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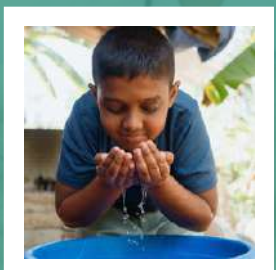
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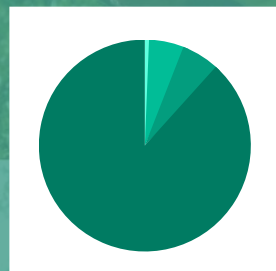
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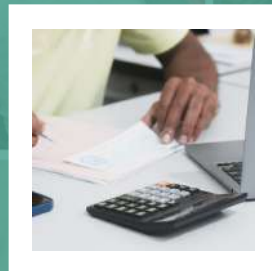
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COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Sri Lanka faced many challenges in 2022. The economic crisis affected all aspects of society, especially the most disadvantaged. In these environments, ADRA has an important role in bringing aid to immediate needs and supporting communities in building resilience. This report highlights our achievements, challenges, and progress made towards our mission of serving the most vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka.



We have remained committed to our core values of being connected, courageous and compassionate, which have guided us in all our initiatives and partnerships and through these challenging times. Through our various programs and projects, we have impacted the lives of thousands of individuals and families, empowering them to lead more dignified and sustainable lives.

This report provides an overview of our programs in the areas of Health and Nutrition, Livelihoods, WASH, and Disaster Response, and showcases the impact of our work in the communities we serve. We are grateful for the support and collaboration of our partners, donors, and volunteers, who have enabled us to achieve our goals and create a meaningful impact.

I hope this report will inspire you to join us in our mission to create a world where everyone experiences Justice, Compassion, and Love. Thank you for your continued support and trust in ADRA Sri Lanka.

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Matthew Whitty
Country Director

