



Annual Report 2019

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Our Purpose

To serve humanity
so all may live as
God intended.

Our Motto

Justice.
Compassion.
Love.

Our Values

Connected.
Courageous.
Compassionate.

Who We Are

ADRA

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church - part of the 21-million strong Adventist community, with hundreds of thousands of churches globally and the world's largest integrated healthcare and education network.

ADRA delivers relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 136 countries, regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender, or religious association. By partnering with local communities, organizations, and governments, we are able to deliver culturally relevant programs and build local capability for sustainable change.

ADRA Sri Lanka

ADRA Sri Lanka is a part of the global network present in over 136 countries around the world and has been operating in Sri Lanka since 1982. At present, ADRA is a registered and a well-known International NGO in Sri Lanka and is operating under 5 key sectors including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Refugee Reintegration, Economic Development, Emergency Management, Health and Nutrition. Throughout the years ADRA has implemented projects by partnering with various stakeholders such as private and government institutions, funding institutions and communities to change lives of people throughout Sri Lanka.

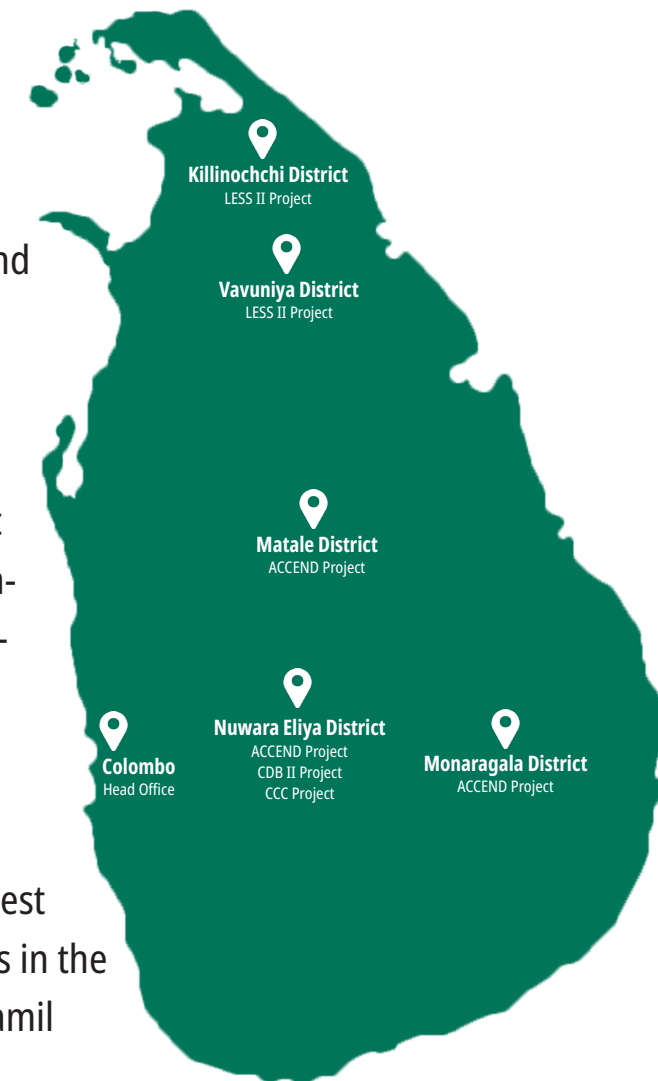
Where We Work

Through out the past thirty seven years ADRA has implemented various projects in different districts of Sri Lanka.

During 2019, ADRA Sri Lanka implemented its Assisting Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development (ACCEND) project targeting the rural and estate communities in Matale, Monaragala and Nuwara Eliya districts.

In addition, the second phase of the Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) project was implemented in Vavuniya and Killinochchi districts to contribute towards creating durable social and economic solutions for communities that display an out-migration culture.

ADRA also implemented the Children Deserve the Best (CDB) and Child Centred Communities (CCC) projects in the Nuwara Eliya district targeting the Lower Cranelly Tamil School in Agarapathana.



