

Annual Report

2019 / 2020

“Go and do likewise” (Luke 10:37).

Jesus teaches his followers to apply the Samaritan’s courage, compassion, generosity, and boundary-breaking solidarity in their everyday life.



Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC



Cover Story:

The months following the cruel bomb attack on innocent faithful celebrating the glory of the Risen Christ on that fateful day of 21st April 2019 when chaos broke out and unfathomable destruction and loss of lives took place; deeds out of compassion without hope of a reward by those who joined with Caritas Sri Lanka network are reminded of the parable of Jesus on the Good Samaritan.

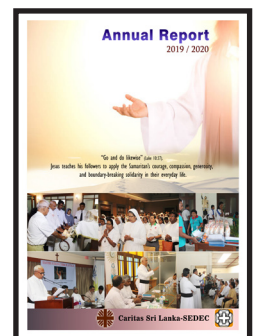


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VISION

“Realization of a Just Sri Lankan Society based on the Gospel Values of Love, Forgiveness, Peace, Unity and Equality-lived, promoted and protected irrespective of Caste, Creed and Nationality.”

MISSION

“Empowering people through animation and being in solidarity with their efforts for Integral Human Development”



Director's Message



After completing 50 years of service, Caritas Sri Lanka (CSL) with its experienced staff was poised to continue its work this year with more vigour. Under the spiritual direction and guidance of its new Bishop Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Gnanapragasm (Bishop of Jaffna), and Vice Chairman, Rt. Rev. Dr. Maxwell Silva (Auxiliary Bishop of Colombo), CSL was getting ready to meet emerging challenges on our journey.

Considering the new social and environmental challenges and happy with the results of CSL's actions, the donors (Caritas Norway/NORAD) agreed to expand the scope of two of its major programmes, namely Religious Amity and Food Security, both of which are implemented through all the 13 Diocesan Centres.

Unfortunately, all our hopes and dreams were shattered by the terrorist attacks on three Churches and three luxury hotels on Easter Sunday, 21st April 2019. As a result of the suicide bombings by two extremist Islamic groups, more than 250 lives were lost creating indescribable suffering on the families of the victims. It is a blessing that due to the strong leadership of the Catholic Church and the understanding created among the Caritas' Inter Religious Forums throughout the island prevented any reprisals against the Muslim community.

CSL along with Caritas Colombo-sethsarana and Caritas Batticaloa-EHED, took immediate action to collect data and assess the needs of the victims and initiated the Psychosocial and Pastoral Support Programme to assist the families affected by the bomb blasts. We are thankful to all the Caritas International Federation's member organizations who stood by us in this hour of need and disbursed funds to provide medical, livelihood, education and other assistance to the family members of the victims.

During this reporting year, I represented CSL in several international seminars and conferences that spurred the knowledge on migration and its significance and also drew our serious attention to climate change and its consequences. Several of my staff members also got the opportunity to attend many international workshops and their knowledge gained enriched the capacity of CSL.

However, the state of emergency declared by the Government and closing down of all schools immediately after the terrorist attack in April, affected the implementation of activities under many Caritas programmes. During this period, Caritas National Centre staff was entrusted to visit the Diocesan Centres to review and help upgrade their status on Caritas Internationalis Management Standards. Even with the draw backs in early part of the year, I wish to thank all my staff for their hard work that enabled CSL to achieve most of the set targets under the different programmes.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the strong support extended to CSL by Caritas Australia, Caritas Korea, Caritas Germany, Caritas Italiana, Caritas Japan, Caritas Norway & NORAD, Caritas Slovenia, MISSEREOR, CAFOD, CRS, Kindermission, Agiamondo, the Swiss Development Cooperation and all other donors who stood by us during these challenging times.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke
National Director
Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC



Board of Management



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Board of Management



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Director
Caritas Vanni



Advisory Committee



Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody

Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody is the Chairman of Hatton National Bank PLC, Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka and Cornucopia Sri Lanka. He holds several honorary Advisory roles in the current government.

He currently serves in a number of private sector and MNC boards and Chairs / Member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee in several of those companies. He is a Council Member of the Employers Federation of Ceylon and the Institute of Directors of Sri Lanka. He is a member of the CIMA Asia Pacific Industry Advisory Body.

Mr. Weerakkody has published widely on Economics, Banking and Finance, HR, Leadership, Management, International Relations and development issues. He is an author of six books and is a regular business speaker / commentator.

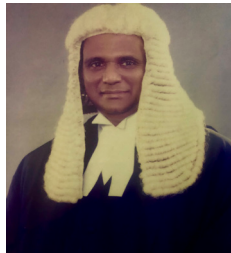


Mr. Angelo M. Patrick

Mr. Angelo M. Patrick holds an MBA from the University of Colombo and is a Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK) and a Member of the Institute of Marketing (UK). He has held Directorates and Senior Management positions over the past 45 years in Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Canada.

He is presently a Group Director Capital Maharaja Organisation Ltd, having previously held the positions of Managing Director NDBS Stock Brokers Ltd, Director (Carson Cumberbatch & Co Ltd, Senior Management Consultant, Bank of Ceylon.

Mr. Patrick is also a Non Executive, Independent Director of Richard Pieris Exports PLC.



Mr. Shanaka Ranasinghe

Mr. Shanaka Ranasinghe President's Counsel, was called to the Bar in Sri Lanka in October 1986. During 1987-1995 he functioned as a member of the Attorney General's Department.

He was appointed as 'Principal Magistrate' in the Solomon Islands during this period and subsequently reverted to private practice in 1995 and developed an extensive practice in the criminal field. He was appointed as a President's Counsel in 2012.



Ms. Shehara Jayawardana

Ms. Shehara Jayawardana serves as the Joint Managing Director of McLaren's Group. McLaren's Group is a diversified conglomerate with over 60 companies and has its core business in shipping, marine and logistics sectors.

Ms. Shehara is also the Founding President of WISTA Sri Lanka, a global network for empowering women in the maritime sector. She was also appointed as the Treasurer of the Ceylon Association of Shipping Agents.

She holds a MSc. in Shipping, Trade and Finance with Honors from City University, CASS Business School, London, UK and BSc. in Economics with Honors from London School of Economics, UK."



Advisory Committee



Mr. Victor Silva

Mr. Victor Silva is a Fellow Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, Fellow Member (retired) of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, U.K and Fellow Member (retired) of the Chartered Institute of Marketing, U.K.

He was employed at Ceylon Tobacco Company Limited and held several key management positions in Finance and Administration.

He was elected as the Secretary of the Catholic National Association of Laity –the representative body for all Catholic lay faithful of Sri Lanka.



Mr. Yu Hwa Li

Mr. Yu Hwa Li is the National Director, Habitat for Humanity Sri Lanka and an experienced NGO leader in international development and project management and brings a wealth of knowledge.

Mr. Li has served World Vision and Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC previously and serves on the Boards of LEADS and Lanka Financial Services for Underserved Settlements. He is a member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors (SLID).



Ms. Nilanthi Peiris

Ms. Pieris is an Attorney -at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka and counts 29 years of experience including 28 years of practice at the Bar. Currently she served as the Partner of Paul Ratnayake Associated.

She is also a Director of Sri Lank Telecom Human Capital Solutions (Private) Limited and SLT Property Management (Private) Limited.

Previously, she has held several positions at the Bar Association, including the post of Assistant Secretary.



Mr. Tony Candappa

Mr. Tony Candappa, was a banker for 35 years, 15 years at American Express Bank and 20 years at Union Bank of Colombo PLC, lastly as the Vice President - Treasury.

Presently employed as a consultant at SAFE Holdings Pvt Ltd.



List of Acronyms

CBO	-	Community Based Organization
CBR	-	Community Based Rehabilitation
CDF	-	Community Development Forum
COVID-19		Corona Virus Disease
CSL	-	Caritas Sri Lanka
DC	-	Diocesan Centre
DIP	-	Deep Impact Partner
DPO	-	District People's Organization
FAO	-	Food and Agriculture Organization
IDP	-	Internal Displaced Person
IRF	-	Inter Religious Forum
JCAP	-	Jesuit Conference of Asia Pacific
LLRC	-	Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission
NCCSL	-	National Christian Council Sri Lanka
NORAD	-	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
PwDs	-	Persons with disabilities
SHGs	-	Self Help Groups
TOT	-	Training of Trainers
UN	-	United Nations



CARITAS SRI LANKA

AT A GLANCE
2019/2020

Beneficiaries

Direct	69,248
Indirect	214,264



Districts - 25

Provinces - 9



Caritas Centres - 13



Staff

National Centre	53
Diocesan Centres	272



Funding Partners - 22



Programmes - 18



Special Projects 1





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சர்வ மதங்களையும் பேணும் பே

THE NATION PROTECTOR

Social Justice and Sustainable Peace

The Social Justice and Sustainable Peace Unit of Caritas Sri Lanka works with multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural groups covering all 13 Diocesan Partners. The programmes that come under the Strategic Priority 3: Promote sustained relationships through justice, peace & reconciliation and Religious Amity are funded by Caritas Norway/NORAD, Misereor Germany, CAFOD and AGIAMONDO, Germany.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- ***Formation of Regional Forums***

Three Regional Peace Forums were set up in 2019 with the intention of focusing village level issues to district and regional levels and work collectively to build trust among ethnic/religious communities. Following forums were held on the given dates:

1. Western Regional Peace Forum on 07th June, 2019 with the participation of Anuradhapura, Chilaw, Kurunegala and Colombo dioceses.
2. The Plantation Region Peace Forum on 20/21st June, 2019 with the participation of Badulla, Galle, Kandy and Ratnapura dioceses.
3. North and East Regional Peace Forum on 04/05th July, 2019 with the participation of Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee and Vanni dioceses.

Speeches were given by resource persons such as on 'Historical Development of Ideologism and Nationalism', 'Political Facet of Ideologism and Nationalism', 'Planning the Future Path towards Reconciliation', 'Reading of Country Situation and Analysis', 'National Security, Rule of Law, Human Dignity, Ethnic and Religious Extremism', 'Existing Structure and Mechanism of the GoSL on Peace/Reconciliation and its role'. Speeches were followed by question and answer sessions and comments by the participants. These forums are presently functioning under the project – Healing & Reconciliation, Journey towards a Sustainable National Level Movement.



- ***National Youth Camps on Peace and Reconciliation***

There were two national level Youth Camps conducted under Healing and Reconciliation project. The first youth leadership camp was held at National Seminary, Ampitiya, from 28th to 29th August 2019 under the theme; “Empower Youth... Transform Lives... Promote PEACE...”

90 youth from 13 diocesan centers took part in this camp. This camp had four objectives:

- Self-awareness: youth become aware of themselves and their leadership qualities
- Use and abuse of modern technology: youth become convinced of how to use modern technology with responsibility
- Challenges and burning issues that youth face in today’s world: Youth become aware of the world around them and the challenges they face and find their own ways and means to face the challenges with courage and to go forward in life as responsible citizens
- Responsibility of youth in building peace and reconciliation in the society: feel responsible and take measures to promote peace in their own way

The follow up youth camp was held at Caritas Chilaw, from 11th to 13th March 2020 under the theme “Youth for Peace & Unity through cultural diversity”. 76 youth participated in this programme from 13 diocesan centers. This programme was designed on the LLRC Recommendations.

The objectives of this programme

- Youth representatives of different diocesan centers come to know the cultural significance of Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim Communities.
- Participants build up close relationships and interactions after the performance of cultural activities.
- The coordinators & youth representatives come to know the importance of respecting and accepting others and their cultural values to promote peace and coexistence in the society.



The programme was conducted with a lot of activities and they also got the chance to perform their cultural programmes on stage. At the end of the second youth camp participants received a certificate of participation.

- ***Regional Gathering of Inter Religious Forums (IRF) Members under the Religious Amity project***

The Regional Gathering of IRF Members of the North-East region was held on the 7th & 8th November 2019 at the Theepam Centre in Trincomalee. 40 members of the Caritas Interreligious groups from the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar and Trincomalee were participants in this event.

This one-and-a-half day programme focused on creating a platform for the participants to learn on the concepts of Conflict Analysis and Non Violent Conflict resolution. Ms. Bozana Ivelic'-Katava of Agiamondo was the main resource person for this session. Based on the learning the participants were grouped according to their Dioceses to discuss and identify conflicts in their localities and to find solutions for the same as an interreligious groups.

