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ADRA Sri Lanka

ADRA Sri Lanka is part of the global network present in over 118 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 4 key sectors including Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Refugee Reintegration and Economic Development, Emergency Response, and Health and Nutrition. Throughout the years ADRA has partnered with various stakeholders including; government and private institutions, donors, and communities, and has implemented various projects to empower and uplift lives of countless people throughout Sri Lanka.

ADRA Global

We are the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church—part of the 21.9-million strong Adventist community, with hundreds of thousands of churches globally and the world's largest integrated healthcare and education network.

We deliver relief and development assistance to individuals in more than 120 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.

Our Story



Country Director's Message



Matthew Whitty

Dear Friends and Supporters,

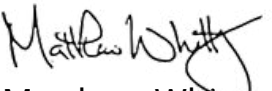
It is with profound gratitude and a deep sense of purpose that I present to you the Adventist Development and Relief Agency Sri Lanka's 2023 Annual Report. This year has been one of both immense challenge and remarkable progress, and I am honored to share with you the strides we have made in our mission to serve and uplift communities across this beautiful island with the purpose of serving humanity so all may live as God intended.

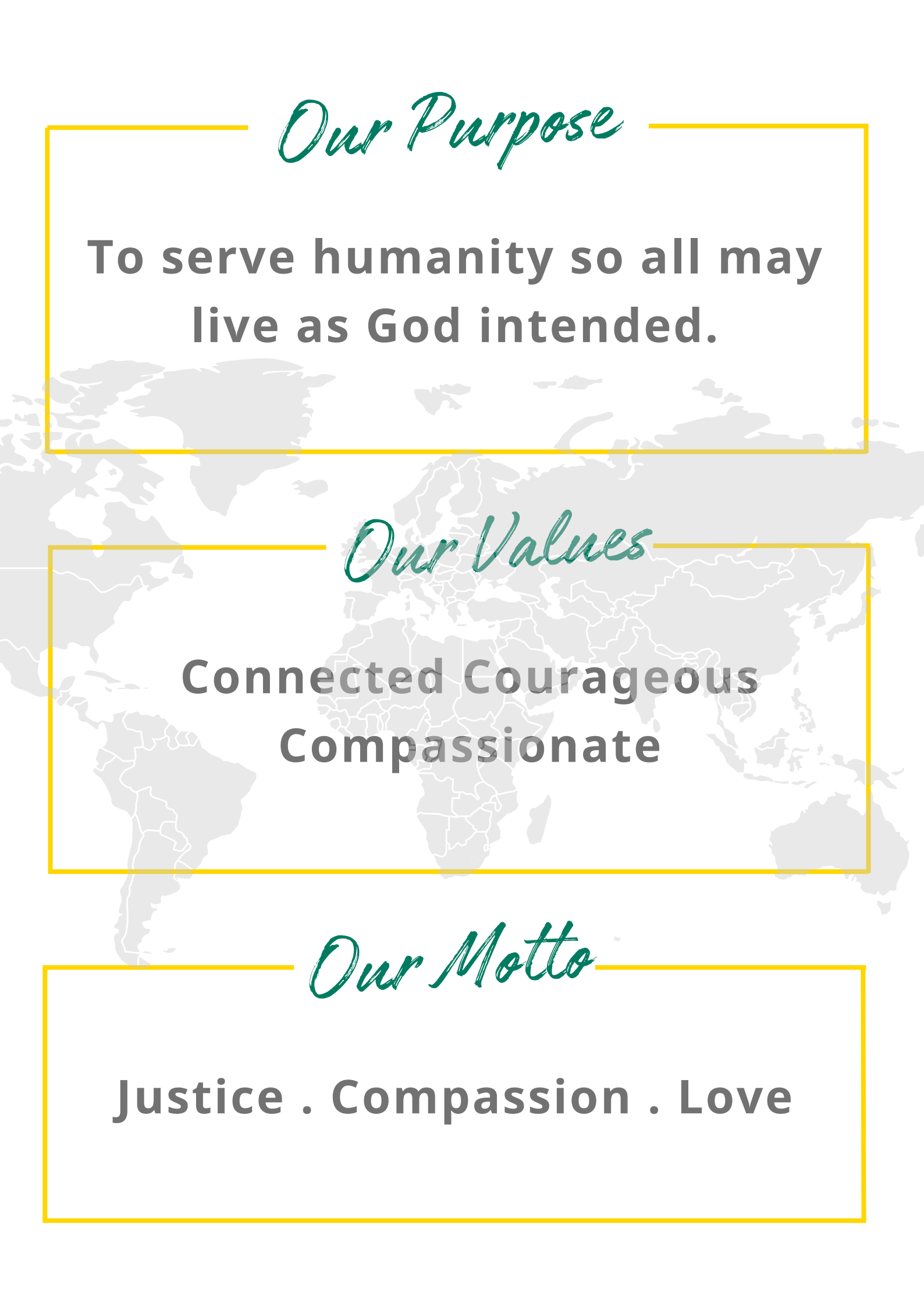
In 2023, ADRA Sri Lanka continued to demonstrate its unwavering commitment to development and humanitarian work, adapting to evolving needs and responding with resilience and innovation. Our focus has remained on providing essential aid, fostering sustainable development, and advocating for the most vulnerable among us. From addressing the immediate needs of vulnerable families to implementing long-term development projects, our work is guided by the values of compassion, integrity, and dedication.