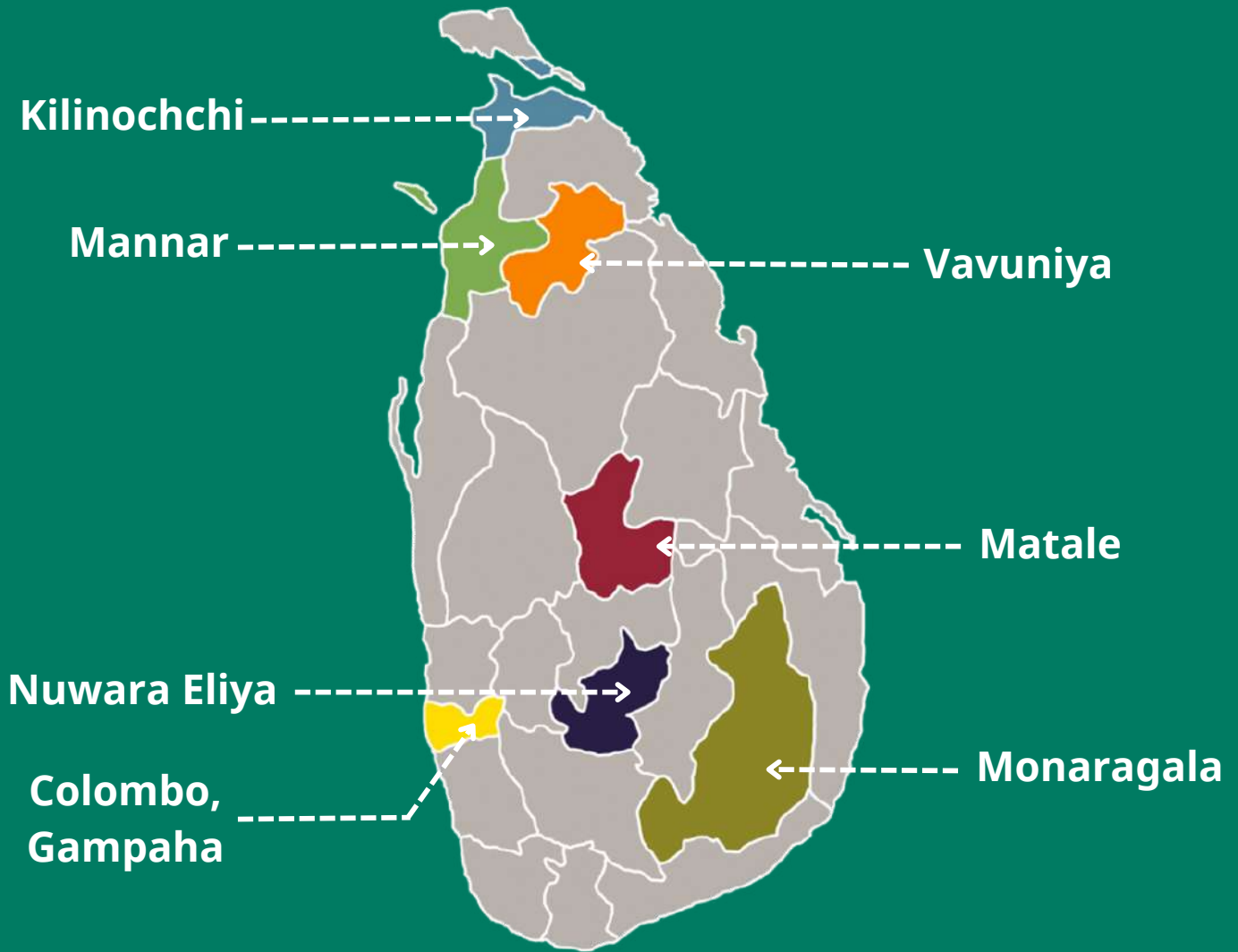
OUR PURPOSE

To serve humanity so all may live as God intended.

OUR VALUES

Connected. Courageous. Compassionate.

PROJECT AREAS



PRIORITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



No poverty



Zero hunger



Good health & wellbeing



Decent work and economic growth



Gender equality



Clean water & sanitation

Sectors LIVELIHOODS

ADRA is committed to promoting livelihood and economic development in communities across the globe. One of the key areas of focus for ADRA is supporting the reintegration of refugees through the formation and training of Refugee Returnee Networks. These networks provide refugees with the skills and resources they need to rebuild their lives and contribute to their communities. In addition to this, ADRA also works with youth groups to provide training and support for entrepreneurship and job creation. Through these initiatives, ADRA is helping to build the capacity of governments and communities to support sustainable economic growth and development.

ADRA supported 187 livelihoods in 2022



Members of a Refugee Returnee Network coconut husk business in Mannar



Mr. Ramakrishnan Sivakumar expanded his pottery businesses



Ms. Ratnasingham Dharshani started a tailoring business out of her home

WASH

Water Sanitation Hygiene



ADRA's Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) activities have been instrumental in transforming the lives of communities in Central and Uva Provinces. Our WASH programs have helped improve access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene education, thereby reducing the risk of waterborne diseases and promoting healthier living conditions. Through our collaborative efforts with local communities, governments, and other stakeholders, we have been able to create sustainable solutions that have a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. Our Improved Gravity-fed Water Systems deliver filtered and chlorinated water to individual homes and communities. We drilled deep tube wells and renovated previously existing non-functioning handpumps. The owner-driven toilets approach equips families with the resources to lead in the construction of latrines for their homes.

WASH Interventions

Improved Gravity-fed Water Systems -

Deep Bore Tube Wells -

Jobsite Rest Rooms -

Hygiene Promotion -

Owner-driven Toilets -

Community Drainage Systems -

Menstrual hygiene promotion -

Achievements

21 community water systems with 3,924 connections
16,050 direct beneficiaries

108 new wells established (10 with solar energy
power) 253 handpumps repaired

20 restrooms constructed in tea estates

1,020 trainings conducted

408 latrines constructed

20 drainage systems constructed in tea estates

35 community trainings, 16 school trainings; 10 pad
disposal units constructed in schools

HEALTH & NUTRITION

ADRA has been dedicated to improving the health and nutrition of individuals and communities in Sri Lanka for many years. In 2022 our focus has been on supporting health sector strengthening which involves working with local health authorities to improve healthcare resources, facility improvements, pandemic resilience, and public health awareness. Promoting nutrition home gardens with training on maintaining them as a sustainable way to promote healthy eating habits. We have also been offering cooking classes to help individuals learn how to prepare nutritious meals with locally available foods. Lastly, we have been collaborating closely with the Ministry of Health to ensure that our efforts are aligned with national health priorities and that we are making the biggest impact possible. We are proud to participate in these initiatives and look forward to continuing our work in this important area.



