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Caritas Sri Lanka

Cover Story:

A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger. (Leviticus 19:9-10). Our basic moral test is how the most vulnerable members in our society are faring. As our society marred by affluent and destitute, we must recall the story of last judgment which instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.



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”

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Bishop Chairman's Message

The Annual Report 2020-2021 of Caritas Sri Lanka has brought into the limelight the seriousness and the devastating ramifications of Corona Virus and the emerging new variants. According to scientists, the Covid-19 Pandemic is not just a medical phenomenon; it affects individuals and societies, which causes disruption, anxiety, stress, and fear of strangers. One has to understand the humanitarian Sector is under serious pressure of investments and funding due to the global economic recession.



Pope Francis created a commission to express the Church's solitude and care for the entire human family faced with the Covid-19 Pandemic, "FRATELLI TUTTI" - Fraternity and Social Friendship clearly expresses the need for Human Fraternity and Care of Creation. In this regard, Integral Human Development is a way forward accordingly to the Dicastery of Integral Human Development in the Vatican, under which the International Caritas is in operation.

Peter R.A. Cardinal Turkson, the Chairman for the Integral Human Development Dicastery states, "Joy is to bring people to fully realize what they were created to be". Therefore, he urges all members in Caritas to be motivated to mobilize human resources and energies for the redemptive work of God in Human Struggles and sufferings.

I wish to reiterate the urgency of putting our efforts to bring solace and relief to the already burdened and left behind in the midst of the miseries of the Pandemic.

*Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Gnanapragasam
Chairman
Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC*



Director's Message



"Human life is grounded in three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships with God, with our neighbour, and with the earth itself" (Laudato Si – 66).

Unplanned, unethical, and egoistic developments have led the universe into a catastrophic future with many unforeseen devastating effects in the times ahead. It is therefore, we are left with the daunting task of rescuing the universe with a plan for the Care of our Common Home. Even with the Covid 19 pandemic, CSL has decided to refocus on the strategic framework, with a concern to environmental protection and justice along with other three of the strategic areas.

As we are in the pandemic, children and teens are at risk, being forced to leave schools, friends, and staying at home, and restrictions of movements have led to a social outbreak of anxiety, distress causing short and long-term effects on their mental health. According to medical experts, people aged 60 or above are more likely to be affected by Covid 19 and could have life-threatening conditions. This means elders and people with disabilities are at risk and they need to be cared for.

The consequences of physical distancing and isolation can cause lasting negative impacts inducing a traumatic situation. This means a whole network of sectors will be jeopardized exposing front liners to the dangerous virus.

The CSL is now facing a whole range of challenges where new strategies and approaches have to be deployed to bring about new solutions. We are happy to announce that the new strategic framework is progressing, with experts' guidance. The Economy of Francesco, an initiative and an outcome of Laudato Si is the latest focus of CSL working with young economists, entrepreneurs, and change-makers, and giving a new soul to the global economy. We have now opened up a desk for this purpose having an official SL representative to the Vatican.

CSL has given much focus to some of the international campaigns and conferences such as the RAOEN Campaign CI Global campaign and COP26 in Glasgow. River Above Asia Oceania Ecclesial Network (RAOEN) seeks to sustain dialogue and collaborative engagements among the Church, indigenous, and local communities, youth, and other faith-based organizations within and beyond Asia and Oceania. CI global campaigns are a confederation-wide activity that aims at sustaining efforts to motivate and mobilize member organizations in addressing global issues collectively, by working together at a community/parish, national and international level. Through a confederation-wide CI promotes the commitment of different actors to care for our common home and care for the poor by promoting/ encouraging the creation of Connected Communities of Practice (CCOP) as 'communities of care.' The COP26 summit will bring parties together to accelerate action towards the goals of the Paris Agreement and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Local Peace work by Missereor, Caritas Norway, and AGIAMONDO has created space for us to engage in Peace forums that guide reconciliation initiatives led by the government of Sri Lanka. We believe that through dialogue and collaboration CSL would continue her journey towards reconciliation.

Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke
National Director
Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC



Board of Management



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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.

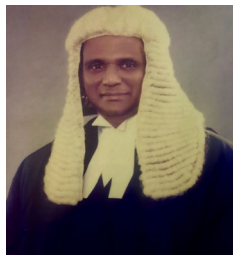


Mr. Angelo M. Patrick

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 McLarens Group. McLarens 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).



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



At a Glance 2020/2021

CARITAS SRI LANKA

Beneficiaries

Direct	69, 248
Indirect	214, 264

Districts – 25

Provinces – 9

Caritas Centres – 13

Staff

National Centre –	43
Diocesan Centres –	272

Funding Partners – 20

Programmes – 30



Integral Human Development

Integral Human Development Unit (IHD) of Caritas Sri Lanka implements programmes and projects mainly related to education, community development and empowerment, livelihood support, safe labour migration, women empowerment, water and sanitation, etc. In addition, the Unit primarily takes up concerns and initiatives organized under the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development founded by the Holy Father, Pope Francis on 31st August 2016.

During the period concerned, many of the project activities had to be carried out while keeping in mind the prevention protocols of COVID 19 and related social context. Hence, new approaches and tools were developed by the Unit in reaching out to the communities to continue the projects without any disruptions with the pandemic situation. However, due to the continued lockdown and travel restrictions, the smooth implementation of the projects was disrupted to a certain extent.

Meanwhile, it was commendable how the staff both at National and Diocesan levels dedicated themselves to reaching out to the communities and their day-to-day work while keeping and sustaining the momentum in project management and implementation.

List of current projects with total beneficiary coverage

No.	Name of the project	Diocese/ Partner Organization	Beneficiaries	
			Direct	Indirect
1	Civic Dialogue and Cross-community Activities	Batticaloa, Chilaw, Jaffna, Kandy and Kurunegala DCs	1,372	5,088
2	Civic Dialogue Special	Mannar DC	800	1,960
3	CRS – A Glimmer of Hope for Migrants & their families	Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Chilaw, Galle, Jaffna, Kandy, Kurunegala, Mannar, Rathnapura, Trincomalee, Vanni	1,362	6,810
4	Australian Micro Projects	Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Mannar, Rathnapura, Trincomalee, Vanni DCs Diyagala Boys Town, CODESEP-Galle, Siri Nidhana and St. Anthony's Sewing Center	2,519	Australian Micro Projects
5	CSL- DFCC Bank Scholarship programme	Chilaw, Galle, Kurunegala	85	255
6	Primary Education support for Poor and Vulnerable Children	Anuradhapura, Badulla, Chilaw, Vanni	682	2048
7	Education Support for the Children of War Affected Families	Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee, Vanni	350	1100
8	Zonta Club - Sewing Assistance programme	Chilaw	3	6

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

Civic Dialogue & Cross-community Activities project is a 3 year project intervention funded by Caritas Korea, started in January 2020 and is being implemented in the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Chilaw, Jaffna, Kandy and Kurunegala. The project has mobilized poor and marginalized grassroots level communities and formed 120 small Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the 5 Dioceses. These SHGs have been strengthened to form 26 Community Based Organizations (CBOs) moving them towards Federation level. The sole focus is to empower and animate the target communities to be able to voice for their rights and to achieve personal, family and community development through a rights-based project approach.

During the 1st and 2nd years, 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 the linkages and trust-building with local government agencies and other stakeholders.

Since the start of the project, it has been very challenging to implement the project with the COVID 19 pandemic and the 'Burevi' cyclone in December 2020. However, the project activities have been conducted by the Diocesan centres amidst all the challenges and hardships. And during this short period, some CBOs have already made significant achievements in solving their issues at the community level with the help of the Dioceses.



Achievements

- In addition to forming the 26 CBOs, Children's societies have been formed. Many educational, cultural, and religious activities were carried out.
- Yatawatthe Estate in the Diocese of Kandy was able to find solutions to their water problem through an advocacy campaign.



- The CBO members of the Maduragama village in the Diocese of Chilaw cultivated a 27-acre barren field to generate income for their families who have been struck by the cycle of poverty for many years.
- Diocese of Chilaw conducted 02 mega 'Drug Prevention' programs in the villages of Asirigama and Kalladiya with the involvement of members from 5 CBOs and people from other villages as well.
- In the Diocese of Jaffna, the engagement of CBO members in "Batik" garment making in their households has gained recognition by the Divisional Secretariat and the State Minister. In return, they have promised and given help to the CBO members to improve their business skills and expand their income generation activities. The support included approval for a batik factory in Nallur and for a sales center in Columbuthoroi, with a total cost of Rs.2, 000,000.
- CBOs have carried out numerous shramadana activities (village cleaning).
- Organizing and celebrating the national festivals has built team spirit among the members.
- CBOs were involved in religious, social, and political awareness-raising programs.
- Plant seeds have been distributed in the CBOs to promote the home gardening concepts.
- In the 1st year, with the pandemic and travel restrictions, some activities were conducted virtually. Therefore, there was a balance of funds even after the completion of the activities which were utilized to support the project beneficiaries with masks/PPE kits or on specific community needs of the CBOs.