Country Director's Message



We are pleased to share with you the work and ministry that our dedicated ADRA Sri Lanka team had accomplished during the year of 2019 with God's leadership!

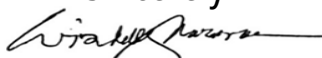
As we share with you the highlights of the team's activities through ADRA Sri Lanka's Annual Report, the year 2019 was quite a fruitful year in terms of community work and people engagements. It is punctuated with the absence of responding to a disaster allowing us to focus more on development initiatives working around the refugee reintegration activities and focusing on water sanitation and hygiene with health and nutrition interventions in the most needy provinces and areas of the Island-nation where pockets of poverty through economic and social inequalities are quite evident.

With 83, 873 beneficiary partners served with the support of different donor government agencies, challenges had never been a hindrance to make sure that the goals are met through the hard work and commitment of the team. The momentum and the experience of effecting change as we serve humanity so that all may live as God intended has taken us to harness our skills set through capacity building by improving and filling in gaps, always aiming for the best while working side by side with our stakeholders and beneficiary partners.

We are humbled through the compelling stories of the people whom we worked with – the disadvantaged and “misfits”, and how the ADRA Sri Lanka team can continue to better their lives through the driving force of our work and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ by acting justly, being compassionate and loving all especially those living on the margins.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

Sincerely

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Our Work In Numbers

Number of beneficiary partners during 2019



**WATER
SANITATION AND
HYGIENE**

64,890



**HEALTH AND
NUTRITION**

15,110



EDUCATION

400



**REFUGEE
REINTEGRATION**

3,473



Health and Nutrition

Through the ongoing Assisting Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development (ACCEND) project, ADRA aims to improve the health and nutritional status of the estate and rural communities in the Central and Uva provinces of Sri Lanka by increasing access to proper healthcare, knowledge and practices.

Going on its final year, the ACCEND project is a four-year project implemented in the Matale, Nuwara Eliya and Monaragala districts from 2017 to 2021. It's funded by the European Union, in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka and is implemented by ADRA in partnership with Oxfam.

The project has formed Health and Nutrition Committees (HNCs) within communities to have a community driven mechanism to address health and nutrition related issues.

During 2019, the project conducted cookery classes which taught both men and women to prepare nutritious meals. In addition, the project promoted organic home gardening within communities to encourage communities to grow and consume their own fruits, vegetables and other agriplants. The project also conducted health and nutritional fairs biannually which consisted of free health clinics, health and nutrition related dramas, informative speeches, cooking competitions, positive gender messaging programs, hygiene and sanitation related messaging and other related activities.



"This project has brought me so much joy and peace of mind and has given me and my family a chance to live a healthier life," says 24-year-old Sanjeevani Wijekoon who is a member of the Health and Nutrition Committee of her village established through the ACCEND project. She lives in the Kumbukanda Grama Niladari Division of Wilgamuwa along with her parents, husband and one-year-old son.

Upon identifying that her son is undernourished, Sanjeevani realized the importance of a healthy diet. Therefore, she initially started home gardening at the back of her house with no knowledge of organic gardening techniques, but after taking part in the Nutrition Home Gardening trainings conducted through the ACCEND project, she gained valuable insight and skills which made a significant change in her life. These trainings enabled her to identify problems associated with organic home gardens and equipped her with practical knowledge and effective solutions to overcome them.

Sanjeevani has been able to successfully start and maintain an organic home garden and has not only been able to provide all the daily nutritional needs of her family through its produce but has also been able to sell its excess.



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

ADRA Sri Lanka has been implementing water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) related projects since its inception in 1982. The European Union funded ACCEND project aims to improve access to WASH facilities in vulnerable estate and rural communities of the Central and Uva provinces of Sri Lanka.

Through the ACCEND project, ADRA has been constructing gravity-fed water systems (IGFWS) within several estates of Hatton. These water systems are intended to provide these communities access to clean water and are constructed with the contribution of the estate management and the community directly through provision of materials and labour.