Children under 5 consuming 4 or more food groups - ACCEND Project

32%



88%

Baseline

Post Project
Evaluation

"ADRA carried out health awareness programs in the division. Prior to COVID spreading in the community, the awareness programs were used to make preliminary preparations. Everyone protected themselves. A lot of awareness was created in the community among children above age five and adults on how to live happily and healthy. It was a great help to us."

H.M.S. Kumari, Bogahewewa Division

FOOD SECURITY

1574 Home Gardens were created through the ACCEND Project

Nutrition Home Garden activities were implemented in Wilgamuwa DSD with the expectation to reduce malnutrition in children under age five in this vulnerable area with a target of establishing 1,500 NHGs in both estate and rural communities to vulnerable households such as having underweight children under 5, disabilities, poverty dimensions, or at risk of chronic kidney disease. The NHG activity initiated the promotion of organic food crop production within a 20'X20' garden at the beginning of the activity, and provided technical guidance in organic cultivation, basic gardening tools, seeds and plants. Against this backdrop, the NHGs activity targeted 200 HHs as the direct beneficiaries in Wilgamuwa.

NUTRITION HOME GARDEN



Upper canopy:
Banana and papaya



Upper level:
Tomatos



Mid-level:
Winged beans



Lower level:
Malabar Spinach

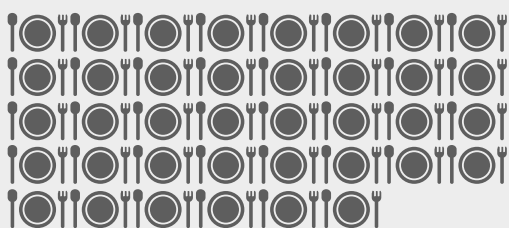
"I first started home gardening through the ACCEND project. The officers trained me, taught me how to make fertiliser and gave all the necessary advice. The program has helped improve the nutrition of our children. I am very happy about it. We have many economic difficulties right now. Home gardening has given us some relief at this time." Geethani, Lediyangala Gramha Niladhari Division.



Economic Crisis EMERGENCY RESPONSE

The Socioeconomic Crisis Support in Rural and Estate Sri Lanka (SECURE-SL) project from September 08, 2022, until December 08, 2022, targeted food security and livelihood sectors to address the primary needs of the most vulnerable households in the target locations. The project was implemented as proposed in Matale, Monargala and Nuwara Eliya districts in 8 Division Secretariat (DS) Divisions. The project was designed with a 2-phase approach: one to meet the immediate needs of households, and the second to contribute towards medium and longer term needs if additional funds were secured. The project however was only funded for the first phase amounting to USD \$37,500 as collated by the network and therefore implemented only the first phase in this period which included the distribution of dry ration kits and provision of livelihood assistance.

A total of 388 households were targeted with 1,705 total beneficiaries supported by the response.



10 Households



Programs

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Environment

From climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction to biodiversity conservation and waste management, our programs are designed to foster resilience and sustainability on multiple fronts. At ADRA Sri Lanka, we understand that addressing environmental challenges in isolation is not enough. Therefore, we actively engage with communities to raise awareness about the importance of environmental protection and promote behaviour change that supports a greener, cleaner, and more sustainable future.

Safeguarding

ADRA Sri Lanka's commitment to safeguarding extends to every level of our organisation and across all our projects. We rigorously train our staff, volunteers, and partners on safeguarding measures, ensuring they are well-equipped to recognise and respond appropriately to any safeguarding concerns. Moreover, we actively engage with local communities to promote a culture of openness and trust, where individuals feel safe to voice or report their concerns and seek assistance if they ever feel at risk.

