



2020

ANNUAL REPORT

ADVENTIST DEVELOPMENT
AND RELIEF AGENCY SRI LANKA



OUR WORK TOUCHES
MILLIONS OF LIVES IN
MORE THAN 130
COUNTRIES
AND ACROSS 4 CRUCIAL
IMPACT AREAS. ADRA'S
HARDWORKING NETWORK
OF ALMOST 6,000 PEOPLE
ACTIVELY IMPLEMENT
REGION-APPROPRIATE
SOLUTIONS FOR POSITIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE CHANGE
WHERE IT IS NEEDED
MOST.



Our Purpose

TO SERVE HUMANITY SO ALL MAY LIVE AS GOD INTENDED.

Our Values

CONNECTED. COURAGEOUS. COMPASSIONATE

Our Motto

JUSTICE. COMPASSION. LOVE

What we do

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) operates on a global scale as a formidable humanitarian force, driven by a profound mission to uplift those facing poverty and dire straits. Their unwavering commitment lies in cultivating just and positive transformations, achieved through dynamic partnerships and conscientious action. With an expansive footprint spanning over 118 countries, ADRA's extensive network comprises more than 118 country offices, channeling assistance and progress without bias towards ethnicity, political leanings, gender, or religious ties.

In this quest for change, ADRA Sri Lanka, which began its operations since 1983, stands out as a beacon of inclusivity. Its multifaceted endeavors encompass essential domains like water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), as well as healthcare, nutrition, refugee reintegration, economic advancement, and rapid response to emergencies. Notably, their approach is characterised by a steadfast focus on gender equality, ensuring that the needs and aspirations of women and girls are at the forefront. By forging alliances with local communities, civil society entities, and governmental bodies, ADRA Sri Lanka executes culturally attuned initiatives that amplify local capacities, thus paving the way for enduring and transformative change.

Message from the *Country Director*

It is my pleasure to introduce the ADRA Sri Lanka Annual Report 2020. This past year saw many challenges brought on by the COVID19 pandemic and its wide ranging impacts on health and livelihoods that in many ways have disproportionately affected society's most disadvantaged and vulnerable people. It is in these challenging environments, when many people find themselves in need or at risk, that ADRA is at its best.

This annual report highlights the year's achievements in supporting more than 250,000 people in communities throughout Sri Lanka. ADRA's work ranged from increasing access to water and sanitation, increasing the availability to nutritious food and supporting refugee reintegration. All initiatives were underscored by not only taking precautions to limit the spread of COVID19 but to equip people with knowledge and resources for protecting themselves and making them more resilient to many of the knock-on effects to livelihoods and general wellbeing. ADRA was able to contribute to COVID prevention measures by quickly installing 100 public hand washing stations in Colombo, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi Districts through a partnership with UNICEF.

ADRA is thankful for the ongoing support of our donors including the European Union and the Government of Australia. We have strived to strengthen all interventions through productive partnerships with the national and local governments, local leaders, civil society organisations and most importantly the communities, our beneficiary partners. The joint-cross border project implementation with our sister organisation, ADRA India, has continued to be fruitful and empowering. By working in cooperation with diverse stakeholders, we aim to see the sustainability of the positive impacts of our projects and the increased resilience of people through the creation of knowledgeable and healthy communities, sustainable infrastructure, and capable leadership.

This year has certainly tested and strengthened the ADRA team's dedication to demonstrating ADRA's values of being connected, courageous and compassionate. We are thankful to God for His blessings this year and for the motivation to reflect His love for all people.


Matthew Whitty



Our Presence

Over the course of the past thirty-seven years, ADRA has executed a range of initiatives across various regions within Sri Lanka. In 2020, ADRA established its presence in a new district in the Northern province for the first time, totalling ADRA's presence in 6 Districts.