2. Replicating the Experience of Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue Special Project

Civic Dialogue Project for Mannar is an integrated and human development programme for 3 years focusing on the aspects of social and economic development of 08 war affected villages in the Districts of Mannar & Vavuniya.

Caritas Korea has been funding the project and the activities to uplift the lives of 403 beneficiary families since July 2019.

Prior to the project implementation, the socio, economic and political contexts in Mannar have been challenging and the majority of people fell under the poverty line and many of the villages were facing numerous problems ranging from water issues, drugs and to alcoholism, etc.

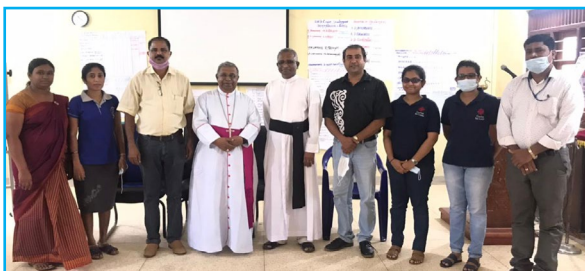


These issues continue to pester the villages at present. Therefore, our interventions have gone to these communities at a time that they needed external support to mobilize their community power to demand their social, economic and political rights and also to advocate for solutions for the problems throughout these 2 and half years. 08 of the CBOs are empowered to find solutions for their issues at the community-level with the capacities developed through training support. However the total transformation is multifaceted and requires political will and mediation for solving community level issues by and large.

Since the beginning of the 2nd year, initiatives were taken to form Federations under this project. In March 2020, a 2-day knowledge enhancement workshop on the formation of federation was conducted to form the 02 Federations in the Districts of Mannar and Vavuniya by the president of Vavuniya District NGO consortium. Established linkages will enable them to access government facilities and receive more attention from the authorities. At the end of the 2 day workshop, certificates were handed over to the CBO leaders by His Lordship the Bishop of Mannar, Rt. Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando.

Achievements

- 8 CBOs have been formed against the target of 4 CBOs which is an overachievement, and the total coverage has increased from the target of 200 to 403. In addition children groups have also been formed. CBOs have conducted shramadana campaigns, cultural and religious festivals, etc.
- 02 federations have been formed in 02 districts.
- COVID 19 awareness programmes for the children and CBO members were conducted.
- During COVID 19, SHGs exchanged their products among the members. The good exchange system was proved to be valuable as per the members.
- With the improved capacity, the CBOs have been working for the basic rights of their community members such as access to housing, food, and free movements by advocacy and issuing loans for sustainable income which help them to fulfill their basic needs by themselves.





3. A Glimmer of Hope for Migrants and their Families

Migration is the highest foreign remittance earner for Sri Lanka. They contribute to the Sri Lankan economy immensely. COVID 19 resulted in the loss of jobs for migrants and as the unemployment in Sri Lanka grew, migrant returnees were not able to find jobs.

Sri Lankans who left their jobs abroad had to face huge economic problems. Family members of people working abroad also had faced a number of economic problems in Sri Lanka due to COVID-19. The relief assistance was an essential support to these returnees and families especially to those who are victimized and have become vulnerable due to the impacts of the pandemic. Caritas will further assist individuals need counseling assistance.

The support will reduce the risk of the migrants falling into a socially vulnerable segment in the society. As Caritas under the previous project of “Safe Labour Migration” has created a strong network and collaboration with the government counterparts, at regional levels, the assistance was given by the DOFEs (Development Officers of Foreign Employment). Under this intervention, returnee migrants and families were identified with the help of the DOFEs and food packs were distributed among them. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) funded this humanitarian intervention.

Type and number of beneficiaries reached out under the initiative.

No	Diocese	July	August	September	October	November	Total
01	Anuradhapura	11	29	24	18	26	108
02	Badulla	-	2	-	-	10	12
03	Batticaloa	32	21	21	60	20	154
04	Chilaw	8	21	37	12	27	105
05	Galle	55	17	13	72	96	253
06	Jaffna	26	50	26	12	34	148
07	Kandy	28	19	20	12	82	161
08	Kurunegala	5	45	25	27	32	134
09	Mannar	-	-	-	-	49	49
10	Ratnapura	2	1	4	-	70	77
11	Trincomalee	40	19	6	18	10	93
12	Vanni	-	-	29	8	31	68
Total		207	224	205	239	487	1,362

1. Australian Micro Projects (Livelihood- 8, Water-5, Sewing-2, Nursery-1)

Caritas Sri Lanka in partnership with Mr. Gerard Chitty, Rev. Fr. Roger Purcell from Australia and the MSC Mission Office Sydney initiated the Australian Micro Projects in July 2020. As of now, there are 16 micro-projects implemented under this programme with 10 Diocesan Centres and 4 Partner Organizations. The interventions were mainly focused on clean drinking water/agro wells or livelihood options to support the beneficiary families and sewing ventures for income generation. Out of the 16 projects, 8 are livelihood projects, 5 clean drinking water projects, 2 sewing projects and 1 nursery. Totally, more than 2,519 direct families will be benefitted from this programme. Under this programme, a nursery school is has been built in remembrance of late Rev. Fr. Raveen Perera in the Kali Kovil area, in the



Debedde Division of the Wewassa Estate in the Diocese of Badulla with the objectives of providing children a decent nursery school and encouraging them with better education from the initial stages of education.

Intervention type	Diocese/ Partner Organization	Direct beneficiaries
Livelihood	Caritas Anuradhapura	60
	Caritas Badulla	60
	Caritas Batticaloa	75
	Caritas Jaffna	48
	Caritas Rathnapura	35
	Caritas Trincomalee	22
	Diyagala Boys Town	150
	Siri Nidhana	22
Water	Caritas Kandy	50
	Caritas Kurunegala	1,420
	Caritas Mannar	365
	Caritas Vanni	125
	CODESEP- Galle	22
Sewing	CODESEP- Galle	15
	St. Anthony's Sewing Center	25
Nursery	Caritas Badulla	25
Total no. of direct beneficiaries - 2,519		

2. Caritas Sri Lanka –SEDEC/ DFCC Scholarship Programme 2020- 2025

Equal access to quality education is a right to all, is significant in eradicating poverty, as it will help them to escape from the intergeneration poverty trap. The opportunities to pursue studies in the science stream are minimal and the portion of students in the universities in the science, medical and engineering streams are limited driven by insufficient resource allocations for such courses.

A second factor is that due to the severe competition for limited placement, parents from all income streams spend a considerable percentage of their income on tuition fees to ensure their children are able to obtain better grades.

The parents from the lower income levels are thus at a disadvantage due to the limited resources they possess. It is in such context that Caritas Sri Lanka proposed to set up a 5 years national educational scholarship programme. It is proposed to support youth from low-income and marginalized families to continue their education without interruption and help them to obtain better grades at the national level examinations to enter the higher educational streams. Parents/Guardians of these youth are mostly from farm backgrounds or from other low-income occupations whose monthly income is inadequate to meet the educational expenses of children.

These are mostly families that have been affected by natural disasters and conflicts in the past. The first phase of this project is implemented in Chilaw, Galle, and Kurunegala Dioceses. This project will provide monthly scholarships to children who are talented and excellent in their

higher studies from grade 10th above. Children from grades 10 – 11 are getting Rs.4,000 as a monthly scholarship allowance while A/L, HND, University Students get Rs.5,000. So far 85 children are being benefited in this project.



3. Supporting Primary Education for Poor and Vulnerable Children in Sri Lanka

The 3-year project, “Supporting Primary Education of Poor & Vulnerable Children” implemented in the Dioceses of Anuradhapura, Badulla, Chilaw, and Vanni came to an end in December 2020. The project is funded by Caritas Korea. The project locations were selected from rural areas where the services of government education department do not reach out to. The selected schools have been located in far corners even in the Dioceses and the staffs have made long monitoring trips and official visits when they were in need to visit the project locations. However, due to the dedication and commitment of the DC staff, such hurdles have been easily overcome.

During the period, the projects had reached out to 1532 direct beneficiaries and a total of 4584 indirect beneficiaries. Meanwhile, 79 Grade 5 students have passed the cut-off marks and have received scholarships to schools with better facilities, mostly located at towns and cities. It is expected and our hope that they would own a bright future and a dignified life. In addition during difficult times such as the incident of Easter Sunday Attack and the pandemic, the DC staff with the advice and coordination of the NC staff has been extremely creative in addressing challenges faced by the times. For instance, the travel restrictions imposed during both occasions were a serious of obstacle for the project implementation.