- ***Technical Training Programmes for Youth on Social Media Tools***

The Religious Amity project was further expanded, focusing on youth and their social media usage, in the post Easter-Sunday attack period. After some careful planning with consideration to the security situation, Seven 5 Day Training programs were held at Caritas Centers in Chilaw, Trincomalee, Ratnapura, Badulla, Anuradhapura, Kandy and Jaffna. The theme of the training program was "Youth for Ethnic and Religious Harmony through Social Media". The Directors of the 7 hosting Diocesan centers made all the necessary logistical arrangements for the National Caritas to conduct these successful programs, which were beyond our expectations. All these training programs were facilitated by expert trainers on youth motivation, photography, videography, web designing and social media tools.



First two days were devoted to youth leadership, value of teamwork, gender stereotypes and values in diversity, awareness about discrimination, respect for cultural behavior, understanding peace, conflict and violence, hate speech and responses, and understanding the global issues. Activities performed in between training sessions kept the youth highly absorbed and bonded to the proceedings.

Arrangements were made for them to visit different places of worship (Buddhist Temple, Hindu Temple and a Mosque) to understand the various religious practices. Also some challenges were given such as the ones youth leaders will face when they go out into the society on their own. These outdoor activities were outstanding where the photo shooting, video editing and reporting were performed by the youth themselves.

Rest of the three days were dedicated to photography and social media. Introduction to photography and video, including practical exercises, ethics on photography, video editing, handling Facebook and WhatsApp, setting up logos and developing stickers, uploading images and videos, creating blog and uploading material to YouTube channel were explained by the respective professionals who served as trainers/resource persons. They were awarded with Certificates which would be recognized in the event they seek employment.

- ***Developing a Position Paper on guidelines to Voters***

Reading the signs of the times in the light of Christian Social Teachings and recognizing the current political confusion and chaos in governance, the Catholic National Commission for Justice, Peace and Human Development under the guidance of the Chairman and the National Director, Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke developed a Position Paper in view of the Presidential Election held on 16th November, 2019. Caritas Sri Lanka invited a cross section of clergy, professionals and intellectuals on 16th September 2019 for a consultation to develop the position paper. Among the main points that were stressed included **(1)** the need to create voter awareness on the voting system **(2)** the need to set up a monitoring system **(3)** declaration of assets by politicians **(4)** Christians need a platform to express their views instead of having to go to the political platform.



- **AGIAMONDO Peace Building Programme**

The new peace building project under Caritas Sri Lanka (CSL) SEDEC was started funded by the German Catholic Organisation AGIAMONDO (previously known as AGEH). After the initial discussions, 6 diocesan centres were selected in the region where the Peace program would be implemented: two in North & East Region (Jaffna & Trincomalee), two in Plantation Region (Ratnapura & Badulla) and two in Western Region (Anuradhapura & Colombo).

Main idea behind the implementation of this program was to connect people from different national and religious groups, who can build friendly relationship in order to create safe, peaceful and conducive environment enabling members of all groups to live in an inclusive society, in harmony and tolerance, respecting dignity of others as well as to promote co-existence and acceptance, as stated in our Vision Statement. This was achieved in many different ways through different programs.

Through implementation of various peace programs, religious leaders and Sunday School Teachers become aware of the importance of working together and being a 'role model'; they disseminate message of peace jointly and in their own community; they publicly display unity and understanding among them for others to emulate, as well as to create inter-cultural understanding.

All conducted activities for youth and teenagers resulted in uniting them irrespective of their ethnic or religious background. Sport and different outdoor activities, as well as educational games, were always conducted after an introduction and briefing on the importance of mutual understanding, staying united and in acceptance of differences. Youth were also setting an example to the rest of the society on peace and religious harmony.



Success story

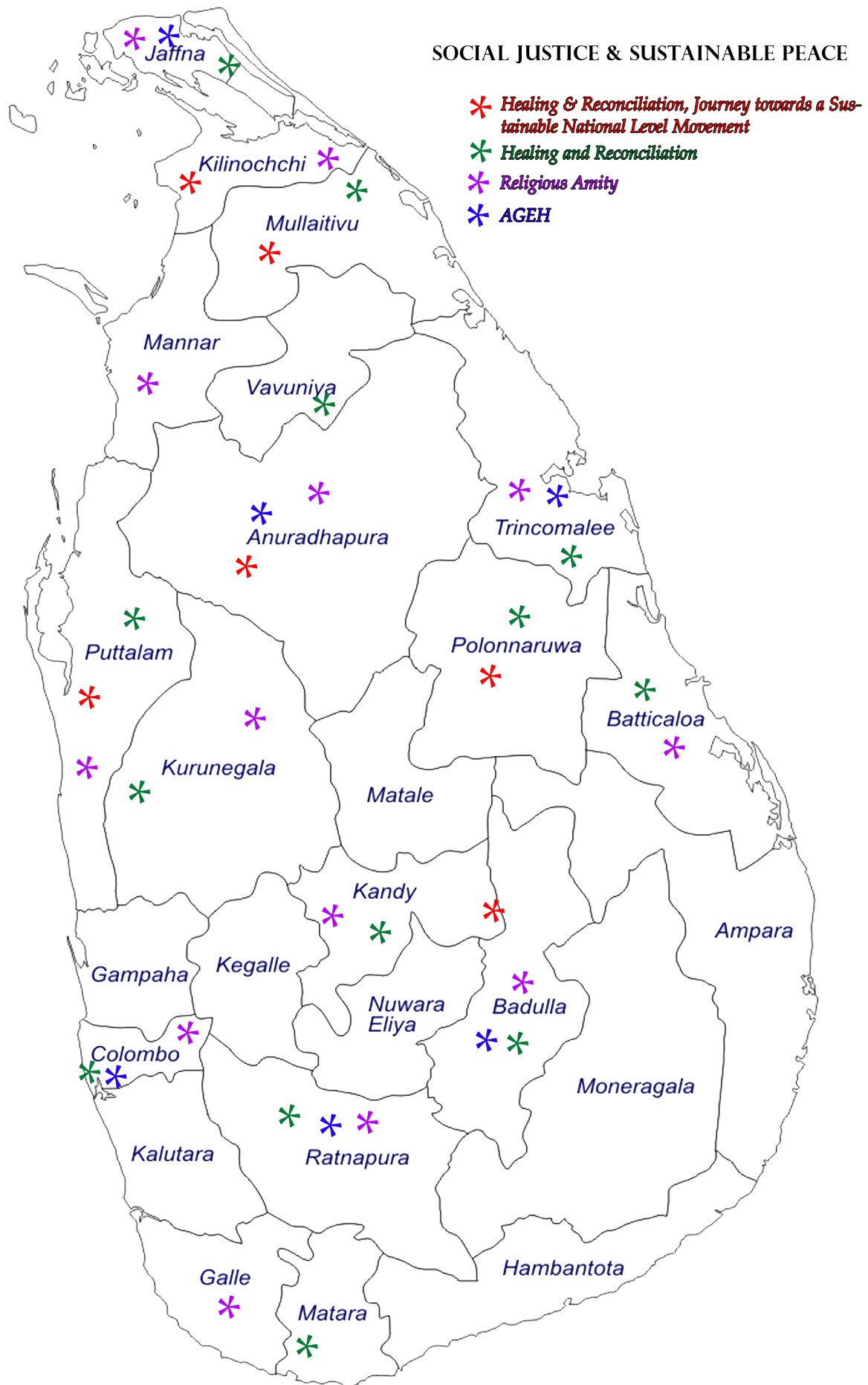


Nipun Pivithuru
20 years
Ratnapura

My name is Nipun Pivithuru de Silva. I am 20 years old. I come from Kiriella in Ratnapura. I am known as an active youth in my village. Therefore I contested the Youth Parliamentary election and won. Now I am a youth minister among 364 island wide leaders. My task is to find solutions for the issues and problems related to youth.

During this time Caritas Sethmini, Ratnapura selected me to undergo this training program on Social Media which was held from 02nd - 06th December 2019 at Buluthota. At first, I thought that this is only a training on technical aspects of social media. However, my prejudices were wrong. Since I engaged in this residential training, it had been a wonderful 5 day experience which included youth leadership motivation with many teambuilding activities and challenges. We also visited a Buddhist Temple located in the middle of Sinharaja Forest in the Matara District. These outdoor activities were outstanding where the photo shooting, video editing and reporting were performed by us with the knowledge and skills given.

Rest of the three days were dedicated for social media tools. We were taught how to handle Facebook, WhatsApp, create logos and developing stickers. It was very interesting to know how to create a blog and YouTube channel. There is good as well as bad in this technology. With this knowledge now we know how to go about with this technology. I want to be a blogger and open a YouTube channel. Let us train other youth and get them to do some service to the society. Let us get together and build our country a wonderful nation.





Sustainable Agriculture



Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC continued to implement programmes on Sustainable Agriculture Addressing Causes for Poverty and Ensuring Food Security to Farming Community in all 13 Diocesan Centres in the country.

This programme which contributes to 7 of the UN Sustainable Development Goals also falls in line with the Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si", aims to safeguard food security for 26,000 subsistence farmer households including urban & rural poor and marginalized communities including war widows, women, youth, and 52,000 school children, by switching over to sustainable agricultural practices, and 26,000 mothers of pre-school children targeting 26,000 pre-school children to protect them from malnourishment by 2022. The total expected direct program outreach is 130,000 persons in 4 years with the number of final beneficiaries reaching over 200,000.

CSL has so far mobilized 13,353 subsistence farmer families from 525 villages who have set up domestic economic units and motivated them to cultivate their own organic home gardens by using sustainable agricultural techniques. 2,035 Sustainable Agricultural training programs have been conducted in all 13 Dioceses during this period which has helped in upgrading unproductive home gardens and paddy lands to secure food supply throughout the year for the poor farmer families in all 25 districts.

The domestic economic units include cultivating vegetables, fruits, herbal plants, yams, spices, live fencing, fire wood trees, trees for timber, grass, inland fisheries and rearing small scale livestock (poultry, cattle, goat, ducks, pigs, rabbits, turkey and bee keeping) enabling the participating farmer families to consume nutritionally balanced diets.

As evidence of substantiating the community institutions, 1,370 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed and strengthened on leadership, financial management, group dynamics and motivated their domestic economic units to switch over to organic farming from inorganic agro-chemicals usage. The SHGs eventually formed into local Community Based Organizations (CBOs).



Women tend to assume active leadership roles in most of the 339 CBOs formed by Caritas; on an average, 75 percent of members are female. These SHGs have started their own saving schemes which operate as a Revolving Loan Fund while maintaining individual savings accounts that are compulsory for all members as agreed by consensus among all group members.

Each member saves a minimum of Rs. 100/- per month. As it is, now members have better access to credit facilities and can get instant credit up to Rs.10,000 at 1% monthly interest rate. Some of the salient features in the development of domestic farming units include;

- Training on organic farming techniques such as compost fertilizer preparation (Heap system, pit system, “Jeewakotuwa” method, drum system, pipe system, bin system and flower pot system), liquid fertilizer production (fish tonic, fruit tonic, leaves extractions, “Jeewamurtha”, etc.), preparation of vermi-compost and vermi-wash.
- Special training given on Integrated Pest Management (IPM); participants were able to learn biological, physical, cultural, mechanical and chemical methods of pest and diseases control by the preparation of natural pest repellents (Tobacco solution, onion solution, margoza leaves solution, 3G-solution (Garlic, Ginger and Green Chilee) etc.
- Training in Bee keeping as a means of improving yields; seventy-five percent of all crops grown for human consumption rely on pollinators, predominantly bees, for a successful harvest. Therefore, field staff and selected farmer leaders were given beekeeping training. Early results have been promising.
- 120 farmers trained in pond fish culture in Batticaloa, Anuradhapura and Kurunegala at National Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Training Institute (NIFATI), Kalawewa of the Government National Aquatic Development Authority. They were trained in construction of pond, aftercare, feeding of fish and preparing fish feed locally.
- Refresher training to cope with challenges of climate change - drought and floods are the main challenges facing the farmers in the production of food and safeguarding their livelihoods. Trainings have been given incorporating traditional and novel technologies adhering to disaster resisting techniques such as improving water holding capacity of soils, the planting of crops requiring less water and plating of drought resistant crops.



As a result of these efforts, now about 75% of the farmers' daily food derives from their own home gardens and as a result participants save about Rs. 9,000/- per month on food consumption bill. Majority of them use these savings for children's education or save for emergency expenses. Specific activities targeting children, mothers of pre-school children and differently able persons are among the highlights of this programme which has ensured that all segments of the community are included in its activities.

