



**Dynamic Facilitator
For Civil Society
Engagement**



Develop Capacity and Facilitate Spaces for Civil Society...

SLCDF has been a driving force of the civil society movement in Sri Lanka for over three decades. SLCDF has facilitated the mobilization, organization and building the capacities of the civil society movement to claim their space in the development arena in Sri Lanka. SLCDF uniqueness has been alliance building among the NGOs and civil society actors. Through these alliances and district consortia, SLCDF has made a major contribution towards empowering and advancing the quality of lives of thousands of marginalized communities in the country. SLCDF has supported the formation of two civil society led entities NGO National Action Front (NNAF) and NGO Management Development Centre (NGOMDC) to enable advocacy, collective action and improved NGO management. SLCDF has ensured interactive spaces between government and civil society through participatory planning processes.







Origin

Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (SLCDF), a non-profit and voluntary participatory development organization evolved in 2002, as the offspring of Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund. Since 1987, this Fund which was managed by the South Asia Partnership (SAP), had been generously supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) under a bilateral agreement, affiliated Canadian voluntary organizations and the public of both countries. With a rich programme record coupled with multi-faceted project experience spanning 15 years, SLCDF took up the challenge to continue and implement the programme. SLCDF has since provided assistance and resources from local and international donors under multilateral agreements, to support the most disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, focusing on their resource needs and aspirations.





Strategic Plan

Since 2002, SLCDF had to face different socio-economic situations that impacted the country and the projects of SLCDF went through funding difficulties. However, despite these hard times, SLCDF maintained its focus of working for the disadvantaged communities and advancing their lives. In the recent past the country has witnessed broader changes in the socio-economic and political spheres that prompted SLCDF to think of a new medium term strategic plan and position itself in the transforming economy and social context. SLCDF, through wide consultation with stakeholders and development actors developed a comprehensive 5-year Strategic Plan.

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Vision

To become a dynamic Facilitator for civil society engagement in development of Sri Lanka

Mission

Develop capacity and facilitate spaces for the civil society to access economic and social equity towards sustainable development

Goal

By 2020 SLCDF will have achieved excellence in the provision of development facilitation in all its strategic directions





Objectives

- To facilitate the empowerment of marginalized communities to have equitable access to benefits of development and workout long term solutions through DCs, NGOs and CBOs.
- To enable research, experimentation and dissemination of appropriate technology and skills to rural communities.
- To promote and establish social harmony and pluralism among communities.
- To facilitate and strengthen alliances among civil society actors and networks and promote interface with government agencies and the private sector.
- To facilitate policy intervention on micro finance and support for systematic and efficient management.





Strategic Areas

- Linking marginalized communities into mainstream development
- Facilitate access to appropriate technology
- Promoting active citizenship, ethnic and social cohesion for just, equitable and pluralistic society
- Strengthening and sustaining development partnerships, networking and advocacy.
- Policy interventions and innovative approaches to micro financing





Board of Management

Professionals, Academics, retired senior Government officials and well experienced development workers are in the SLCDF Governing body.



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Achievements

- Built a vibrant network at community, district and national levels to support the marginalized communities and established NGO National Action Front (NNAF) to act as a national level apex organization
- The establishment of the district consortia in bringing different NGOs together for pursuing a common agenda and development of Participatory Integrated District Development Programmes (PIDDP) and it brought members of the district consortia to a participatory planning process
- SLCDF supported a network of more than 4000 CBOs and around 450 NGOs in 18 Districts for the establishment of revolving loan funds and promoted credit culture to provide micro credit for livelihood for disadvantaged families
- Successfully implemented innovative programmes, built extensive and dynamic organizations, country-wide, towards attaining sustainable development
- Partnership development with NGOs and other donors that provided for mutual learning on development issues between local NGOs, counterparts and donors





Achievements contd.

- SLCDF facilitated CBOs to graduate to the level of NGOs and these NGOs are actively working with other NGOs at district level and engaged in community development interventions
- Mainstreamed gender in all development programmes
- In dealing with marginalised communities greater focus was made on the disabled and women headed households
- SLCDF, in order to facilitate working with the war affected in the North engaged with WRDSs, FOs and LIBCOs
- During the recent past more attention was given to development through Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- Significant increase in female participation in projects and programs and women representation on governing boards of CBOs is 75% and 40% in NGOs
- SLCDF involves itself in rebuilding the lives of war affected families and in implementing rehabilitation interventions of livelihood programmes



Achievements contd.

- Developed and established a viable model for smallholder farmers in Integrated Agriculture, combining conservation farming and dairying
- NGO Management Development Centre was treated as an independent training institute to build need-based capacities of NGOs through participatory processes
- Disbursed over Rs.900M for development programmes with Rs.300M community contribution from 1987 to 2002 and since 2003 provided development assistance for over forty thousand people towards sustainable livelihood development through a network of organizations in 18 districts with Rs.900M donor funding
- Supported other most vulnerable groups through implementing capacity building programmes for organizations working with “key populations” groups
- SLCDF changed its policy working with network of organizations to government affiliated organizations and also engaged with Local Authorities, Pradeshiya Sabhas and government institutions for helping the marginalized communities





Achievements contd.

