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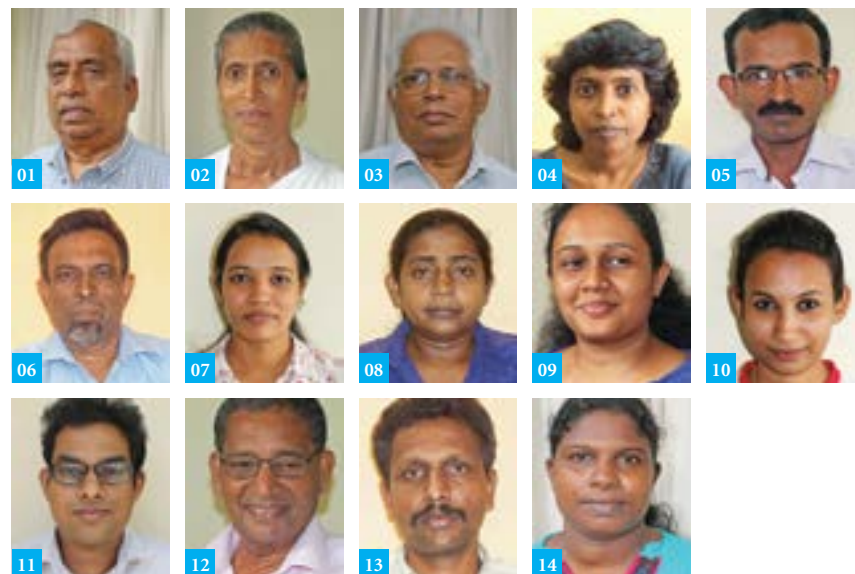
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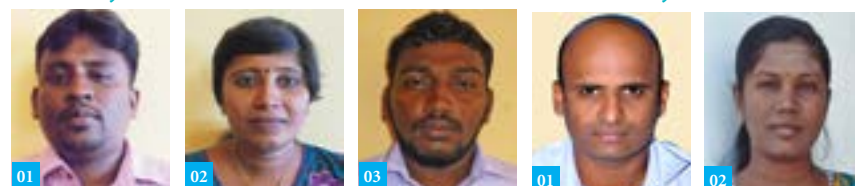
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Cover page photos: All smiles for a bumper groundnut harvest
Village 2 Markets Project in Mullaitivu, supported by Australian donor PalmEra Projects

Vision, Mission and Goal

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

Strategic Areas

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

Cross-cutting Themes and other strategic aspects

In all the above programme areas gender, environment and climate change will be incorporated to ensure gender equality and environmental sustainability where applicable.

Message from the Chairperson of the Board of Management of SLCDF



“We at SLCDF have considered the need to strengthen the training capacity vital, and have decided to invest on a long felt need – ‘a training centre’ next year.”

2015 / 2016 is an historic financial year for SLCDF. We have in our own way overcome an economic crunch. Despite low inflow of funds to facilitate development programmes SLCDF managed to tide over the difficulty because of consistent policies of serving the needy community in the most sustainable manner.

Our project staff in the field, and the consortia have put their heart and soul together to make another year of success stories. Special mention should be made of the USAID Kilinochchi programme which has received high acclaim. Our philosophy of “empowering” the communities and individuals to the level of them been able to sustain on their own worked again. The members of the ‘Yougasakthi’ have proven the resilience of the women folk in our country and have remained the ‘unseen’ hands of the social mobilization.

Times are getting difficult in the global picture, the need to be self-reliant and strengthen the consortia to work on their own steam, require strong resolve and ‘mind change’. We at SLCDF have considered the need to strengthen the training capacity vital, and have decided to invest on a long felt need – “a training centre” next year. The initial steps were taken this year.

The staff at the ‘De Fonseka Road’ office have as always contributed with full dedication. Their untiring commitment matched by the consortia and field staff once again proved themselves fully.

I thank the Board, who have made themselves available for ‘mobile meetings’ and thus made a difference to our approach. We miss a few members who parted from us during the year. May they all attain the ‘bliss’ of hope they sought.

Finally a thank you to Mr. Tissa Wijetunga our Executive Director for holding the ‘stern’ to keep us all afloat.

Prof. Sarath Kotagama
Chairman, Board of Management, SLCDF

Year in Review 2015 - 2016

We are pleased to inform our Board of Management and partners that the financial year 2015/2016 has been a year that achieved all targets successfully. Initial steps have been taken to introduce a five year strategic plan considering new development policies of the present government relating to NGOs.

During the reporting period steps have been taken to introduce the five year strategic plan to partners including government institutions, donor agencies, and international non-governmental organizations and to our network members through conducting meetings, workshops and visits. As a result of this exercise some of the donors and INGOs who were involved with us have agreed to extend their services for a further period. We are glad to inform you that several organizations expressed their willingness to work with us in the future also.



Strategic Plan review

Introduce the five year strategic plan to partners including government institutions, donor agencies, and international non-governmental organizations and to our network members through conducting meetings, workshops and visits.



Strategic Plan review at SLCDF with Stakeholders

Highlights of Ongoing Projects

Strengthening Civil Society Structures for Sustainable Development

Diakonia agreed to provide financial assistance and technical advice for a networking programme “Strengthening Civil Society Structures for Sustainable Development” for five years. Initially, this programme is being implemented in Jaffna, Batticaloa, Ampara, Galle, Kurunegala and Kegalle districts within this year. The District Consortia of these 6 districts have commenced the activities to strengthen their organizational capacity with increased membership, expanded geographical coverage to more Divisional Secretariat Divisions and developed links between Northern, Eastern and Southern DCs for strengthening contact and mutual exchange of views. Also developed better coordination and relationship with District and Divisional Secretaries and District level networks by attending meetings. The process of preparing Participatory Integrated District Development Plans (PIDDP) for the six districts was initiated during this period.

Programme is being implemented in Jaffna, Batticaloa, Ampara, Galle, Kurunegala and Kegalle districts



PIDDP - Diakonia Meetings at SLCDF



Signing of agreement with Galle District Consortium

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

Transforming Marginalized Communities for Sustainable Development

Diakonia generously supported and secured funds for the project in Mullaitivu for the resettled vulnerable families including the women headed households and families with disabled children. Target groups for this project are marginalized resettled families in the district of Mullaitivu. Partner organizations of this project are Yougasakthy Women Federation, 20 associated clusters and Olirum Vaalvu. 225 families were assisted under this project for livelihood development. 23 participants trained as trainers and they created awareness on Self-Help Group approaches and rights based approach concept for 1600 participants. 84 participants participated in 3 learning platforms between Yougasakthy Women Federation and Southern Women Federations. Following the success of this project, Diakonia approved a three year proposal (2016 - 2018).



