



ADVENTIST
DEVELOPMENT
AND RELIEF AGENCY
SRI LANKA

Annual Report 2021



WHAT WE DO

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is a global humanitarian organization with a mission to work with people in poverty and distress to create just and positive change through empowering partnerships and responsible action. Across its worldwide network of over 118 country offices, we deliver relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 118 countries regardless of their ethnicity, political affiliation, gender, or religious association. ADRA Sri Lanka has operated as a registered NGO since 1982 working in the sectors of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), health and nutrition, refugee reintegration, economic development, and emergency response. By partnering with local communities, civil-society organizations, and the government, we deliver culturally relevant programs and build local capability for sustainable change.

OUR PURPOSE

To serve humanity so all may live as God intended.

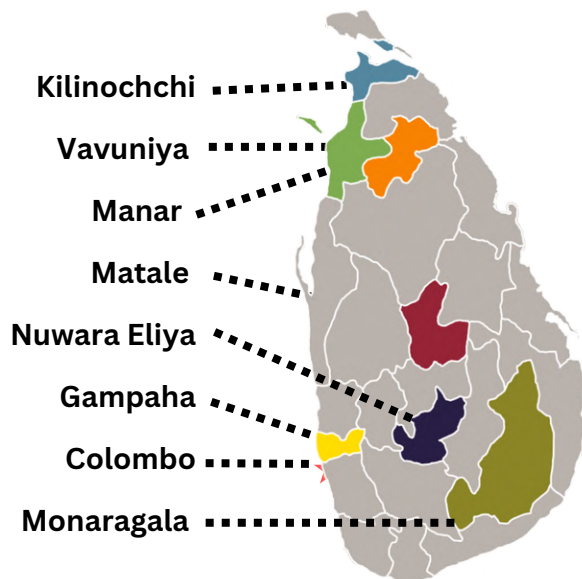
OUR VALUES

Connected. Courageous. Compassionate



*Justice.
Compassion
Love*

PROJECT AREAS



LESS Project Phase III - Vavuniya, Manar & Kilinochchi

ACCEND Project - Nuwara Eliya, Matale & Monaragala

SCS Project - Nuwara Eliya

WASH TE II Project - Nuwara Eliya

BRAVE Project - Gampaha

EM 21-039 - Covid-19 Response - Colombo, Gampaha, Mannar

EM 21-053 - Emergency Response - Colombo, Kalutara



COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

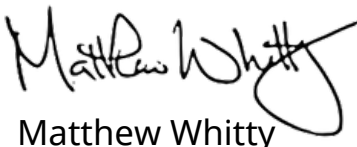


This annual report highlights the year's achievements in supporting more than 250,000 people in communities throughout Sri Lanka. ADRA's work ranged from increasing access to water and sanitation, increasing the availability to nutritious food and supporting refugee reintegration.

All initiatives were underscored by not only taking precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19 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-19 prevention and resilience building measures.

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 WORK IN NUMBERS



WATER SANITATION & HYGIENE

Beneficiaries: **60,000**

Projects: **ACCEND, WASH-TE, BRAVE**



NUTRITION

Beneficiaries: **6000**

Projects: **ACCEND**



EDUCATION

Beneficiaries: **1000**

Projects: **ACCEND, SCS**



HEALTH

Beneficiaries: **50,000**

Projects: **ACCEND, BRAVE**



GENDER, DISABILITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Beneficiaries: **100,000+**

Projects: **Mainstreamed accross all projects**



REFUGEE REINTEGRATION & LIVELIHOODS

Beneficiaries: **400**

Projects: **LESS-III**



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Beneficiaries: **100,000+**

Projects: **EM 21-039, EM 21-053**



2021 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 project's achievements was the successful completion of a workshop involving 40 key government stakeholders of the Nuwara Eliya District from various sectors led 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 COVID-19 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 neighbours 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 COVID-19 leaflets were facilitated by the project to meet a crucial need in a time of crisis.