Kilinochchi District

LESS III Project

Mannar District

LESS III Project

Vavuniya District

LESS III Project

Anuradhapura District

BRICS Project

Matale District

ACCEND Project

Nuwara Eliya District

ACCEND Project

CDB Project

CCC Project

WASH-TE Project

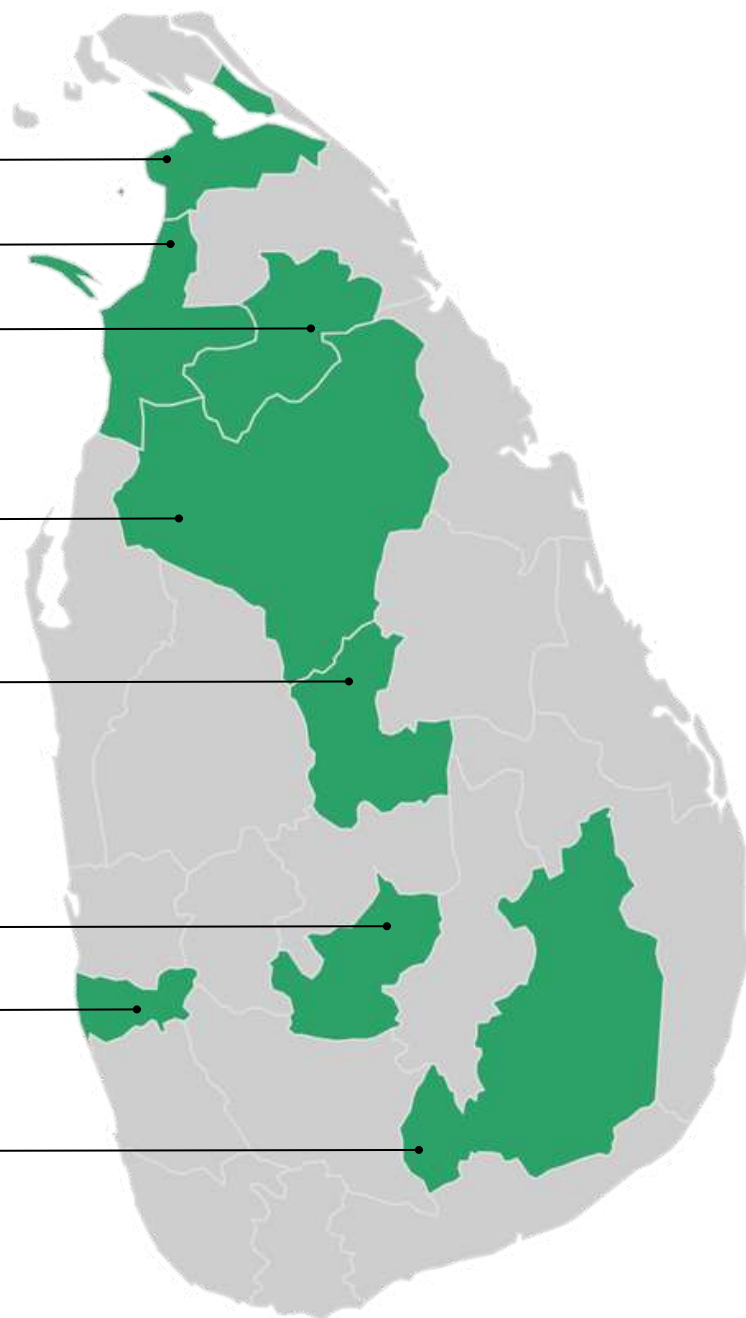
BRICS Project

Colombo District

Head Office

Monaragala District

ACCEND Project



Our Impact



WASH

180,105

Beneficiaries



NUTRITION

11,510

Beneficiaries



RELIEF

10,000

Beneficiaries



EDUCATION

463

Children



HEALTH

52,440

Beneficiaries



LIVELIHOOD

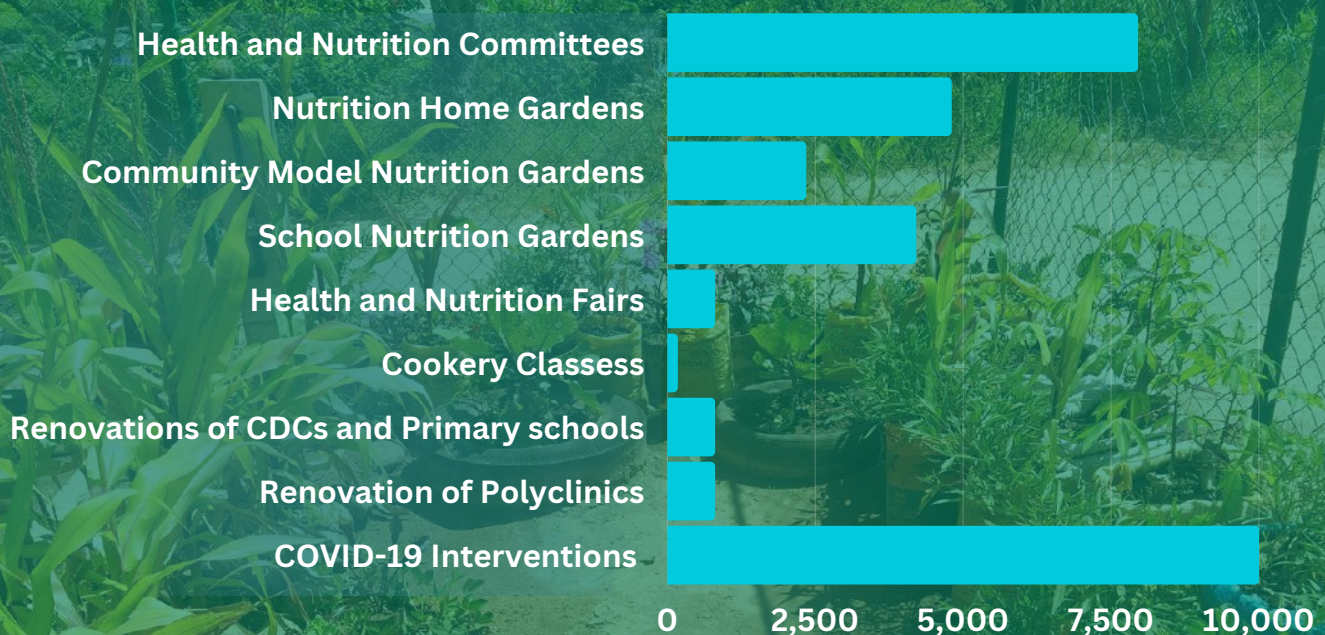
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Beneficiaries