Signing of SLCDF - Diakonia Agreements at SLCDF Head Office

The project in Mullaitivu for the resettled vulnerable families including the women headed households and families with disabled children.



Meeting the community at Mullaitivu

Collective Engagement for Equitable and Sustainable growth of Vulnerable Communities

Diakonia agreed to continue work in Mullaitivu district for Collective Engagement for Equitable and Sustainable growth of Vulnerable Communities livelihood development programme in the Mullaitivu district.



Yougasakthy Women's Federation continued as a partner organization for implementing the project activities



Participants with their cattle

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

Value addition to improve the well-being of farmer families

Palmera Projects, an Australian donor organization agreed to assist for three years to increase the control and benefits of social and economic resources so the poor can earn a better income to improve the well-being of their families and engage in implementing the programme in five villages in Puthukkudiyiruppu Divisional Secretariat Division in Mullaitivu district for 3000 families and two villages in Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariat Division in Polonnaruwa District for 800 families.

This year project activities have been implemented in five villages in 2 Grama Niladari Divisions in Puthukkudiyiruppu and two villages in Hingurakgoda; eighty one farmers were engaged in groundnut cultivation and twenty four in dairy farming in Thevipuram 'B' village; seventy two were engaged in groundnut and thirty in dairy farming in Thevipuram 'A' village; forty involved in groundnut cultivation in Colony village; thirty six for groundnut in Iruttumadu village. In Hingurakgoda nineteen farmers were engaged in dairy farming and need assessment was being carried out for farmers to cultivate maize as a market crop for cattle feed. SLCDF provided necessary inputs for the activities including field level training and all the farmers applied new methods introduced by consultants during the field level training.



All smiles with record groundnut harvest in Thevipuram 'B'



Community Meeting at Rajaalagama

The poor can earn a better income to improve the well-being of their families and engage in implementing the programme



Dairy Farm at Hingurakgoda



Dairy farm at Thevipuram

Implemented in five villages in 2 Grama Niladari Divisions in Puthukkudiyiruppu and two villages in Hingurakgoda

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

Economic Empowerment for People with Disabilities

Hope International Development Agency (HIDA) also provided assistance for Economic Empowerment for People with Disabilities in seven locations in Welioya Divisional Secretary's Division in Mullaitivu District. Project was commenced in March 2016 and several meetings and discussions held with Welioya Divisional Secretary, representatives of Association of Women with Disabilities (AWD) and communities in the selected seven locations. Format for collecting baseline data of families with disabled persons was developed. Initial steps were taken to collect the family profiles and selection of participants based on the selection criteria developed.

Assistance for Economic Empowerment for People with Disabilities



Winkel started by participant with disabilities at Welioya



Group discussion with participant families of persons with disabilities



Meeting with participant families at Welioya

Protect and Promote Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge

A project to Protect and Promote Traditional and Indigenous Knowledge and Capacity Building of Multi Ethnic Communities on Reconciliation & Peace building has also been implemented in Kurunegala district. During the period established multi ethnic community centre, formed a trained group to carry out activities relating to ola literacy, astrology & indigenous medicine and formed a forum with religious leaders.

Established multi ethnic community centre, formed a trained group



Library of Ola materials



Monk engaged in ola reading

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

CKDu experimental Project

The CKDu experimental project implemented in Ihala Palukandawa village involved twenty four families in Galgamuwa in Kurunegala district. Established twenty four chemical free home gardens using revolving loan fund loans. Ihala Palukandawa village people are now well aware of the gravity of CKDu and using collected rain water.

Well aware of the gravity of CKDu and using collected rain water



Meeting with community for awareness in CKDu



Chemical free home garden at Ihala Palukandawa

Adverse Effects of Land Degradation Livelihood Development and Enhanced Food Security

A programme for preventing the Adverse Effects of Land Degradation Livelihood Development and Enhanced Food Security has been implemented with the 138 families in three villages in Deltota Divisional Secretary's Division in Kandy District with UNDP/GEF assistance. Most of the planned project activities have been completed and two community organizations registered as community organizations at the Deltota Divisional Secretary's office. These organizations established revolving loan funds by using grants received from SLCDF and community savings and provided loans for 89 members during the period under this review, to continue project activities for the sustainability of the project.

Renovation of Community Eco-Resource Centre building was being completed. This centre is utilized by the community which comprise of all three ethnicities, to hold their CBO meetings and other common programmes mainly related to education and environment conservation. More than 70% of the families are practising land management methods learned from the land management training in their day to day agriculture work and are looking after newly planted trees. The UNDP/GEF project consultants and staff of the Natural Resource Management Centre have stood with the community at all times to make this project a success.



Opening of Community Eco-Resource Centre



Practising land management methods

Eco-Resource Centre is utilized by the community which comprise of all three ethnicities, to hold their CBO meetings and other common programmes mainly related to education and environment conservation

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

Fisher womenfolk engaged in Oyster Farming

Oyster farming project with the participation of 30 fisher womenfolk has been implemented in three villages in Kalpitiya Divisional Secretariat Division in Puttalam District with Stichting Gilles assistance. This project was started in Kandakuliya with fifteen families and expanded to Janasavipura and Anawasala with twenty more families and conducted the training, provided inputs to set up racks and pouches for oyster culturing. Out of these three locations Kandakuliya community have more than 20,000 marketable oysters in different stages and sold more than 5,000 oysters to Tropical Shellfish (Pvt) Ltd. Janasavipura and Anawasla communities have about 6,000 oysters and stocking new spats to maintain the volume. Janasavipura community have sold 500 oysters and are ready to market their products. Technical monitoring, advice and training have been provided by National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA) and Kalpitiya NARA centre officials. In addition NARA generously supported in upgrading Kalpitiya NARA Centre facilities by setting up deputation facilities for our project and now women are selling their products to market as NARA Deputed oysters.