However, the DC Directors have reached out to the law enforcement authorities and have taken the clearance and passes enabling the staff to deliver the goods and educational support to the children. The nutritional packages were an important source of food for all the family members during such times. As the times were hard for many parents and economically they were devastated, the food packs, as well as the educational support had been a blessing in disguise. In the new phase 2021- 2023 same project is being implemented In Chilaw, Galle, Kandy, & Rathnapura.





4. Education Support for war affected Children

This project has been started in 2019 as a 3-year Project. Currently it has completed 02 successive years with the financial support of Caritas Korea.

350 children, affected by war and poverty are supported with their educational needs. Children who are displaced with war, widows, single-parent families, and disabled parents' children are eligible for this programme. This project is being implemented in 06 Dioceses and covers 10 districts. As monthly educational support, they receive Rs.3000/= and at the same time to enhance their psychosocial status as psychosocial and counselling programmes are conducted quarterly.

Currently this programme has been implemented in Badulla, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mannar, Trincomalee & Vanni Dioceses. Meanwhile, Badulla, Batticaloa, and Trincomalee diocese guide the children to save Rs.500/= every month.

Diocese	Number of Children	Covering District	Scholarship Category
Badulla	58	Badulla 49 Monaragala 09	Primary (1-5) - 11 Secondary (6-11) - 36 University 11
Batticaloa	58	Ampara 23 Batticaloa 35	Primary (1-5) - 01 Secondary (6-11) - 44 A/L - 11 University 02
Jaffna	59	Jaffna 59	Secondary (6-11) - 54 A/L - 5
Mannar	58	Mannar 55 Vavuniya 03	Secondary (6-11) - 10 A/L - 01 University - 47
Trincomalee	58	Trincomalee 58	Secondary (6-11) - 24 A/L - 09 University - 24
Vanni	59	Kilinochchi 40 Mulathivu 19	Secondary (6-10) - 46 A/L - 14



Success Story

“At least there’s someone to wipe away our tears”



I am Satheesh, aged 26. I sincerely thank you and all concerned for giving me this opportunity to open out my grievous heart at this time. Presently I live with my wife Nishanthi and a 2 ½ year-old child, in the village of Punnacholai, in Batticaloa. Being well below the poverty level, we live a hand-to-mouth existence nowadays. I am only an average educated person and was struggling in looking after my family in the past with my daily earnings, from day the-to-day ordinary arrangement of employment. With all the monetary difficulties and other shortcomings in our day-to-day life, and by thinking of the future of my family, I finally decided to seek employment abroad, as advised by a few family friends.

After many unsuccessful attempts and let downs, I finally managed to obtain a loan, with an exorbitant interest rate for Rs. 150,000.00, and left for Saudi Arabia in August 2019. Being a less educated person and new to the conditions of hard labor in Saudi Arabia, I was fully determined to withstand whatever difficulties I faced on the foreign soil, for the betterment of my family. Thus I was happy with an initial salary, an equivalent of LKR. 40,000.00 during the first 06 months of my employment.

Very unfortunately, fate struck me again, when the owner of the company I worked, suddenly closed the establishment and went back to his native place on safety grounds with the impact of COVID 19. Being unemployed, in a foreign country and without any source of support, the struggle I underwent for survival was indescribable. During this desperate time, somehow my wife’s mother through our relations had come to know about my present hopeless state.

Though old and feeble, she did manage to engage in household work in rich families and started supporting her daughter- my wife and the small child in the struggle for survival – at least one meal a day. Thanks to God Almighty whom we always trust, my wife, with a few of our relations helping hands, I was able to raise a loan on high interest for about Rs. 80,000.00. This sum helped me to fly back to Sri Lanka, and I was in the quarantine period for 28 days and finally joined my family at Punnacholai on 08.08.2020.

My arrival was joy to my family & friends. Though happy outwards, I was completely crest fallen about the future of our family especially with the 2 ½ year old son. Many were the days my wife and I spent foodless, due to the poverty and repeated calls of the money lenders. I tried all that was possible within my limits, even menial jobs of hard labor, for the sole survival of our little son, who was struggling, for his parents’ fault. Thus, our future is not very prosperous as my financial status is hopeless. God showed his mercy again to us when through sheer luck we were introduced to Caritas EHED, very recently.

Words are inadequate to express our happiness and joy when we were given a huge package of Dry Ration items at their office very recently. At least my son is full of smiles and laughter as his stomach is full. Nishanthi my wife emotionally commented, “At least there’s someone to wipe away our tears.”



Sustainable Agriculture

Caritas Sri Lanka adopts different strategies to empower poor and marginalized people in Sri Lanka for social and economic wellbeing. The Sustainable Agriculture Unit of Caritas Sri Lanka serves and promotes sustainable agriculture while ensuring food security for poor and marginalized populations by creating food access, availability, utilization and stability in Sri Lanka. Through this integrated approach, the following three main outcomes are expected to be achieved: a healthy environment, economic profitability, and social and economic equity.

Major accomplishments in projects for the reporting period

“Addressing causes for poverty and Ensuring Food Security for Farming communities” in Sri Lanka

“Food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”. (World Food Summit, 1996)

Caritas Sri Lanka-SEDEC has been implementing the program “Addressing causes for poverty and ensuring Food Security for farming communities in Sri Lanka” by aiming to safeguard food security for 26,000 subsistence farmer households of urban & rural poor and marginalized communities includes war widows, women, youth, and 52,000 school children, and 26,000 mothers of pre-school children by switching over to sustainable agricultural practices. 26,000 mothers of pre-school children have been reached in an effort to protect 26,000 pre-school children from malnourishment by 2022.

Caritas Sri Lanka (CSL) started implementing the Food Security program in all 13 Caritas DC network in January 2018 which contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (contributing to 8 SDGs) and also is in line with the Pope Francis’ Encyclical ‘Laudato Si’.

The total expected direct program outreach to be 130,000 persons in 4 years with the number of final beneficiaries reaching over 200,000.

Achievements

- 21,062 no of subsistence farmer families from 645 villages have been mobilized and trained to cultivate their own home gardens by using sustainable agricultural techniques.
- 21,062 domestic economic units have been successfully established in 645 villages, including cultivation of vegetables, fruits, herbal plants, yams, spices, live fencing, firewood 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 and have access to nutritionally balanced diets.
- Unproductive home gardens and paddy lands have been upgraded to secure food supply throughout the year for the poor farmer families in selected villages in all 25 districts.
- 2,127 Self Help Groups (SHGs) have formed and strengthened those with leadership financial management skills, and group dynamics and motivated them to cultivate their domestic economic units to switch over to organic farming from inorganic agrochemicals usage.



- SHGs were developed into 549 local Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in which women tend to assume active leadership roles: on an average, 74 percent of members are female.
- Group savings as well the Revolving Loan Fund schemes have been started by the groups, members have better access to credit facilities and can get instant credit up to Rs.10,000 at a 1% monthly interest rate from their CBOs.
- Farmers are made aware of 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 Chile), etc.
- About 75% of their daily food requirements derive from their own home gardens and as a result, participants save about an average of Rs. 9,000/- per month on food consumption bill.
- Special training was given to all program participants on Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Participants were able to learn biological, physical, cultural, mechanical, and chemical methods of pest and diseases control.
- 1,130 Differently abled persons were included in the food security program. Their normal bodily or mental functions or both are partially impaired, but they are skilled in different capacities. Involving in the food security program has helped them to earn an extra income, reduce stress, depression and experience a normal life in the community.
- 40,855 School children were exposed to organic gardening and at the end they were given small quantities of vegetable seeds and seedlings to plant in their gardens. They are also practicing climate adaptive measures by planting seedlings in bags and water saving techniques such as bottle irrigation, drip irrigation by using discarded empty plastic bottles.
- 189 farmers were trained in pond fish culture in Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Colombo, Ratnapura, Kurunegala and Chilaw at National Inland Fisheries & Aquaculture Training Institute (NIFATI), Kalawewa of the Government National Aquatic Development Authority. They were trained on construction of ponds, aftercare, and in feeding fish. The beneficiaries were also given fish nets to protect from other predators. In addition to fish meal was also given according to the number of fingerlings supplied and the availability of funds.
- 70% of the farmers adhere to the disaster resistant techniques, mulching shortage crops, less Water requirement crops, drought resistant crops such as country beans, improving the water holding capacity of the soil by adding compost.
- 20,329 Mothers of pre-school children have participated in Family Nutrition programs and are consuming nutritionally balanced food. More than 50% of the preschool children have access to and consume nutritionally balanced diets, avoiding fast foods.