Gender

ADRA Sri Lanka is dedicated to gender equality and empowerment across all our programs. We firmly believe that achieving sustainable development and creating lasting impact necessitates the active inclusion and engagement of all genders. As such, gender mainstreaming is an integral part of our approach, where we strive to address the unique needs and perspectives of women, men, girls, and boys in everything we do.

By promoting women's leadership, amplifying women's voices, and encouraging men's active involvement in gender equality efforts, we aim to challenge traditional norms and stereotypes. Our goal is to create an environment where gender equality becomes a lived reality, contributing to stronger, more resilient, and harmonious communities.

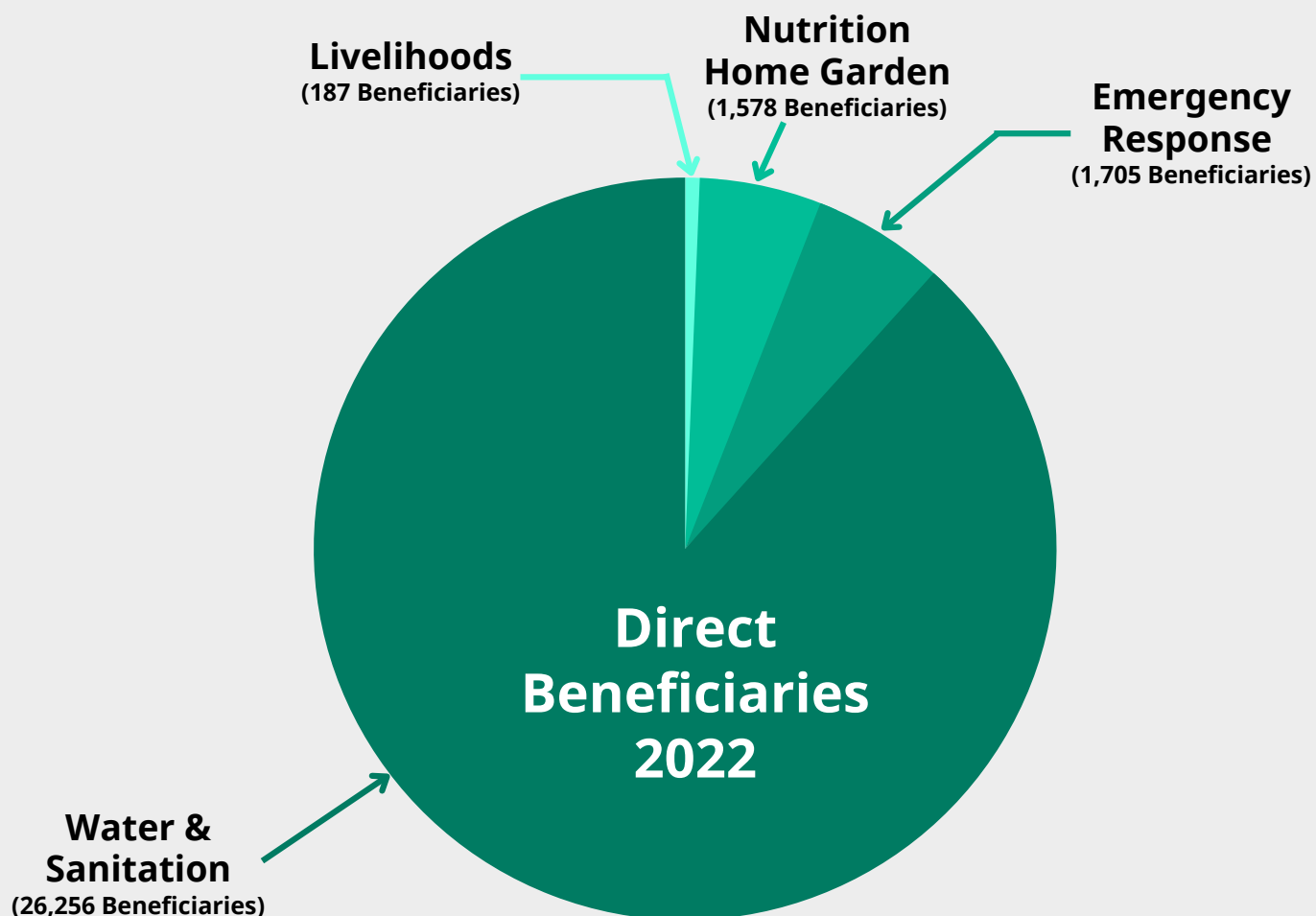


Gender

- ADRA Sri Lanka is currently in the process of strengthening this sector and has provided all staff with multiple trainings and sensitization on this topic.
- ADRA employs staff with the capacity to mainstream gender equality and inclusion in projects and is part of the ADRA Network's Gender Technical Learning Lab and Gender Technical Working Group.
- Gender balance at all ADRA offices is a key priority.
- Gender-Based Violence: Some of the most recent activities in this sector have ranged from supporting:
 - the GBV desks (Mithuru Piyasa) established within local state-operated hospitals through capacity building, renovations and equipment provision, and awareness creation of the service at community levels.
 - Providing recommendations for local government plans that are related to addressing SGBV through GBV related study
- Awareness raising on menstruation and menstrual hygiene among schoolgirls, community members and school authorities.
- ADVOCACY: Key contribution in contributing towards policy change through menstrual hygiene products tax study conducted in order to advocate for tax reductions on sanitary napkins
 - Key achievement of this initiative was in the declaration of intent by the President of Sri Lanka, Ranil Wickramasinghe, to waive all taxes on menstrual hygiene products.
 - ADRA's strategic and collaborative efforts contributed to the reduction of taxes from 53% to 26.5%
- The team has also designed specific modalities in promoting equality at the community level (taking into account cultural and traditional practices) by facilitating appreciation and respect for the opposing sex through workshops: Positive Parenting.
- Gender-positive messaging initiatives in schools and communities in the estate sector.