Technical monitoring, advice and training have been provided by National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA)



Anawasala CBO meeting



Cleaning and grading oysters for deputation by Kandakuliya CBO participants



Deputed oysters ready for sale

Livelihood Programme for Vulnerable Communities

Project for 'Strengthening ten Community Based Organizations and two NGOs in Matara and Hambantota districts and to provide services for livelihood programmes for vulnerable communities' has been implemented with the assistance of Mrs. Brigitte Weigand. Eleven CBOs in Hambantota have been formed and functioning satisfactorily with over one hundred membership and fifty one families were engaged in mushroom cultivation during the period under review and around 90,000 mushroom bags have been maintained in sheds. There is a ready market for mushroom and participants are selling their products individually as well as collectively to neighbourhoods, village boutiques and at the weekly fairs and earn more Rs. 10,000 per month. Out of the total more than 20% families earn over Rs. 25,000 per month. In Matara twelve participants obtained RLF loans and started their income generating activities.

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Mushroom production shed



Mushroom in bloom



Family with processed mushroom bags

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

Rebuild and Restoring the Lives of Resettled War affected Families

Sustainable Interventions in Livelihoods in Kilinochchi (SILK) project with dairy farming combined with conservation farming through strengthening the existing Women Rural Development Societies (WRDSs), Rural Development Societies (RDSs), Farmer Organizations, Livestock Breeders Cooperative Societies (LIBCOs) and NGOs to rebuild and restoring the lives of resettled war affected 960 families on dairy and conservation farming in forty Grama Niladari Divisions in 4 Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kilinochchi Districts has been launched for three years from November 2013 to October 2016 with the USAID assistance. This year can be considered as the peak year of the programme. By this year the programme has attracted the participation of 960 families living in 40 Grama Niladari Divisions. Under this programme 480 families were targeted for dairy farming and 480 families for conservation farming and completed 468 families with dairy and 432 families for conservation farming but bad weather drought and heavy rain affected the project activities. As planned, the project included 143 women headed families, 110 families with children with disabilities and 188 families with persons afflicted with prolonged diseases.

Rehabilitation of five small tanks was completed and more than 500 families were using the water for drinking and cultivation purposes. Construction of 43 rainwater tanks was completed and trained all 43 recipient families on the maintenance of the tanks. Most planned Cornerstones and technical training programmes were completed except for the pass on families.

Two milk collecting centers were established by Karaichchi and Kandawalai Livestock Breeders' Cooperative Societies with buildings and chilling equipment and commenced milk collection from the surrounding villages.

Strengthening the existing Women WRDSs, RDSs, Farmer Organizations, LIBCOs and NGOs to rebuild and restoring the lives of resettled war affected 960 families on dairy and conservation farming in forty Grama Niladari Divisions in 4 Divisional Secretariat Division in the Kilinochchi Districts



Family with their herd at Kilinochchi



Small tank rehabilitation at Kilinochchi



Constructed rainwater harvesting tank with family members

Completed 468 families with dairy and 432 families for conservation farming...

Rehabilitation of five small tanks was completed...

Construction of 43 rainwater tanks was completed...

Planned Cornerstones and technical training programmes were completed...

Two milk collecting centers were established...

Monthly earnings from dairy and conservation farming for each family ranged from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 15,000 after meeting their domestic consumption.

Midterm evaluation of the SILK project was conducted by an external evaluator and a presentation was made to SLCDF Board, USAID Project AOR and staff of SLCDF and the final report submitted to the USAID. External audit was carried out by KPMG and report submitted to USAID. Regularly monitored the project activities by USAID/AOR, meeting with SLCDF staff at the secretariat and field visits. Several high powered USAID missions also visited the locations and met the community.

SLCDF Board members also visited the project locations and met with the beneficiaries along with Board of Management meeting held on site.



Inauguration of Cornerstones training session



Karaichchi Milk collecting centre



Member cultivating eggplant using knowledge gained from conservation farming training

Year in Review 2015 - 2016 contd.

Highlights of Ongoing Projects contd.

Network in Progress

During the period under review we were able to organize community participation through our network from grassroots to national level for providing input into national constitutional reforms and Micro Finance Act and also in relation to the March 12 National Campaign for a just society.

NGO National Action Front has extended its hand to its affiliate District Consortia to make a voice for citizens' rights. NGO Management Centre has (NGOMDC) has provided diverse trainings on client needs basis and collaborated to maximize the objectives of the projects implemented in districts islandwide.

In view of the World Environment Day in 2015, SLCDF organized a successful programme on 4th June, 2015 for students of three schools in Deltota and Environmentalist Mr. Tilak Kandegama gave a special talk on "Nature and Us". A tree planting programme was organized at the Deltota Divisional Secretariat premises on the same day with the participation of 120 project participants with jak and fruit plants.

The International Women's Day 2016 was commemorated by SLCDF on 10th March, 2016, on the theme "Current situation of the Sri Lankan women within the social, economic and political background". Two Board Directors, Secretary Prof. Ramanie Jayatilaka and Member Ms. Kala Peiris were the resource persons. A sample presentation of the Oyster project participants of Kalpitiya highlighted the women's vulnerability and immediately a decision was taken to conduct an action research and Prof. Jayatilaka kindly offered to conduct same.



Members attending March 12 Movement Campaign



NGOMDC Training in progress



World Environment Day programme in Deltota

To face any challenges in the field of development and go forth to help out the most vulnerable in the society be it the North, South, East or West. Their commitment to the organization is paramount to realize the objectives of the 5-year Strategic Plan of SLCDF in collaboration with the donor agencies, who have continued to keep their trust relationship with SLCDF.

SLCDF held its Annual General Meeting in August 2015 while 4 Meetings of the Board of Management were held in the past year. During the year under review we lost the pioneer Treasurer who served the SLCDF Board from the inception of the organization in 2002. An almsgiving was organized by SLCDF to invoke blessings to its departed Executive Director Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, former Chairman Mr. Sam Wijesinha and the members of the Board. Dr. Abeydeera's family, members of NGO Management

Development Centre and staff participated and extended support this year too along with some close associates of SLCDF.

Let me thank the Chairman and the Board of Members who have constantly encouraged us to face any challenges in the field of development and go forth to help out the most vulnerable in the society be it the North, South, East or West. Their commitment to the organization is paramount to realize the objectives of the 5-year Strategic Plan of SLCDF in collaboration with the donor agencies, who have continued to keep their trust relationship with SLCDF. The DC networks vertical and horizontal comprising the community are the pillars that take on the collective actions in the districts towards empowerment, for which the SLCDF is thankful for, to realize its mission.