- The total direct program participants are 102,575 persons up to December 2020 with the number of total direct and indirect beneficiaries (family members) reaching over 400,000 from January 2018 to December 2020.
- Caritas Sri Lanka wishes to thank Caritas Norway/NORAD for the guidance and support rendered for the promotion of sustainable agriculture, thereby to reduce malnutrition and poverty in rural areas of Sri Lanka.

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

Caritas Sri Lanka –SEDEC is implementing a project titled “With work towards a decent life- Support for Poor families” in Kurunegala, Chilaw, Ratnapura, and Colombo Dioceses with the support from Caritas Slovenia. Caritas Kurunegala has supported 29 poor families in Kurunegala District with the funds received from Caritas Slovenia since the year 2015.

The major aim of the project is to transform underprivileged households into sustainable economic units through financial support and enhancing knowledge through entrepreneurship development training.

The training on micro-business planning was provided to 21 selected family members from Ratnapura Diocese in the year 2020 and financial support was given to start new businesses or to expand the existing livelihood ventures. Caritas Ratnapura established Revolving Loan Fund to provide financial support to 21 entrepreneurs supported by Caritas Slovenia for the expansion of their Micro -businesses.



New 25 families were selected, trained and provided financial support of Rs. 25,000 per each family to start or expand their livelihood activities from Colombo Dioceses in the year 2021.

Overall Caritas Slovenia supported 100 poor families in Sri Lanka to uplift their living conditions.

The National Director and Staff of Caritas Sri Lanka –SEDEC would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to Caritas Slovenia and its Sponsors for their generosity to help poor people in Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Chilaw, and Colombo Dioceses in Sri Lanka.

Supporting livelihood diversification and increasing communal harmony in North Western Sri Lanka

As part of CAFOD’s ongoing capacity strengthening support to Caritas Sri Lanka, together with Caritas Chilaw, the project is being implemented since 01st February 2021. This project endeavors to support the diversification of livelihoods of the needy and most vulnerable families in three villages in Kaddaikaduwa GN Division and Manchiolei village in Koththanthive GN



Division- Mundalama Divisional Secretariat, Puttalam District. In addition, the project will contribute to improving interpersonal relationships between ethnic and religious groups in 400 families including women-headed households.

Project activities include establishing 20 self-help groups (SHG), training the committee members on the principles of savings, loans, and repayments and basic financial management. The SHGs will manage a revolving loan system during the project's lifetime. The project will support 261 individual families for livelihoods, health, or education needs in the first phase. Crab farming, Livestock management, and handicraft production have been identified as livelihood development options and the selected project participants will be provided training on entrepreneurial skills to improve their business management skills.

Following are some of the activities conducted to improve the living standards and harmony for all three ethnic communities in the project area during the reporting period.

- Consultation with local religious leaders and local government officials about project activities to ensure their support throughout project implementation.
- Baseline data collection with the support of the staff of Caritas Chilaw
- Analysis of Environmental Sustainable Tool with CAFOD country representative.
- Establishment of 20 self-help groups (SHGs): Each SHG will consist of a membership of 20 families.
- The facilitation for livelihood options and promoting home gardening in supporting project participants to diversify their income sources and become increasingly self-sufficient and resilient to natural disasters.

COVID 19 related supports

The impact of the COVID -19 outbreak and weather-related disasters in Sri Lanka had compounded food Security and nutrition challenges. With the emphasis on the need for special contingency planning, Caritas Sri Lanka- SEDEC allocated SLRs. 13,602,950.00 from the existing Food Security program for Corona-emergency response for food access and basic needs. Caritas Sri Lanka –SEDEC has planned these activities together with 13 Diocesan Directors representing 12 Dioceses in the Catholic Church in Sri Lanka and with 82 staff members of the Food Security Program.

“Addressing causes for poverty and ensuring Food Security of farming communities” in Sri Lanka is a project Funded by Caritas Norway/NORAD and implemented by Caritas Sri Lanka Network. Through the project Rs. 625,000.00 was allocated to provide immediate relief such as Dry Rations and Hand Sanitizers to School Children in Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Chilaw, and Mannar Dioceses.

One Million rupees was reallocated from each DC budget to support the poor, marginalized, and people who are affected due to control restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, there is much attention towards organic home gardens as a strategy to enhance household food security and nutrition. Home gardens are an integral part of local food systems and the

agricultural landscape of Sri Lanka. Home gardens are a time-tested local strategy that are widely adopted and practiced in various circumstances by local communities with limited resources and institutional support.



Farmer families were provided Seedlings, Seeds, Compost fertilizer and Agricultural Tools and Leaflets on Cultivation Techniques to start Home gardening by Diocesan Centres under the response strategies to COVID -19 pandemic. Home gardens can be described as a mixed cropping system that encompasses vegetables, fruits, plantation crops, spices, herbs, ornamental and medicinal plants as

well as livestock that can serve as a supplementary source of food and income. Therefore, Caritas Diocesan centres provided Poultry, Goats, piglets, and Quails to needy people in the Dioceses. A small-scale poultry production fulfills the animal nutrition demand for a family.



Kurunegala Diocese will be promoting Bee Keeping. It is important to keep bees for the production of honey, beeswax, pollen (bee bread), royal jelly and bee venom; for food, medicine and income. Caritas Sri Lanka also provided Water tanks, Water lifting facilities and irrigation facilities to people those are in need. Caritas Sri Lanka supported 6,500 poor people from the Response program of Caritas Sri Lanka to the

COVID-19 pandemic. Our interventions have positive impacts, particularly home gardens towards addressing food insecurity and malnutrition, benefits for income and livelihood opportunities for resource-poor families, and improvement of the ecosystem services.

Success Story

“I felt blessed while plucking fruits and vegetable in my own Home Garden.”

Samsun Bebe is one of our passionate smallholder farmers and mother of 03 kids from Kopalapuram, Nilaveli – Trincomalee who has joined the Food Security Program through Caritas Trincomalee (EHED) by the early part of the year 2020. She is an active member of Semparuththi SHG, which comes under the Kobalapuram Central Agrarian Society (CBO). She is sharing the success story of her life with us. As Caritas Trincomalee entered our village in 2020 we were able to understand the causes for poverty and work towards elimination of root causes gradually. This was possible through the food security program implemented by Caritas Sri Lanka that was funded by Caritas Norway/NORAD. We as individuals were energized to think about our existence.

The thought of this program encouraged us to improve our existing home gardens into an income source for our family. My daughter also assisted me to ameliorate our garden productively. We were able to utilize the knowledge that we have gained through the number of valuable training programs given to our CBO members with practical exercises and exposures especially on Home Garden establishment, Livestock rearing, Compost & Pest Repellant preparation and Marketing through this food security program.

This good practice ends up with an effective experience for us. The keenness that I received with the livestock rearing training inspired me to turn my home garden into integrated farming with the assistance given through the expansion support of the food security program.



I started my home garden with eggplant (Brinjal), chillie plants for domestic consumption, and I do have other vegetables as well. At this moment in time, I felt blessed while plucking fruits and vegetables from my own home garden to feed my family and to sale them. Now, I depend on my home garden for my household income and I do enjoy working in my garden with my family members, plucking fruits from the papaw trees, harvesting seasonal vegetables and collecting eggs from our

poultry shed. Round the clock, I work in my garden and it does not discourage me. I sell papaw for Rs.40 per Kg to my regular customers in the area. Now I started to produce organic compost in our garden and sale as well, where I get Rs. 50 per kilo packet of compost.

We must be grateful to EHED Caritas Trincomalee for supporting our community with seeds, saplings, fruit crops, home garden tools, and Dry rations even throughout the pandemic in Trincomalee district. I would like to thank Caritas Sri Lanka - SEDEC and Caritas Norway / NORAD for implementing this kind of program in Sri Lanka to encourage the people living in rural and remote areas.



Disaster Risk Management

Disaster Risk Management unit has been implementing programmes within the ambit of Integral Human Development which is the main thrust of Catholic Social Action, particularly with the focus to address the needs of the communities affected by manmade and natural disasters. In some parts of Sri Lanka, where the impact of disasters on the community is comparatively huge, we have been involved in a systematic approach to identify, assess and reduce the risks of disasters in collaboration with the communities through our diocesan network. Thus, the DRM unit has strived to lessen the adverse effects of hazards through activities and measures for prevention, mitigation, and preparedness.

It is more than 11 years since the long-drawn-out ethnic conflict ended in Sri Lanka. While the local communities who faced severe hardship for nearly 30 years are now gradually rebuilding their lives and livelihoods to the best of their ability. Caritas Sri Lanka DRM unit joins hands with these people to face challenges, rebuild their lives in a sustainable manner and live with dignity with proper protection for their families.