Our Strengths

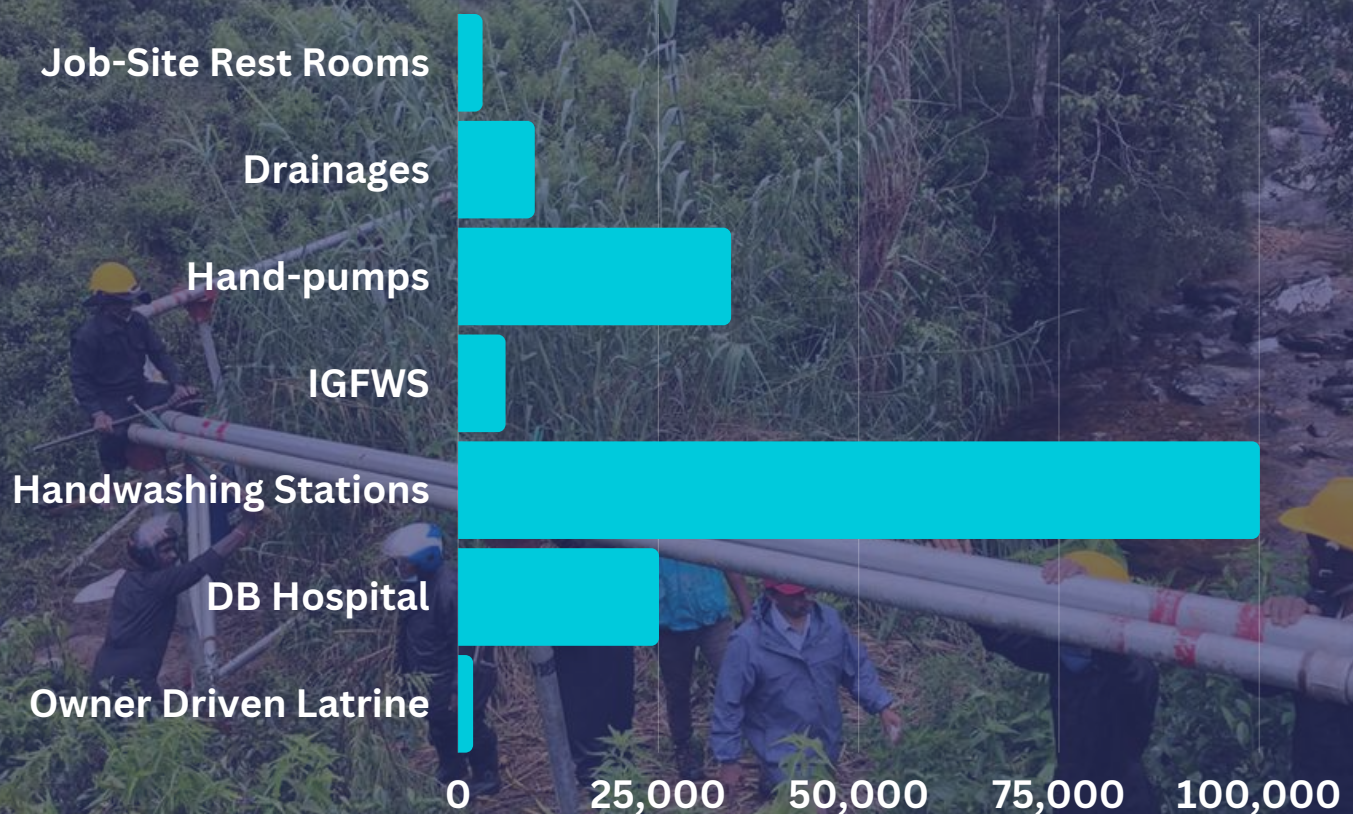
HEALTH AND NUTRITION

2020 was a very challenging year for the ACCEND project and health and nutrition activities in general as it was the year the pandemic stilled the world and all our hard work in the field. However, amidst these challenges, the ACCEND project was able to ensure the establishment of 1200 Nutrition Home gardens, 26 Estate Community Model Nutrition Gardens, 21 School Nutrition Gardens, conduct 42 Nutrition Cookery classes, 4 HN fairs on dental health and hygiene for primary school children, all targeting the increase of awareness on health and nutrition in vulnerable communities where many children under 5 suffer from undernutrition. The project also successfully renovated 5 primary schools in Matale, 3 CDCs in Maskeliya, Hatton and 8 Polyclinics in total. Among the highlights of the projects achievements was the successful completion of a workshop involving 40 key government stakeholders of the Nuwara Eliya District from various sectors lead by the RDHS of Nuwara Eliya, Dr. Senaka Thalagala, with the goal of producing a District Nutrition Action Plan for Nuwara Eliya which was submitted to his good office for further action. Of special note, though the project was limited in many aspects due to COVID19 restrictions, a majority of the beneficiaries of the project were not only able to enjoy rich, nutritious, organic vegetables from their Nutrition Home Gardens, during extended island wide curfews, but were also able to share this bounty with their neighbors and surrounding community members in need. Special interventions such as the establishment of Handwashing stations and lollipop billboards with IEC on Handwashing, distribution of PPE to project health sectors and other COVID19 leaflets were facilitated by the project to meet a crucial need in a time of crisis.



WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE

Amidst the pandemic, the ACCEND project continued to move forward. In 2020 the target was to complete many of the construction projects that were planned in 2019. To provide harvesting assistants with a place to rest and have morning tea, 10 Job Site Rest Rooms (JSRR) were built, each including a toilet in the unit in order to prevent open defecation. In areas where torrential rains during monsoon season cause line houses to flood, 10 drainage units were installed which now provide a safer environment for the occupants to live. An additional 10 drainage units also have plans to be installed. The Dikoya Base Hospital, which was constructed during the colonial era, provides healthcare services to 600 OPD patients daily, in addition to the 400 patients that can be admitted. Improvement of the water system at the hospital is now helping to better serve these patients. Lastly, 250 hand pumps in Wilgamuwa, Buttala & Wellawaya were rehabilitated. Most of the hand pumps were 30 years old and the only source of water for the communities. Each hand pump provides access for 35 families.



COVER STORY



Big Smiles!

Isuru's Story

By Shenal Hettiarachchi

Ever since her husband's demise, Imanlatha has been raising her differently abled son, Isuru amidst so many hardships and challenges. She is unemployed and faces isolation from her own family after the death of her spouse. They depend solely on the government welfare scheme which provides them a meager allowance each month. "Amma (mother) is the only word Isuru knows. Whenever he wants something, he calls out Amma," says Imanlatha as she smiles at her 14-year-old son. Isuru has been bed-bound from birth and his mother is his only caregiver. Despite the challenges and difficulties he faces, Isuru has a very cheerful personality. He always wears a big bright smile on his face. "Life has been tough since my husband's death two years ago from a heart attack. I've been raising Isuru on my own without the support of anyone else," Imanlatha narrates.

ADRA discovered Isuru and Imanlatha through its European Union funded Assisting Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development

(ACCEND) project. Imanlatha was a member of the Water Management Committee (WMC) in her community. Water Management Committees are established within communities through the ACCEND project to ensure proper maintenance of the water sources established and/or renovated through the project. Upon learning that she did not have proper sanitation facilities at her house, the project selected her as a potential beneficiary for its latrine construction activity. The project constructed a customized disable friendly latrine unit for them. Prior to the assistance, Imanlatha faced extreme challenges when attending to her son's personal hygiene. She had to fetch water from the hand pump situated in front of their house regularly. Considering her situation, the project team realized that having running water within the premises of her house was very important. Hence, ADRA designed a special system that channels water from the hand pump towards an overhead tank on top of the latrine in their house when pumping. "Thanks to ADRA, we now have a latrine with a commode and running water. It has made my life so much easier," says Imanlatha.

The ACCEND project is a four year project being implemented 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. Moreover, the project focuses on improving water, sanitation, hygiene, health and nutrition with gender and disaster risk reduction woven across all project activities as cross cutting themes, in both rural and estate communities of Matale, Monaragala and Nuwara Eliya districts.

Clean Water For All

Access to clean water is a right of every human being. However, most people in rural and estate communities of Sri Lanka do not have access to clean water. Our European Union funded ACCEND project is specifically designed to address this issue and it carries out several activities to provide people access to safe and clean water. One such activity is the renovation of existing non-functional hand pumps in the Matale and Monaragala districts.

The project has altogether renovated over 250 hand pumps. Among those renovated are the ones in Naminigama Gramha Niladhari Division of Wilgamuwa. Chronic Kidney Disease of unknown origin (CKDu) is highly prevalent in this area due to the lack of clean drinking water. The hand pump renovated in the small village of Kekalattanne in Naminigama provides clean water for more than 32 families.



"32 families depend on this hand pump renovated through the project especially during the dry season when water is scarce. All the other wells and water sources dry up, but this hand pump never dries up. There are 15 CKDu patients in this area, including myself. We use the hand pump to fulfill all our daily needs including cooking, washing, and cleaning," said K.M. Siriwardena, a beneficiary of the initiative. He further stated that the hand pump was constructed in the 1980s but was dysfunctional for almost 10 years until it was renovated through the ACCEND project with the contribution of the villagers.

"When the hand pump was dysfunctional, people had to walk about 15 km to nearby streams, rivers or wells looking for water. There's a water plant which supplies water for a price, but it's only for drinking. During the dry season this hand pump provides enough water for all of us, so we do not have to walk in search of water anymore," said 39-year-old, Hemakumari, another beneficiary of the activity who very much appreciates the efforts taken by ADRA to provide them clean water.



ADRA & UNICEF Promotes Hand-washing

COVID-19 is spreading rapidly throughout Sri Lanka and around the world, devouring lives of many. It's our responsibility to strictly adhere to the prescribed safety precautions in order to protect ourselves and others from this deadly virus. Regular hand-washing with soap remains one of the major precautions to combat the virus.

Through the recently concluded Building Resilience in Communities and Societies (BRICS) project, ADRA Sri Lanka part-



nered with UNICEF and ADRA International to promote hand-washing among the general public through provision of hand-washing facilities. The project has altogether constructed 100 hand-washing stations in public locations such as railway stations, bus stands, industrial centers and economic centers within Colombo, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi districts.