Lastly, I sincerely thank the staff of SLCDF for their unwavering dedication to the organization, staying together as a team and upholding values of the organization and going from strength to strength.

Tissa Wijetunga
Executive Director



Almsgiving programme to invoke blessings on deceased Board & staff members

Bird's Eye View of Projects Implemented

During the Year April 2015 - March 2016

Title of Project	Project Cost	Donor	Project Status	Major Activities	Participants	District
Sustainable Interventions in Livelihoods in Kilinochchi (SILK)	US \$ 836,680	USAID Sri Lanka	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of families, orientation & meetings with project stakeholders • Mobilization of community and strengthening RDSs/WRDSs, LIBCOs & other CSOs • Provide training, start-up capital for dairy & conservation farming and fodder cultivation • Construction of 20 RWH Tanks and Rehabilitation of 5 minor irrigation tanks • Link-up with LIBCOs, private sector and other service providers 	960 Families	Kilinochchi
Village 2 Markets Programme	Rs.125,000,000	Palmera Projects	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid village assessment • Develop the Village Action Plan • SHGs formation and Strengthening • Cluster Formation and Strengthening • Improved practices for Increased Yield: Groundnut & Maize • Heifer Model Programme based on Cornerstones approach - Dairy • Entrepreneur model dairy farmers • Capacity building programmes for partners 	248 Families	Mullaitivu
Address the Adverse Effects of Land Degradation, Livelihood Development and Enhanced Food Security	US\$38,162	UNDP	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training on scientific measures for soil conservation • Provide start-up capital for 25 families for livelihood activities • Re-forestation • Planting campaign • Community newsletter • Environment programmes in schools • Renovation of Community Eco Resource Centre 	138 Families	Kandy
Building Sustainable Farms and Communities for Coastal Aquaculture in Sri Lanka	Euro 30,000	Stichting Gilles	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquaculture site development, environment, health and sanitation • Technical Training on oyster farming and Social Mobilization • Establish Group Fund / RLF • Strengthen community capacity for enterprise and entrepreneurship and improving culture and harvesting of oysters • Value Chain Strengthening 	40 Families	Puttalam
Strengthening of ten community based organizations and two NGOs in Matara and Hambantota districts and to provide services for livelihood programmes for vulnerable communities	Euro 10,000	Mrs. Brigitte Weigand	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish Revolving Loan Funds with newly formed 11 CBOs and strengthening existing RLFs of the NGOs • Coordination and meetings with service providers • Review and Monitoring meetings 	120 Families	Hambantota / Matara

Bird's Eye View of Projects Implemented

During the Year April 2015 - March 2016

Title of Project	Project Cost	Donor	Project Status	Major Activities	Participants	District
Strengthening Civil Society Structures for Sustainable Development	3,000,000 SEK	Diakonia	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional support • Strengthening the network of other civil society organizations • Building coalitions between DCs and other networks of civil society organizations • Social Accountability Initiatives • Sustainable Livelihood Models • Community based natural / coastal resource management (CBNRM / CBCRM) • Developing PIDDPs and fund raising strategies • Policy & Advocacy Initiatives; Micro Finance Act; Transitional Justice • Implementing Code of Conduct for 6 DCs/NGOs 	6 District Consortia and 42 NGOs	Ampara, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Galle, Kegalle and Kurunegala
Collective Engagement for Equitable and Sustainable growth of Vulnerable Communities	Rs.5,079,240	Diakonia	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social mobilization of community to form and / or strengthen CSOs • Capacity assessments & enhancement of CSOs • Market mapping of primary products & skills • Provide high quality input, training, and linking with MFIs • Link with government departments and private buyers for value addition • Building disaster resilience in primary production • Capacity enhancement of divisional and district level producers • Usage of information technology to foster economic and social development of CSOs 	400 Families	Mullaitivu
Economic Empowerment for People with Disabilities	SL. Rs. 2,656,000	HOPE International Development Agency	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select persons with disabilities, develop format, collect and compile family profiles • Orientation for all stakeholders • Group formation mobilization raise awareness on rights of persons with disabilities • Training on entrepreneur development • Develop linkages with service providers and share experience 	40 Families	Mullaitivu
Transforming Marginalized Communities for Sustainable Development	Rs.7,840,500	Diakonia	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Training on dairy farming and Conservation farming for 50 participants • Value Addition for 60 families(Start-up capital & training) • Six Collective livelihood projects for 60 families • Training of Trainers (TOT)Programme for 32 participants – 6 Modules, 3-days each within two years • Awareness Creation by the TOT participants at village / cluster level • Community Mobilization training for 25 participants – 2-days, 1 Programme 	150 Families	Mullaitivu

Tribute to Pioneer Treasurer of SLCDF, Mr. T. Vairavanathan



Mr. T. Vairavanathan was the Treasurer of the SLCDF Board of Management. He was a banker with over 35 years of experience, both nationally and internationally. He has served as a Director of the Bank of Ceylon, Senior Audit Officer for the Hong Kong Bank Group, Internal Auditor for the British Bank of the Middle East, Corporate Accounts Manager & Country Operations Manager for Grindlays Bank Ltd. He has also worked as a consultant for the Sri Lanka Banking Commission.

Mr. Vairavanathan was admitted and enrolled as an advocate of the Supreme Court of Ceylon. He studied at the Royal College in Colombo, completed his higher education at the University of Sri Lanka, and earned his LL.B. from the University of Ceylon.

His services as Treasurer of the new organization, Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation will always be remembered by us at SLCDF for his extremely valuable contribution towards strengthening its financial sustainability, especially at its early formative stages.

His erudite comments made in a message to the Annual Report of 2011/2012 are appended below to take you back to those early days.

“Despite the global economic crisis and the decline in donor funding, the organization has thus far managed its finances and resources successfully and is confident that it can face challenges in the future.”

I extend my thanks for maintaining the sustainability of the organization to the Secretariat staff, Auditors, the network of organizations working together in the programme and the Chairman and the Members of the Board of Governors.”

Mr. Vairavanathan had time for everyone, and was a mentor to many. He was ever willing to teach and part with his knowledge.

He will be sorely missed by all at SLCDF.