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.

Highlights

10 Improved Gravity-fed Water Systems
20 Job Site Rest Rooms
20 Community drainage systems
Improving the water system of the Dickoya Base Hospital.
250 Renovated existing hand pumps in Wilgamuwa, Buttala & Wellawaya

Beneficiaries

JSRR: 3,080+
Drainages: 12,495
Handpumps: 52,000
450 latrines: 1,800
Hospital: 30,000
Handwashing stations (BRICS): 100,000+
Gravity Water systems: 15,730+



REFUGEE REINTEGRATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



The Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) Project – Phase III, is a refugee reintegration project funded by the Australian Government-Department of Home Affairs, implemented by ADRA Sri Lanka and ADRA India in targeted districts in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka as well as Tamil Nadu in India. Through the implementation of LESS I and II phases, it has been made evident that socio-economic factors highly influence the decision for out-migration in the Vavuniya, Mannar, and Kilinochchi Districts where high levels of out migrations patterns both regular and irregular, have been noted. While there have been many improvements made with regard to the social and economic status of the districts, there are vulnerable groups that are in need. Some such groups with whom ADRA Sri Lanka has been working are the Youth Groups, Ex-combatants, and Refugee Returnees. These groups face incredibly unique challenges and barriers in social and economic stability and development. While they live integrated with the rest of society, they remain neglected and most importantly they perceive themselves to be neglected by society at large. Reintegrating them into society effectively remains a key priority under this project in creating an enabling environment as they also have a higher potential to opt for out-migration.

• **Achievements in 2021**

- Forty-one (41) design business plans.
- Conducted Fifty-seven (57) livelihood assessments
- Delivered livelihood assistance to thirty-eight (38) beneficiaries
- Conducted (12) trainings to RRNs in Mannar on topics ranging from Finance Management to Psychological First Aid.
- One (01) Ds office training on information communication
- Two (02) productivity training for the DS office staff
- Three (03) moral, (03) motivation, and 38 business coaching sessions
- Fifteen (15) trainings on finance and debt management
- One (01) District Capacity development plan (CDP) development training

Munusamy's Story:

Selling fish for a living

“ADRA helped us start our own business and gave us a new lease on life. I’m so thankful to them,” were the words of gratitude expressed by 62-year-old Munusamy Subramaniam. Munusamy and his family are refugee returnees who are now settled in Koomankulam, a small, remote village in the Vavuniya district. They were forced to flee Sri Lanka in 1990 due to the civil war. He now lives with his wife and his youngest son and daughter. His other two children are now married and settled in India. Back in India, they lived in a small, confined housing facility offered by the Indian Government in the Thelapattu camp.

Munusamy describes his life as a refugee as one of the most challenging times of his life. He says that their lives are relatively better now. Munusamy sold fish for a living while he was in India. He had been a fishmonger for more than a decade. Ever since he came back to Sri Lanka, he always wanted to start selling fish again but didn’t have the capital required to do so. His younger son and daughter are working. He and his wife, Thangaponne, survived on their children’s income even though they always wanted to be self-sufficient.

ADRA discovered them through the third phase of the Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) project funded by the Australian Government’s Department of Home Affairs. Through the project, ADRA helped them start their fish selling business by providing them materials to build a shed to sell their fish and a freezer to preserve them. They successfully purchased fresh fish from wholesalers and sold it to more than 100 of their neighboring families. However, crisis struck when people stopped buying fresh fish due to the MV X-press Pearl oil spill. They have been selling dried fish ever since as an alternative and have been extremely successful. “We now earn a reasonable income to fulfill our household expenditure thanks to ADRA, allowing our children to save some money for themselves,” says Munusamy.