As part of the project, ADRA also took the initiative to create awareness regarding the importance of hand-washing through various approaches. ADRA has displayed IEC boards in the stations to promote and reinforce hand-washing among the general public. Furthermore, ADRA conducted an awareness campaign in Nugegoda and Vavuniya towns, where a group of volunteers and staff from ADRA visited the hand-washing stations to create awareness and encourage the public to frequently and properly wash their hands with soap. Through the campaign the volunteers reached more than 50 random individuals and shared with them the importance of washing hands, and also demonstrated the proper technique prescribed by the World Health Organization.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, ADRA Sri Lanka's remarkable efforts under the completion of the Local Economic and Social Strengthening Project - Phase II (LESS II), funded by the Australian Government - Department of Home Affairs, yielded resounding achievements. Despite slight setbacks caused by the pandemic, the project successfully delivered crucial capacity-building training to Divisional Secretariat (DS) staff and Returnee Reintegration Network (RRN) members. Almost all of the planned training sessions, numbering six for DS office staff and four for RRN members, were conducted as intended. The few remaining sessions will be concluded during LESS III, a testament to our adaptive approach amidst challenging circumstances.

One of the standout accomplishments was the support provided to RRNs across various localities. Pachchilapalli embraced a coconut husk cutting enterprise, benefitting from a single-phase power supply, a shed construction, and a coconut husk cutting machine. Venkalacheddikulam ventured into aquaculture, procuring 8,500 tilapia breed fingerlings for free, while Pooneryn focused on goat rearing, aiding 13 members with initial support. Amidst these achievements, the completion of Comprehensive Capacity Assessments (CCA) across new DS divisions marked a significant milestone. These assessments guided tailored capacity-building sessions, targeting specific needs. The impact was palpable in subsequent training sessions, where skills and knowledge were further honed.

As LESS II concludes, our successful grant for LESS phase III stands as a testament to our reputation as a trusted partner. This recognition is especially significant given the unique niche of refugee reintegration, where we stand as one of the few NGOs working in this space. Donors' faith in our work underscores the impact we've made, allowing us to continue transforming lives and communities with unwavering commitment.



Mufana's Blessing

By Shatheesh Sumiethan



Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, many livelihoods have been severely affected and those who depend on daily wages have lost their jobs and sources of income. Mufana lives in Vavuniya town with her two children and her husband who is an immam at a local mosque. Her husband is the breadwinner of their family and the income he earned was not sufficient to manage the family expenses.

Through the second phase of the Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) II project, ADRA supported Mufana to start tailoring in the middle of March, just before the country went in to lockdown. While many of the livelihood assisted beneficiaries

of the project were unable to start their activities due to the pandemic and the subsequent lockdown, Mufana identified the need and the demand for face masks exacerbated by the current situation and decided to produce face masks. So far she has sold more than 2500 masks. While she sells her products to the local market, she is also one of the selected and endorsed suppliers for the MOH (Office of the Medical Officer of Health) staff. At present her husband helps her in marketing and transporting the products, while she tailors and produces them. As a result of ADRA's intervention their monthly income has drastically increased due to the high demand for face masks. As this demand is temporary she has decided to start producing other essential products such as maternity gowns, bed sheets, pillowcases, etc. Moreover, this period has allowed her to network with suppliers and sellers and to earn more which can be utilized to develop her business endeavor further.

Mufana is extremely happy that she was able to earn a considerable income through her self-started business despite the challenges and difficulties. She also expresses her sincere gratitude to the Department of Home Affairs and the entire ADRA project team, for giving her a means of income during the lockdown and living in this unprecedented times.

Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) II project was implemented for two years from 2018 to 2020, funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs. Through the project ADRA Sri Lanka partnered with ADRA India on a cross border effort to assist refugees returnees, through social reintegration and livelihood support in Killinochchi and Vavuniya Districts in the Northern province.

EDUCATION

The Children Deserve the Best (CDB) project, funded by the Czech Republic Development Cooperation, was designed to support the psycho-social development of children in the tea estate communities of Nuwara Eliya District. Implemented at the historic Lower Cranley Tamil Vidyalaya in Agarapathana, the project addressed the needs of the 150-year-old school with 400 students. ADRA Sri Lanka, the driving force behind the CBD Project, renovated two school buildings and equipped primary-level classrooms with necessary audio-visual tools. Additionally, a playground was revitalized, providing children with a space for outdoor activities that fostered learning and social skills. The project also offered lessons on personal hygiene and proper waste disposal to promote environmental consciousness.

The Children Centered Communities (CCC) project, funded by ADRA Korea and situated within the same school, complemented the CDB Project. It aimed to meet the basic needs of school children and create an environment for their growth. The CCC Project focused on enhancing the school library with new books and establishing a management system. Teacher training was also provided to enhance the learning experience for both educators and students. The project introduced a "Child Champion" program, recognizing children engaged in positive community initiatives.

To ensure lasting impact, the project extended educational support to students from low-income families and conducted training for youth mentors in the community. The combination of both projects within the same community significantly improved the well-being of vulnerable children in tea estate communities.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

During the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka, the government swiftly enforced strict curfew measures to contain its spread. As infection rates surged, ADRA Sri Lanka promptly activated their organizational emergency plan. Collaborating closely with key stakeholders like Divisional Secretariats, Health Authorities, and Urban Councils in Nuwara Eliya, Vavuniya, and Matale districts, the ADRA team pinpointed essential requirements to address using allocated funding.