Dairying comes to be Sellam's Mainstay

Fifty seven year old Murugaiah Sellam now living in Puthiya Punnai Neeravi village in Kandawalai Divisional Secretary's Division in Kilinochchi, has to support her husband who is badly ill and her 20 year old son is following a Diploma Course in Agriculture. They originally hailed from Kandy and moved to Kilinochchi during ethnic disturbances in the eighties. In their new settlement they lived a dignified life, involved in crop agriculture and dairy farming, but they were displaced again in 2009. They lost everything they had managed to build up.

Extremely happy with the progress achieved so far and hopes to expand her herd to opt for an established dairy farm of their own

In 2010, they were resettled in a temporary shelter with no permit and to continue, to live their still. She was fortunate to be an active member of the Punai Neeravi Women Rural Development Society (WRDS), and selected as a dairy farming participant in the SILK project funded by USAID. As her first livelihood assistance, she received an AFS Cross cow after being trained in Cornerstones and technical aspects of dairy farming. She constructed a solid cattle shed carefully following instructions and cultivated 1 / 4 of an acre in CO₃ grass.

The cow received artificial insemination (AI) five times but failed to conceive. This was one out of 17 such cows declared infertile of the 260 cows so far provided under the SILK project. Services of Dr. Basil Alexander, Senior Lecturer in Reproductive Biotechnologies were commissioned by SLCDF to examine these cows and treat them. After this treatment the cow conceived and delivered a male calf. Sellam gets 8 litres of milk, of which 6 litres is sold to the collecting centre managed by Nestle while the balance is partly consumed within the family and some of it made into curd.



CO₃ improved grass cultivation



AFS cross cow in cattle shed

Her monthly income of Rs.10,000 from milk sales is spent on purchasing cattle feed (Rs.1500 for a month), for the son's education and for defraying household expenses. By now she has repaid Rs.3000 borrowed previously for household expenses and repaid Rs.5000 out of the Rs.12,500 she has to pay back to the revolving loan fund, been 25% of the value of the cow she received. The cow has been artificially inseminated again and Sellam hopes the AFS cross will soon deliver another calf.

Sellam will be selling the male calf soon and with the proceeds hopes to purchase a female calf for passing on to another trained participant to carry on the good work. She is extremely happy with the progress achieved so far and hopes to expand her herd to opt for an established dairy farm of their own.

A New Endeavour for Thatchayini

Ms. Thatchayini 32 years of age residing in Veravil village in Poonagari Divisional Secretariat Division in Kilinochchi District is a member of Veravil Women Rural Development Society. Her husband, is engaged in rain fed highland cultivation, where crop failure due to drought and floods is quite common. She is newly married.

Ms. Thatchayini continues to be active in development programmes of the WRDS, and with the passage of time was selected as a participant in the dairy farming project funded by USAID. She participated in the usual training programmes. The Cornerstones training programme she found was instrumental in strengthening family / community solidarity. She has also participated in the technical training programmes which helped her gain more knowledge and skills on the intensive management of dairy farming. The family also got enthusiastically involved in a home gardening activity with the knowledge obtained from these training programmes.

With time passing the family took interest to look after their cow, purchased through USAID funds with great care. The cow dung from their cow was used effectively in preparing compost fertilizer and used for producing crops of vegetables from their home garden, all fresh, and free of any exceedingly harmful agrochemicals. The surplus from this crop, after meeting domestic demand, found a ready market in the neighbourhood and the proceeds from this sale of garden produce vegetables and fruits, helped the family in meeting much of their day to day expenses.

She tried artificial insemination by Veterinary Staff thrice but failed every time. This made her to opt for natural breeding in the nearby village and her cow conceived. Their cow gave birth to a male calf in May 2016. They get 4-5 litres of milk daily and invariably they sell 4 litres of milk daily after meeting all their consumption needs.

This brings in around Rs.8,000 to the family kitty every month. Most of this new income is happily diverted to looking after the household expenses and paying back their housing loan.



Fodder cultivation in homestead



Cow and new born calf

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Sustainable Livelihood from Mushrooms

Mushroom producer from Wadigala, Ranna in the Hambantota District, Ms. S.G. Samanlatha lives in Wadigala with her husband and daughter. She obtained membership in the newly registered local NGO Wadigala Swashakthi Mithuru Sanvidanaya in 2010. Samanlatha was trained in Mushroom production, both theoretical and practical aspects by the Mushroom Training Centre of Mulana and given Rs.20,000 as a RLF loan. With this money, she initially put up an appropriately designed semi-permanent mushroom production shed.

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The first call on the additional income was her repayment of the loan of Rs.20,000, in monthly installments of Rs.2000, then comes her expenses on her daughter's education, helping their parents and also saving Rs.900 monthly for improvements to the mushroom shed. By now she has managed to derive a monthly income of around Rs.20,000 from her sales of mushrooms. This she says is roughly what a local garment worker gets as a monthly salary while she stays at home and earns this income, along with attending to all household chores as well. Every month she harvests around 85kg of mushroom and collected up to 1530kg by way of a total yield by now. Most of what she harvests Samanlatha sells to her neighbours, a fellow farmer's little outlet close by and the Tangalle and Ranna Fairs. She has already all the while replenished bags removed regularly from active production.



Preparation of mushroom bags



Mushroom cultivation as a livelihood in progress

She has also helped another mushroom grower from her own village to start production on a small scale, who has since then been trained at the local Mulana centre.

Samanlatha claims that her husband Janaka Muthukumarana, has been extremely helpful to her in putting up the shed, in securing required raw material and even in bagging.

She has got into the habit of gifting some packets of mushrooms to her neighbours and relations. During the coming months her target is to be able to complete an additional 500 bags every month. And also to improve her mushroom shed, she has started collecting material and saving some money from the extra income coming her way. This money is been saved in the Cooperative Rural Bank at Wadigala and in a Savings Account in the Bank of Ceylon.

Committed Leadership for Conserving the Environment

Ms. Amara Palliyawatte coming from a family of ten hailing from Kundasale in the Kandy District. With education up to Advanced Level, Amara after marriage to Mr. M.G.Wijesinghe in 1983, settled down in the extremely inhospitable village of Deltota. For several years she was isolated with her husband as the only friend and relative in the whole wide world and went through extremely troubled times.

The family had been given $\frac{3}{4}$ acre of highland by the Land Reforms Commission, devoid of any vegetation and completely barren land subjected to heavy erosion.