This year's report highlights not only the challenges we have encountered but also the inspiring stories of change and hope made possible through the collaborative efforts of our partners, donors, and the communities we serve. Whether through emergency relief, education initiatives, health and nutrition support, or livelihood assistance, every achievement reflects the collective strength and generosity of our partners and donor communities. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded that our impact is not solely measured by the numbers, but by the lives transformed and the hope ignited in the hearts of those we assist. The journey of 2023 has reinforced our belief in the power of community, the importance of resilience, and the difference that can be created through a unified effort working with justice, compassion and love.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we are making a lasting difference, and I am excited to move forward with you as we embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

With heartfelt gratitude,


Matthew Whitty
Country Director



Our Purpose

**To serve humanity so all may
live as God intended.**

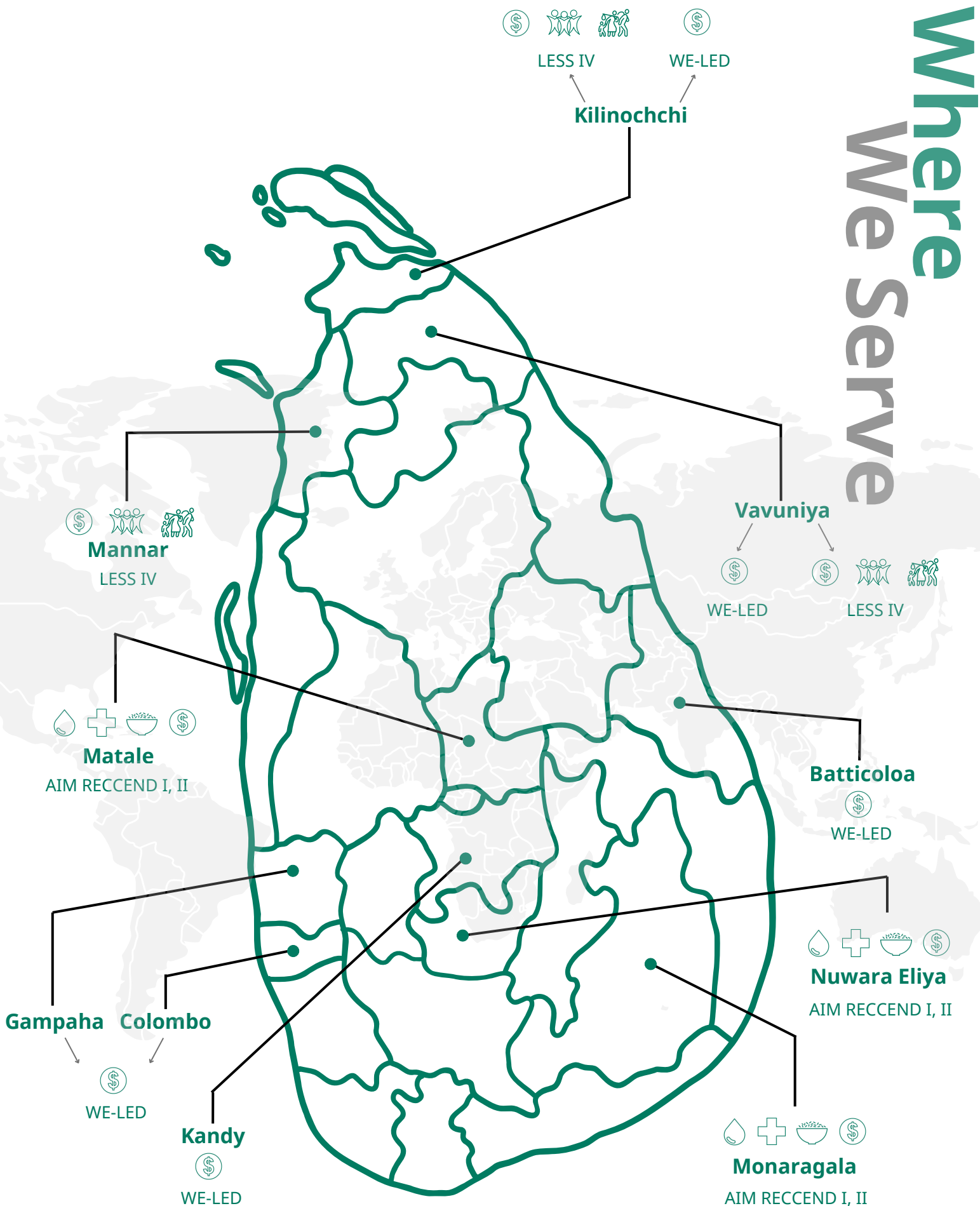
