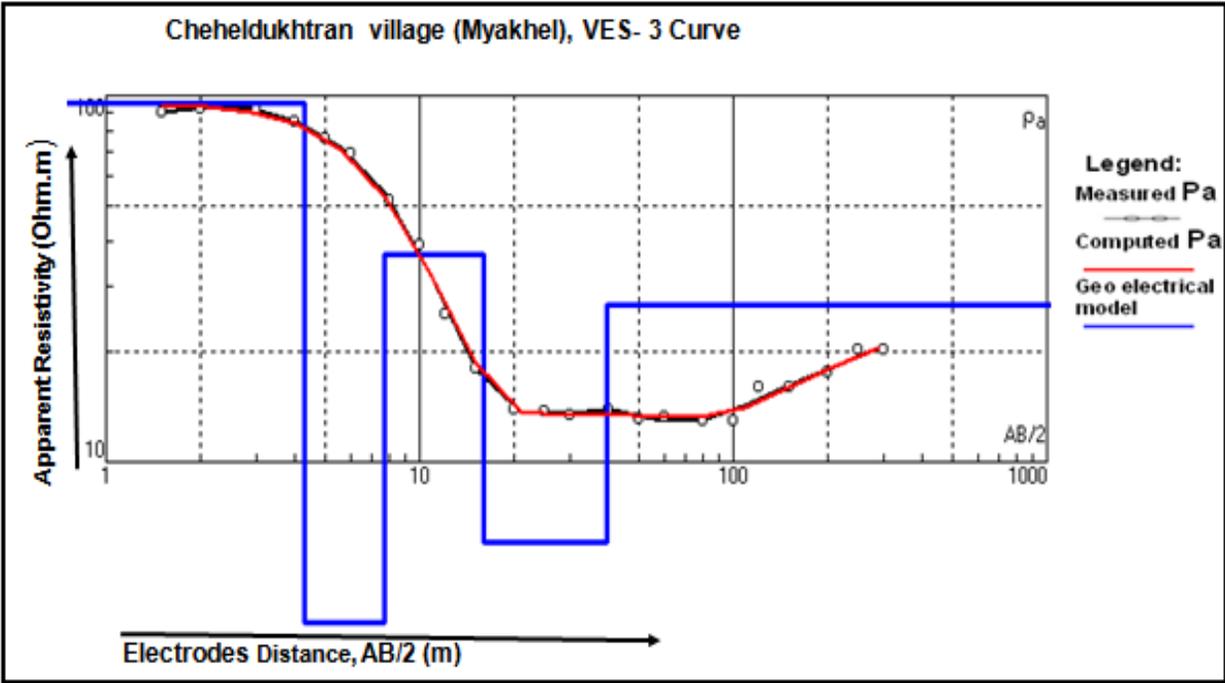


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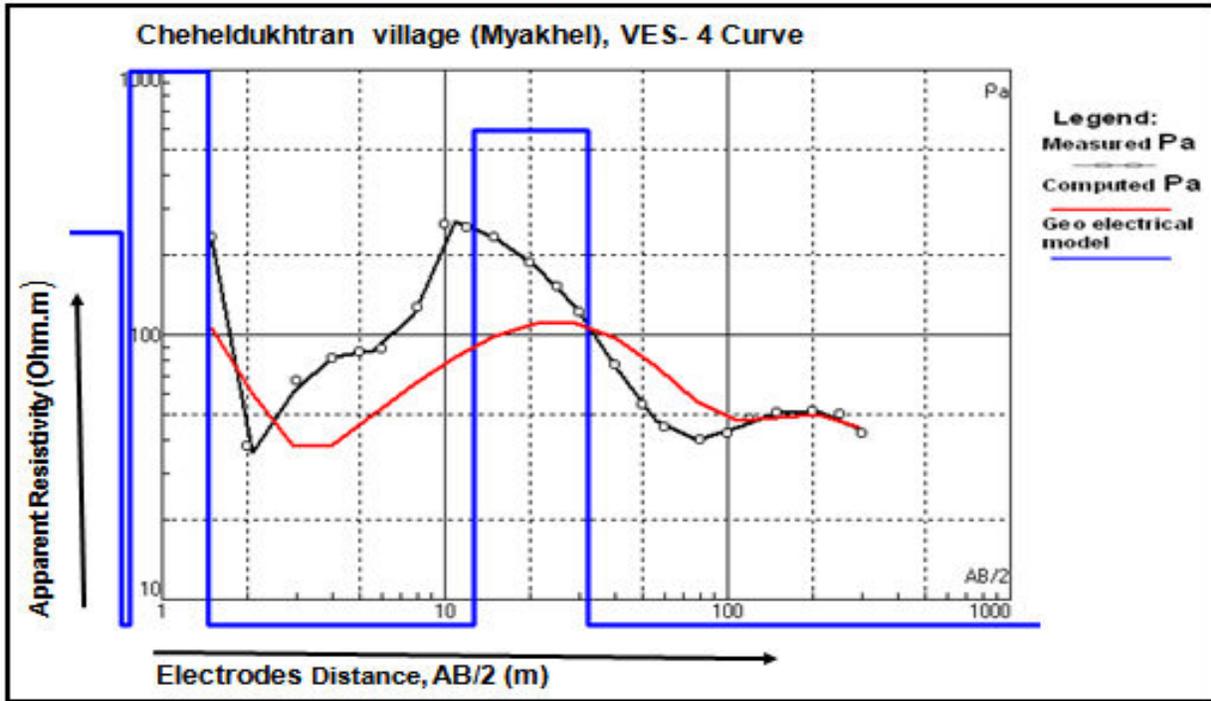