26,608 school children have been exposed to organic gardening and are practicing climate adaptive methods including planting seedlings in bags, water saving techniques such as bottle irrigation and drip irrigation. Similarly, 14,659 Mothers of pre-school children have participated in Family Nutrition programs which will benefit their families making sure that their children have access to and consume nutritionally balanced diets, avoiding fast foods.

The inclusion of 296 differently able people in this programme has provided an opportunity to these people to show case their talents and contribute to strengthening food security and earn an income as well in the process. Their contribution to the family welfare has enabled them to lead dignified lives. The total direct program partners is 71,279 persons up to December 2019 with the number of total direct and indirect beneficiaries (family members) reached over 285,116.

Caritas Sri Lanka thanks Caritas Norway for the guidance and support given to promote sustainable agriculture, to reduce malnutrition and poverty in rural areas of Sri Lanka.





With work towards a decent life - Support for Poor families in Kurunegala, Chilaw and Ratnapura Dioceses, Sri Lanka

Since 2015, Caritas Slovenia has supported the implementation of this project in the Kurunegala diocese. It has now been expanded to cover the Chilaw and Ratnapura Dioceses as well. The major aim of this project is to transform under privileged households into sustainable economic units through financial support and enhancing knowledge through entrepreneurship development training.

In the Kurunegala Diocese 29 families selected earlier and have received trainings in micro business planning are continuing their activities and have also expanded their businesses. The revolving fund established at the commencement of project is helping them to finance their activities.

In 2019, the project has been expanded with 22 families each in the Chilaw and Ratnapura DCs being selected to either start or expand livelihood activities. Each family has been provided with seed capital of Rs. 25,000 with appropriate trainings and revolving loan funds have been established to ensure sustainability of their livelihood ventures.

Overall, 72 families in the three dioceses have been helped to strengthen their livelihood activities in a sustainable manner.

The National Director and Staff of Caritas Sri Lanka –SEDEC would like to express our profound gratitude and thanks to Caritas Slovenia and Sponsors for their unstinted, generosity to help the poor people in Ratnapura, Puttalam, and Kurunegala Districts in Sri Lanka.



Success story



**Sakunthala
Saman Kumari**

Kurunegala

Imihaminnegama is situated in Polpithigama area, in the district of Kurunegala. It was a fortune for Caritas Kurunegala to address their causes of poverty through the food security program funded by Caritas Norway/NORAD. As Caritas Kurunegala entered the village in 2018, it was with 20 members of women. Now it has improved up to 32 members.

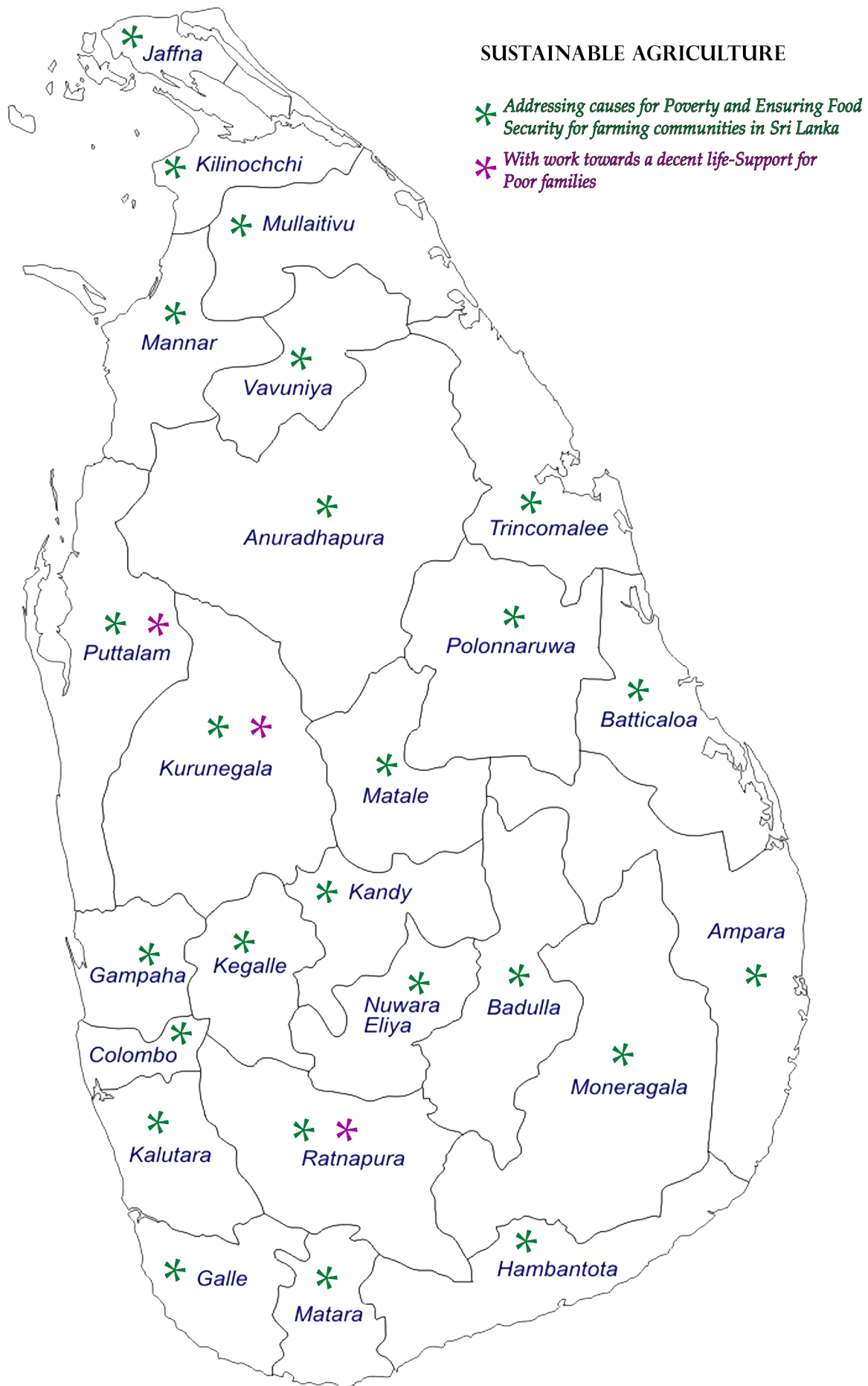
The CBO activities involve different types of work for the group members. Savings (Rs. 100/- per month), Maintaining accounts, call for meeting, recording minutes of the meeting, liaison with other NGOs and the Government Agencies, attending training programs and awareness workshops, collective marketing etc. All the members of the group do not take the responsibility of managing all these tasks. Only certain group members are very active and take the initiative to finish the important tasks mandatory for a CBO.

We were given a number of training programs, awareness programs and workshops from “Janasetha” Caritas Kurunegala about making Organic Home gardens (Farmers are made aware on negative impacts of using agro chemicals and capacitated on organic farming techniques such as compost fertilizer preparation (Heap system, pit system, “Jeewakotuwa” method, drum system, pipe system, bin system and flower pot system), liquid fertilizer production (fish tonic, fruit tonic, leaves extractions, “Jeewamurtha”, etc.), preparation of vermi-compost and vermi-wash, preparation of pest repellents (Tobacco solution, onion solution, margoza leaves solution, 3G-solution (Garlic, Ginger and Green Chilee) etc. Special training was given on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Participants were able to learn biological, physical, cultural, mechanical and chemical methods of pest and diseases control). With the support of Agricultural Instructors, Agriculture Research and production officers and Garden Development Officers we were able to develop and strengthen organic home gardens. We are able to get an income by selling our own products cultivated in home gardens. We are consuming our own products and every Friday we are selling our surplus and excess yields. From this organic home garden we got the ability to consume a balanced healthy diet.

When revolving funds are issued a sum of Rs. 30,000/= was given to the Community Based Organization and that fund was given as loans among the members at 3% interest. It was a great help for us to strengthen and develop our CBO by increasing the number of members and the assets of our CBO.

It was a better opportunity provided to access the government resources and the facilities provided by Caritas to our village. It is noteworthy that every monthly meeting of the community has some new faces asking membership of the group, seeing the activities by which we are bound and supporting each other. The Revolving Loan program is a success even if the amount they were given is small according to their request. The project has changed our lifestyle a lot and we have become the agents of change of the community in which we live.

We have been helped in many ways and all of these could be done through “Janasetha” and its good hearted staff.





Disaster Risk Management



Disaster Risk Management aims to avoid, lessen or transfer the adverse effects of hazards through activities and measures for prevention, mitigation and preparedness. Disasters have always been a result of human interaction with nature, technology and other living entities. Sometimes unpredictable and sudden, sometimes slow and lingering, various types of disasters continually affect the way in which we live our daily lives. In Sri Lanka, where the impact of disasters for the community is huge, the DRM unit has strived to lessen adverse effects through their projects.

Projects:

1. Educational Assistance for War-affected Children
2. Emotional Literacy School Programme
3. Empowerment of 'Green Gold Harvesters' by Strengthening of Workers' Rights
4. Empowerment of Plantation Women and Sri Lankan Families Returning from South India
5. Livelihood and Housing Support for War-affected Communities in Northern, Northcentral and Eastern provinces
6. Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Chilaw and Kurunegala through Awareness and Empowerment
7. Psychosocial and Pastoral Support for Families Affected by Easter Sunday Disaster
8. Strengthening of Special Needs' Children and their Families
9. Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India
10. Sustainable Livelihood Development for Former War-affected IDPs

A) Educational Assistance for War-affected Children – Funded by Caritas Korea

Started in July 2019 in Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee, Vanni dioceses, this project benefits 350 students directly and 1100 family members indirectly. The educational sector in Sri Lanka is very competitive with only 20 percent of all students who qualify for university admission gaining entry. Schools with facilities to teach Science and Mathematics are limited in the war-affected areas. For e.g. in the GCE Ordinary Level examination (secondary school national exam), completion rate disparities exist between districts ranging from 40 percent in Colombo to only 14 percent and 17 percent in the Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu districts in the war affected Northern Province. These disparities affect employment opportunities and access to salaried employment.



It is in such a context that this project is being implemented in the above mentioned dioceses. Vulnerable families from the war affected areas are today unable to cope with day to day living expenses due to the hardships they come across. The support given by Caritas Korea to enable affected children and students to continue their education has been invaluable.

B) Emotional Literacy School Programme – Funded by Fondazione San Zeno via Caritas Italiana

Emotional Literacy School programme was launched in July 2019 to address the youth and students to manage their own emotions effectively, appropriately and productively. It develops positive social interactions with other people in the society. In this context, Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC implemented the 'Emotional Literacy School' programme in the dioceses of Chilaw, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, Mannar and Trincomalee where considerable number of students found affected by the drug abuse, self-inflicted harms and suicides. The objectives of this programme are to increase the emotional literacy, well-being and resilience among those school students in order to prevent self-harm and suicidal behaviour. Through this programme, school teachers will also be capacitated to understand their role and to identify the signs of distress in children.

As part of the programme implementation, one of the main tasks was to select counsellors who will work with students in the schools. 3 Tamil speaking counsellors and 3 Sinhala speaking counsellors were selected by the panel of professional psychiatrists. According to the project proposal, the counsellors had to undergo special training to suit the requirement of the programme. At the moment, the training of counsellors in Sinhala medium and Tamil medium is completed. They were trained by the prominent Consultant Psychiatrists Dr. Venura Paliawadana and Dr. Sivathas Sivasubramaniam.

Counsellor's next task will be to start 'Skills Training' for Grade 10 students at 12 schools selected in 6 dioceses. In Jaffna, Kandy, Mannar and Trincomalee Skills Training was already started but could not commence in Chilaw and Kurunegala schools due to the sudden closure of schools following the outbreak of COVID-19 epidemic.



C) Empowerment of 'Green Gold Harvesters' by Strengthening of Workers' Rights - Funded by Misereor

Plantation communities are socially marginalized and have inadequate access to social services such as education and health. Since Caritas has developed the necessary network structure over the years throughout the island and have a wide reach and presence to work with all the ethnic communities in the plantation region, an empowerment process has been launched in collaboration with the local authorities and the plantation owners to empower them.

'Empowerment of Green Gold Harvesters by Strengthening of Workers' Rights' programme has been implemented in four dioceses (Galle, Kandy, Ratnapura and Badulla) since July 2017, focusing on estates that need immediate attention. The programme mainly aims towards creating leadership among estate workers to claim their rights and to establish and strengthen community institutions to work for the betterment of the community. Rights based approach is used in project implementation where advocacy and lobbying are the key components of the project to exert pressure on the duty bearers. Diocesan level activities are linked with national level activities to be more effective in achieving the project objectives.