As time passed by they were blessed with 2 lovable children, and by now the elder child Danushka Amith engaged in higher education, while the younger son entered the sangha as Rev. Deltota Saranankara conveying great merit on the whole family.

With the children growing older Amara had a little spare time to devote to their barren homestead, with some knowledge gathered from her past schooling, and started cultivating the land in a small way. The little produce from the home garden was somewhat useful for domestic consumption. Some of the produce she also did share with her neighbours in the community. This helped in a big way in building up her local network. All of this became useful when in 2014 under the GEF / SGP funded programme to address land degradation collection of information on all families in the village took place.

Out of the two CBOs built up with social mobilisation, Amara contributed immensely as the pioneer secretary of the CBO, Gamipubuduwa. This CBO is by now registered as an NGO with the Deltota Divisional Secretariat. Through this CBO Amara's active participation introduced scientific measures for soil conservation supervised by officials of the, Natural Resource Management Centre (NRMC) of the Department of Agriculture. The CBO has by now over Rs.1,000,000 revolving among 60 families helping these families in income generating activities, all funds managed in a sustainable fashion.

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Meeting at Community Eco Resource Centre



Introducing scientific measures for soil conservation

of the dilapidated local Community Eco Resources Centre. She led the reforestation work around the local canals by the community. She also helped in starting School Environment Societies in the nearby schools. Amara took the lead in building up links with GOs and NGOs in the area.

Amara put to very good use the knowledge and skills gathered through the project in developing her once barren homestead right up to a level where it generated a satisfactory income for the family. Her produce was all grown without agrochemicals or inorganic fertilizer. She now sells her toxin free produce to a sales outlet set up with RLF funds under the project by a member of her own CBO. Owners of restaurants in the area also visit her homestead to buy her organic produce. Amara earns over Rs.2000 weekly from these sales. On top of that she saves around Rs.3000 every month from what she used to spend previously on fruits and vegetables for the family.

Starting with an RLF loan of Rs.5,000 Amara went on to take loans of Rs.10,000 and Rs.25,000 in succession and ventured into growing organic tea on part of the homestead. She already earns Rs.1500 weekly from the tea. She has also grown numerous fruit trees, mango, guava, avocado, durian, papaw and banana along with some pepper and gamboge.

In 2015, her home garden was selected as the best in Deltota DS Division in a competition. She shares some of this toxin free produce with her neighbours mostly free of charge.

A small pond developed in her homestead helps Amara to keep the cultivation going even during periods of dry weather. In addition, she with the help of neighbours has dug a well on her land which supplied potable water to around 20 families

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Growing organic tea



Small pond in homestead for cultivation

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Amara also scored another first in the Kandy district and went on to gain first place as well in the All Island Oratorical Contest, sponsored by the Mothers' Collective of Deltota MOHs office.

She hopes while developing her own family to encourage her own community to follow in her footsteps in preserving the environment.

Childhood Fantasy Brings Momentum A story of a woman with disabilities

Shobana Sathiyantham, 32 year old and married with two children aged 5 and 3 years are living in Uyilankulam in Thunukkai Divisional Secretariat Divisions (DSD) in Mullaitivu district. She is one of the shareholders of the collective dress making project funded by Diakonia.

Shobana is one of the unfortunate persons affected by the last war in the Mullaitivu district. She was living with her parents, older sister and younger brother and the family has suffered a lot during the final part of the 30 year old war and they lost everything they owned. Shobana was only 23 then when she lost her leg upto the thigh and the parents too were injured and the father too became disabled. During this period, she got married to a person with disabilities, who was also injured in the war.

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After several displacements during the war she was finally moved to Menik Farm in Vavuniya. Thereafter, they were resettled in Uyilankulam village. She is fortunate to get a house through the permanent housing scheme project of the Indian Government. Yet, living was still a struggle and her husband was unable to find work on a regular basis. After the resettlement, through Handicap International she got an artificial limb fixed.

Shobana is coming from a family where sewing is the livelihood, and runs into five generations. From her childhood



Member of collective project engaged in sewing using electric machine

she showed a keen interest to learn sewing from her mother. She dropped out from school at the age of 14. When she was 16 years she had informal training under informal education scheme on sewing for six months and was awarded a diploma certificate. After the resettlement to utilize what she had learnt, she purchased a low cost sewing machine. She got a donation from a Diaspora member who visited them in the camp and donated Rs.20,000 to meet their dietary needs. They used this money to purchase an electric sewing machine instead of fulfilling their food needs. However, she found it difficult to sew due to difficulties to use her leg. Also, there is no electricity in the area.

Due to the extreme poverty situation she was compelled to join a tailor shop in the neighbouring district as a daily labourer. This income helped her family to partly fulfil the family needs. Her children, however, suffered immensely with the absence of their mother. It compelled her to return to her old machine at home and with physical difficulty to earn Rs 2,000 monthly. Yet, this income was not sufficient for the family to make ends meet.

At this time, the Thunukkai Deputy Director Planning, who had also lost her leg in the war, along with 169 members with disabilities established an NGO. Shobana is one of the active members in this NGO. Founder of this NGO motivated the members and raised funds to fulfill the livelihood needs of the

members. It was during this period that the NGO approached SLCDF and requested assistance for a collective livelihood project. SLCDF, assessed case by case, and supported 5 collective livelihood projects under the Diakonia project funding assistance.

One of the five collective projects was dressmaking, where Shobana took the lead role to establish the project. Shobana now leads the dress making project along with another 4 disabled women. They were provided with Rs.150,000 as start-up capital to purchase the necessary materials, two electric Juki machines and overlapping machines and other necessary equipment for dress making. With this, they have established a dress making shop adjoining the Thunukkai Divisional Secretariat in a rented premises.

Actual expenses is approximately Rs.5,000 per month for this project. They started the business with 10 customers. Presently there are more than 200 customers, majority being Government officers. Out of the income, they pay Rs. 6,000 to 3 trainees per month and the monthly net profit is Rs. 28,000. Mostly they sew saree jackets, school uniforms, children's and adults dresses. During the festival season they earned more than Rs.50,000 per month. She used the profits to buy, this time, a zig zag sewing machine and a display cupboard. Shobana and other shareholders share the profits. With her monthly income she is able to manage their day to day family expenses such as on food, children's education, medical expenses etc.

