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Message of the Chairperson of Board of Governors of SLCDF



Dear SLCDF partners, colleagues and friends,

It has been my honour to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Governors for past eleven years. Uniqueness of SLCDF is building and strengthening the networks of CBOs and Voluntary Service Organizations to address the rural and urban poverty and other social and economic deprivations. In this context, SLCDF has reached out to assist thousands of poor families year after year. During the period 2012/2013, SLCDF's efforts in addressing the women headed households and the differently abled in Northern districts for sustainable livelihoods has gained wide acceptance of the community, Government institutions as well as donor agencies.

SLCDF carried out an island-wide jak planting and caring programme towards food security and environment conservation to commemorate its 25th anniversary on 16th November, 2012.

Dairy farming, conservation farming, beekeeping, cultivation of niche varieties of traditional paddy and rainwater harvesting to name a few projects that SLCDF supported during the past year. SLCDF conducted capacity development programmes imparting necessary knowledge and skills to the community. SLCDF has also successfully carried out a programme to promote bilingual usage in government institutions. These specific programmes were implemented in the districts of Kegalle, Kurunegala, Moneragala, Mullaitivu and Puttalam. These are only some of the primarily focused programmes during the year. Besides, the networking programmes of SLCDF continued in 18 districts.

It is through the continued financial support from our overseas partners from Canada, HOPE International Development Agency and World Accord as well as the contributions from local partners, NGOs' Water Supply and Sanitation Decade Services, National Language Project and Diakonia that allowed SLCDF to ably continue its good work to reach disadvantaged communities far and wide in Sri Lanka.

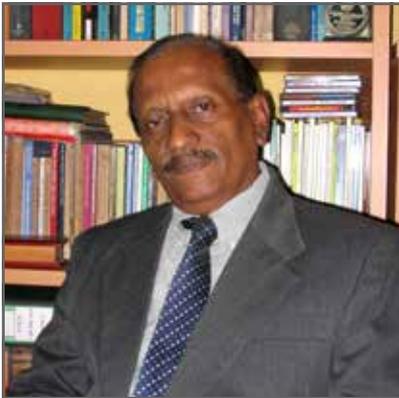
My appreciation is extended to all partners and associate networks in placing their trust and confidence in us, over the years. The support and guidance extended by the members of the Board of Governors and the immense commitment of staff have all played a part in SLCDF's success.

Thank you for the unstinted support in taking on new challenges for the future.

Sam S. Wijesinha

Chairman, Board of Governors, SLCDF

Prof. Sudatta Ranasinghe - A Tribute



We were saddened by the passing away of Prof. Sudatta Ranasinghe on 10th May, 2013. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of SLCDF from its inception in April 2003 until his demise.

During the ten years of office he contributed immensely to the development of our organization. As an active member of the Board and with his expertise in the field of strategic management Prof. Ranasinghe provided his input to the development of a 3-year Strategic Plan 2012-2015 for SLCDF. He regularly attended the meetings of the Board, despite discomfort latterly from a life threatening illness. He willingly provided his views for the betterment of the SLCDF and the poor. He presented a research paper at an international conference in December 2012 based on Galle, Matara and Hambantota districts. During the process of preparing the paper he interacted with the staff of SLCDF and their capacities were developed too.

Prof. Ranasinghe with the knowledge he has acquired over 35 years in his professional capacity authored a publication 'Managing in a Developing Context – Sri Lankan Perspectives'.

May Professor Sudatta Ranasinghe attain the blissful State of Nibbana!

Year in Review

Reflections of the Past Year at SLCDF

During the year April 2012 to March, 2013 we have continued the networking programme in districts, with more emphasis on community based organizations, and has provided funding support and monitored the activities. In Puttalam district SLCDF implemented a project for capacity building of the community groups. Further, we have expanded our services, though in a small way, to assist the war affected displaced families living in Mullaitivu District. We approached avenues to expand the activities in the same district and also extending to other areas as well. In addition, during the year under review, we have included beekeeping as a supplementary livelihood in our programme commenced in Buttala area in Moneragala District where the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Ruhuna has provided technical input. Another integrated farming project that included dairy farming and conservation farming in Moneragala district saw its completion. In addition, during the past year introduced cultivation of niche traditional paddy varieties as a livelihood activity for farmers in two locations in Kurunegala District with the help of 'Rural Returns Gte. Ltd.' and in one location in Kegalle District. SLCDF considers it a privilege being able to contribute to a social integration project implemented in the Ruwanwella Divisional Secretariat area in Kegalle district during the year.