- Construction of disability-friendly toilets, sanitary pad disposal units in schools, bathing places in communities, job-site restrooms for women working in tea plantations, etc.
- Achieved 70% of women in leadership positions in all CBOs that ADRA works with.
- Read more about our studies and efforts on our [website](#)



OUR IMPACT



*WASH and NHG beneficiaries include full ACCEND Project beneficiaries



Sources of Program Funding

PROJECT/PROGRAMS	FUNDING ENTITIES
Building Resilience & Vaccine Awareness (EM 21-48)	ADRA International
Local Economic and Social Strengthening Phase III	Australian Government-DHA
Supporting Children in School	CZECH Republic
Water Sanitation Hygiene in the Tea Estates P II	Japanese Embassy
Assisting Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development (ACCEND)	European Union
Socioeconomic Crisis Support in Rural and Estate Sri Lanka (EM22-067 SECURE-SL)	ADRA International



Impact STORIES



Job site Restrooms for Tea Estate Workers

Chandrarani says, “We faced so many difficulties when fulfilling our sanitation needs earlier because we did not have access to washrooms in the estate. If we needed to use the washroom, we had to walk all the way home. But thanks to the project, we now have a JSRR consisting of a gender-segregated latrine and sinks with water facilities and a resting area with a firewood stove for us to enjoy a hot cup of tea. We are so thankful to ADRA for understanding our situation and fulfilling our needs.” Chandrarani is a resident of Gouravilla estate. She and her colleagues had to walk over five kilometres every day to harvest tea. However, the Jobsite Rest Rooms (JSRRs) built by the ACCEND project have been a great help to them.

Impact STORIES



Clean Water to Dickoya Hospital

The hospital was constructed over 155 years ago during British colonial rule. Later on, the Sri Lankan Government decided to increase the capacity of the hospital by constructing a two-storey building. It was renovated and declared open in 2017. However, during the initial assessments conducted by ADRA and Oxfam through the European Union funded ACCEND (Assisting Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development) project, it was discovered that the hospital did not have access to clean water.

Therefore, ADRA and Oxfam took necessary steps to establish water purification systems. The existing water source was renovated, and a new well was constructed. Once pumped from the well, water is filtered and stored in existing tanks which can be used later on. Furthermore, the project ensured that few minor staff were allocated and trained to maintain these water systems.