Our Values

**Connected Courageous
Compassionate**

Our Motto

Justice . Compassion . Love

Where We Serve



Economic Development



Youth Development



Refugee Integration



WASH



Health

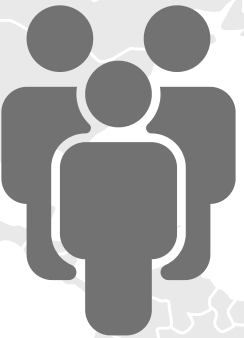


Nutrition

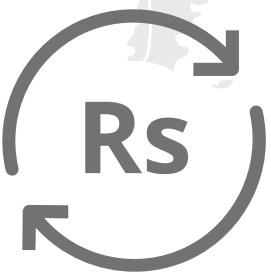
2022 - 23 in Numbers



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Projects



277,350
Beneficiaries



Total Project Funding

439,643,000.00

Sri Lankan Rupees

Sector vs Beneficiary



**Youth
Development**

3,445
Beneficiaries



**Refugee
Integration**

3,196
Beneficiaries



**Economic
Development**

2,215
Beneficiaries



WASH

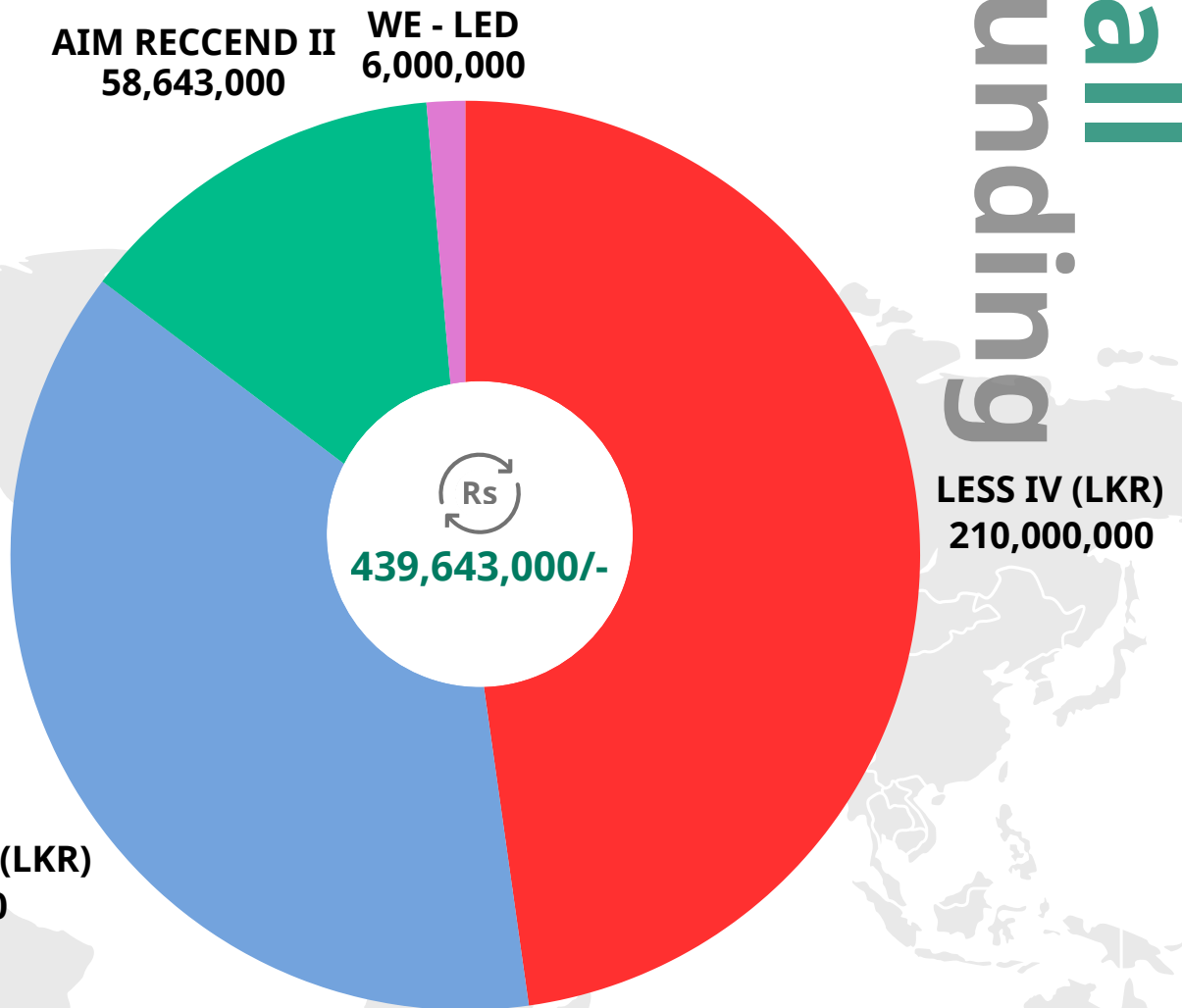
34,488
Beneficiaries



**Health and
Nutrition**

234,006
Beneficiaries

Overall Funding



AIM RECCEND I (LKR)
165,000,000

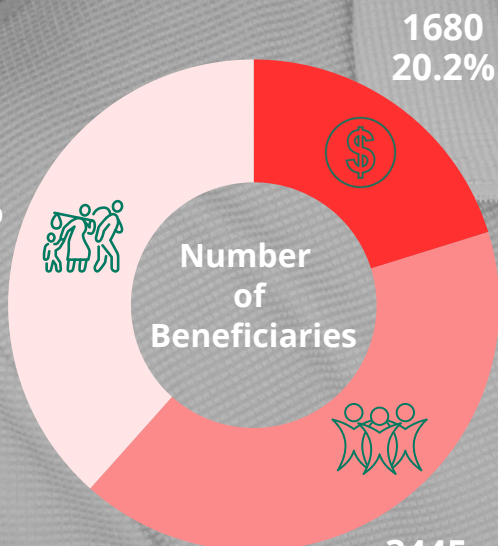
AIM RECCEND II
58,643,000

WE - LED
6,000,000

LESS IV (LKR)
210,000,000

Rs
439,643,000/-

Project Name	Budget (Rs)	%
LESS IV	210,000,000/-	47.8
AIM RECCEND I	165,000,000/-	37.5
AIM RECCEND II	58,643,000/-	13.3
WE - LED	6,000,000/-	1.3



Project Title: Local Economic and Social Strengthening - Phase IV (LESS IV) Project

Project Duration:

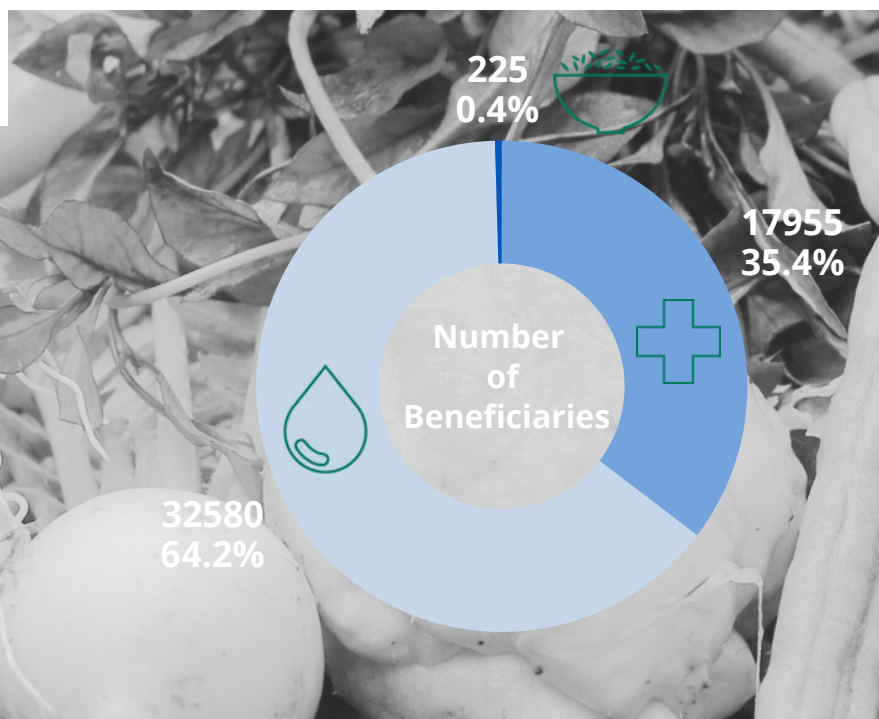
Project Status: Completed

Project Budget: LKR 210,000,000.00

Donor: Australian Government

Project Overview

Local Economic and Social Strengthening - Phase IV (LESS IV) Project was implemented to address the socio-economic challenges faced by conflict-affected communities in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka and Sri Lankan refugees in South India. The project created an enabling environment that promoted resilience, social cohesion, and sustainable development for vulnerable populations. Key activities included Facilitating psychosocial support and community cohesion programs, Improving government coordination and support structures, Supporting CSO-led economic development programs, Identification of market-based livelihood opportunities and provision of material support and Increase the access to vocational education and skill development programs for youth. Additionally, monitoring socio-economic dynamics, Studying the factors and challenges associated with the reintegration process was done. The project deepened engagement in Mannar, Vavuniya, and Kilinochchi Districts in Sri Lanka. It also continued the services in Non camp settings in 12 districts in Tamil Nadu and 53 Refugee camps. ADRA India as the implementing partner in Tamil Nadu expanded the toll-free Helpline and Drop-In Center (DIC) services to Kerala during this phase. The outcomes included improved socio-economic conditions, increased voluntary repatriation and successful reintegration of returnee populations, reduced inclination towards illegal migration, and long-term sustainable development through enhanced livelihoods and economic opportunities.



Project Title: Addressing the Immediate and Medium-Term Needs of the Rural and Estate Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development (AIM-RECCEND)

Project Duration: December 2022 to January 2024

Project Status: Completed

Project Budget: LKR 165,000,000.00

Donor: European Union

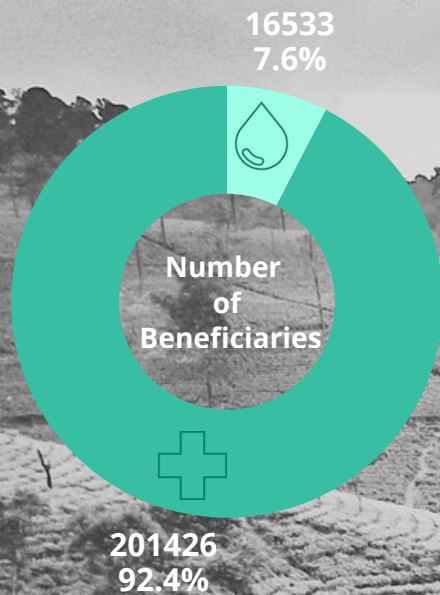
Project Overview