While the country is facing the waves of COVID-19 pandemic, with the medical and support services reaching a point almost beyond control, there is not much attention being shown to those suffering from genetically inherited diseases and disability. Caritas ensures adequate supportive measures to these victims in parallel with effective programs of awareness, community education and streamlining the families to the society.

As the COVID-19 pandemic is all around, we have to take extra efforts to reach the target group since there is a restriction for public gathering. Therefore, it is high time for us to think and take steps to go for methods using communication technology for field work.

However, with its limited capacity, resources and especially due to the efforts of Diocesan field staff DRM unit implements the following projects for the betterment of the community.

1. Livelihood and Housing Support (Mannar) for War-affected Communities in Northern, North central, and Eastern provinces. (Funded by Misereor)
2. Resettlement of Sri Lankan Families returning from India (Funded by Caritas Korea and Caritas Japan)
3. Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Chilaw & Kurunegala through awareness and empowerment. (Funded by Misereor)
4. Ensuring the Rights of Children with Disabilities and their Parents/Caregivers in Mannar and Kilinochchi Districts. (Funded by Kindermissionswerk)
5. Facilitating Green Gold Harvesters to Reap Maximum Benefits for Plantation Communities (Funded by Misereor)
6. Micro Projects (Funded by Caritas Italiana)

1. Livelihood and Housing Support (Mannar) for War-affected Communities in Northern, North central and Eastern provinces. (Funded by Misereor)

A more disturbing post-war trend, especially in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of the country has been the growth of personal debt levels of local communities. With the development of public infrastructure in these areas, a large number of financial institutions, including microfinance institutions have opened for business in these areas. The availability of ready credit, but at high-interest rates has led to a large number of families availing themselves of these facilities and falling into steep debt as unable to pay back these loans. Affected families have been forced into bankruptcy. There is a need to help these families to develop their livelihoods on a sustainable basis taking into account the prevailing market opportunities.

The beneficiaries are selected from the locations which have been affected by both war and natural disasters. This project focuses primarily on skills, technical knowledge, value addition, distribution channels, asset development, and eventually financial support was given for developing sustainable livelihoods at large for improving their quality of life.

So far 90 beneficiaries were supported financially for livelihood development with technical knowledge to manage their businesses, and they are involved in livestock, agriculture, and fishing activities. Due to Covid-19, some of our selected villages for livelihood support were under lockdown and couldn't reach out to according to the project timeline. The remaining selected beneficiaries will be included once the situation becomes normal.

Out of 90 beneficiaries, there are 67 of them who have been involved in livestock of which earning profits could take a few months after starting up to increase their income. A total of 23 beneficiaries who have been involved in agriculture and other related activities were able to increase their income by 20%.

After the preliminary stage in supporting the beneficiaries, they will be able to repay the loans that have been received, and there will be a grace period of two months. The entire process will be managed by the respective CBO, and the beneficiaries have pledged to repay the loans within the period. It is mutually decided.

For the promotion of saving activity within the CBO, saving schemes have been initiated where every member commits to saving and has a passbook. The funds are deposited in a public bank and accounts are regulated by the CBO leadership in a transparent manner. Monthly saving is developed to a CBO fund which in turn will be utilized for the urgent needs of the members in the CBO.



Only in the Mannar Diocese housing project has been implemented. The target Village of Mullikulam is a quiet area surrounded by sea, forest, and paddy lands. However, marine fishing is the main source of income for the entire community of the target village; some of them are involved in both marine fishing and paddy cultivation.



In the first phase, Caritas Valvuthayam carried out construction work for 20 houses and they have been completed and the beneficiaries are already moved to their new homes at Mullikulam.

For the second round, 30 beneficiaries have been selected from different parts of Mannar with the support of the Divisional Secretariat. Despite of pandemic situation they are able to get the work started and move forward. The progress is at various stages. Even in the midst of Corona threats and lockdown, the local authorities have given permission for the construction work. Priority was given to newly married families who do not have separate houses.

02. Resettlement of Sri Lankan Families returning from India (Funded by Caritas Korea and Caritas Japan)

Several thousands of families in the war-affected areas of the Northern and Eastern Provinces fled to South India during the peak of the war that prevailed in Sri Lanka. With the end of conflict, many of them have returned and many more families are considering returning to their homes. Government also encourage Sri Lanka families to return for resettlement in their own villages. Most of these people need relevant legal documents to live, work, and for education in Sri Lanka. To address their issues two projects are launched in Mannar and Trincomalee which are funded by Caritas Korea and Caritas Japan respectively.



This is the 2nd year that the Sri Lankan families returning from South India supported by Caritas Korea. So far 85 temporary shelters have been constructed and handed over to the beneficiaries in the Mannar Diocese. The rest of the construction work is delayed as they are not able to purchase construction materials due to the pandemic situation.

Livelihood support was also provided for 118 beneficiaries. Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic situation and travel restrictions imposed by the Government we are unable to personally visit the remaining beneficiaries. We have been in constant rapport with these beneficiaries via WhatsApp and we have collected all relevant documents required for the distribution of Livelihood inputs for the remaining families.

Capacity building training programmes were also conducted for the same beneficiaries on the following topics.

- Livelihood Awareness, Home gardening & Poultry.
- Start Your Business (SYB)
- Proposal Writing

These beneficiaries were also helped to obtain relevant original documents and photocopies of them by providing them with adequate cash for transport and for photocopies.

In Trincomalee Diocese, 33 families obtained their legal documents and get benefits and assistance from the government sector. Eight temporary shelters were built and the people live happily with good health, safety, and privacy. 5 numbers of latrines were built and now the people know to improve the health and hygiene of their children, and prevent diseases caused by lack of hygienic conditions. They also maintain a good relationship with the MOH officers.



Due to the vocational training, they have increased the knowledge to make their own business registration, business development, marketing systems, saving systems, and linkage with the banks. They were also provided leadership training in which 58 family members participated with great interest.

3. Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Batticaloa, Chilaw & Kurunegala through awareness and empowerment. (Funded by Misereor)

The High prevalence of Thalassemia disease in Batticaloa, Chilaw & Kurunegala poses an increasing burden for healthcare services. Efforts by the Government to educate, screen, and prevent Thalassemia amongst the general population were ineffective as most people were not aware of the Thalassemia disease. At this backdrop, Caritas Sri Lanka shouldered to the Thalassemia victims and their family members. In collaboration with health authorities and the community, relevant activities are carried out to mitigate Thalassemia through awareness and empowerment.



Awareness sessions helped the beneficiaries to lead a safe and secure life. At present 50 % of the community members have better awareness and knowledge of the disease. In all three dioceses, 26 no of awareness sessions were conducted.

General hospitals, private hospitals, and Cooperative Hospital were involved in conducting mobile clinics and blood sample

check-ups. During the blood screening activity, the community volunteered to undergo medical tests. People out of the target areas are also interested in blood check-ups, especially youth as a result of the awareness programmes. By conducting blood screening before marriages among youth, it is possible to reduce the number of new infections of Thalassemia by 60% and more. After the blood screening process, the Thalassemia carriers in the village will be possessing Thalassemia Carrier Cards. In Batticaloa around 114 persons, in Chilaw 300 patients, and in Kurunegala 212 persons have undergone the blood screening process.

People who never knew about Thalassemia disease were able to know the gravity of the disease and were thankful for organizing awareness sessions. Government officials assured their cooperation to implement this programme in other villages where Thalassemia is active.



4. Ensuring the Rights of Children with Disabilities and their Parents/Caregivers in Mannar and Kilinochchi Districts. (Funded by Kindermissionswerk)

The wounds of the war and its results such as disabilities, public services disruptions have been major challenges faced by the people of North and East. Even though the government authorities tried to access different mechanisms to deal with these issues those initiatives have not reached to PwDs and SwDs families where this project has been implemented. Though the Government gazetted some kind of services and provisions by the Acts for Persons with Disabilities including Children with Disabilities, only a limited number of PwDs and CwDs are enjoying those provisions. Some Government sectors are reluctant in providing such services on the grounds of insufficient funds to support them.

No	Beneficiaries	Planned for three years	Reached so far
1	Direct beneficiaries	234	127
2	Indirect Beneficiaries	975	600

In Kilininochi District, 58 CwDs were identified and interventions were commenced to support them through MOMH-Mullaitivu & Kilinochchi and the Clinical Psychologist. 10 no of CwDs has obtained the corrective surgery at Centre for Disabled. 20 no of CwDs from 4 GN Divisions attended the Evening Coaching classes from January to March the classes were conducted. 8 no of CwDs who are from grade 5 attended to the vocational training organized by Zonal Education Department. 50 mothers of CwDs were given basic training on business plan development for the expansion of their livelihood activities. But due to the fact that the SHGs for CwDs & PwDs are not registered under the Social Service Department livelihood support was not provided for the communities.