This is the final year of the second phase of the programme. Community Based Organizations (CBOs) were guided to be federated and Community Development Forums (CDF) were strengthened, thus more than ten CBOs were formed. Vigilant groups also contributed their important role. Issues with regard to water and sanitation were the main topics that were discussed at the vigilant group meetings. Vigilant group members have shown their highest interest and offered free labour to implement minor water and sanitation projects in the estates. Special focus was given to networking with the potential stakeholders.

Diocesan coordinators were capacitated through different methodologies on stakeholder identification and mapping. Like minded organizations were identified and networking strategies were encouraged. During the process, GGH Coordinators and field officers were able to intercede with the stakeholders such as religious leaders, school authorities and various government institutions connected with the plantation sector for the betterment of the community.



Dioceses paid their attention on women's rights and special international days were celebrated. Estate workers' rights were well spoken by the plantation people whenever there was a need. GGH programme participants took the leadership in rallying for a better salary. This approach succeeded due to the training they received on advocacy and lobbying from the programme. Lack of basic legal documents (Birth Certificates, National Identity Cards etc.) was also settled through mobile legal clinics with the support of government officials. This initiative was well appreciated by the plantation community.

D) Empowerment of Plantation Women and Sri Lankan Families Returning from South India – Funded by Caritas Japan

This project focused on helping two types of communities living in the Trincomalee district in the Eastern Province and in the plantation districts of the Central Province.

Sri Lankan Families Returning from South India - There are several hundreds of families of Sri Lankan origin living in South India who are returning to resettle in their own lands in the Trincomalee district. Many of these families lack the necessary documents in order to reintegrate with the local community. For e.g., there are people who need various types of documents such as birth and marriage certificates, death certificates, educational certificates, citizenship certificates, national identity cards, land and survey plans etc. These are essential to admit children to school and also build houses in own lands. Under this project a total of 52 persons were helped to obtain the required certificates.

Under the same project 22 most vulnerable families including widow and women headed families, families with disable members and low income families were provided with temporary houses and 12 families were provided with latrines for their protection. The beneficiaries contributed their own labour to help in the construction process.

Empowerment of Plantation Women – The plantation communities living mostly in the Central, Sabargamuwa and Uva Provinces, have relatively less access to services in the education, health and other sectors compared to the rest of the country. In such a context, community members in 3 villages – Kandenuwara in Matale district, Ambalamana in the Kandy district and Darawala in the NuwaraElliya district were helped to build their own Community Based Organizations in order to advocate and lobby for their rights and obtain needed government services.



The CBOs which have a majority of women in their membership were given a series of trainings in **1)** strengthening CBO by good institutional management, **2)** leadership for advocacy, **3)** education programmes on CBO management, **4)** exchange programme – enabling members from these villages to visit other rural communities and learn from each other, **5)** Gender equality, **6)** skills development, **7)** migration issues, **8)** mobile legal clinic and **9)** non-violent communication.

All activities were done with active coordination with the respective government offices in the districts. Government officials such as the Development Officer and Women's Development Officer provided trainings in the production of yoghurt, ice cream and puddings which have helped some the members to start their own self-employment ventures. In Kandenuwara village, the CBO had successfully lobbied with the local government to obtain a water supply connection for their village. A total of 150 persons from all three villages have benefitted from this project.

E) Livelihood and Housing Support for War-affected Communities in Northern, Northcentral and Eastern provinces – Funded by Misereor

This is a new project to be implemented in the dioceses of Anuradhapura, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee and Vanni. At the moment, the project is implemented only in Mannar diocese.

Construction of 50 permanent houses in Mullikulam for the war-affected families commenced in January 2020. Initially the diocesan director had to undergo many difficulties in obtaining building materials due to government restrictions and then construction was hampered by the imposed curfew due to COVID-19 pandemic. However, at present the foundations have been laid out. Prior to the commencement of building, the selected families participated in capacity building programmes conducted by Caritas Valvuthayam.



F) Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Chilaw and Kurunegala through Awareness and Empowerment – Funded by Misereor

Mitigation of Thalassemia project commenced in December 2018 in the dioceses of Batticaloa, Chilaw and Kurunegala. Thalassemia is a genetically inherited, non-curable, but easily preventable disease and challenges the individual at the physical, emotional, cognitive, and social capabilities. It disrupts the quality of life and imposes tremendous psychosocial burden on the patient and the family. Through this project a total of 1,600 have been benefitted and have managed to resurrect their lives.

The project conducts activities such as village level awareness programmes for students, community leaders and religious leaders, mobile clinics with special cases referred to hospitals, medical assistance for special cases, psychosocial support through group meetings and professional counselling sessions. The project will continue till the end of 2021.

G) Psychosocial and Pastoral Support for Families Affected by Easter Sunday Disaster – Funded by CI Partners and Other Donors

Following dastardly bomb attacks by the Muslim extremists where 253 people were killed and 500 injured, Pastoral Psycho-Social Programme was initiated to address the needs of victims. Members of Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC and Caritas Colombo-Sethsarana visited the residencies of all the victims and identified their needs through a data collection system. Assisted with burials of the victims and the injured were taken to hospitals with the assistance of other agencies. Catholic priests continued to visit the residences of victims and provided counselling services and offered Mass.

Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC with the cooperation of Caritas Sethsarana continues to medically assist 40 of the affected persons. Livelihood and economic support have been given to 10 families; monthly financial support being offered to 13 families; prosthetic support for acquiring limb accessories for 13 victims; purchase of wheelchairs for at least 2 persons and financial assistance in legal advices as well as transportation were provided.



H) Strengthening of Special Needs' Children and their Families – Funded by Kindermissionswerk

'Strengthening of Special Needs Children and their Families' programme targets the war affected vulnerable women, children with special needs and youth, in order to enable them to become more independent and to lead meaningful lives. Through the programme 65 children in Vanni and 30 children in Mannar were provided with travel assistance of Rs.1000/- per month and medical advice such as Individual and group counselling and physiotherapy to improve their mobility capacities, physical and mental wellbeing. An additional Rs. 1000/- was also provided to children to purchase nutritional items recommended by the medical doctor.

As a result of the above grants, inclusive education among children was encouraged, children's immunity level increased by 30%, school attendance was increased by 80%, specific skills and capabilities of children were identified and a remarkable increase of parent's confidence in managing their children and the reduction of medical treatment due to improved nutritional levels was observed. Awareness programmes conducted for parents and family members were helpful to create linkage with government and non-governmental officials, building relationships with affected children, handling emotions, knowledge on child rights, and child abuse.

The project ended in May this year but will continue till end of 2022 with a broader prospect.

I) Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India – Funded by Caritas Korea

There are several hundred thousand families from Sri Lanka who sought refuge in South India due to the war that prevailed for over 30 years. Since the end of the war many of these families are now returning back to their own homes in Northern and Eastern Sri Lanka. In order to help the selected families rebuild their lives and reintegrate with the local communities, 75 families were provided with temporary houses and 88 families were provided with livelihood support. The beneficiaries were provided with relevant trainings to develop their livelihoods and earn a stable income. Under the 3rd component of this project, a group of women who are involved in the production of candles were helped to construct a building in the village called 'Shanthipuram' in the Mannar district so that the candle making operation could be continued without any disruption.



A Community Based Organization consisting of 33 women from 3 Self Help Groups are involved in this activity. This project which commenced in April 2019 was concluded in March 2020.

J) Sustainable Livelihood Development for former War-affected IDPs – Funded by Caritas Australia

This project which commenced in July 2017 was implemented in the Kilinochchi (Vanni) and Jaffna districts in 2 phases. It was successfully concluded in October 2019. The project promoted integral human development empowering the communities to strengthen their capacities to advocate and lobby for community rights and develop their livelihoods in a sustainable manner.

A series of trainings in institutional strengthening, livelihood development including the promotion of organic cultivation and the integration of disaster risk reduction aspects in livelihood were important elements of this project. A total of 138 persons in both districts have benefitted from this project.

Since the revolving fund concept is being followed in the livelihood development component of the project, the beneficiaries are repaying the capital so that new beneficiaries can benefit from the project.



Success story



Miss Sanjika
15 Years old
Student

Sanjika with her twin sister and (in Blue waistcoat) and their class master.

Project: Educational Assistance for War-affected Children

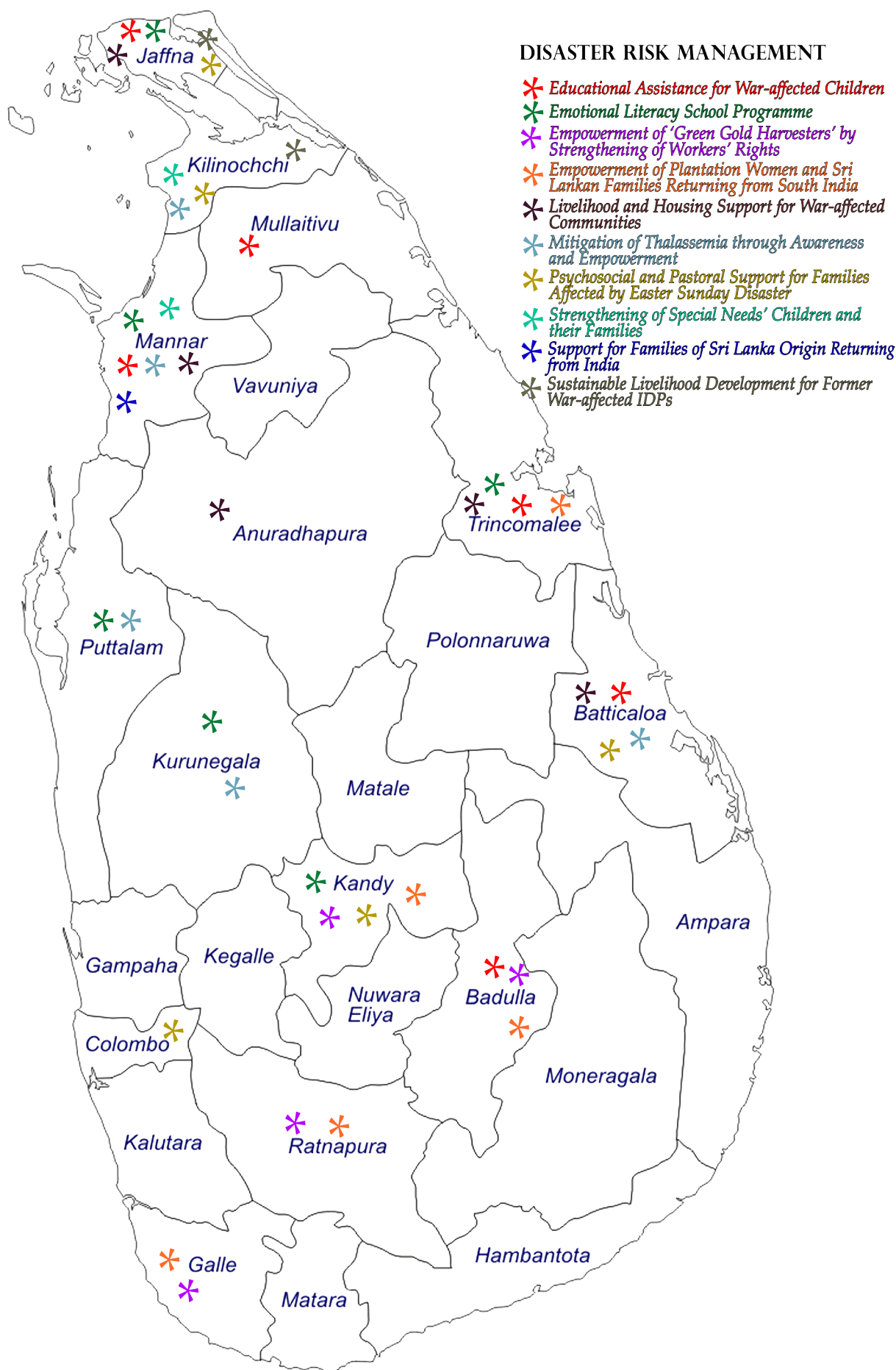
K. Sanjika is 15 years old and will be sitting for the GCE Ordinary Level examination in December 2020. She also has a twin sister and both studying in the Selvanayyagapuram Hindu College, Trincomalee. Sanjika's father has been missing since 2008 during the period when the war was at its peak. When she was three and half years old her mother married again and now living with her husband in Jaffna. There is very little contact between the 2 children and their mother. In these circumstances, it is the children's grandmother, Mrs. Maheswary who is now caring for them. The grandmother is a domestic worker in households and earns between Rs. 500 and Rs. 600 (2.5 – 3.0 EUR) per day and works 15 or 20 days a month to support her 2 grandchildren and herself.