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ADRA Sri Lanka responded to the COVID-19 pandemic through a diverse range of interventions, from supporting households with sanitation and dry rations during lockdowns to creating public handwashing stations (through the UNICEF-funded BRICS Project), providing hospitals with PPE and life-saving equipment and vaccine promotion through the Building Resilience and Vaccine Awareness project. Throughout, ADRA's operations sought to prevent the spread of the virus and assist the country and communities in coping with the wide-ranging effects of the pandemic.



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STAFF TESTAMONIALS



Shanika Kaluthanthrige, Finance Officer

"My journey with ADRA began back in 2010 right after I finished high school. ADRA allowed me to kick start my career at a very young age. During my 11 years at ADRA, I received exposure to all the departments of the organization and received a broader understanding of how it functions. Through ADRA, not only did I get to serve vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka, but also received exposure to country offices globally. This has added value to my professional as well as personal life. I've had the opportunity to mingle with numerous people, experience different cultures and traditions, and above all learn so much from each of those experiences. While at ADRA I've also been constantly challenged to take risks, new responsibilities and to push my limits. I believe that this vastly contributed to my development as a person and has moulded me into who I am today."



S. Saundharya, Administrative Assistant/Cashier (ACCEND Project)

"I joined ADRA Sri Lanka back in 2017 as the Administrative Assistant for the European Union funded ACCEND project. The project is implemented with Oxfam, so I have the opportunity to work with colleagues from both organizations – which has been amazing! I have been employed at ADRA for the past four years, had to work on vast project areas and meet strict deadlines, which has been a steep learning curve. The experiences and knowledge I've gained have added so much to both my personal and professional life, which I believe will be valuable to me in the long run. I love working at ADRA. Most of my colleagues are young and are people to whom I can relate. Everyone is treated equally at ADRA, and its organizational culture makes the workplace feel like home. I wish the best for ADRA and hope that it receives more funding to support the needy in Sri Lanka."



Rasika Fernando, Project Manager (ACCEND Project)

"I joined ADRA Sri Lanka in October 2017 as a Field Officer for the ACCEND project in Wilgamuwa, Matale. Before joining ADRA, I worked for Plan International, gaining a lot of experience in community development. Building on that experience, I have been able to offer ideas and use my skills to help the ACCEND project run smoothly. In time, due to my work ethic and the progress that I had made during my time at ADRA, I was promoted to the position of the Project Manager. This was a turning point in my life and a chance to advance my career. I always try to do my best for the community through ADRA, and I think it's my role designed by God to use my skills to develop the communities in which we work. ADRA has friendly staff who understand the programs and the needs of the community. They are flexible, making it easy to work together. I have had many chances to learn new things by working with ADRA, and I am very happy and privileged to be working here."



Buddhika Olupeliyawa, Finance Director

"I joined ADRA as an intern back in 2008. Upon completing my internship program, I was promoted to Junior Accountant and subsequently became the Accountant, Senior Accountant, Chief Accountant, and finally the Finance Director. I also spent a year and a half serving internationally for ADRA in Sudan. My journey with ADRA has been an amazing one. It has undoubtedly helped me build myself and has given me international exposure. ADRA is my second family. It played a pivotal part in my personal and spiritual growth and still does. ADRA has also taught me work-life balance, which is something that all of us struggle with. ADRA's flexible working atmosphere motivates and encourages everyone to do their best. I'm grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to support communities in need through ADRA."

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mobile Awareness Fair in the Estates

A mobile fair, conducted from the 28th of September to the 7th of October, covered all 30 estate divisions under the ACCEND project. ADRA was able to create awareness about the importance of preventing the spread of COVID-19, with an emphasis on improving overall lifestyle to combat the disease. Health-related messages highlighted the importance of proper hydration, nutrition, rest, exercise, avoidance of harmful substances, and the importance of breastfeeding for infants, in addition to COVID-19 prevention protocol and vaccination. The project also provided high-quality, anti-bacterial, re-usable masks to all civilians who were not wearing masks during the mobile fair.