In partnership with the Sri Lanka Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, the project encompassed diverse activities. These ranged from supplying safety equipment to healthcare providers, delivering 497 food packs to vulnerable families in self-quarantine and those reliant on daily wages. Moreover, the project supported disinfection efforts in public spaces, conducted training for 400 public transport providers, and equipped them with necessary materials for continuous disinfection.

Hygiene packs containing disinfection liquid, handwashing essentials, and soap were distributed to 1,328 households, accompanied by informative visits from health professionals who shared safety measures. Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials were distributed alongside these packs. IEC boards and banners were set up to enhance awareness of proper handwashing techniques and preventive measures. The project collectively aided more than 10,000 individuals. This response initiative, titled 'EM 20-018,' received funding from ADRA International, ADRA Asia Regional Office, Latter-day Saint Charities (LDS Charities), and the Sri Lanka Mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.



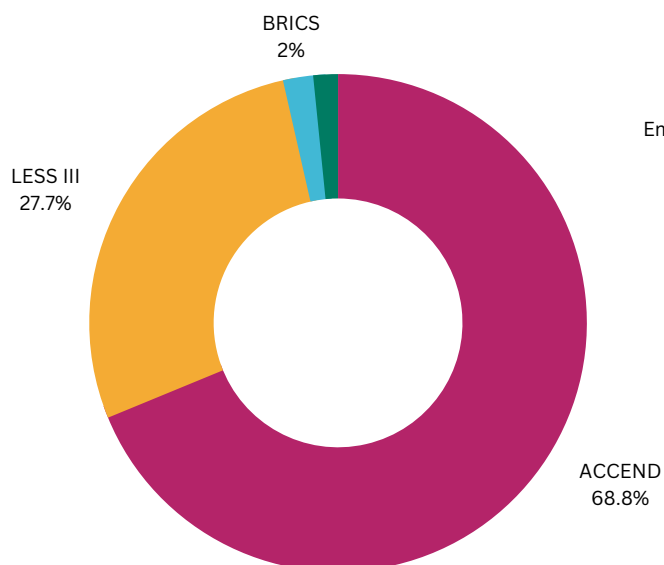
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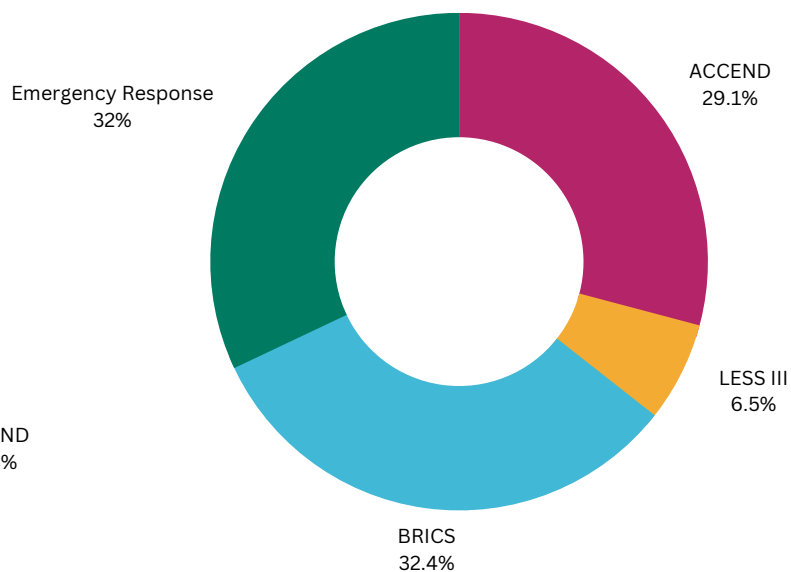
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DONOR	INCOME (LKR)	EXPENDITURE (LKR)	%
ACCEND EUROPEAN UNION	267,123,616.37	240,260,218.43	90%
LESS III AUSTRALIA DHA	107,441,754.04	22,005,286.55	20%
BRICS - UNICEF	7,600,000.00	7,600,000.00	100%
EMERGENCY RESPONSE ADRA INTERNATIONAL	6,214,750.00	5,696,739.67	99%
TOTAL	\$1,631,084	302,402,990	100%

PROJECT FUNDING



PROJECT EXPENDITURE



Staff Testimonials



Florentia Amarasinghe

Programs Officer - Gender, Programs Development & Knowledge Management

"I started working at ADRA Sri Lanka as an Intern in 2015. It was my very first job and I had no clue about the journey I was about to start. At the time, I was struggling to identify God's purpose in my life. I was spending most of my time praying for God's guidance and asking him to give me a sign of what I was supposed to do with my life. When I started working at ADRA, it was with the expectation that I would finish my year of internship by when I would have found out how God wanted me to lead my life. When I was offered the chance to continue working as a part of the Programs team after my internship, I knew that this was what God wanted me to do with my life as it was a direct answer to my prayers. I have grown to love the work being done by ADRA to share God's compassion and love with the communities in need.

I have changed so much from the person I was four years ago and it's all because of the experiences I've gone through and the people I've met through ADRA. But one of the thing I have loved most in my years at ADRA is watching and learning from the communities we work in. Working at ADRA allows me to experience and be inspired everyday, by the strength, humility, perseverance, capacity for love & forgiveness people possess, and to witness and play a part in God's amazing plans in answering people's needs and prayers."