The 2 children are very bright and have achieved 1st rank in their respective classes and Sanjika says that she wants to become an engineer when she grows up. She obtained 95 percent for Mathematics in the last term test and her teachers and the principal of the school are confident that she will pass the GCE Ordinary Level examination with many distinctions.

"My two grandchildren are very studious and never miss any school lessons. The grant of Rs. 3,000 provided by Caritas HUDEC is used by Sanjika for tuition classes, especially for English and Mathematics. This is a valuable contribution since my small earnings are not sufficient to cover the expenses of the two children" says Mrs. Maheswary, "I also thank Caritas Trincomalee and Caritas Korea for helping by granddaughter to continue her education" she says with a grateful smile.



Sanjika (left) with her twin sister Saranya and grandmother (extreme right).





Integral Human Development



During the reporting period, under the IHD Unit, there were 2 major projects being implemented. One of them is the Safe Labour Migration Project where along with other Caritas Diocesan Network as well as with the other Deep Impact Partners (DIPs), CSL facilitated a number of migrants' cases and was able to find solutions to the grievances of the depressed migrants and their family members. In addition, Caritas Sri Lanka and the Diocesan counterparts carried out numerous safe labour migration awareness sessions in many districts covering the entire island. The intervention was initiated with the funding assistance of Swiss Agency for Development and Corporation (SDC).

The other is a community empowerment project known as Civic Dialogue and Cross Community Activities implemented in 4 Dioceses such as Anuradhapura, Badulla, Mannar and Vanni. The three-year project came to an end in December 2019 having achieved many feats for the welfare and betterment of the local communities. Under the new phase of the same project, 5 new Dioceses, namely Batticaloa, Chilaw, Jaffna, Kandy and Kurunegala are selected for another three years with the financial assistance from Caritas Korea.

Legal Aid and Legal Services to Migrants and their Families (Safe Labour Migration Project)

The Legal Aid and Legal Services to Migrants and their Families implemented by Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC is part of a larger Safe Labour Migration Programme implemented at national policy level and district-based grassroots level in 13 districts through a number of partners. In particular, the programme includes 06 local civil society organizations working in 06 districts on increasing awareness on safe labour migration at the community level and providing direct support to migrant workers and their families.

Key Achievements and Events

1. Caritas Sri Lanka network carried out a 410 Safe Labour Migration awareness programmes in the year 2019 while reaching out to 15,144 individuals promoting safe labour migration practices.

No.	Diocese	No.of Awareness Programmes Conducted	Total Attendees
1	Anuradhapura Sethsaviya	25	822
2	USCOD Badulla	10	415
3	Colombo SethSarana (DIP)	56	2725
4	Batticaloa EHED	37	950
5	Chilaw Janasaviya	12	317
6	SED Galle	36	1292
7	Jaffna HUDEC (DIP)	100	4703
8	SETIK Kandy	71	2207
9	Janasetha Kurunegala	23	538
10	Ratnapura Sethmini	11	416
11	Trincomalee EHED	6	154
12	Mannar Valvuthayam	12	404
13	Vanni HUDEC	11	201
Total		410	15,144

2. Caritas Sri Lanka in collaboration with other partners facilitated a number of migrant cases, assisting the victims and their family members to find solutions.
3. In close partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Employment, Caritas Sri Lanka organized 8 Multi Stakeholder Capacity Enhancement Programmes on Labour Migrant Case Handling Mechanism with a special focus on the psychosocial approach and intervention for stakeholders engaged in the safe labour migration related work at official and voluntary level. During the 2-day residential training programmes in Ampara, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Nuwara Eliya, Colombo, Gampaha, the Development Officers for Foreign Employment (DOFEs), paralegal volunteers and partner staff engaged in interactive sessions, especially in understanding the type of cases they receive and how they engage as officers and volunteers in dealing with such migrant cases.
4. After the 21st of April 2019, Easter Sunday bombing, the international refugees and asylum seekers had to face many difficulties in their rented places in Negombo as they were suspected of being involved in the Easter Sunday incidents by the locals and were evicted from their rented places. After a visit to the Negombo Ahamadia Mosque in Periyamulla where nearly 340 persons were housed by the end of May 2019, Caritas Sri Lanka was able to understand the plight of these families and provided 250 mosquito nets to the people at Pasyala Ahamadiya Mosque, which were an immediate need for them due to the risk of spreading dengue fever in the area.
5. Caritas Sri Lanka Migration Unit in coordination with the Caritas Colombo Seth Sarana, Catholic Commission for Migrants and ZOA Sri Lanka organized the World Day for Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 29th of September, 2019 at St. Anne's Church, Wattala. After the Holy Mass, a Street Drama was staged depicting the aspects of migration and a march was organized promoting safe and organized migration practices.



6. Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC commemorated the World Migrants Day on 20-21 February 2020. The central focus of the two-day commemoration was to shed more light into the Case Handling Mechanism which Caritas members have specialized during the Migration

project implementation period and to look at this Mechanism from a Psychosocial Perspective to better understand the Migrant Victims and their family members. On the second day, a discussion was held to strengthen the Catholic migration network with the participation of His Lordship Bishop Raymond Wickramasinghe, Chairman of the Catholic National Commission for Migration.

Meanwhile a Declaration was read out by His Lordship. All those present including National Director Caritas Sri Lanka, Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke, Directors and staff of 13 Caritas Diocesan Centres, the National Director and representatives of the Congregation of Major Religious Superiors (CMRS), development officers of foreign employment, members of paralegal committees and migrant community mobilizers affirmed their commitment together with the Bishop.

7. Caritas Sri Lanka and Swiss Development Corporation handed over the Recommendations on Safe Labour Migration Case Handling Mechanism compiled in consultation with the Deep Impact Partners of the Safe Migration Project to Mr. Weerasekera, Deputy General Manager, Welfare & Conciliation Division, Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment on 11th of September 2019.
8. Caritas Sri Lanka organized the Paralegal TOT programme of Safe Labour Migration for the Diocesan level volunteers in Sinhala and Tamil mediums on 5th / 6th and 26th / 27th of September 2019 at SEDEC Auditorium.



Replicating the Experience of Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue and Cross-community Activities

Prior to implementation of this project, by studying the socio, economic and political contexts in many of the villages selected in the respective Dioceses, it was noticed that the average income of the families were under the poverty line. Some of the villages were facing numerous problems ranging from poverty, water scarcity, wild animal attacks, especially elephants

destroying their houses and crops, lack of skills, men and youth addicted to drugs and alcohol etc. Unfortunately the villagers saw no help coming to them and neither they had the know-how and courage to face them.

As a result of the vulnerability mapping carried out by the Diocesan Centres at the early phase of the project, these villages were selected and our interventions have gone to these villages at a time that they needed external support to mobilize their community through empowerment and rights based approach to claim their social, economic, cultural and political rights.

This project implementation started from January 2017 in four Caritas Dioceses namely Anuradhapura, Badulla, Mannar and Vanni, focusing on mobilizing poor and the marginalized grassroots level communities into 125 small Self Help Groups (SHGs), strengthening them by forming 20 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and moving them towards District Level Federations. The sole focus of this project is to empower and animate the target communities to be able to voice for their rights and to achieve personal, family and community development.

The activities implemented under the project have made the CBO members aware of the importance of organizing themselves, building relationships, identifying common issues and working for community development. The villagers are gradually empowered to identify their needs and issues through the activities of the project.

In return they are also trying their best to design solutions by themselves. Through linkages and trust built with local government agencies and other stakeholders, the groups were able to find solutions for the problems and issues in their respective communities.

As observed, the expected change took place slowly at the beginning and as of now many of the CBOs have organized themselves into stronger civil societies with experience and practical know-how of how to address their community issues independently.





Achievements

- In addition to the CBOs, in each community Children Societies were formed and carried out many educational, cultural and religious activities.
- CBOs carried out numerous shramadana (Village Cleaning) campaigns.
- CBOs engaged in religious, social and political awareness raising events.
- Organized national festivals creating a lot of team spirit.
- Carried out seed distribution events among the CBO members to promote home gardening concepts in practice
- Health camps were conducted
- Constructed a building for the development of Small Scale Industry in Mannar.
- CBOs were able to get the attention of the authorities and government departments to solve road rehabilitation, land right, illegal logging, child abuse, drugs, alcohol and domestic violence issues.

Other Results

- 21 CBOs have been formed against the target 20 CBOs
- Altogether the number of CBO members who benefited from this project in the 4 DCs exceeded the target of 1,000 to 1,034.
- The family members who reaped benefits due to project interventions also exceeded the target 5,000.
- Their family income increased compared to the income they earned before the project started.
- SHG/CBO members are able to continue working independently on their own.
- CBO members have built strong linkages with local government agencies
- Have won many social, civil and economic rights
- Revolving Loan Schemes are set up at each CBO which help the members to obtain loans to develop their livelihood ventures without falling into the traps of the outside money lenders
- All CBO members work together as a team and have built peace and understanding among them
- Many have got the opportunity to consume chemical free vegetable grown in the home gardens making household savings
- They have become conscious about the family health and the environment
- The skills of children and youth have been developed.



Success story



Indrakumar
Vijayaluxmy

Mannar

My family is blessed with three school going children. My husband is a fisherman and is the breadwinner of our family. Before the arrival of Caritas-Valvuthayam to my village, I was an ordinary housewife engaged in the usual household chorus. Most of my time was spent on looking after my goats and supporting my husband in cleaning fish for dry fish processing. As a result, I did not have any interest and need to have time for other social activities or did not want to get involved in the village development activities.

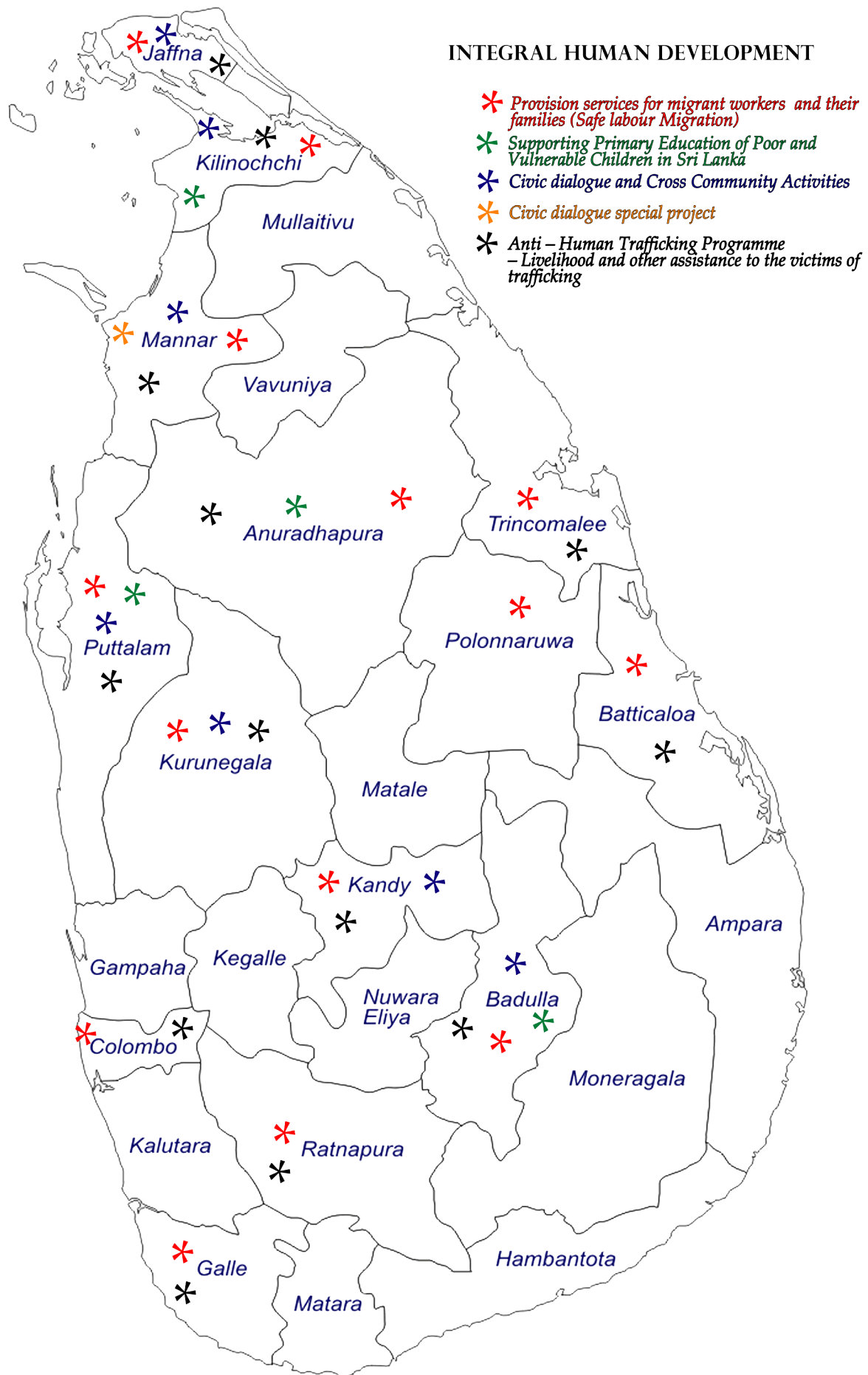
Meanwhile, I was introduced to Caritas Valvuthayam and to its community development programme named "Civic Dialogue Programme". As a result, as a member of the CBO, we were given training on many fields such as agriculture, livestock, leadership, village development, family management, family planning, decision making, CBO networking, conflict management, revolving loan system, psychosocial counseling, basic hygiene promotion, human rights and good governance.