In Mannar, Pre-natal and post-natal awareness to the mothers were held in collaboration with the Health Department. Early identification of CwDs and programs were done by the midwife who also informed the core group and the authorities of the presence CwDs and referred the children to the medical professionals. We also facilitated CwDs to access disability certificates and ID cards and assisted them to access health and other facilities mentioned below:-

- Receiving Differently Abled Welfare Book to the victims
- They were referred to CFD Unit for special treatments
- They were also referred to SSD and General Hospital for Speech therapy
- IQ tests were conducted
- Medical Certificate issued
- Field level home visits were organized in collaboration with CFD staff
- Periodical meetings of MID wife and PHI were organised to enhance their effective coordination.
- Coordinated with other NGOs and like-minded organisations to give support to these families.

5. Facilitating Green Gold Harvesters to Reap Maximum Benefits for Plantation Communities (Funded by Misereor)

The political, socio-economic, and cultural rights of the plantation community have been denied, and their grievance continues to date in different forms. In order to address the above issues, the GGH Programme has been implemented as a people-centred project in four plantation dioceses. It is designed to transform the socio-economic conditions in order to improve the lives and livelihood of the plantation community families. The achievement of objectives resulted to help not only to the direct project beneficiaries who are vulnerable but also to improve socio-economic conditions of the larger community from recovery to development.



In four estates altogether 8 CBOs were formed and during their meetings they discussed the community issues. 16 nos. of vigilant groups are formed to focus on education, Health, livelihood, and domestic violence ultimately they seek relevant support from various stakeholders. CDF meetings were held with the participation of government officials, estate management,

and other related stakeholders in the estates. Women groups, Children groups and youth groups also formed and they are active in the estates. Training programmes were conducted on organic home gardening, additional income generation, participatory rural appraisal, and mushroom cultivation. Regular meetings are held with Estate Management to bring to their notice of some issues in the estates. Periodical meetings were also held with Government officials to address some of the needs of the people.

The estate people did not have community relationships prior to the implementation of the programme. But, as the CBO was formed they developed their leadership qualities and community spirit. They were able to win their rights by working with the relevant authorities. During the period of COVID-19, they approached the various government and non-governmental organizations to help the financially affected people. They listed the people in the area and prepared the necessary documents and presented them to the government sector in order to get the Samurdhi and COVID-19 special allowance for the deserving people.

In general, due to this programme implementation a good relationship and understanding were built among CBO members, and Government Officials, and estate Management. CBO members have a good knowledge relating to the services that can be obtained from Government Officials and the legality of all matters included in various Acts and provisions. They have improved their knowledge about the collective agreement signed between Plantation Trade Unions and Plantation management and the issues in the agreement.

In addition to the above programme, a plantation women empowerment project had also been implemented in the Galle diocese with the financial support from Caritas Japan. Programme started by last October 2020 and during the beginning of this year an estate was selected and the baseline survey activities were carried out.

5. Micro Projects (Funded by Caritas Italiana)

The micro project proposals submitted by 5 dioceses were funded in the first round of funding by Caritas Italiana. Given all the relevant guidelines and instructions, the dioceses commenced the implementation of the projects by July 2020 and completed them by January 2021.

Vocational Training for Unemployed Boys and Girls at Nilaveli, Trincomalee

EHED Caritas Trincomalee inaugurated vocational training at Nilaveli on 15th July 2020. Following three trades identified for vocational training which were conducted under this programme;

- Sewing for girls
- Cookery for girls and boys
- English classes for youth.

Provision of toilets for 15 estate-worker families and improving hygienic conditions at Doloswala Estate, in the Ratnapura Diocese.

15 no. of toilets for estate workers was planned to be built in Dolaswala Estate, Nivithigala and eventually we built 20 toilets with the support of the community. Estate Management and the parish priest also rendered their immense support for the success of this infrastructure development project.



Increasing educational opportunities for the children of war-affected families in Mullaitivu South, HUDEC Vanni

The School library of the Roman Catholic Tamil School located in Mullaitivu town area was renovated and upgraded with books, and furniture. The Principal and the teachers noticed that the students who use the library regularly had increased their reading capabilities. In addition, 155 no of children were provided with educational materials to continue their studies.

Poultry farming project for marginalised women and families of selected 400 beneficiaries in Anuradhapura Diocese

Poultry farming could improve the economic capabilities of the people and create a healthy community. Activities were carried out in consultation with the Grama Niladhari (Village-level Govt. Official), the Public Health Officer (PHO), and the Local Government Veterinary Office. There are Four hundred (400) direct beneficiaries and approximately one thousand six hundred and fifty (1,650) indirect beneficiaries are benefited from this programme.





Improving education by providing materials and facilities to the students in three schools, Chilaw Diocese

The following underprivileged schools were supported to raise the quality of education provided to the students.

- St. Anthony's College, Palasole
- Sethapola Roman Catholic Tamil College, Sethapola
- Roman Catholic Tamil Vidyalaya, Paniadiya
- 6 awareness sessions were conducted for the parents and teachers. Sports materials were given. The library facility was upgraded. Students also encouraged to do home gardening.



Succses Story

“It is a blessing to our special needs children to have inclusive education”.



Mudkompan is an interior village located in Kilinochchi District. This village is almost 8 km distant from the other villages. In this village, a school, a temple, a Church, a cooperative shop, a Primary Health Care Centre, a common hall and a few shops are available. Only two bus services are available. In case of emergency, people suffer due to a lack of road infrastructure and transportation services. People confront difficulties by lack of inadequate basic infrastructure.

Mr. S. Prabakaran, the Principal of the school made a request in May 2019 for a special education unit at their school because more than 7 special needs children are studying. They were placed in the normal classroom. Further, he mentioned that the children, who are studying at this school from the cluster villages, are in great trouble once they drop out or complete studies. They have only a few options such as labour work, joining gangs selling drugs and alcohol or illegal trades of timber or soil, or otherwise to marry. Further, he stated to carry out the following measures to uplift the knowledge of the school dropouts to safeguard their future.

- *Conduct extra coaching classes for school-going children*
- *Conduct fine arts course for the children (Dancing, Eastern and Western Music)*
- *Conduct English Language classes*
- *Conduct IT & Computer courses*

Since the parents of the special needs children and the school found difficult to manage these children, HUDEC came forward to construct the Special Education Unit for the special needs children equipped with furniture and a play park. The foundation stone was laid on 26th August 2020. He stated “It is a blessing to our special needs children to have inclusive education and they do not have to go away from this village for their studies. In future, it is a must for developing physical disability resources for these children”.



Laying foundation stone in August 2020



Foundation work in Sep-Oct 2020



Social Justice and Sustainable Peace

The Social Justice and Sustainable Peace Unit emphasizes work towards promoting peace processes, social cohesion and an all-inclusive society to the nation at large. In the context of the present instability in the country due to heightened tension between races and with political unworthiness, reliable processes of peace and conflict mitigation is of great importance. Caritas Sri Lanka has recognized the above and has assembled resources through 4 major projects, to be a guiding light towards empowering the people of Sri Lanka across all religions and races, to restore human dignity, encourage human life and contribute to establish Gospel values.

The Social Justice and Sustainable Peace Unit works through **1. Religious Amity & Expansion, 2. Healing and Reconciliation, 3. Helping People move towards Reconciliation and 4. AGIAMONDO Peace Initiatives** to fortify the Unit's goal to "create a conducive atmosphere for a just and violence free society where people will be living in peace and harmony by respecting the diverse natures of different ethnic and religious groups and their cultures".

Major accomplishments during the reporting period in view of the projects

Virtual Vesak celebration by SJ & SP unit

The Social Justice and Sustainable Peace unit of Caritas Sri Lanka always works on creating links and promoting peace and harmonious connections among people of various religions and ethnic groups. The celebration of Vesak festival was one of the activities carried out by the unit members. This was a creative act prepared by pooling the gifts and talents of the unit members. During May the whole country was experiencing lockdown and social distancing but it was a time to be more connected with one another and this was a small attempt using modern technology to connect with our Buddhist brothers and sisters. The unit members Mr. Priyantha, Sr. Noyala, and Ms. Dharshika were the vocalists for the Vesak gee and Mr. Dananjana provided music. The song was posted on our Facebook page and circulated among our friends.

Virtual Vesak celebration was done by youth from the diocesan youth groups under religious amity programme. The youth created videos and photos and uploaded in Facebook page and our official YouTube channel. The youth from various religions came together virtually to create these videos and photos. These virtual celebrations were a good means to reach a larger population during the time of lockdown and travel restrictions.