Training of Trainers for Public Authorities



The third phase of the LESS project conducted six ToT training programmes for the staff of the divisional secretariats in Kilinochchi and Vavuniya districts. The training covered finance and debt management topics such as household finances, saving money, microfinance, revolving credit, and capital management. As an outcome, the trained participants will complete four community-level training programmes in each division. The LESS III project is funded by Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs and is implemented by ADRA Sri Lanka with the support of ADRA India.

Response to the Third Wave of COVID-19

In June, as part of ADRA's emergency response for COVID-19, ADRA Sri Lanka donated multipara monitors, water heaters, and trollies to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama. ADRA also donated multipara monitors, oxygen concentrators, water boilers, electric kettles, emergency LED lamps, hospital beds, and mattresses to the Divisional Hospital in Dompe. The donation of these items – a long-prevailing need of the hospitals was made possible through the joint funding of ADRA International and the ADRA Asia Regional Office.



Launch of the BRAVE project to Build Resilience and Vaccine Awareness

To contribute towards creating a pandemic resilient Sri Lanka, ADRA Sri Lanka launched the Building Resilience and Vaccine Awareness (BRAVE) project in June. In collaboration with interfaith groups, the project plans to raise awareness and increase access to vaccines in high-risk communities. The interfaith pandemic relief team (IPRT), which will be established through the project, will work with and increase the capacity of faith leaders to lead forums and identify families with the most vulnerable members who will be prioritized for vaccination, such as the elderly, frontline healthcare workers, and law enforcement officials. Each forum will focus its efforts to address COVID-19 preventative measures, debunk vaccine myths, and provide accessible resources about vaccines. ADRA also plans to get a Seventh-day Adventist youth group involved to translate video messages about COVID-19 prevention awareness into sign language for the deaf community.

NEWS AND EVENTS

A Face-lift for the Tinsin Tamil School

ADRA concluded the Supporting Children in School (SCS) project, funded by the Czech Republic Development Co-operation, in December 2022. The project refurbished several school buildings, established essential sanitation facilities, and rendered equipment and material support to develop smart classrooms in the Tinsin Tamil School.

EU funding Utilized to Raise Awareness and Provide Clean Water

ADRA and Oxfam through their jointly implemented ACCEND project, donated electronic and IT equipment to support the expansion of Health Information Management Systems in Monaragala. Additionally, the project installed and handed over two water systems powered by solar energy in Lediyangala Primary School and Maraka Divisional Hospital in the Wilgamuwa Division. The project is funded by the European Union.

BRAVE Project Supports Vaccination Efforts of the Government

The Building Resilience and Vaccine Awareness (BRAVE) project distributed personal protection (PP) kits in several vaccination centers of the Negombo and Minuwangoda areas of the Gampaha district to support the vaccination efforts of the government and to encourage people to get vaccinated. Additionally, awareness was raised regarding vaccination aftercare through brochures given with the PP kits.



Technical Training for NWSDB, Water Resource Board and ADRA staff

The European Union funded ACCEND project facilitated a technical training on borewell drilling for the staff of the National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB), Water Resource Board and ADRA's drilling rig team from 19th to 23rd of April. It was conducted by resource persons from the NWSDB, Tissera Engineering, PRD Rigs and ADRA. The extensive training consisted of indoor sessions and a hands-on practical session which provided insight to the participants on borewell drilling techniques, procedures, and operation and maintenance of the drilling rig.

Capacity Building for Public Sector Staff

Through the third phase of the LESS project, ADRA conducted a capacity building training on self-planning and monitoring for staff of the 04 Divisional Secretariat Divisions of the Kilinochchi district. The training will contribute towards improving knowledge and skills of the staff and will augment productivity within the workplace. The LESS project is funded by the Australian Government's Department of Home Affairs.