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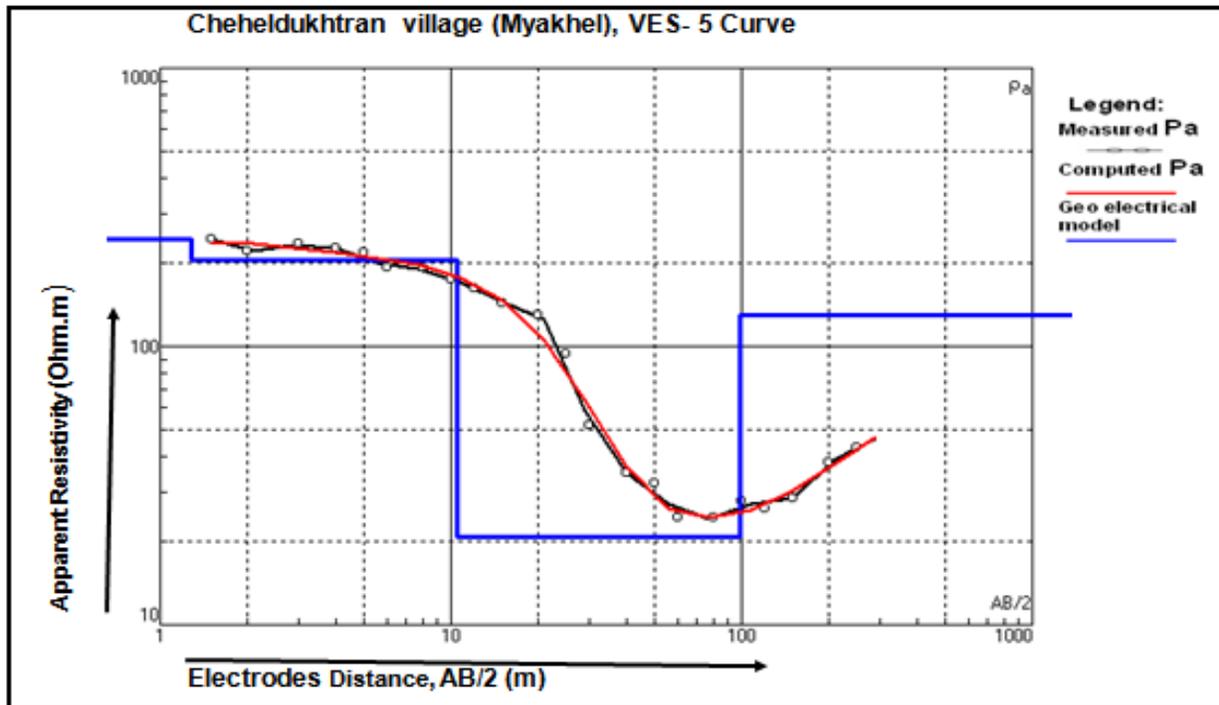