Devon Ebenezar

Operations Manager

Back in 2009, right after I finished my Advance Level examination, I joined ADRA as a Programs Intern. It was my very first job and I learnt quite a lot. After my internship ended, I briefly worked in another organization. Later on, I got an opportunity to rejoin ADRA and I've been working here ever since. It's been a beautiful journey so far; I've worked under different positions, in different departments and for various projects. I've gained wide exposure and have met people from different walks of life along the way. I've also gained so many experiences and had faced numerous challenges while working here. These experiences and challenges have moulded me into the person I am today.

I always wanted to serve God ever since I was small. By working for a faith-based organization like ADRA, I believe I'm doing just that. I'm indirectly contributing towards changing lives of many vulnerable people across Sri Lanka.

What I like the most about ADRA is its working atmosphere. It is amazing! We start each day with a morning devotion, we have fellowship dinners very often and we also implement the ADRA FIT program, which my colleague Khayali and I started. In addition, ADRA offers a variety of perks to its staff in terms of capacity building and skill development, which makes working at ADRA even more valuable and interesting. I'm really grateful for the opportunity to work here and it's indeed a blessing!



Prabhook Bandaratilleke

Programs Director

It was the 13th of October 2008, when I received a call from Edgar Castillo (then Country Director of ADRA Sri Lanka) who informed me that I was selected to be the new Administrative Assistant for ADRA Sri Lanka. I was quite surprised as the interview did not go as well as I hoped. By 15th of October I reported to work. Little did I know that the “temporary job” that I applied for will impact my life so much.

It's been 13 years now since my first day at ADRA, and throughout the years I have been blessed to serve the communities around me. I had the privilege to serve in various positions within the organization and to even have more exposure to ADRA's work around the world.

During my time in ADRA, so far, we have faced many challenges and have celebrated major victories. Of our strengths I identify the strong team spirit as the most significant achievement. While there are many aspects that we could identify, I believe that it is a blessing from God that we face challenges together and are still able to trust each other with a high level of accountability.

I hope and pray that all our staff will be blessed as I have been by serving in ADRA and that we would continue to do our best with what is entrusted to us by God. The best days are yet ahead!



Dr. Khayali John

Health and Nutrition Specialist

“Growing up, all my important decisions in education were taken by considering whether or not I would be helping people with my hands. During my dental internship, I used to always have a yearning to be a part of a humanitarian movement and use the skills and knowledge that I have learnt in the health sciences to benefit people who are unreached and marginalized. Though I faced many

hurdles after graduation in reaching that goal, God was never far away. Little did I know that God would open up a door at ADRA for me. My current position here requires me to oversee and coordinate the health and nutrition related activities of the EU funded ACCEND project.

I truly believe God orchestrated it in such a way as to not only give me a platform to serve but also placed wonderful mentors to learn from and be guided through as well. Aside from the laughs shared, and memories created - in the office and out in the field, what I am most thankful for is an opportunity to be and extension of God's hands and feet in a downtrodden world and be part of an organization that raises its mission of faith like a banner drawn high for all to see. ADRA was indeed an answer to my prayers!”

News and Events

ADRA Sri Lanka Welcomes New Country Director

Matthew Whitty assumed the role of the new Country Director of ADRA Sri Lanka earlier in December. He previously served as the Country Director of ADRA Timor-Leste and also worked with ADRA Yemen, Nepal and Rwanda. His wife Mai will also be joining ADRA Sri Lanka as a Programs Officer. We warmly welcome Matthew, Mai and their daughter Mathea on board!

Hand-washing Awareness Campaign

UNICEF and ADRA International funded Building Resilience in Communities and Societies (BRICS) project established 100 hand-washing stations in Colombo, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya and Kilinochchi districts to promote frequent hand-washing among the general public. The project conducted a hand-washing awareness campaign in December, where a group of volunteers from ADRA visited the stations and demonstrated the proper hand-washing technique prescribed by the WHO and explained the importance of it to the general public.

Capacity Building for Public Sector Staff

The LESS III project carried out 15 capacity building trainings for the staff of four Divisional Secretariats of Kilinochchi and Vavuniya districts. The trainings covered important topics such as motivation, self evaluation, letter writing, team building, productivity, file management, law and labour rights, nutrition and health management, leadership, communication, positive thinking and public relations.

Awareness on Dental Hygiene for Children

The ACCEND project held a series of dental awareness programs in September targeting children in several areas of the Wilagamuwa Division. The programs created awareness regarding dental health and hygiene and promoted best practices on dental hygiene among children. The program consisted of interactive awareness sessions for children on dental caries, prevention methods, good and bad practices related to oral hygiene and demonstrations on proper brushing techniques.

Health and Nutrition Planning Workshop for Public Health Staff

Through the ACCEND project, ADRA, along with Regional Directorate of Health Services of the Nuwara Eliya district, organized a 3 day residential planning workshop from August 30th to September 01st for the health staff of the Nuwara Eliya district and other key government and non government authorities. The main purpose of the workshop was to contribute towards the development of a district nutrition action plan for the Nuwara Eliya district. Furthermore, the workshop was facilitated by Mr. Upali Navaratne, who is a freelance Development Planning Consultant with over thirty years of experience.