- SLCDF has achieved greater recognition by Government Organizations, where they seek closer partnerships between them
- Other NGOs more actively seeking partnership with SLCDF, due to achieving greater recognition of SLCDF capacity by them
- Establishment of facilitation desks at district consortia level to provide services for CSOs and the communities
- During the recent past more attention was given to development through Self Help Groups (SHGs)
- Built the coalition between and among network members at district level
- Attention was given to new programme areas, such as waste management, with special emphasis on preventing plastic pollution, mental health, the blue economy, Transitional Justice



Partners

Community Based Organizations and their members, Non-Governmental Organizations, District Consortia of NGOs (DCs), NGO National Action Front (NNAF): NGO Management Development Centre (NGO MDC): Government Institutions and local and International Funding Agencies are working as partners of SLCDF by providing their services to disadvantaged communities in our country.

Past and Present* Partner Organizations

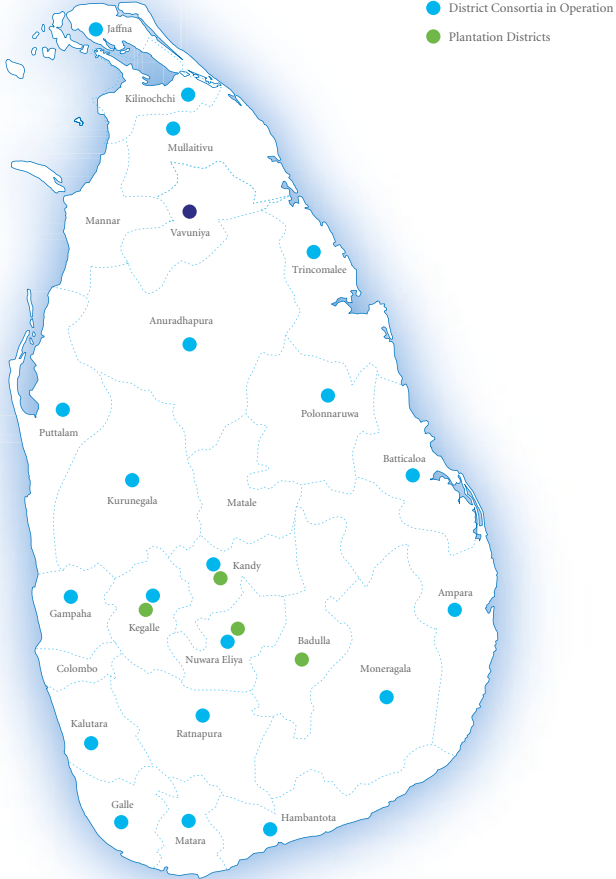
Adventist Development & Relief Agency	Canada
Builders Labourers Federation of Queensland (BLFQ)	Australia
Brigitte Weigand	Germany
Calgary Waldorf School	Canada
Canada World Youth	Canada
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	Canada
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	Canada
Cardinal Leger and His Endeavour	Canada

Centre for Days of Peace	Canada
Canadian Hunger Foundation / Partners in Rural Development	Canada
Christian Children's Fund of Canada	Canada
Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Resources Centre	Philippines
Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)	Germany
Development and Peace	Canada
Diakonia*	Sri Lanka
European Union*	Sri Lanka
Girl Guides Canada	Canada
FHI360*	India
Heifer International	Nepal / USA
Help the Aged Canada	Canada
Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation	Sri Lanka
Hindu Temple School	Canada
Hope International Development Agency*	Canada

Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre	Canada
India Development and Relief Fund, Inc.*	USA
International Development & Refugee Foundation	Canada
Jules and Paul-Emile Ledger Foundation	Canada
Match International Centre	Canada
National Language Project	Sri Lanka
New Jersey Mental Health Institute	USA
NGO's Water Supply & Sanitation Decade Service	Sri Lanka
North Atlantic Marine Alliance	Canada
Oriental Consultants Global	Japan
Oxfam Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Pact, Inc.	USA
Palmera Projects*	Australia
Peacefund Canada	Canada
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund	Canada
Sequus International	Canada

South Asia Partnership	Canada
South House Exchange	Canada
Sri Lanka Association in Canada	Canada
Sri Lanka Botswana Association	Botswana
Stichting Gilles	Belgium
The Asia Foundation	Sri Lanka
UEnd: Foundation (Christmas Future Foundation)	Canada
United Nations Development Programme	Sri Lanka
United Nations Office for Project Services / (GEF / SGP)	Sri Lanka
University of Guelph	Canada
USAID*	Sri Lanka
World Accord	Canada
World Bank	
World Literacy of Canada	Canada
Young Women's Christian Association Canada	Canada
ZOA*	Sri Lanka

Districts of Operations





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