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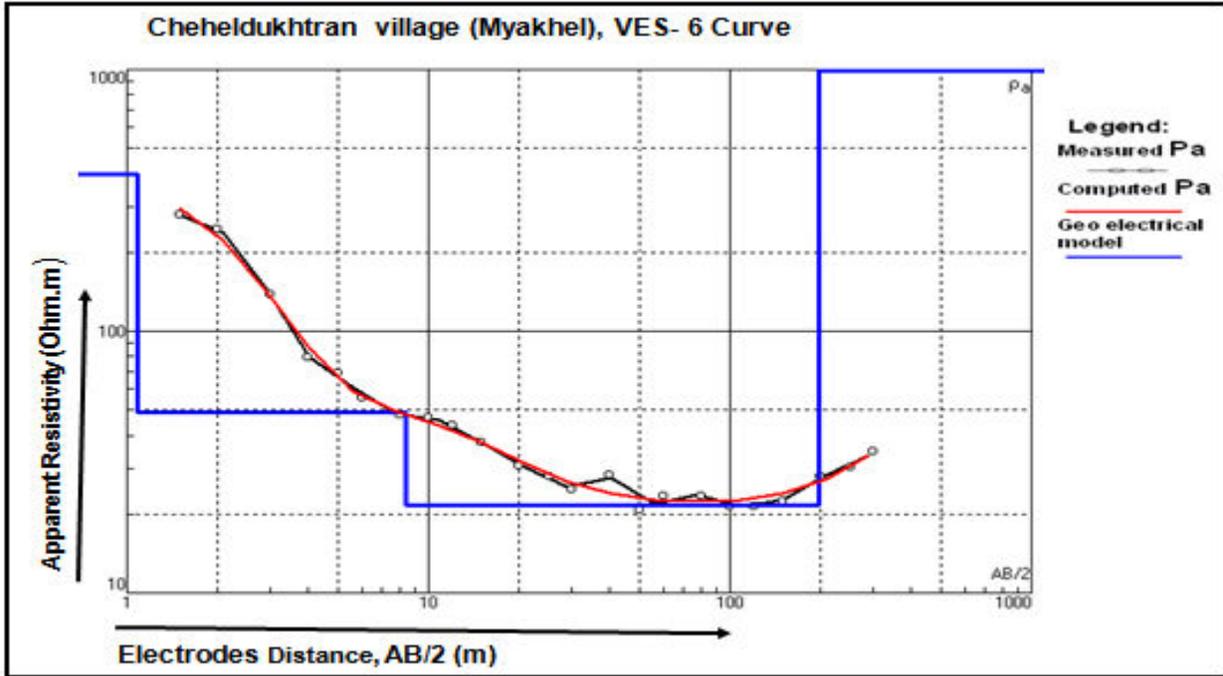