"Addressing the Immediate and Medium-Term Needs of the Rural and Estate Communities in Creating Environmental and Nutritional Development (AIM-RECCEND)" 1 project, funded by the European Union and implemented by ADRA, ran for 14 months from December 2022 to January 2023 in the Nuwara Eliya, Matale, and Monaragala districts of Sri Lanka. These projects built on the ACCEND project's success in improving health, nutrition, hygiene, and sanitation in rural and estate communities.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis, AIM-RECCEND focused on enhancing institutional capacity to manage pandemics and increasing community resilience. Rapid assessments identified urgent needs for food security, livelihood support, and education. Interventions included home gardens, community gardens, and community-led dairy centers to increase the nutritional resilience of the communities. Project also supported the community with school feeding programs as emergency response to up lift the nutritional status. Construction of handwashing stations in schools and Child development centers were key activities in prevention of pandemic.

K. Kanakeswari is a Nutrition Home Garden Beneficiary of Glentilt Division, Ambagamuwa DSD. She is also a volunteer in the NHG training program and has been recognized as the best-performing beneficiary in the project. Kanakeswari, a housewife in a family of 7, has a 2-year-old child. Her husband works as a daily laborer in Colombo and comes home only once a month. In this situation, Kanakeswari joined the NHG program as a volunteer and as a beneficiary. The result of her NHG participation was that her child's weight increased, and she has also helped support her family income by reducing the purchasing of vegetables from the shops for their daily consumption. She has also ensured the food safety of the family members by using chemical-free vegetables and leaves from her NHG garden by using ADRA's crop calendar and 7-day leafy vegetable concept. Sharing her experience with the project team, she expressed, "As my child is underweight, I'm eager to transition my family towards healthier eating habits. I'm fully committed to participating in this home garden project to reduce our vegetable purchases from shops and bolster our family's income. I'm dedicated to learning new techniques and sharing them with my neighbors. Our family public health midwife and the MOH doctor from Maskeliya visited my home garden, and they commended me for organizing an awareness session for the mother support groups at the request of MOH Maskeliya. My goal is to cultivate a more productive home garden and provide natural, disease-free food for my family."