ToT CHAST & PHAST Trainings for Volunteers

The ACCEND project facilitated a Training of Trainers on Participatory Hygiene and Sanitation Transformation (PHAST) and Child Hygiene and Sanitation Trainings (CHAST), to train 20 young volunteers representing 20 estates to conduct these trainings in their respective estates. PHAST and CHAST trainings are conducted to create awareness and promote proper hygiene and sanitation practices among adults and children respectively.

CSR Project with John Keells Foundation

ADRA Sri Lanka implemented a CSR project with the John Keells Foundation to provide drinking water for the Tamil Medium School in Mathalan. As a part of the project, the rain water harvesting tank and the water collection gutters of the school were renovated and a hand washing station was established along with a water filtration unit to ensure that the water is safe for consumption.

Health & Nutrition Fair in Monaragala

In an effort to promote and create awareness regarding the health services offered by the government and the current health issues faced by the public, ADRA and Oxfam organized a health and Nutrition fair through its ACCEND project. The fair was successfully held on 26th of February in the Buttala town and was organized with the assistance of the office of the Medical Officer of Health of Buttala and Regional Directorate of Health Services office of Monaragala.

Advocacy Campaign Promotions

“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.

COVID-19 Outbreak & ADRA’s Response

The COVID-19 virus started spreading rapidly throughout Sri Lanka during mid March and the country was immediately placed under lockdown as a response measure by the government of Sri Lanka. ADRA Sri Lanka responded to the pandemic through the allocation of funding from the ACCEND, and LESS II projects and its Emergency Response project: EM 20-018. Await more information regarding the responses through our next issue.

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Re-opening Ceremony of the Lower Cranelly Tamil School

The re-opening ceremony of the Lower Cranelly Tamil School in Agarapathana which was renovated through the second phase of the Children Deserve the Best (CDB) project and the Child Centred Communities (CCC) project was held recently. The occasion was graced by Assistant Director of Education, Mr. N. Kirubaran, the In-Service Advisor, Mrs. P. Mangaleshwary from the Nuwara Eliya Zonal Education Office and the Country Director of ADRA Sri Lanka, Mr. Windell Maranan. Through the Czech Republic Development Cooperation funded CDB project, the main school buildings of the school were refurbished and were equipped with age appropriate teaching equipment, while through the ADRA Korea funded CCC Project, a library management system was established within the school and several other trainings were conducted for the staff and students.



Launching the third phase of the LESS Project



ADRA Sri Lanka launched the third phase of the Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) project on July 01st. The project is funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs and will be implemented in partnership with ADRA India in Mannar, Killinochchi, and Vavuniya districts targeting refugee returnees, youth and ex-combatants. The main objective of the project is to contribute towards creating durable social and economic solutions for communities that displays an out-migration culture.

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*Management
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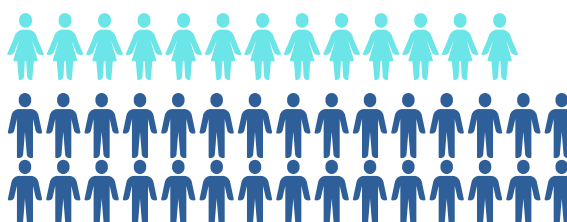
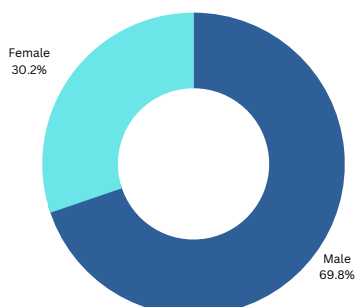
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

No.	NAME	DESIGNATION
1	Pr. Delbert Pearman	President/ Sri Lanka Mission of SDAs;Chairman / ADRA Board
2	Pr. George Wambeek	Executive Secretary / SLM; Member / ADRA Board
3	Anthony Francis	Treasurer/SLM; Member / ADRA Board
4	Jayandra Seneviratne	Member / ADRA Board
5	Pr. Samson Perera	SDA Church Pastor / SLM; Member / ADRA Board
6	Valentine Christy Arulchelvan	Member / ADRA
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ADRA Sri Lanka's operational prowess spans projects ranging from 10,000 USD to over 1,000,000 USD annually, supported by a diverse donor consortium including the European Union, Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japanese Government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and private donors. Collaborating closely with esteemed CSOs and NGOs like Nature Volunteer Association, ChildFund, Oxfam, Plan International, Muslim Aid, and UNICEF, our reach extends beyond project execution.

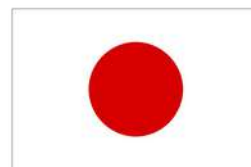
Our strategic partnerships, in tandem with these collaborations, have significantly fortified our technical prowess. These alliances have bestowed invaluable expertise in gender mainstreaming, disability inclusion, social integration, and advocacy. Engaging with experts and practitioners through these partnerships has not only enriched our understanding but also empowered us to effectively integrate these principles into our projects. Moreover, our involvement within the global ADRA Network, encompassing ADRA India, ADRA International, ADRA Korea, ADRA UK, among others, has fostered a fertile ground for cross-organizational learning and refined advocacy strategies. This collective knowledge exchange enhances our capacity to amplify marginalized voices and advocate for transformational change. As we embrace partnerships with CSR projects, we continue to embrace new learning experiences, further elevating our impact in the communities we serve.



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