Pongal celebration

"Pongal" a thanksgiving celebration was celebrated in Caritas Sri Lanka, which was organized under the Religious amity project on 19 January. As a unit, we work to promote peace and respect for all religions. This celebration had its own purpose that is to give an understanding of the rituals and the significance of the celebration. It is by understanding the deeper meanings of various rituals of the religions we are able to promote tolerance and co-existence among people of different religions and ethnic groups. The celebration was commenced with



the Eucharistic celebration and followed by cooking Pongal rice since 'Pongal' is known as a harvesting festival or it can be considered as the 'thanksgiving' festival since the festival is celebrated to thank the sun for helping farmers reap better-yielding crops. There were games to entertain and kolam decorations, which is of utmost significance to this celebration.



Planning workshop for the new project proposal

There were two planning workshops conducted for the Diocesan directors and the peace coordinators one in Sinhala and the other in Tamil medium. The first meeting was held on 3rd February 2021 in Caritas Kurunegala. The directors and coordinators from Anuradhapura, Chilaw, Colombo, Galle, Kurunegala, Ratnapura and Kandy participated in the Sinhala medium workshop. The directors and coordinators from Batticaloa, Mannar, Trincomalee and Vanni participated in the Tamil medium workshop in Mannar.



The main objective of this meeting was to gather suggestions from the diocesan level in order to design a new peace project to Misereor. As it was a request from all the diocesan centers and recommended by partner Misereor the new project will mainly include youth and other stakeholders such as vigilant committee members, Civil society members, religious leaders and government officers. The project activities will include a personal formation for youth and community development or social activities by youth. This will enhance in youth the sense of responsibility for the society and the need to work as one region to promote peace. We envision forming youth as the powerful ambassadors of peace.



Active Citizen Workshop

The two Active Citizens workshops were conducted in collaboration with the British council. The workshops were in Sinhala and Tamil medium. The Sinhala medium workshop was conducted from 7th to 11th September and the Tamil medium workshop was from 21st to 25th September.

There were four modules in this workshop. They are:

1. Identity and culture
2. Intercultural dialogue
3. Local communities
4. Planning and delivering social actions

The youth were able to work on themselves and explore what is identity and culture and how they could have intercultural dialogue. Identifying the local communities and planning of social actions, which will promote peace in the local communities, were done during this workshop.

3. Different approaches used during the C19 pandemic situation

The peace Initiatives of Caritas Sri Lanka were majorly affected due to the restrictions on community gathering under the prevailing pandemic situation.

A major drawback for the programme implementation was the outbreak of COVID 19 in the year 2020, which was not anticipated to be a risk. The government regulations for the prevention of the spreading of the virus resulted in a complete halt in conducting the programme activities at both the National and Diocesan level. Towards the mid part of the year, virtual platforms to conduct meetings were introduced to the Diocesan offices.

However, directly engaging the beneficiaries through these virtual platforms was a challenge as the beneficiaries in some instances did not have the infrastructural facilities to engage in such virtual programmes.

Hence, they had to be gathered at the Diocesan offices to be a part of the programmes. This was time consuming as well as challenging as the participants had to travel from afar and we could not accommodate all the beneficiaries at once.

Even when the government made the regulations and protocols flexible there was reluctance from the beneficiaries as they feared the fact of gathering with many other people. In such instances the necessary authorization from the Public Health Inspectors was obtained and social distancing and sanitising practices were followed.

4. Partner Communications (virtual)

8th December 2020 - Steering Committee with Mr. Aron Halfen – Caritas Norway on the Religious Amity Project



5. Covid 19 related supports

- Handwashing Stations at Religious worship places
- Awareness for the community (Peace Caravan, PHI)
- Stationery



6. Short terms special projects

Climate Change project with British Council



Success Story

“learnt so many things and gathered valuable experiences to lead a meaningful life”.



I am Ifaam Hameed and I am 23 years old. I have completed my Advance level at Al Aksha Muslim School Eheliyagoda and at present, I am following a Diploma in Media at the Open University of Sri Lanka. I am Islam and I live with my parents. My journey with Caritas Ratnapura Sethmini is considered a special one as I learnt so many things and gathered valuable experiences to lead a meaningful life. It was a Christmas function where I got the chance to join with youth group of Caritas Sethmini. I got that opportunity through our Maulavi.

On the said day I was able to meet a lot of youth members who belonged to different religions and ethnicities. It was my first experience taking part in a Christmas function. From then on, I got the opportunity to take part in different programmes conducted by the Caritas Ratnapura Office. I took part in the leadership camp at Kiriella and National level programmes held at Kurunegala. That became a place to learn and gather knowledge on developing our leadership qualities, respecting other religions and their values.



I was so inspired by the way we spent the days irrespective of our religion, language and cultures. Taking part in youth camps, leadership trainings, Seminars on Web designing and photography and awareness sessions made a huge difference in my life. I thank the Caritas Sethmini Office and the National Centre for organizing meaningful programmes and connecting the youth from different places in Sri Lanka.

I believe that the youth could bring a real change in the society and they are capable of eradicating the gaps between religions, ethnic groups and cultures. I ensure my fullest cooperation for future activities as well.



Caritas Sri Lanka Network's Humanitarian Response to COVID 19 Pandemic

The unprecedented COVID 19 global pandemic stunned the operations of the country, gradually deteriorating the situation in the entire island. The restrictions of mobility imposed by the state affected the access to food and other essential needs of the vulnerable communities, creating distress and divisions among the public. Some of the burning issues like economic and financial insecurity, insecure employment, damage to the skills and education of young people, the non-availability and unaffordability of food and basic supplies have been very significant. In addition, the restrictions of mobility, island-wide curfew, travel bans and lockdowns had a huge impact on people's lives, families, and communities.

Realizing the dire need to support these communities in need, Caritas Sri Lanka continued her mission to fulfill the basic needs of the affected communities with the generous support of the Dicastery for promoting integral human development and all of Caritas Sri Lanka's funding partners.

An immediate response programme was carried out through all 13 Diocesan Centers to provide Dry food packs, hygiene and personal Protection equipment, Medicine, and awareness for the communities on preventive measures of COVID 19. The relief work was carried out jointly with the Divisional Secretariats, Public Health Officers, and the Religious Leaders. These actions highlight how CSL as a Church-based organization, irrespective of race, caste, or religion, put into practice the command of its Master Jesus Christ: "Love thy neighbour" and the third encyclical of Pope Francis, ensuring fraternity and social friendship.

We received the major funding from Caritas Internationalis Commission for Covid-19 created by Pope Francis. The Confederation coordinated with the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (DPIHD) and launched a new 'COVID – 19 Response Fund (220,722 Euros) to support local Churches with 329 emergency projects, especially 87 projects in the South Asian Region. In addition, CSL is ever grateful for other funding partners namely, MISEREOR Germany, Caritas Norway, CAFOD – England, Catholic Relief Service (CRS), Caritas Korea, and Caritas Hong Kong for their generous contribution for the relief programme. We also mobilized some unutilized project activity funds and CSL Centre contribution funds to expand this Emergency Response Programme.

The overall objective

Strengthening resilience of vulnerable families including health personnel by ensuring access to essential needs.

**The sectors of intervention & achievements**

Diocese	Dry Food Family Packs	Hygiene Item Packs	Personal Protection Equipment	Medical Assistance	Awareness Education materials
Anuradhapura	951	651	220	102	30 Banners
Badulla	863	2309	2057	416	133 Banners 3500 Leaflets 1000 Posters
Batticaloa	1150	11	11	N/A	36 Banners 5000 Leaflets
Chilaw	1100	295	238	156	2000 Leaflets 300 Posters
Colombo	1898	174	564	150	4000 Leaflets
Galle	1180	1105	880	361	50 Banners 3000 leaflets
Jaffna	539	239	239	60	50 Banners 2250 Posters
Kandy	861	559	300	478	8 Banners 2000 Leaflets
Kurunegala	530	170	120	60	10 Banners 500 Leaflets 500 Posters
Mannar	750	340	220	400	5 Banners 2000 Leaflets 50 Posters
Ratnapura	748	340	232	107	40 Banners 3800 Leaflets
Trincomalee	520	220	170	57	23 Banners
Vanni	740	150	155	51	50 Banners 50 Posters

Food & Non Food Items**Hygiene Packs**



Personal Protective Equipments



Cash grants for purchase of medicine





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PROJECT OVERVIEW - 1ST APRIL 2020 to 31ST MARCH 2021 (Partner wise)