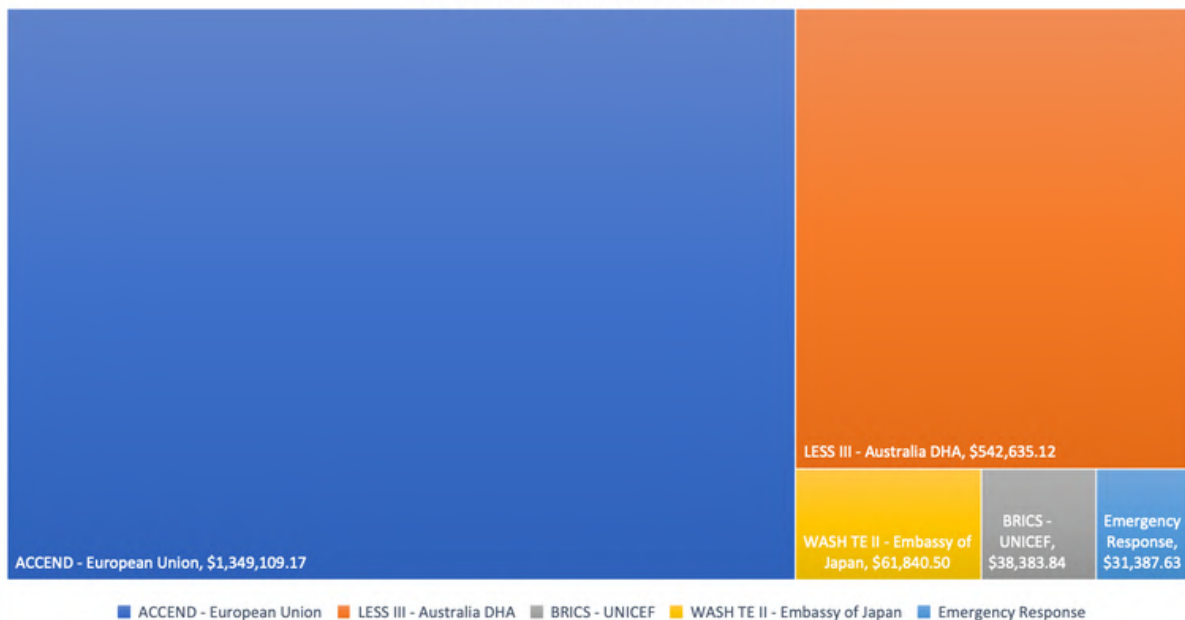
Health and Nutrition Fairs in the Estates

Three health and nutrition fairs were held in Stockholm estate on the 21st of March followed by Mahanilu estate on the 28th of March and concluded in Fairlawn estate on the 30th of March. The fair consisted of two components: the ACCEND community volleyball tournament and the health and nutrition awareness session. Both activities were tied together to encourage community participation and involvement of the youth, children and the elderly.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

PROJECT	DONOR	CURRENCY	FUNDING	EXPENDITURE	%
ACCEND	European Union	EUR	602,253.69	1,326,168.43	220%
LESS-III	Australian Government	AUD	1,231,712.0	364,337.52	28%
WASH-TE II	Embassy of Japan	LKR	12,244,418.75	3,967,700.94	32%
BRAVE	ADRA International	USD	95,238.10	43,773.55	46%
EMERGENCY RESPONSE	ADRA International	USD	54,875.63	54,875.63	100%
SCS	Czech Embassy	USD	19,875.63	-	0%

Program Funding 2021 (USD)



DONORS AND PARTNERS



European Union

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ADRA Sri Lanka is able to implement projects ranging from 10,000 USD to over 1,000,000 USD per annum. Our strength lies in having a donor base ranging from government donors such as the European Union, The Department of Home Affairs of the Australian Government, the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Japanese Government and Private Donors. ADRA regularly partners with other CSO and NGOs such as Nature Volunteer Association, ChildFund, Oxfam, Plan International, Muslim Aid, and UNICEF. ADRA Sri Lanka collaborates within the ADRA Network, including ADRA India, ADRA International, ADRA Korea, ADRA UK and more.



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