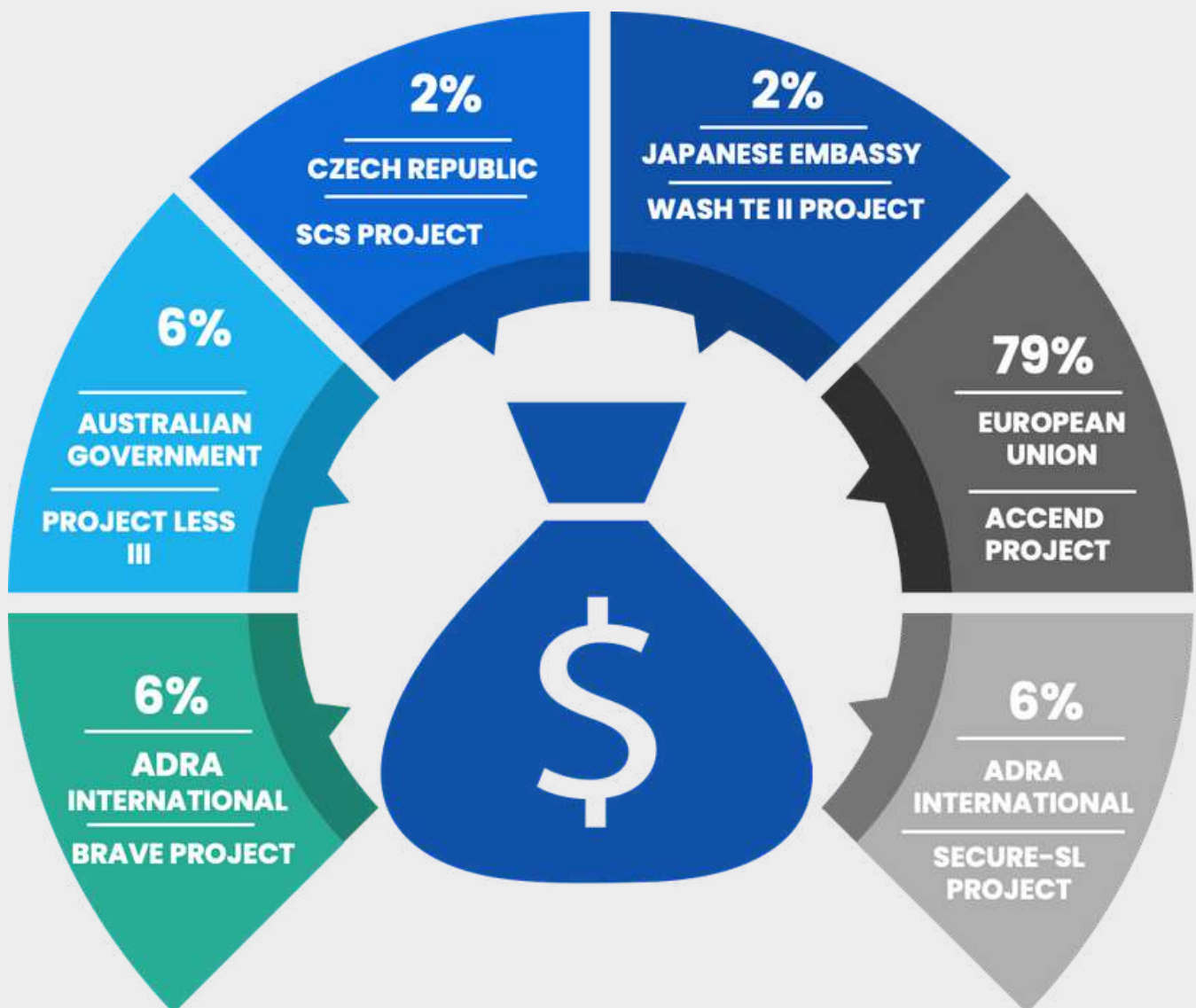
Latrine Renovations at Dickoya Hospital

In addition to that, ADRA and Oxfam discovered that lavatories in certain wards, including several female and children's wards, were in poor condition. Through the assessments conducted by the project, ADRA found that the patients in these wards were facing extreme challenges when fulfilling their sanitation needs. Hence, the project renovated and established disable friendly and gender sensitive latrines.



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