Agency	Project	Amount (Rs)	Total (Rs)	Sector
AGIAMONDO	Empowerment of Youth and Women Programme	1,693,830	1,693,830	Justice, Peace Building & Reconciliation
British Council Sri Lanka	Active Citizen Programme	1,779,938	1,779,938	Climate change adaption
CAFOD	Helping People Move Towards Reconciliation - SLK 307	7,268,100	7,268,100	Justice, Peace Building & Reconciliation
	Support for the people affected by Covid 19 pandemic situation	3,540,150	3,540,150	Disaster Risk Reduction
Caritas Hong Kong		774,131	774,131	
Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS)	Empowerment of Student Programme	7,855,100	7,855,100	Education
Caritas Internationalis	Support for the people affected by Covid 19 pandemic situation	10,024,351	10,024,351	Disaster Risk Reduction
Caritas Italiana		10,453,612	10,453,612	
	Micro Project	5,962,920	5,962,920	Economic Development
Caritas Japan	Documentation and Livelihood Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India	7,325,190	7,325,190	
Caritas Korea	Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue & Cross Community Activities	4,845,270	4,845,270	Re-settlement & Livelihood Development
	Integral Human Development - Civic Dialogue & Cross Community Activities in Mannar District	7,181,685	7,181,685	
	Educational Support for War Affected Children	17,687,795	17,687,795	Education
	Documentation and Livelihood Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India	13,779,062	13,779,062	Re-settlement & Livelihood Development
	Supporting Primary Education of Poor and Vulnerable Children	19,421,632	19,421,632	Education
Caritas Norway	Addressing Causes for Poverty and Ensuring Food Security for Farming Communities	72,024,184	72,024,184	Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security
	Promoting a Common Vision for Tolerance and Harmony among all Religions in Sri Lanka	59,206,082	59,206,082	Justice, Peace Building & Reconciliation
Caritas Slovenia	Work towards a decent life support for poor families in Sri Lanka.	1,421,003	1,421,003	Economic Development



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Agency	Project	Amount (Rs)	Total (Rs)	Sector
Catholic Relief Services - USCCB	CRS - Caritas Sri Lanka Internship Programme	720,000	720,000	Youth Development
	Support for the migrant returnees affected by Covid 19 pandemic situation	4,764,667	4,764,667	Safe Labour Migration
		1,165,254	1,165,254	Disaster Risk Reduction
Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (CHA)	Support for the people affected by Covid 19 pandemic situation	119,000	119,000	
Church of Ceylon - Board of Social Responsibility	Support for the families affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka.	1,200,000	1,200,000	
Kindermision	Strengthening of special needs children and their families in Mannar & Vanni in Sri Lanka. - D 17 0312 001	12,036,680	12,036,680	Re-settlement & Livelihood Development
Misereor	Promoting, Healing & Reconciliation for Sustainable Peace	21,358,105	21,358,105	Justice, Peace Building & Reconciliation
	Mitigation of Thalassemia in the Dioceses of Kurunegala, Batticaloa and Chilaw through Awareness and Empowerment	11,768,691	11,768,691	Health, Water & Sanitation
	Empowerment of the Green Gold Harvesters by Strengthening of Workers Rights 322-900-1109	16,057,145	16,057,145	Economic Development
	Support for the people affected by Covid 19 pandemic situation	8,664,412	8,664,412	Disaster Risk Reduction
	Livelihood & Housing Support	24,101,520	24,101,520	Re-settlement & Livelihood Development
MSC Mission Overseas Aid Fund	Micro Project	18,277,500	18,277,500	Economic Development
Mrs. S. Pillenayagam	Education support for the students affected by Easter Bombing in Sri Lanka.	24,000	24,000	Education
Russel's (pvt) Ltd	Scholarship Project for Diocese of Badulla	450,000	450,000	
Swiss Development Cooperation	Safe Labour Migration Project-National	1,628,135	1,628,135	Safe Labour Migration
		374,579,144	374,579,144	



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Project	Agency	Amount (Rs)	Total (Rs)	%	Sector
Active Citizen Programme	British Council Sri Lanka	1,779,938	1,779,938	0.5%	Climate change adaption
Addressing Causes for Poverty and Ensuring Food Security for Farming Communities	Caritas Norway	72,024,184	72,024,184	19.2%	Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security
CRS - Caritas Sri Lanka Internship Programme	Catholic Relief Services - USCCB	720,000	720,000	0.2%	Youth Development
Documentation and Livelihood Support for Families of Sri Lanka Origin Returning from India	Caritas Japan	7,325,190	7,325,190	2.0%	Re-settlement & Livelihood Development
	Caritas Korea	13,779,062	13,779,062	3.7%	
Educational Support for War Affected Children		17,687,795	17,687,795	4.7%	Education
Empowerment of the Green Gold Harvesters by Strengthening of Workers Rights 322-900-1109	Misereor	16,057,145	16,057,145	4.3%	Economic Development
Empowerment of Student Programme	Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS)	7,855,100	7,855,100	2.1%	Education
Empowerment of Youth and Women Programme	AGIAMONDO	1,693,830	1,693,830	0.5%	Justice, Peace Building & Reconciliation
Helping People Move Towards Reconciliation - SLK 307	CAFOD	7,268,100	7,268,100	1.9%	
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Livelihood & Housing Support	Misereor	24,101,520	24,101,520	6.4%	Re-settlement & Livelihood Development
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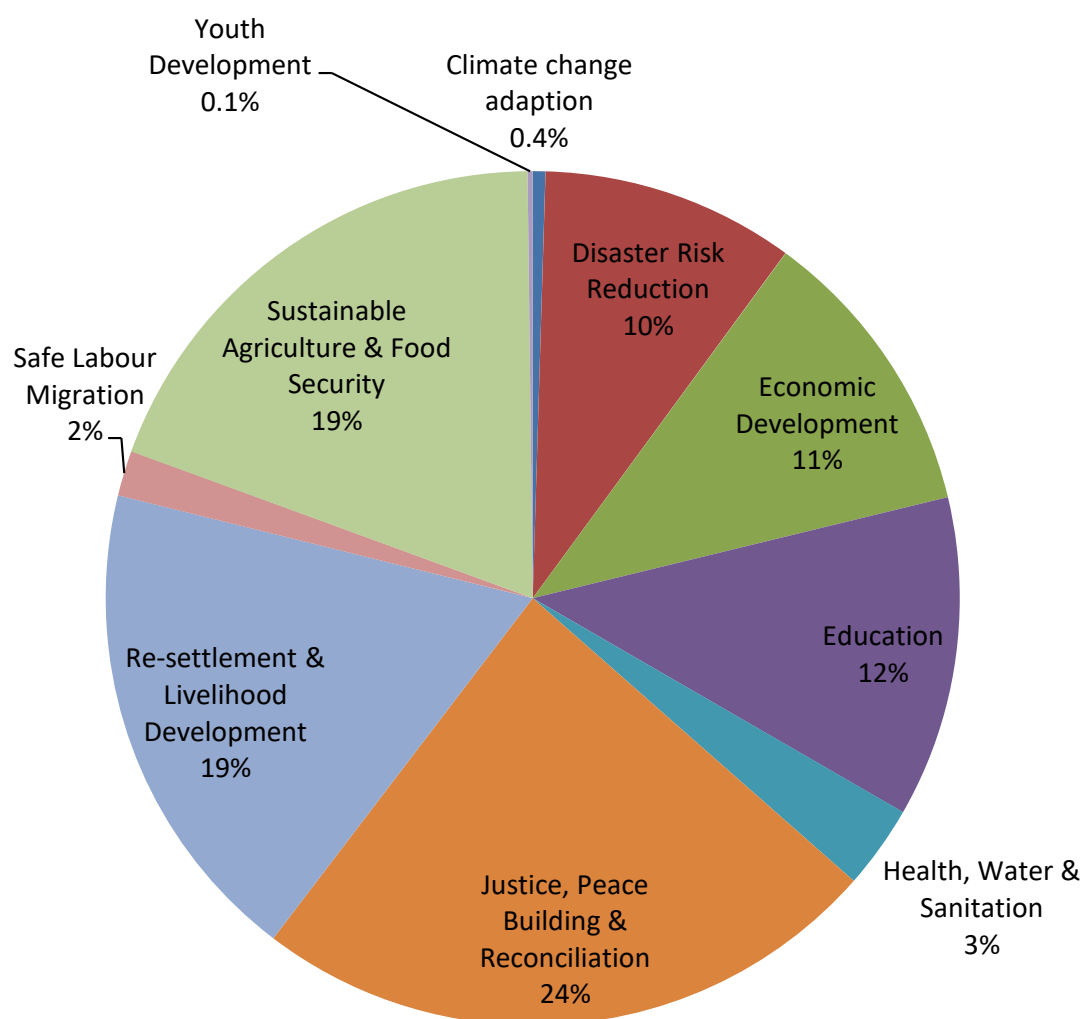
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Work towards a decent life support for poor families in Sri Lanka.		1,421,003	1,421,003	0.4%	Economic Development
		374,579,144	374,579,144	100%	



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