The project has also repaired non-functional hand pumps in the Matale and Monaragala districts providing rural communities access to clean water. The project has also restructured several drainage systems in estate communities and has constructed latrines based on owner-driven approach (ODT). In addition, job site rest rooms (JSRR) have been constructed within estates which consists of a resting area and a latrine for the estate workers.

Furthermore, positive behaviour change has been spearheaded through Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) and Child Hygiene and Sanitation Trainings (CHAST). PHAST and CHAST is a training methodology used by many Non-Governmental Organizations across the world to create awareness and promote proper hygiene and sanitation practices among adults and children.



R. Chandrarani lives with her family in the Gouravilla A division of Hatton. She and her husband both are estate workers. Chandrarani is a tea plucker and her husband works as a laborer in the estate. They work tirelessly to raise their three children. According to her, she and her fellow tea pluckers walk more than five kilometers away from their houses to pluck tea. "We used to face so many difficulties when fulfilling our sanitation needs because there were no washrooms within the estate. We are so thankful for the job site restroom built by ADRA. It consists of a resting area, a latrine, a sink, and a tap to drink water. We use the restroom to take our meals and rest when we are tired. Also, we now have water to drink when we are thirsty. We are so thankful for understanding our situation and for fulfilling our need," said Chandrarani.



Education

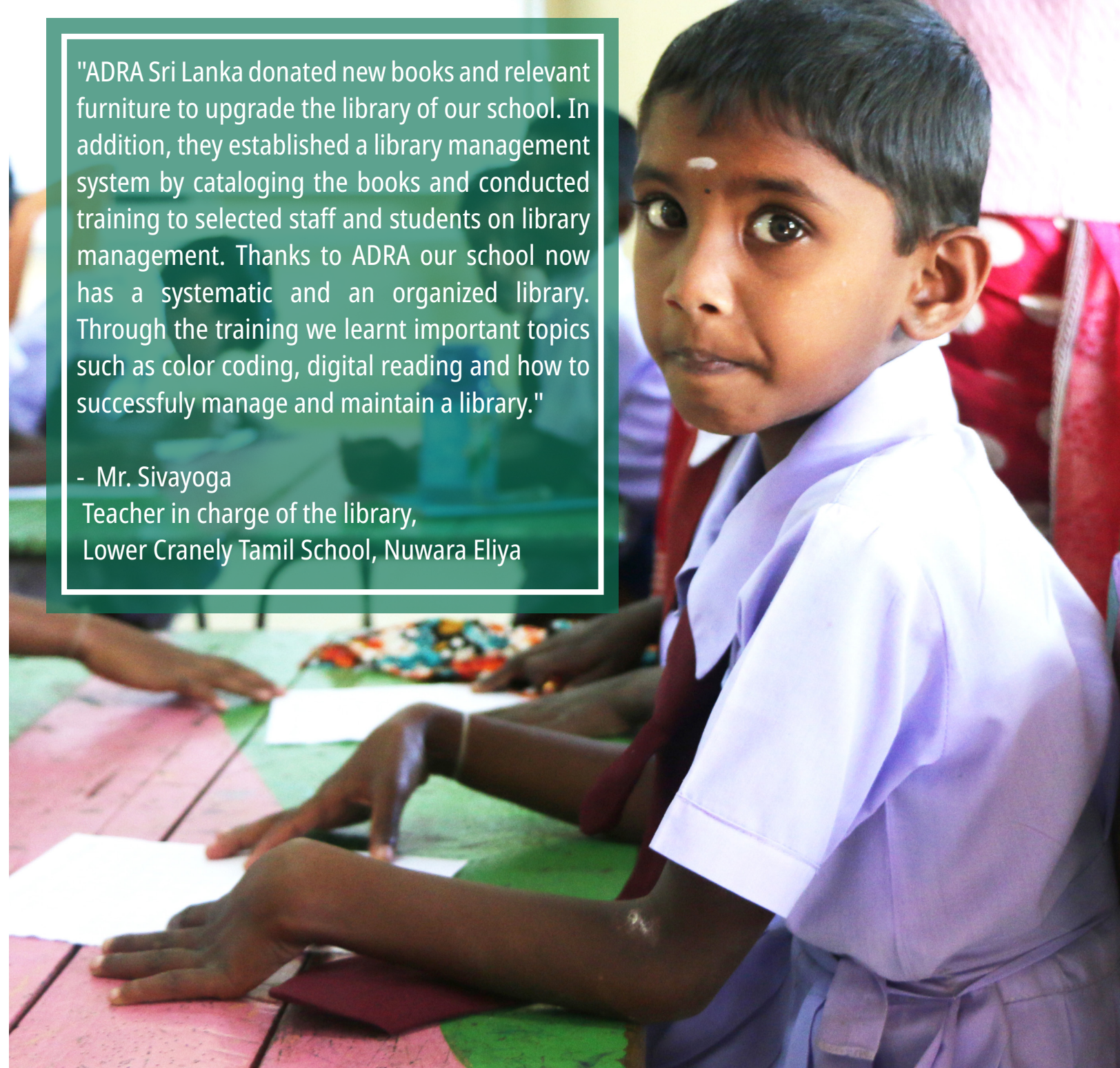
The Czech Republic Development Cooperation funded Children Deserve the Best (CDB) II project and ADRA Korea funded Child Centred Communities (CCC) project, were jointly implemented by ADRA to support the Lower Cranelly Tamil School in Agarapathana, Nuwara Eliya.