With the trainings, we have learned a lot of skills which has also changed the way we think. For an example, we have learnt to save. Every month, each member is saving minimum Rs.100. The success behind this practice is seen today, as each of our Self Help Groups (SHGs) has savings ranging from Rs.100,000 to Rs.300,000. With the savings, the members are provided with loan facilities to improve their business / livelihood activities.

In addition, when we have our monthly meetings, now we are able to discuss the issues seen in the village. Based on such discussions, we have identified the difficulties that children in the village face, especially with regard to the educational support. As many of our members are coming from lower income families, they are deprived of educational support schemes such as tuition classes. Having realized this need and issue, our CBO organized evening classes for forty students with the support of educated youngsters from the village itself. Salaries for teachers are being paid by CBO from their saving now. It is a great achievement and the members of the CBO feel proud of the support given through their discussions and interventions.

Further, during the funeral of our beneficiaries each member of the CBO is making a financial contribution depending on their financial capacity. Now we feel that we are really connected to each other. We also organize a lot of community cleaning events in school premises, temples and the community hall. We also visit the elders and sick in our village through the interventions of the CBO. When in need, we extend our support to them. As a result they are really grateful to our CBO.

Thus, we feel, our village is marching towards a real socio-economic development and this project is useful for me and for my village.



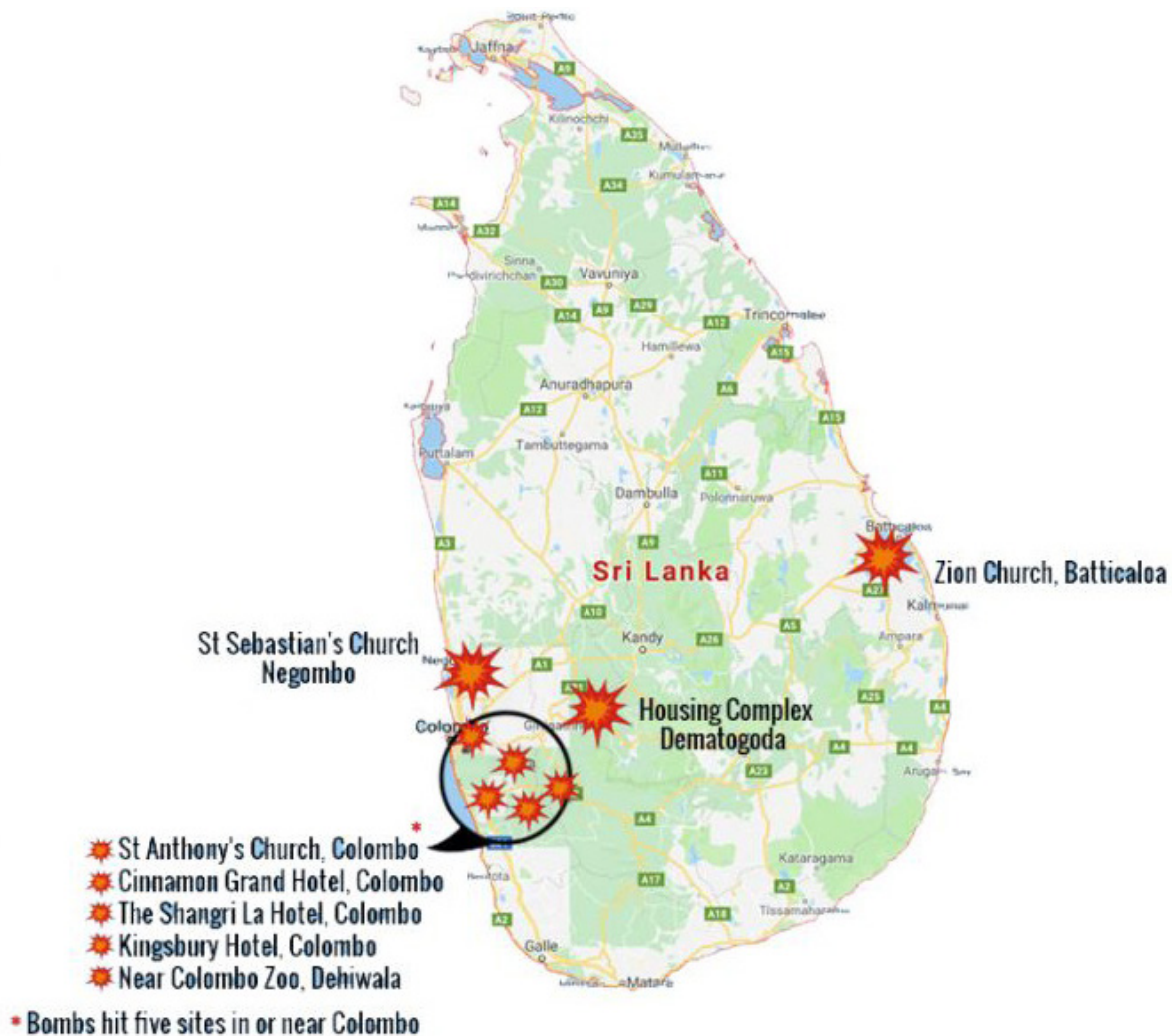


Special Project

Psychosocial and Pastoral Support Programme for the Easter Sunday Bomb Blast Victims 2019

Introduction

21st April, 2019 the dastardly bomb attack by the Muslim extremists occurred. The church bombings were carried out during Easter Sunday Holy Mass in Negombo (St. Sebastian's Church), Batticaloa (The Zion Church) and Colombo (St. Anthony's Shrine). The hotels that were bombed were the Shangri-La, Cinnamon Grand, Kingsbury, all five-star hotels in Colombo and Tropical Inn Dehiwela. 253 people were killed, including at least 45 foreign nationals and 3 police officers, and about 500 were injured. Among the dead were 46 children, 13 alone from Batticaloa including an 18-month infant.



Immediate Reaction by Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC

Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC initiated Pastoral Psycho-Social Programme to address the needs of victims immediately following the bomb blasts. Members of Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC and Caritas Colombo-Sethsarana visited the residencies of all the victims and identified their needs through a data collection system. Assisted with burials of the victims and the injured were taken to hospitals with the assistance of other agencies. Catholic priests continued to visit the residences of victims and provided counselling services and offered Mass.

We also formulated a special project proposal “Psychosocial and Pastoral Programme for the Easter Sunday bomb blast victims which was supported by many our Caritas network members as well other international and local donors.

The Colombo Diocese through its parish network is providing counselling service to affected families to overcome emotional trauma and expedite their recovery while Caritas Sri Lanka is focusing on providing other services such as **1)** cash vouchers to affected families to purchase relief items, **2)** appropriate medial/travel and transport assistance, **3)** educational assistance to children of affected families, **4)** support to rebuild lost livelihoods, legal assistance to selected families to obtain relevant documents (death certificates, copies of marriage, birth certificates, land deeds etc as well as **5)** activities to promote greater coexistence to ensure harmony between communities.

Taking Care of the Affected

Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC with the cooperation of Caritas Sethsarana continues to medically assist 40 of the affected persons. Livelihood and economic support have been given to 10 families; monthly financial support being offered to 13 families; prosthetic support for acquiring limb accessories for 13 victims; purchase of wheelchairs for at least 2 persons and financial assistance in legal advices as well as transportation were provided. Similar activities are being implemented in the Diocese of Batticaloa as well where 29 persons lost their lives.



The victims of this disaster are from all parts of the country including Badulla, Jaffna, Chilaw, Ratnapura, Kandy and Anruadhapura who had come to Colombo due to the period of vacation during that time were at the vicinity of the bomb blast. Caritas Sri Lanka together with the concerned dioceses is supporting many of these victims based on their specific needs.

Our observation and lessons learnt

The recovery process is slow and traumatic feelings continue to overshadow the process. Many of the affected families are striving to rebuild their lives and are supported by close family networks and friends in this process of joining the mainstream. Broadly three types of affected can be identified;

- **The injured :**

those who suffered low level physical injuries are recovering and managing for themselves. But those with severe disabilities will require further physical and psychosocial support to help them towards recovery.

- **Deaths of family members:**

in such cases recovering from the trauma is taking a longer a time and further accompaniment is necessary. Family networks and friends play an important role in this process.

- **Loss of bread winner :**

in such cases for e.g. the loss of father/mother/son – the recovery process is very slow. Rebuilding family lives including livelihoods has shown very little progress. Some continue to depend on extended family networks and friends for survival.

Our continued support

We will continue to support and accompany those who need help with the assistance of volunteers and counselors. There are persons who continuing to receive treatment from hospitals. Many have undergone surgery 3 or 4 times and will need further support. Depending on the extent of the injury and medical recommendations we will decide on the type of help we could provide.



Case Study 1 – Mrs. Thilna Harshani



Mrs. Harshani, 35 yr old employee at Cooperative Bank was injured at St. Sebastian's Church, Katuwapitiya, Negombo from the bomb blast. She lost her Left eye and completely paralyzed. The picture shows her with youngest son (2 yrs) and eldest daughter (10 yrs). The elder son who was 7 yrs old died tragically from the bomb blast. Her husband is car salesman.

Mrs. Harshani was initially warded at the National Hospital where several surgeries were performed. She was then moved to Asiri Central hospital, private entity for further critical surgeries where she remained for three and a half months. After the surgeries she was moved to Ave Maria hospital where she remains to date. Despite all the hard work from the medical services, Mrs. Harshani has become a patient-for-life.

For the wellbeing of Mrs. Harshani, following are the future requirements:

- Continued medical assistance
- Specialist home nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Eye replacement surgery
- Payment of hospital bills
- Construction of special healthcare room at home

Case Study 2 – Mr. L.D. Senarathna

Mr. Senarathna, 68 yr old was a victim at the blast in St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade, Colombo. His wife is also a patient with a heart condition. His school-going daughter was compelled to work as the bread winner of the household; her father is now bed-ridden.

Both the legs of Mr. Senarathna were injured with broken bones. Although surgeries performed with inserting plates to resurrect broken bones at the National Hospital, Mr. Senarathna is still unable to walk. Following second opinion, a surgery was performed again to readjust the inserted plates. The patient still suffers with infections and is extremely weak. Present situation is that he is still immobile.

For the wellbeing of Mr. Senarathna, following are the future requirements:

- Continued clinic visits and treatments
- Physiotherapy
- Income generation method for the family

Special Programmes

Caritas Pakistan Visit Caritas Sri Lanka



are being implemented by their organizations.

A six member staff from Caritas Pakistan arrived in Sri Lanka on 8th April 2019 on a 6 day exposure and exchange visit. The objective was to learn from the project activities of Caritas Sri Lanka and at the same time share their own experiences of projects being implemented in Pakistan. On the 8th of April 2019, the respective staff teams met for a brief exchange of views on the activities that

Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke, National Director in his opening remarks gave a brief introduction on the projects that are being implemented by Caritas Sri Lanka and the institutional policies that have been developed as per the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards.



There was a fruitful exchange of views on topics related to institutional policies, migration, disaster risk reduction, sustainable agriculture and peace & good governance.