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Shobana, the staunch capable woman who had weathered so much in life had to undergo her toughest trial at the loss of her leg. Shobana is a strong and independent woman who strives to stand on her own feet thanks to the Diakonia funded project. She is grateful to SLCDF / Diakonia / Olirum Vaalvu for being assured of a steady avenue to educate her children and meeting her domestic needs with the new endeavour. She is looking forward to a life of quality with her two children. She is also determined to go beyond and serve her organization and community as well. Shobana's positive attitude and intelligent demeanor is an inspiration for all those who come in contact with her – especially their shop's increasing clientele.

Malkanthi the Livewire in the Oyster Farming Project

Malkanthi married and living a contented life along with her family in Janasavipura is at present a leader active in oyster farming. But her past had been beset with several tragedies. Her father was killed by the LTTE at sea, her parents before that had separated affecting the family pretty adversely and the eldest brother had committed suicide. Economic hardships were quite common then. She was studying at the Kalpitiya Sinhala School, but had to give up schooling at the age of 14 years when her parents separated.

When she reached the age of 18 years she participated in several courses in Cookery, Beauty Culture and Montessori education conducted by Sarvodaya the National NGO active in the area. Her capacity to socialize developed through these courses and Malkanthe was quite active in community development work at an early age.

At around 19 years she married after a short courtship. At first they lived in a rented house but soon shifted to several houses in succession. Now they live in a place close to her husband's brother's house. They have a son and a daughter, though the son did not want to continue studies beyond the G.C.E Ordinary Level, the daughter is following an external degree at the University of Kelaniya.

The income earned by her husband and son together could look after only the food needs of the family. Malkanthe was by now the president of the Janasavipura Diriya Deewara Kantha Samithiya engaged in oyster farming cultivation under the Oyster Farming Project been implemented with SLCDF support. She had the benefit of social mobilization training conducted by SLCDF and the training in the technical aspects of oyster cultivation conducted by NARA officials who are partnering SLCDF in the oyster farming project. She is now quite adept in the correct ways of oyster farming while also capable of conducting group meetings, keeping records, managing RLF monies in the society and handling financial statements.



Meeting with Janasavipura Diriya Deewara Kantha Samithiya



Cleaning oysters

Able to deliver marketable oysters after depuration by NARA to the market and they earn a monthly income of Rs.15000 and deposit 10% of this income in their society Revolving Loan Fund

Malkanthe has been able to enthuse others in her community to take to oyster farming after been trained by NARA officials. They are all women farmers of the fishing community where the husbands all go to sea, women folk do oyster farming while attending to household chores as well. They have by now been able to deliver marketable oysters after depuration by NARA to the market and they earn a monthly income of Rs.15,000 and deposit 10% of this income in their society Revolving Loan Fund, so that they will be able to sustain the farming in the future as well. These motivated simple women have been able to pick up all the intricacies of oyster farming under capable NARA training. They have been able to achieve all these with the active support of their families.

The project work has conferred ample recognition on Malkanthe in her community. She hopes to save her new income to help her son to put up a new house for the family.

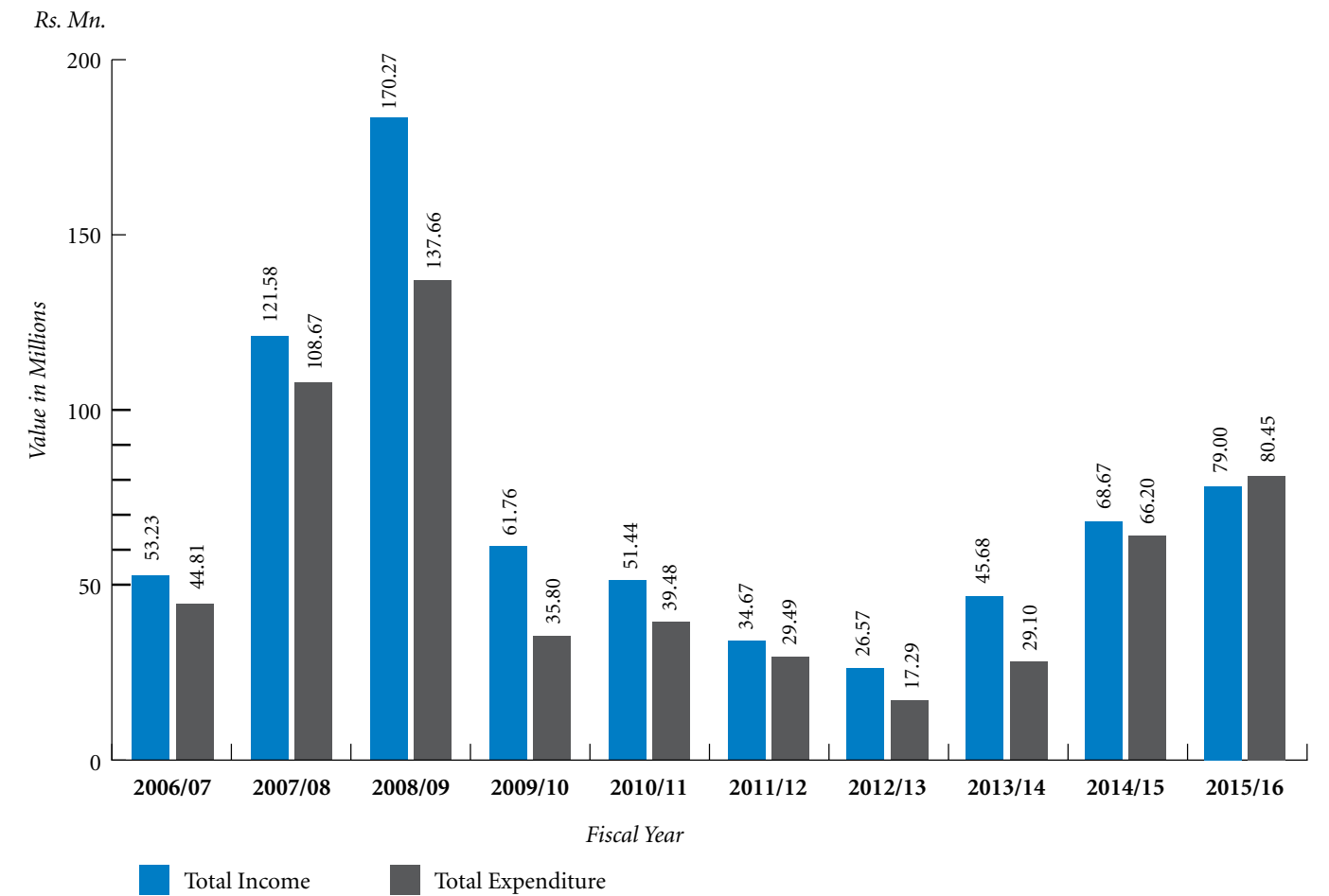
Financial Information

Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

(All amounts in Sri Lankan Rupees)