The CDB project was implemented to contribute towards the psycho-social development of the students in the school. The project renovated two existing school buildings and equipped the classrooms with audio visual equipment. The project also improved an existing space in the school as a playground giving the opportunity for students to enjoy outdoor activities that will promote and stimulate their learning and social skills through various games and related activities. In addition, the project also introduced proper waste disposal practices and proper garbage segregation to the school system.

The CCC project on the other hand, focused on enhancing learning within the school system and capacitating the school with relevant support to provide wholesome and meaningful education for the children of the school. As part of the project the library of the school was upgraded, a library management system was established, teachers were trained, children from low income families were supported to complement their education and out-of-school mentors were trained through a TOT youth mentors program.

"ADRA Sri Lanka donated new books and relevant furniture to upgrade the library of our school. In addition, they established a library management system by cataloging the books and conducted training to selected staff and students on library management. Thanks to ADRA our school now has a systematic and an organized library. Through the training we learnt important topics such as color coding, digital reading and how to successfully manage and maintain a library."

- Mr. Sivayoga
Teacher in charge of the library,
Lower Cranelly Tamil School, Nuwara Eliya





Refugee Reintegration

ADRA Sri Lanka has been assisting refugee returnees to reintegrate socially and locally since 2009. Due to the civil war that prevailed in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka for thirty consecutive years, thousands of people fled to India seeking refuge. The Australian Government - DHA funded, Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) phase II project focused on creating durable social and economic solutions for such communities that show an out migration culture.

Through the project ADRA Sri Lanka partnered with ADRA India on a cross border effort to assist groups such as refugee returnees, youth and ex-combatants to reintegrate into the society.

As a result, Refugee Reintegration Networks (RRNs) were established and strengthened, government agencies and RRNs received trainings, a growth progress monitoring system was put in place, the project also contributed to economic growth supported through the Community Economic Development Forums (CEDF), family and local community economic systems were empowered through the Participatory Appraisal of Competitive Advantage (PACA) approach, and in addition low income and families with financial challenges received livelihood support.

S. Puvanesvary is a refugee returnee who fled to India back in 2007 during the civil war. She returned to Sri Lanka in 2018 and now lives with her husband, daughter and two sons in Kallikulam, which is an extremely remote village in the heart of Vavuniya.