Project Title: Addressing the Immediate and Estate Communities in Creative Development Phase II (AIM-RECCEND-II)

Project Duration: June 2023 to March 2024

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Budget: LKR 58,643,000.00

Donor: European Union



Project Overview

AIM-RECCEND-II-EM22-050 is an extension of the AIM-RECCEND project implemented with the funding from European Union. This Project has been funded by ADRA International with the Matching fund of 200,945.15 USD

This project aims directly involving with Covid 19 related activities. They were;

- 1.Improve and upgrade polyclinics in rural and estate areas.
- 2.Providing uninterrupted water supply to affected communities.
- 3.Construction of handwashing stations in Polyclinic centers.
- 4.Improving COVID-19 resources in hospitals.
- 5.Establishment of home gardens.
- 6.Conduct awareness campaigns.

**Short and Medium-Term Needs of the Rural
Living Environment and Nutritional
Security - EM22-050**

2024



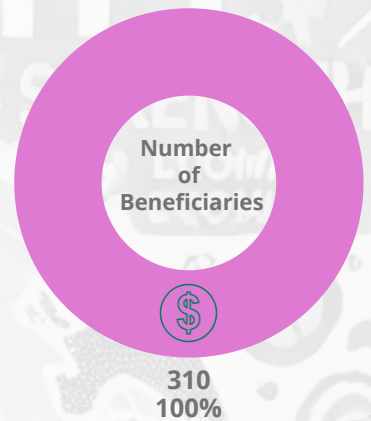
Project Title: The Women Led Local Economic Development (WE-LED)

Project Duration: October 2022 to March 2024

Project Status: Ongoing

Project Budget: LKR 6,000,000.00

Donor: US Embassy



Project Overview

The Women Led Local Economic Development (WE-LED) Project, which ran from October 1, 2022, to March 31, 2024, successfully supported women-led small-scale enterprises in building sustainable businesses and fostering economic prosperity in semi-urban and rural communities in Sri Lanka. In response to the economic crisis post-pandemic, the project provided vital support for women in vulnerable households, adapting its implementation to address significant migration challenges. The project effectively combined online and in-person trainings, covering key areas such as business planning, branding, access to financing, entrepreneurship, and marketing strategies. Partnerships with the Institute of Growth Concepts and active engagement through platforms like WhatsApp facilitated comprehensive support and training for the beneficiaries, ultimately enhancing their business acumen and resilience.

Success Story 01

Success Stories



Mahesh, a father of two from Anapallama in the Monaragala District, has significantly improved his family's quality of life thanks to the AIM RECCEND I Project, funded by the European Union and implemented by ADRA Sri Lanka.