Monitoring and Coordination of existing NGO Network

SLCDF has continued coordinating and monitoring of the programme activities during the period under review with its existing NGO network. It maintained relationship with eighteen District Consortia including NGOs and CBOs, and NGO National Action Front, NGO Management Development Centre and Jak Development Foundation, through holding meetings of District Coordinators quarterly at SLCDF, participation in regular monthly and quarterly monitoring meetings, field visits and interacting with them.



Coordinators' quarterly meeting at SLCDF head office

District Consortia coordinators and SLCDF field and programme staff visited the project locations and met with the beneficiary families as well as small groups, CBOs, NGOs and DCs and monitored the activities.

Improved Health and Sanitation through CBOs

A project was implemented in three locations, one in Puttalam Divisional Secretary's Division and two in Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretary's Division in Puttalam District to improve health and sanitation in dry zone rural communities through providing potable water and sanitation facilities. The project was funded by NGO Water Decade Services Sri Lanka, a local organisation established in 1954 to provide health and sanitation services for disadvantaged people. Six social mobilization training programmes were held in three locations to mobilize the community for establishing CBOs in each location to implement the activities.



Social Mobilization Training Programme, Puttalam

Over 175 families were mobilized and completed ten rain water harvesting tanks that are since being used by ten families in one location, completed constructing 28 toilets with five over and above the planned 23 and all been used by the families in these locations.



Construction of Toilet by family members with community involvement, Puttalam

The newly established CBOs continue with their regular meetings and actively participating in group activities including savings and credit. Periodic monitoring of their work was carried out by the NGO, Vanni Sanskruthika Padanama and Puttalam District Consortium. It is significant that in this project expertise on fabrication of mould for construction of the rainwater harvesting tanks was provided by the Hambantota District Consortium. This is one instance that showed sharing of resources in the network of NGO National Action Front. The project was completed within nine months.

Enhancing capacity of NGOs for sustainable development to transform marginalized Communities

SLCDF commenced work in Mullaitivu district to increase income of 148 war affected families through an integrated livelihood project. Using the knowledge and skills gained from social mobilization training, four cluster members of Yougasakthy Women Federation actively engaged in project and group activities. Cordial linkages have already been established to obtain services from the Department of Animal Production & Health and the Department of Agriculture, for dairy and conservation farming, to assist the vulnerable communities to sustain themselves through this project. Through the funding we received from an international donor agency Diakonia working in Sri Lanka and cooperation of the Government of Sri Lanka, this project to transform marginalized communities for sustainable development through enhancing capacity of NGOs is becoming a reality.



Participatory Planning, Mullaitivu

Integrated Farming Project

A new 30-month project to establish economically viable and environmentally friendly livelihoods for 101 motivated poor, commenced in Moneragala District during the period under review. Initially, the locations were identified with the help of Dr. R.W.K. Punchihewa, Senior Lecturer of the University of Ruhuna. SLCDF conducted social mobilization training combined with a module on home gardening for twenty five participants (21 F / 4 M) and started group activities, savings & credit and established nine CBOs in Buttala to implement the integrated agriculture programme including beekeeping, dairy farming and conservation farming. Out of those women who participated in the conservation farming training, fourteen took to home gardening.



*Community Member cultivating okra (*Abelmoschus esculentus*) using knowledge gained from practical training, Moneragala*

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The harvest they gathered was used for their daily need of vegetables and fruits for family consumption while each family also earned an income of Rs.1200 to Rs.2000 per month by selling their surplus. They shared their produce with the neighbours as well. Conducted training on Beekeeping for fifty nine participants (47 F / 12 M) and by the end of the reporting period they were engaged in transferring beehives from pots to bee boxes.



Dr. Wasantha Punchihewa conducting on-the-job beekeeping training for community members of Wellassa Kantha Sahayogitha Padanama, Moneragala

Hope International Development Agency (HIDA), a Canadian NGO funded this project. Programme Manager of HIDA, Mr. Matthew Redekop visited Sri Lanka for monitoring the activities.

With funds provided by HIDA, SLCDF also assisted in a bakery project for women-headed families in Jaffna District.



Field visit of Programme Manager of HIDA, Mr. Matthew Redekop, Moneragala

Dairy and integrated farming in Hambantota and Matara Districts

SLCDF implemented a five year project and started the activities in Hambantota District in June 2005 and a year later in Matara District. Heifer Project International a USA based organisation provided financial assistance to implement this project. Successfully completed the project activities and closed the project after sending the last report with progress up to 31st December 2012 on 15th January 2013, but dairy and integrated farming activities are continued by the beneficiaries using Cornerstones principles. Coordination and monitoring are handled by CBOs and NGOs.