The team from Pakistan visited Anuradhapura DC to observe and study the projects implemented in sustainable agriculture including disaster preparedness.

CIMS Tot Workshop for Diocesan Coordinators



and their application. The workshop was conducted over a period of 4-days from 23rd to 26th May 2019 for Tamil and Sinhala speaking coordinators from all the 13 Diocesan Centres at the SEDEC Auditorium.

Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC organized a TOT workshop to enhance the knowledge of the Diocesan Staff on the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards

Mr. Kushal Neogy, Sub-regional Director – Partnerships (South Asia) of Catholic Relief Services conducted this programme.



“Is your Project making change?” – Training Workshop held in Coimbatore, India

Rev. Sr. Noyala and Ms. Dharshika from the Caritas Sri Lanka National Centre took part in a training workshop titled “Is your Project making change?” which was held from 18th - 20th June 2019 and this training workshop was organized by Karl Kübel Institute for Development Education (KKID) in India.



The workshop focused on A practical working method on impact map, impact planning, impact monitoring tools and qualitative analysis of the impact and the processes of development projects carried out at different community levels by various organizations. The participants were from 7 different countries and a workshop size of 20 members took part in the 3 day training programme.

The main objectives of the workshop were to enable the participants to have a better understanding of the significance of “impact orientation” in the field of development cooperation and for their concrete project work and also to enable the participants to plan an impact oriented project and to develop a suitable monitoring system for the same.

Training Programme on Conflict Resolution, Germany



Mr. Priyantha Fernando, Manager, Social Justice and Sustainable Peace Unit followed a Summer School Training Together towards Peace & Justice: International Training for Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Human Rights Protection”, organized by the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) held from 13th to 27th July 2019 at the Training Center on the Holy Mountain, Wuppertal in Germany.

The training sessions were conducted in a participatory manner, which included the group discussions, role-plays, presentations and devotional morning prayers. Towards the end of the training, participants designed local or regional peace projects, taking into consideration the knowledge acquired from the training and identifying potential strategies of implementation.

National Inter-Faith Forum and Exposure Visit, Cambodia



The Cambodian National Inter-Faith Forum on Combating Human Trafficking and Ending Modern Slavery was organized from 14th to 16th August 2019 and was presided over by the Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia, Minister of Interior and the Chairman of National Committee for Counter Trafficking (NCCT).

Considering the strategic aspect of this forum and learning from the success of the national campaign in Thailand in 2018, Caritas Asia too decided to make the 3rd National Interfaith Forum against human trafficking as a regional event by inviting 25-member organizations and the wider network in Asia, including JCAP, Global Shepherd and Fountain of Life Cambodia.

The main objectives of the forum and the visits were to enhance the capacities of 25 Caritas Member Organizations in Asia in the field of Safe Migration and Anti Human Trafficking and to provide opportunities for cross-learning and mutual exchange of experiences and knowledge among the participants.

At this event, Sri Lanka was represented by Mr. Sajith Silva, Programme Manager, Integral Human Development, Caritas Sri Lanka – SEDEC. On the last day of the event, the representative from each member organizations had the opportunity to learn and share their country specific experiences with the other colleagues mainly from the Asian region.

Workshop on Culture. Conscious. Communication : Bali, Indonesia

The workshop was addressed for the Association for Development Cooperation (AGEH) -development-workers together with their direct project colleagues and superiors who are working together in multi-cultural teams while seeking to achieve common goals and strive for intended impact in their projects environment. The programme held from the 7th to 11th of October 2019.



Each human being looks at situations from diverse perspectives, which are influenced by diversity of patterns and thereby do often lead to different perceptions and also to common human needs. We see different perceptions and common human needs as great opportunities and like to create efficient cooperation by using awareness of patterns and needs creatively.

With this the workshop was seeking to achieve the following objectives:

- refine individual and intercultural competence
- elaborate the ability to act in diverse contexts
- strengthen working capability in diverse teams

Topics Discussed:

- Cultural Differences
- Power Sensibility
- Personality in Culture
- Group Dynamics in Intercultural teams

The participants from Caritas Sri Lanka included Ms. Bozana Katawa, Mr. Uptissa Tennakoon & Ms. Dharshika Kadirvel from the Social Justice & Sustainable Peace Unit.



World Food Day 2019



Perera, Diocesan Director, Caritas Kandy.

Caritas Sri Lanka network commemorated the World Food Day 2019 on 16th October 2019 at Caritas Sri Lanka -SEDEC. This year WFD is being observed under the theme “Our Actions Are Our Future Healthy Diets for A # Zero Hunger World.” The opening ceremony commenced with the Holy Eucharistic celebrated by Rev. Fr. Desmond

The National Director, Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke, explained in detail about the message of Pope Francis to end Hunger by 2025 during his Sermon, also giving a clear picture to the audience on the vital importance of thinking about the poor who go hungry everyday while we waste food. He then used this opportunity to warmly welcome all the DC Directors present and the staff of the food security program.

75 participants including Diocesan Directors, Diocesan Coordinators, Field officers, Monitoring and Evaluation officers and Finance officers participated in this event. Mrs. Nilani Tissera, National Coordinator of the Food Security program gave an Introduction to the World Food Day.

World Food Day is celebrated annually on October 16th by 150 Countries across the world in support of the FAO’s mission to use the event to raise awareness and to gather support and understanding to the approaches that can help to end world hunger. Caritas Sri Lanka network is implementing the program “Addressing causes for poverty and Ensuring Food Security for farming Communities” in Sri Lanka under the leadership of Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke, National Director, Caritas Sri Lanka -SEDEC from year 2018 with the support of Caritas Norway/NORAD.



Achievements of the Food Security program were highlighted through a Documentary film. Caritas Sri Lanka has already established 12,306 domestic economic units in 525 selected villages in 25 Districts and upgraded unproductive home gardens and paddy lands for them to secure their food supply throughout the year.

20,076 School children participated in organic gardening workshops and at the end, these children were also given small quantities of vegetable seeds vegetable seedling to plant in their gardens. 11,183 Mothers have participated in family nutrition programs and are consuming nutritionally balanced food. Dr. Deepthi D. Priyantha, Community Health Medical Officer, Galgamuwa, Department of Indigenous Medicine delivered the presentation on Healthy Diets.

Dr. K. T. Sundaresan, Honorary Consultant Physician/ Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa, Senior Lecturer in Medicine, Department of Clinical Sciences, Eastern University, UN Physician-Eastern Province gave a presentation on Food as a Medicine. The ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks by Mr. K. Theivendirarajah, Senior Program Manager, Caritas Sri Lanka -SEDEC.

Caritas Sri Lanka wish to thank Caritas Norway for the guidance and support given to promote sustainable agriculture, to reduce malnutrition and poverty in rural areas of Sri Lanka.

Workshop on Deep Journey into 'Laudato Si'



Caritas Asia with the support of the Global Catholic Climate Committee conducted a workshop on the above mentioned theme from 13th to 15th November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. The purpose of this symposium is to empower people like us to “raise awareness on the urgency to respond to the call of Laudato Si to care for our common home”.

The workshop draws inspiration from Pope Francis’s Encyclical “Laudato Si” which is a treatise on the environment and the spiritual, economic & social and political aspects that impact on it. This is done by seeking an ecological conversion of individuals in order to simply lifestyles and empowers such individuals to raise their voices for bold policy changes to effect external transformation.

Pope Francis emphasizes that God created man and the Universe and it is our bounden duty to safeguard the earth not only for ourselves but for the children who will come after us. Representatives from 13 member organization in Asia participated at this workshop.

K. Vareeswaran, Programme Consultant, participated on behalf of Caritas Sri Lanka.

Training Programme on Community Based Rehabilitation in Chennai, India



Kindermisionwerks is funding a project to support Special Needs Children and Parents in the Vanni and Mannar districts of Sri Lanka for the past 5 years. The organization while deciding to continue to support such activities has recommended that People with Disabilities (PwDs) need to become more independent in their approach to day to day life and overcome dependency as much

possible. Community Base Rehabilitation Strategies are among the main ways of helping PwDs to achieve this objective.



As a means of learning from India about how PwDs are managing their life and the CBR strategies that are in use in India as well as the activities of the Government of India in supporting PwD, Kindermissionwerks supported a team of 6 officials from Caritas Sri Lanka, Caritas Mannar and Caritas-HUDEC Vanni to visit Chennai, India on a 4 day study tour. The training visit which took place from 19th to 23rd January 2020 was organized by Caritas India's Community Based Rehabilitation Forum (CBRF).

The Caritas team from Sri Lanka visited the Integrated Rural Community Development Society (IRCDS) in Thiruvallur and learnt about how Differently able People's Organizations (DPO) are formed and how DPO members are capacitated through awareness programmes and workshops for sustainability and financial self sufficiency through methods such as rolling funds. The team also learnt about the Government support facilities to support PwDs to become more independent in looking after themselves.

Kindermissionwerks will continue to support Caritas Sri Lanka to support PwDs under a new project "Ensuring the rights of children with disabilities and their parents and care givers in Mannar & Kilinochchi district. The learning from this training programme will be invaluable in implementing this project.

The participants from Sri Lanka included Fr. Sebamalai Anton, Director Caritas Mannar, Fr. S. Sebajeevan, Director, Caritas-HUDEC Vanni, Mr. Upatissa Tennakoon, Programme Manager Disaster Risk Management unit, CSL, Sr. Noyola Pathmaraja, Project Officer, CSL, Mr. Vincentine, Project Officer, Caritas-HUDEC Vanni and Mr. Thevathasan Nicholos, Project Officer, Caritas Mannar.



Partner Visits

Norwegian Ambassador Visits Caritas' Food Security Program in the Kandy Diocese

On the invitation of Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke, National Director, H.E. Trine JØranli Eskedal, Ambassador of Norway visited the Food Security program field location in Galaha, Kandy on 17 October 2019 accompanied by Malraji Wanniarachchi, Senior Advisor, Development and Thilini Kahandawaarachchi, Political Advisor, from the Royal Norwegian Embassy.



As a result of the strong partnership between the Government of Norway (NORAD), Caritas Norway and Caritas Sri Lanka, the island wide program on Food Security is being implemented successfully by the Caritas Sri Lanka network since January 2018. Rev. Fr. Desmond Perera and his staff of Food Security program at Caritas SETIK Kandy arranged for the Ambassador to see firsthand the progress made by some of the CBO members and their organic produce in a very remote village in Galaha, Kandy. She was very happy to meet the members of the farmer families and chat with them. The villagers heartily welcomed Her Excellency as this was the first time an Ambassador from a foreign country has visited their village.

Overall, it was a very memorable day as the Ambassador's visit culminated with a courtesy call on Rt. Rev. Dr. Vianney Fernando, Bishop of Kandy.

Visit of Mr. Aron Halfen, Programme Adviser of Caritas Norway

Mr. Aron Halfen, Programme Adviser of Caritas Norway visited Sri Lanka on 13th to 20th August 2019 to review the progress of the island-wide Food Security and Religious Amity Programmes supported by Caritas Norway/NORAD.



Mr. Aron has made a visit to Jaffna, Colombo, Ratnapura and Galle DCs and met with the families who are program participants of the "Addressing causes for poverty and ensuring food security of farming communities". In Jaffna DC, he visited the village called Alavetty and had a discussion with the poor farmer families about their progress and the challenges that they are facing to ensure "food security" for their children.

This visit was followed by the visit to the preschool in Alavetty village, where the children of this school are part of this project. Rev. Fr. Eugene Francis, the Director of Caritas Jaffna – HUDEC

and his team had a brief discussion with Mr. Aron Halfen on the progress of the project in collaboration with the Agriculture Department staff members and Development Officers of the respective DS divisions.

Mr. Aron also visited the beneficiary families in Colombo, Ratnapura and Galle and met with the Diocesan Directors and Food Security staff of the Caritas Diocesan Centres.

Caritas Norway/NORAD has been supporting the “Food Security” programme as well as a program “Promoting a Common Vision for Tolerance and Harmony among all Religions in Sri Lanka”

Visit of Ms. Martha Rubiano Secretary General of Caritas Norway



Ms. Martha Rubiano, Secretary-General of Caritas Norway visited places of Easter Sunday terror attack including St. Anthony's Shrine at Kochikade in Colombo and St. Sebastian's Church at Katuwapitiya in Negombo on Friday 16th August 2019 and met victims of the Easter Sunday attack.