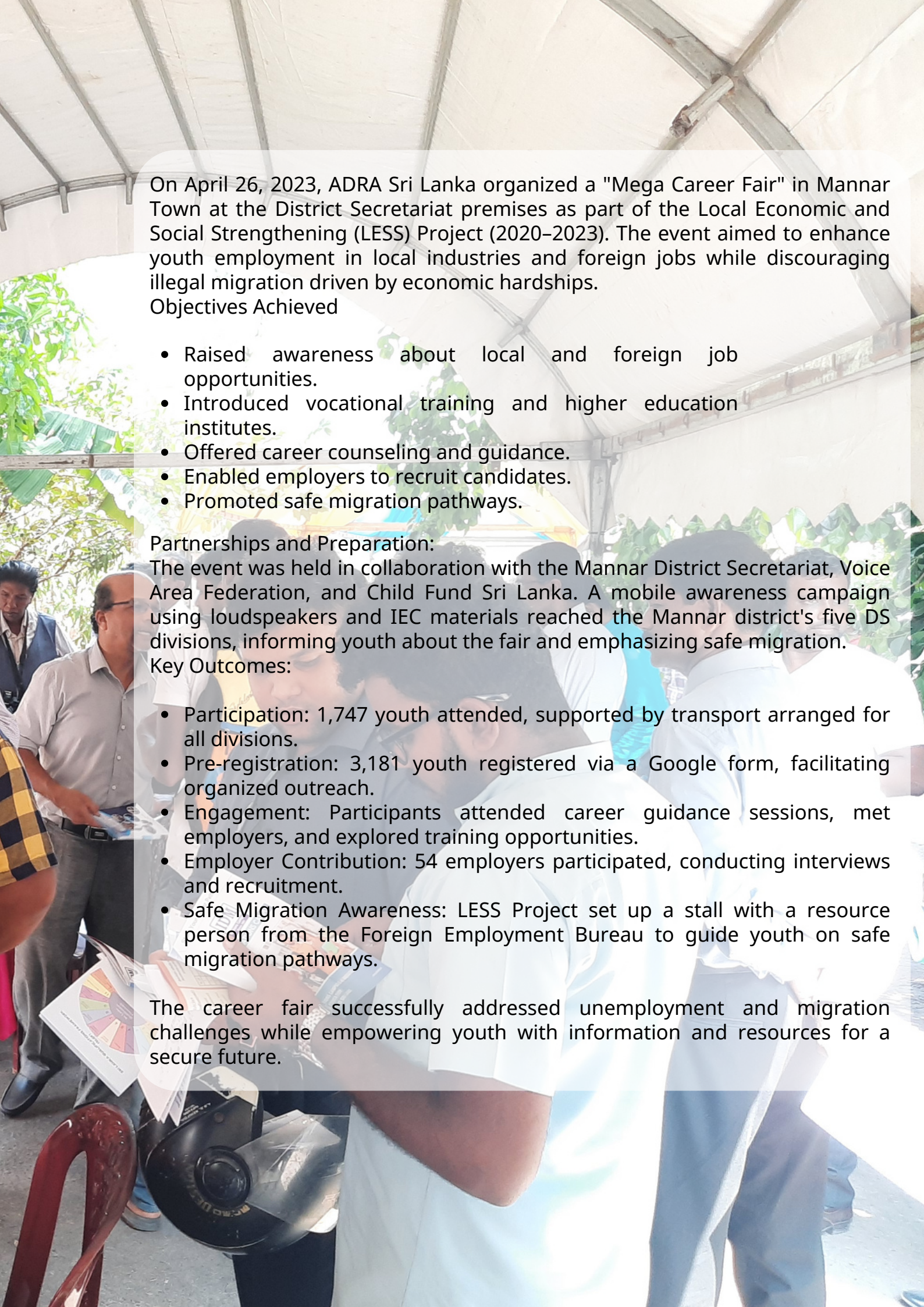
Struggling as laborers with a modest income, Mahesh and his wife faced challenges providing for their children's education and nutrition. Selected for the project's home gardening initiative, Mahesh gained skills in organic farming, compost production, chicken rearing, and dietary planning. The project also provided essential tools, seeds, and a water pump to support his efforts.

As a result, Mahesh's home garden now produces abundant vegetables and eggs, ensuring nutritious meals and generating extra income through surplus sales. He is expanding his chicken farm and plans to start an organic fertilizer business, inspired by his success.

Grateful for the program's impact, Mahesh hopes similar initiatives will benefit other families, fostering healthier food practices and sustainable futures for communities across Sri Lanka.

Success Story 02





On April 26, 2023, ADRA Sri Lanka organized a "Mega Career Fair" in Mannar Town at the District Secretariat premises as part of the Local Economic and Social Strengthening (LESS) Project (2020–2023). The event aimed to enhance youth employment in local industries and foreign jobs while discouraging illegal migration driven by economic hardships.

Objectives Achieved

- Raised awareness about local and foreign job opportunities.
- Introduced vocational training and higher education institutes.
- Offered career counseling and guidance.
- Enabled employers to recruit candidates.
- Promoted safe migration pathways.

Partnerships and Preparation:

The event was held in collaboration with the Mannar District Secretariat, Voice Area Federation, and Child Fund Sri Lanka. A mobile awareness campaign using loudspeakers and IEC materials reached the Mannar district's five DS divisions, informing youth about the fair and emphasizing safe migration.

Key Outcomes:

- Participation: 1,747 youth attended, supported by transport arranged for all divisions.
- Pre-registration: 3,181 youth registered via a Google form, facilitating organized outreach.
- Engagement: Participants attended career guidance sessions, met employers, and explored training opportunities.
- Employer Contribution: 54 employers participated, conducting interviews and recruitment.
- Safe Migration Awareness: LESS Project set up a stall with a resource person from the Foreign Employment Bureau to guide youth on safe migration pathways.

The career fair successfully addressed unemployment and migration challenges while empowering youth with information and resources for a secure future.

Success Story 03



Randenigodayaya is a small village in the Wellawaya area of Monaragala district, surrounded by beautiful paddy fields and mountains. While the scenery is stunning, life in the village has always been tough, especially during the dry seasons. For years, the people here struggled to get enough water for their daily needs. The preschool, community center, and clinic in the village were hit hardest, leaving families to find ways to cope.