Her husband is a laborer and the very minimal income he earned through his job was insufficient to run the family and raise their three children. As they were striving to make ends meet Puvanesvary was discovered by ADRA Sri Lanka's LESS project team in Vavuniya. She was identified through the Divisional Secretariat as a potential beneficiary and since she was competent in goat rearing and had previous experience in the same, ADRA Sri Lanka rendered her two male goats and four female goats for rearing.

At present she has been able to increase the number of goats to 12 and has also shared a goat with her sister. She now aims to multiply the number of goats and intends to sell them for a fair price.



Other Initiatives

Gift Box Program



Through ADRA UK's Gift Box Appeal more than 400 children from impoverished families in eighteen pre-schools in the Karachchi Divisional Secretariat of the Killinochchi district and the Kingcora Tamil School in the Alton Estate of Hatton were given basic school requirements such as backpacks, water bottles, lunch boxes and stationery.

Every Child. Everywhere. In School Campaign

“Every Child. Everywhere. In School” is ADRA’s advocacy campaign to support children around the world who do not have access to quality education. ADRA Sri Lanka visited several Adventist institutions including schools and churches to promote the advocacy campaign and gather signatures for the petition carried out through the campaign.



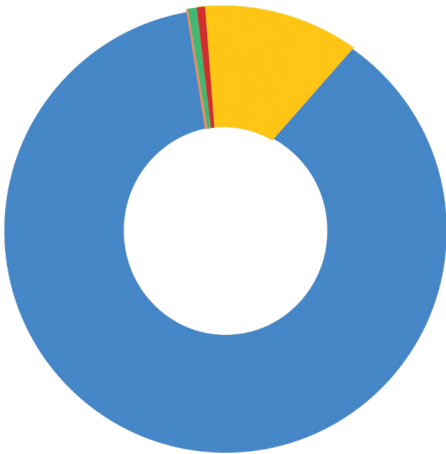
Financial Details

Budget

for the year ended March 31, 2020

Name of the Project	Funding Organization	Funds (LKR)	Funds (USD)
Assisting Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development (ACCEND) Project	The European Union	1,130,654,691.00	6,281,414.95
Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) Project Phase II	Australian Government - Department of Home Affairs	115,200,000.00	640,000.00
Children Deserve the Best (CDB) II Project	Czech Republic Development Cooperation	3,722,940.00	20,683.00
Child Centred Communities (CCC) Project	ADRA Korea	3,240,000.00	18,000.00
Children's Gift Box	ADRA UK	837,000.00	4,650.00
Total		1,253,654,631.00	6,964,747.95

- ACCEND Project
- LESS II Project
- CCC Project
- CDB II Project
- Gift Box Project



Our Partners

Non Governmental Organizations



Governmental Organizations



Private Organizations



Funding Institutions



Board Members & Staff

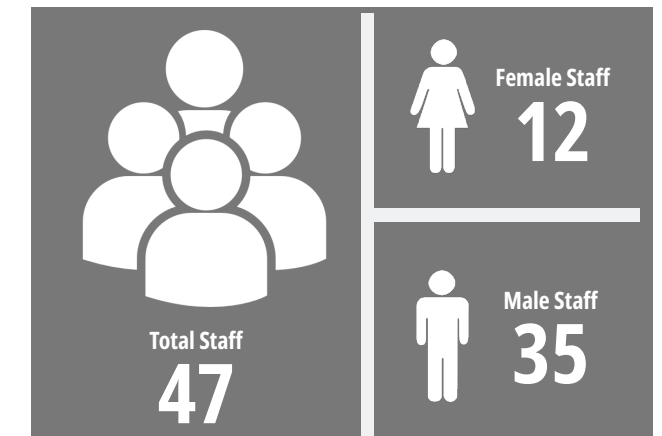
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- Anthony John Francis**
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- Pastor Samson Perera**
Member/Layman
- Christy Valentine**
Member/Layman
- Jayandra Seneviratne**
Member/ Layman
- Windell Maranan**
Secretary /Country Director- ADRA

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