Figure 13, VES-6 Curve

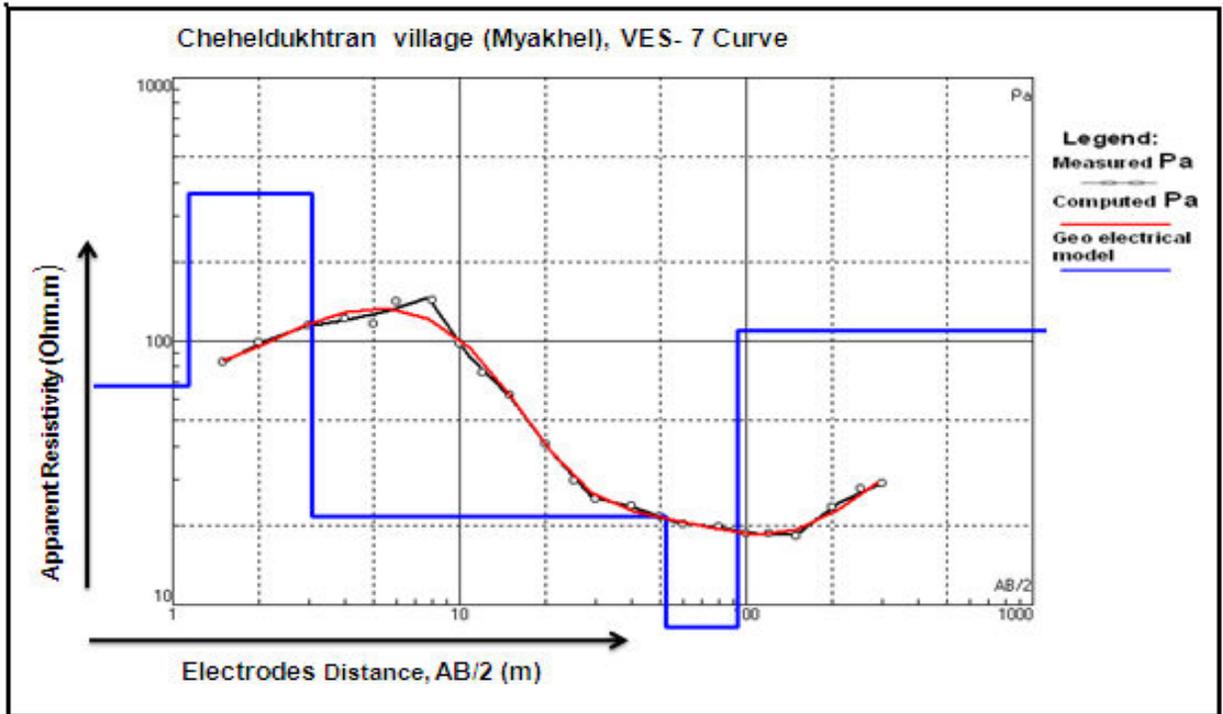


Figure 13, VES-6 Curve

#### 4.6 VES profiles field data Graphic interpretation results

The measured, computed apparent resistivity and geo electrical curves show:

- VES-1, VES-2 and VES-3 profiles performed in location-1(Myakhil village). The field data interpretation from these profiles (VES-1, VES-2 and VES-3) show that the upper part of aquifer made by Mixed sediment (Clay, sand, gravel) and the aquifer consists of shingly and detritus sediments (gravel, sand, clay sand and silt sand ) which saturated with fresh and saline water. The water table range from 19 m to 32 m. The discharge of groundwater is very poor. Therefore groundwater cannot be developed for drinking purposes.
- VES-4 profile performed in location-2 (Nomunyaz village). The field data interpretation from this profile (VES-4) shows that the upper part of aquifer layers consists of dry shingly and detritus sediments (clay, sand, gravel, clay sand. clay, silt and loam) and the aquifer consists shingly and detritus sediments witch is saturated with water. The bedrock occurs in the bottom of shingly and detritus sediments. The thickens of aquifer is very low (between 7-10 m). The water table ranges from 23 -26 m. The groundwater is fresh. The field data interpretation results also indicate that the bedrock occurs to the depth of 35 m
- VES-5, VES-6 and VES-7 profiles performed in location-3 (Qalaehye Loku village). The field data interpretation from these profiles (VES-5, VES-6 and VES-7) show that the upper part of aquifer consists dry shingly and detritus sediments (clay, sand, gravel, clay sand. clay, silt and loam) and the aquifer consists of shingly and detritus sediments witch is saturated with water. The bedrock occurs in the bottom of shingly and detritus sediments. The water table range from 8 m to 13 m. The aquifer has fresh groundwater. Therefore, this area has relatively good possibility for development of groundwater than the location-1 and location-2.

#### 5. Conclusion

1. In location-1 (Myakhil village), the measured apparent resistivity, computed resistivity and geo electrical model data interpretation show:
  - The water table ranges from 19 m to 32m.
  - The aquifer consists of silt clay , shingly and detritus sediments ( gravel, sand and clay sand).
  - The aquifer has saline water. The groundwater cannot be developed for drinking purposes due to having saline groundwater and low discharge.
2. In location-2 (Nomunyaz village), the measured apparent resistivity, computed resistivity and geo electrical model data interpretation show:
  - The water table ranges from 23 m to 26 m.
  - This area has low thickness of aquifers due to occurrence of bedrock.
  - The area has fresh groundwater
  - There is very poor possibility for groundwater development due the occurrence of bed rock to the depth of 36m.
3. In location-3 (Qalaehye Loku village), the measured apparent resistivity, computed resistivity and geo electrical model data interpretation show:
  - The water table ranges from 8 m to 13 m.
  - This area has relatively a good possibility for groundwater development than the other studied location.
  - The groundwater is fresh

- The aquifer media consist of shingly and detritus sediments

## 6. Recommendation

- The location-3 (Qalaehye Loku village) has relatively a good possibility for groundwater development than the other investigation locations (Figure 8)
- The water table ranges from 8 m to 13 m.
- The well should be drilled to the depth of 90 m
- The discharge of well can not guarantee according to the result of this investigation. The discharge of well will be determined during making pumping test. Therefore, there needs to drill well by percussion Rig under our supervision, then to make pumping test before installation of pipe and screen. If the well produces enough discharge, then install the pipe and screen.