During the dry season, parents would carry buckets of water from nearby sources just so their children could attend preschool and have their basic needs met. Pregnant mothers visiting the clinic faced constant difficulties due to the lack of water. Though the government had installed a water system in the village, it only provided water at scheduled times during the driest months.

When ADRA Sri Lanka's team heard about the struggles of Randenigodayaya, they knew something needed to change. After listening to requests from the community and confirming the need through technical assessments, the village was selected for a water supply project.

Through ADRA's support, an overhead tank was constructed, borehole drilling was completed, and solar-powered systems were installed to ensure a consistent water supply. After the project was handed over to the community, they took their initiative a step further. With support from another private donor, the community was able to install a purification system (RO plant). This allowed the villagers to use the water not only for their general needs but also for safe drinking. The community also contributed significantly to the effort by modifying the existing structure of the tank and building a new operating room. The private donor provided the filtration system, and the society made enabling the village to supply clean drinking water to the preschool and clinic free of charge. For long-term sustainability and maintenance, they sell drinking water to the wider community at just 3 rupees per liter.

Today, life in Randenigodayaya is very different. With the new water system in place, families no longer have to worry about carrying water during the dry season. The preschool now has a steady water supply, making it easier for children to continue their studies without interruptions. The teachers, too, are relieved and happy, knowing they can maintain a clean and safe environment for the kids. Pregnant mothers have seen the biggest change. They can now attend their monthly clinic visits without the added stress of managing without water. Attendance has increased, and the clinic has become a much more comfortable and welcoming place for them. The villagers are also practicing good sanitation, which is now fully functional, thanks to the reliable water supply. Cleanliness and hygiene have improved, creating a healthier environment for everyone. One villager named Mrs. Nilnthy, secretary of the society, shared, "We are so happy now. During the dry seasons, we don't have to worry anymore because we have enough water for the whole village. It's such a relief."

This project stands out as a success story of collaboration and sustainability. The community's proactive involvement and partnership with donors have ensured that the water system benefits everyone, now and for years to come. The innovative management of resources and the provision of affordable drinking water reflect the lasting impact of this initiative on the village's well-being and self-reliance.

Success Story 04

In the picturesque village of Ormidale in Nuwara Eliya, the Devakanda Tamil School faced severe sanitation issues. Despite the village's natural beauty, the daily struggles of the community were evident in the school's infrastructure. With 150 boys, girls, and staff. These facilities were frequently unhygienic, lacked proper waste disposal systems, and posed health risks. Girls, who often had to miss school during their menstrual cycles or leave the premises in search of privacy.

The sanitation crisis at the school became a pressing issue when the Zonal Education Department, with funding from the European Union and ADRA UK, and implemented by ADRA Sri Lanka, the project team decided to use the allocated funds to renovate old, abandoned toilets and flooding caused by the school's muddy terrain, which often inundated the facilities.

Rather than opting for a temporary fix, the team worked closely with engineers to develop a sustainable solution that would prevent stagnation in the toilet pits, even during heavy rains. This innovative approach ensured that the facilities would remain functional and hygienic for years to come. The impact of the project has been transformational for the school community. Students now have access to clean, safe, and dignified sanitation facilities. Health and hygiene practices have improved noticeably, resulting in fewer illnesses and a more conducive learning environment. Additionally, the safety concerns associated with leaving school premises during menstrual cycles have been resolved, allowing girls to attend school regularly and with confidence.

The principal reported a noticeable boost in student confidence and happiness since the project's completion. School authorities not only resolved the immediate sanitation crisis but also created a healthier and more inclusive environment for all students. The Devakanda Tamil School not just new toilets but also dignity, safety, and a brighter future, demonstrating the power of community-driven development and sustainable infrastructure.



re challenges related to its sanitation facilities. Despite being surrounded by stunning natural over 360 students, the school had only two poorly maintained latrines, which were shared by systems, and had no water or handwashing facilities. The situation was especially challenging for of alternative toilet facilities, raising safety concerns.

ment of Hatton brought it to the attention of the AIM RECCEND I project team. Funded by the d to prioritize addressing the issue. Their assessment revealed two major challenges: a lack of hich rendered existing toilets unusable.

sustainable solution. They implemented a filtering channel system to manage excess water and hat the toilets would remain functional and hygienic in the long term.

have access to clean, safe, and functional toilets, significantly improving their comfort and well- long students and staff. Attendance rates have risen, particularly for girls, who no longer feel ol premises to find toilets have been resolved.

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ADRA Sri Lanka Celebrates Foundin



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YEAR
JUSTICE, COME



40th Anniversary with our g Body!

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PASSION, LOVE



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