Rev. Fr. Jude Raj Fernando the administrator of St. Anthony's Shrine and Rev. Fr. Manjula Niroshan Parish Priest of St. Sebastian's Church accompanied her. Rev. Fr. Lawrence Ramanayake Director of Sethsarana, Caritas Colombo also arranged a meeting with an interreligious group and community group in Negombo during her visit. Mrs. Martha visited Food Security Program participants in Katana, “Addressing causes of poverty and ensuring Food Security for farming communities” implemented by Caritas Colombo and supported by Caritas Norway/NORAD. Caritas Sri Lanka -SEDEC organized this program under the guidance of Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunethilake the National Director.

Caritas Norway Pastoral Solidarity Visit



Caritas Norway organized a pastoral solidarity visit to Sri Lanka with a delegation of 10 distinguished representatives including the Catholic Church of Oslo, Lutheran Church of Oslo, Interreligious Dialogue Forum of Oslo and Caritas Norway from 13th–18th August 2019. The visit was jointly facilitated by Caritas Sri Lanka SEDEC and the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL).

The primary objective of the visit was to express their solidarity and prayers to the victims of the Easter Sunday attacks and to meet Religious Leaders and local communities and to listen to their experiences in promoting interreligious harmony and peaceful coexistence in their localities.

The delegation also had a discussion with His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith on the current situation of the country in the aftermath of the Easter Sunday attacks, where His Eminence explained that the Catholic Bishop's Conference has jointly made a statement for an independent and impartial inquiry on the incident which caused the death of more than 250 civilians and foreigners while causing injuries to several hundreds of people.



They also met the Speaker, Hon. Karu Jayasuriya, members of the All Ceylon Jamiyyathul Ulama and the leaders of other Christian Churches who are the members of NCCSL. The delegation was also on a visit to Kandy, Jaffna and Mannar and had meetings with Religious Leaders and Leaders of other Civil Society Groups.

Caritas Norway has been supporting the efforts of Caritas Sri Lanka to promote inter religious and inter-ethnic peace and reconciliation in collaboration with NORAD and the peace initiatives are implemented under all 13 Caritas Diocesan Centres in Sri Lanka.

The Visit of Misereor Media Team

Misereor Germany, presently supports the Peace Building Programme “Healing & Reconciliation – Journey towards a Sustainable National Movement” sent a Media Team to Sri Lanka for the purpose of collecting stories for “Misereor” magazine from the interreligious and peace building programme of Caritas Sri Lanka. Accordingly, Mr. Mithias Peer, the journalist and Ms. Kahrin Harms, the photographer visited Caritas Batticaloa to witness an exchange visit between a Sinhala community from Kandy and Tamil community from Batticaloa.



They researched one story in depth getting glimpse of an exchange visit through interviews and discussions. They too visited the Zion Church that was destroyed due to the Easter Sunday terror attack followed with a visit to one of the victims' family.

They also visited Badulla, a Buddhist temple, the Arabic College and a Hindu temple and had discussions with the religious leaders who are the members of the IRF of Caritas Badulla. At the same time they had meetings with Sunday School teachers (Buddhist, Hindu, Catholic / Anglican and Islamic) to understand the values and practices of other religions.



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Agency	Project	Amount (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)	Sector
ACK Heidelberg	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka	117,768	117,768	Community Development
AGIAMONDO	Empowerment of Youth and Women Programme	6,257,268	6,257,268	Peace & Reconciliation
CAFOD	Helping People Move Towards Reconciliation - SLK 289	7,735,000	7,735,000	Community Development
	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka.	4,470,000	4,470,000	Livelihood Support
Caritas Australia	Sustainable Livelihood Development Support for War Affected Families	6,418,614	6,418,614	Peace & Reconciliation
	Promoting Healing & Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace	4,952,000	4,952,000	Community Development
Caritas Czech Republic	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka.	2,698,934	2,698,934	Community Development
Caritas Germany		4,149,553	4,149,553	
Caritas Hong Kong		34,454,128	34,454,128	
Caritas Hungary		5,252,988	5,252,988	
Caritas Japan	Documentation and Livelihood Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India	7,243,582	7,243,582	Livelihood Support
Caritas Korea	Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue & Cross Community Activities	8,684,380	8,684,380	Community Development
	Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue & Cross Community Activities in Mannar District	7,016,490	7,016,490	
	Educational Support for War Affected Children	17,546,490	17,546,490	Education
	Documentation and Livelihood Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India	17,058,318	17,058,318	Livelihood Support
	Supporting Primary Education of Poor and Vulnerable Children	9,951,380	9,951,380	Education
Caritas Norway	Addressing Causes for Poverty and Ensuring Food Security for Farming Communities	91,802,607	91,802,607	Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security
	Promoting a Common Vision for Tolerance and Harmony among all Religions in Sri Lanka	68,384,920	68,384,920	Peace & Reconciliation
Caritas Aotearoa - New Zealand	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka.	571,300	571,300	Community Development
Caritas Poland		4,622,744	4,622,744	
Caritas Scotland - SCIAF		1,040,759	1,040,759	
Caritas Seychelles		1,819,472	1,819,472	
Caritas Slovenia	Work towards a decent life support for poor families in Sri Lanka	1,131,875	1,131,875	



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Agency	Project	Amount (Rs.)	Total (Rs.)	Sector
Caritas Sweden	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka	6,961,816	6,961,816	Community Development
Catholic Archdiocese of Osaka		6,475,033	6,475,033	
Catholic Relief Services - USCCB	CRS - Caritas Sri Lanka Internship Programme	736,920	736,920	Capacity Development
	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka	1,729,613	1,729,613	Community Development
Global Alliance Against Traffic in Woman International Secretariat- GAATW	Partner Agency Support for Migration Programmes.	423,432	423,432	Safe Labour Migration
Fondazione San Zeno	Emotional Literacy School	2,939,322	2,939,322	Psychosocial
Hungarian Interchurch Aid	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka	968,796	968,796	Community Development
Kindermission	Strengthening of special needs children and their families in Mannar & Vanni in Sri Lanka.-D 17 0312 001	4,524,060	4,524,060	
Misereor	Promoting, Healing & Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace	37,554,620	37,554,620	Peace & Reconciliation
	Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Kurunegala, Batticaloa and Chilaw through Awareness and Empowerment	4,053,000	4,053,000	Community Development
	Empowerment of the Green Gold Harvesters by Strengthening of Workers Rights 322-900-1109	13,747,000	13,747,000	Human Rights and Justice
	Livelihood & Housing Support	12,361,500	12,361,500	Resettlement
Mrs. Ramya Mendis	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka.	100,000	100,000	Community Development
Mrs. S. Pillenayagam		24,000	24,000	
Mrs. Veronic Jayawardana		25,000	25,000	
OBA of St. Peter's College, Colombo 04		225,000	225,000	
Pakistani Christian Community in USA		347,753	347,753	
Russel's (pvt) Ltd	Scholarship Project for Diocese of Badulla	450,000	450,000	Education
Swiss Development Cooperation	Safe Labour Migration Project - National	11,095,508	11,095,508	Safe Labour Migration
	Safe Labour Migration Project - Gampaha	4,196,564	4,196,564	
Wilde Ganzen	Support for Vanni Centers	4,275,253	4,275,253	Community Development
World Care Foundation	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka	405,140	405,140	
		426,999,899	426,999,899	



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Addressing Causes for Poverty and Ensuring Food Security for Farming Communities	Caritas Norway	91,802,607	91,802,607	21.5%	Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security
Construction of Vanni centers	Wilde Ganzen	4,275,253	4,275,253	1.0%	Community Development
CRS - Caritas Sri Lanka Internship Programme	Catholic Relief Services - USCCB	736,920	736,920	0.2%	Capacity Development
Documentation and Livelihood Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India	Caritas Japan	7,243,582	7,243,582	1.7%	Livelihood Support
	Caritas Korea	17,058,318	17,058,318	4.0%	
Educational Support for War Affected Children	Caritas Korea	17,546,490	17,546,490	4.1%	Education
Emotional Literacy School	Fondazione San Zeno	2,939,322	2,939,322	0.7%	Psychosocial
Empowerment of the Green Gold Harvesters by Strengthening of Workers Rights 322-900-1109	Misereor	13,747,000	13,747,000	3.2%	Human Rights and Justice
Empowerment of Youth and Women Programme	AGIAMONDO	6,257,268	6,257,268	1.5%	Peace & Reconciliation
Helping People Move Towards Reconciliation - SLK 289	CAFOD	7,735,000	7,735,000	1.8%	
Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue & Cross Community Activities	Caritas Korea	8,684,380	8,684,380	2.0%	Community Development
Integral Human Development Civic Dialogue & Cross Community Activities in Mannar District		7,016,490	7,016,490	1.6%	
Livelihood & Housing Support	Misereor	12,361,500	12,361,500	2.9%	Resettlement
Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Kurunegala, Batticaloa and Chilaw through Awareness and Empowerment		4,053,000	4,053,000	0.9%	Community Development
Partner Agency Support for Migration Programmes.	Global Alliance Against Traffic in Woman International Secretariat- GAATW	423,432	423,432	0.1%	Safe Labour Migration
Promoting Healing & Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace	Caritas Australia	4,952,000			Peace & Reconciliation
	Misereor	37,554,620	42,506,620	10.0%	
Promoting a Common Vision for Tolerance and Harmony among all Religions in Sri Lanka	Caritas Norway	68,384,920	68,384,920	16.0%	
Scholarship Project for Diocese of Badulla	Russel's (pvt) Ltd	450,000	450,000	0.1%	Education



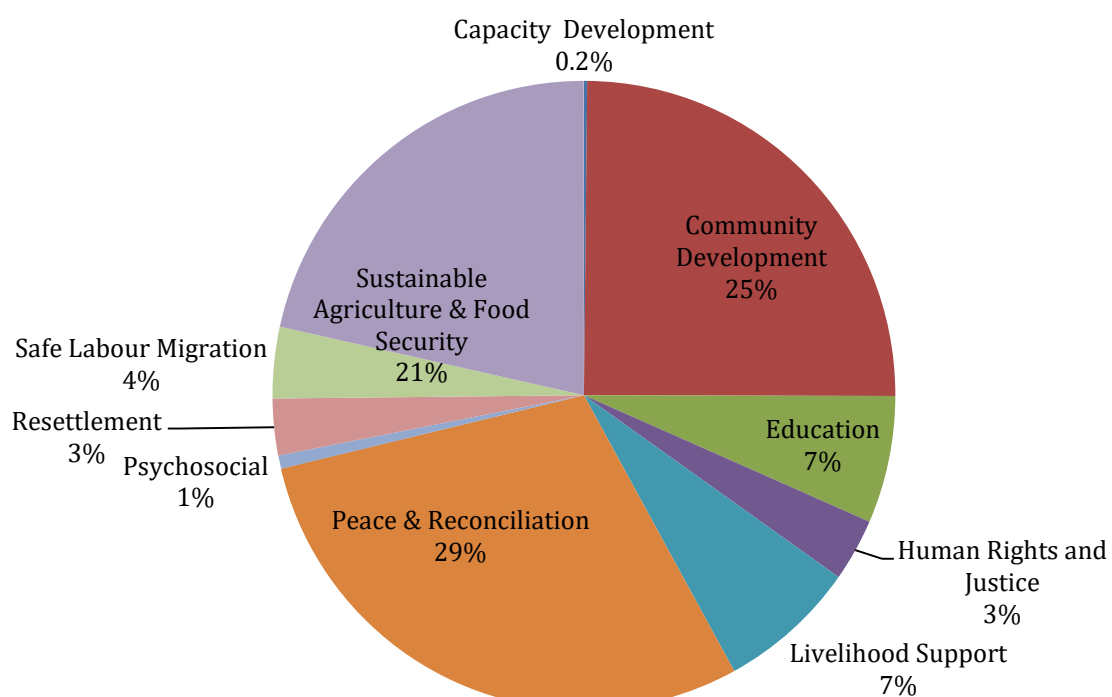
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Safe Labour Migration Project - Gampaha		4,196,564	4,196,564	1.0%	
Strengthening of special needs children and their families in Mannar & Vanni in Sri Lanka - D 17 0312 001	Kindermission	4,524,060	4,524,060	1.1%	Community Development
Supporting Primary Education of Poor and Vulnerable Children	Caritas Korea	9,951,380	9,951,380	2.3%	Education
Work towards a decent life support for poor families in Sri Lanka.	Caritas Slovenia	1,131,875	1,131,875	0.3%	Community Development
		426,999,899	426,999,899	100%	



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