	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
Incoming Resources	67,562,554.00	56,260,279.70
Other Project Related Revenue	34,527.68	18,119.26
	67,597,081.68	56,278,398.96
Project Expenditure		
Personnel Cost	12,822,189.50	10,169,180.95
Projects Related Expenditure	56,401,951.38	48,004,493.80
Total Project Costs	69,224,140.88	58,173,674.75
Net Surplus on Projects	(1,627,059.20)	(1,895,275.79)
Revenue Earned	3,912,011.25	3,164,592.08
	2,284,952.05	1,269,316.29
Administrative Expenses	8,259,346.34	7,061,822.41
Other Expenses	264,948.48	203,646.33
	8,524,294.82	7,265,468.74
Operating Surplus	(6,239,342.77)	(5,996,152.45)
Finance Income	7,492,379.11	9,227,942.58
Finance Cost	0.00	0.00
Net Finance Income	7,492,379.11	9,227,942.58
Excess of Income Over Expenditures Before Taxation	1,253,036.34	3,231,790.13
Taxation (WHT)	2,698,542.53	760,559.32
Excess of Income Over Expenditures After Taxation	(1,445,506.19)	2,471,230.81

Income and Expenditure Comparison

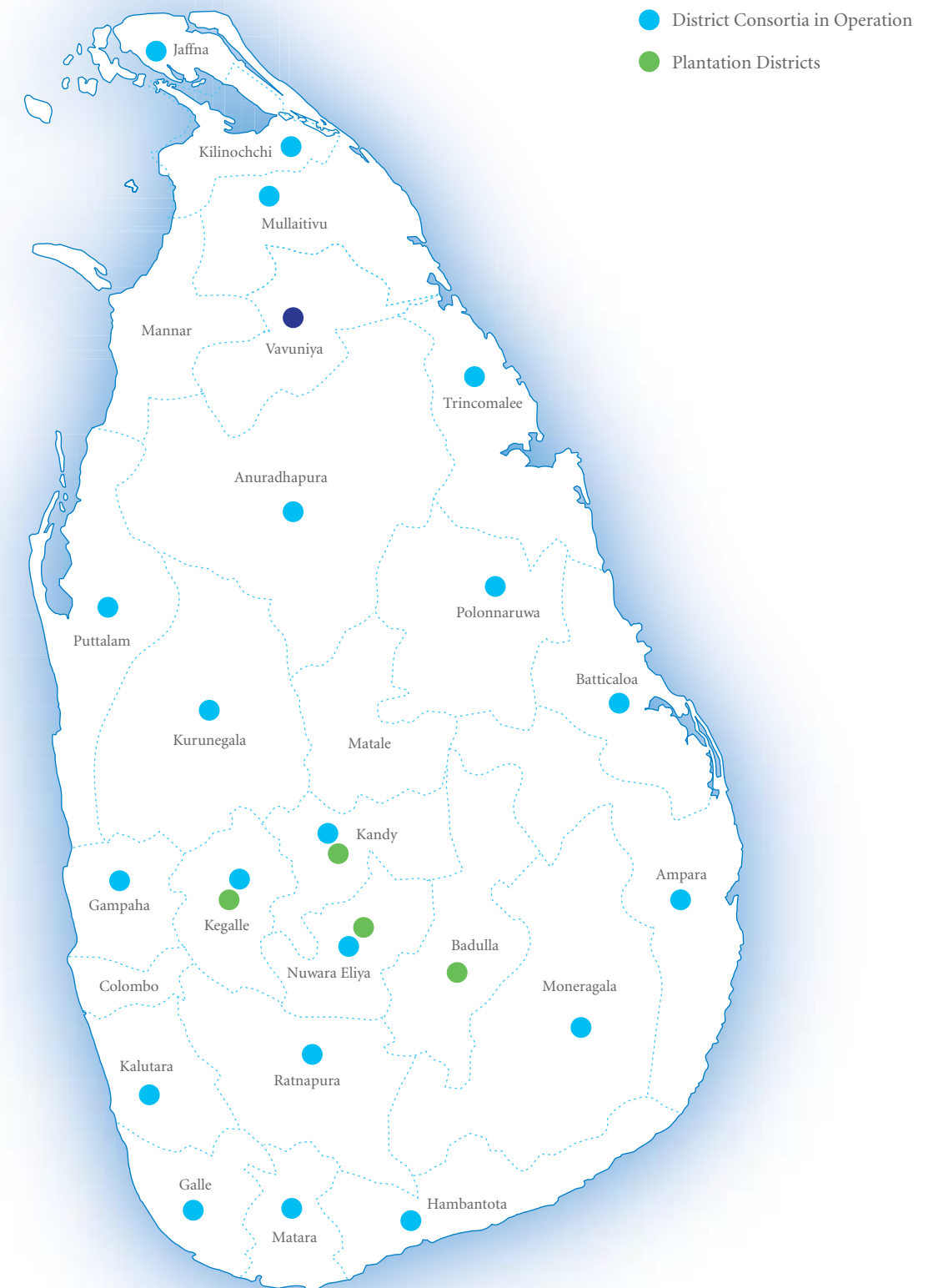


Past & Present*

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
Girl Guides Canada	Canada
Heifer International	Nepal / USA
Help the Aged Canada	Canada
Hindu Temple School	Canada
Hope International Development Agency*	Canada
Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre	Canada
International Development & Refugee Foundation	Canada
Jules and Paul-Emile Ledger Foundation	Canada
Match International Centre	Canada
National Language Project	Sri Lanka
NGO's Water Supply & Sanitation Decade Service	Sri Lanka
North Atlantic Marine Alliance	Canada
Oxfam Hong Kong	Hong Kong
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 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

Map of Sri Lanka with Districts of Operation





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