Dairy Farming, Hambantota

Up to December 2012, around 400 families have been engaged in dairy farming as a livelihood (230 original families and 170 pass on families) and their earnings ranged from Rs.5000 to Rs. 15,000 per month with daily yields of 4 – 10 litres for a cow. All the dairy farmers are in integrated farming in their homestead and grow a wide variety of vegetables and fruits using available cow dung. They save every month around Rs.1000 – 1500 from the family budget on purchases of vegetables. Some of them do sell their surplus produce thereby earning a monthly income ranging from Rs.1000 - 5000, all sold in the neighbourhood and in the local markets.

New income generated through the project mainly has been used for day to day needs and invested for children's education, redemption of old debts, improved health facilities and better housing. Some acquired new assets, a little land, a three wheel auto rickshaw, agricultural equipment, household appliances and furniture. Some families invested in increasing their herd.

This concept has been introduced to eight other districts in Sri Lanka - Mullaitivu, Galle, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Batticaloa, Moneragala, Kegalle and Polonnaruwa.

Livelihood Project for Moneragala

During the reporting period the livelihood project in Moneragala District that completed comprise dairy farming and conservation farming. It was implemented by four NGOs in four locations as a CBO activity. Out of the trained thirty two participants, twenty three already engaged in dairy farming which includes sixteen "original" and seven "pass on" cattle. These families earn above Rs.8000 per month and also saved Rs.2000 from their previous purchases on powdered milk. Further, five families increased their monthly income to over Rs.11,000 by producing curd as a value added product.



Dairy Farming, Moneragala

Another thirty families earn Rs.8000 to Rs.10,000 per season through home gardening following the skills and knowledge they gained from the conservation farming training. Increased income through dairy farming and conservation farming is used for their daily needs, children's education, purchase household appliances, assets and improvement to houses.



Harvesting groundnuts, Moneragala

CBOs are continuing the project activities in the four locations and managing their RLF with group savings for the extension of dairy farming, conservation farming and other activities. District Consortium coordinates and continues monitoring for ensuring the sustainability of the completed project. The implementation of this project was possible through the funding assistance received from the Canadian organization World Accord which also funded a project in Trincomalee as well.

Assistance for Water management and Agriculture project

The Trincomalee project of constructing a sluice of Sumedankarapura tank in Seruwila too was completed. Water has since been stored and the target group of twenty flood affected families have cultivated paddy and other crops in fourteen acres of land throughout the year. Other families also use this water for domestic purposes. These farmers started to work together as a group through this project and have already established a CBO in their location and members actively participate in group activities.

Promotion of Traditional (heirloom) Paddy

SLCDF is promoting traditional paddy cultivation among the farmers in collaboration with Rural Returns (Gte.) Ltd., a non-profit company. Under this project Rural Returns provides seeds, technical knowhow and sign an agreement with the cultivators guaranteeing a fixed purchase price for their harvest. SLCDF partner network organized the community and provided start-up capital under a revolving loan fund (RLF) scheme. As a pilot project, SLCDF assisted in starting in two locations in Kurunegala District and one location in Kegalle District as well. In both these districts the farmers have taken to this

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newly introduced concept and are pursuing it with enthusiasm which has since encouraged new groups to join in. SLCDF has embarked on this project with its own resources in a small way and happy to note that it would continue in sustainable fashion.



Planting traditional varieties of paddy, Kegalle

The new project to promote niche traditional paddy varieties of all aromatic, delectable and some even medicinal, farmed under organic conditions began in Kurunegala district appears in the website of UEnd:Foundation. UEnd (formerly ChristmasFuture Foundation) is a charitable Canadian organization raising funds for projects through website donations. Two other projects of SLCDF in Kurunegala District which appeared in their website are indicated below.

Seed Paddy Production

The project to enhance the socio economic condition of ten families through seed paddy production was completed during the year under review. Seed paddy project started with ten families in two groups by providing them with a start-up capital through a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The initial participants repaid their loans and another group was assisted and so far with the loans revolving, the project has extended to another fifty families in five groups. The completed project is sustainably continuing with seventy eight families now engaged in seed paddy production where the average income per family is between Rs.60, 000 and Rs. 80,000 for a cultivation season.

Coconut husk Chips Production

The coconut husk chips production project for ten families in two villages is ongoing. The established two coconut husk chip production centres are operating in two locations with ten women. These women are earning Rs.7000 to Rs.8000 as supplementary monthly income per person and their group savings stands at Rs.28,000 and Rs.22,000 respectively.

SLCDF continues assisting the respective communities irrespective of any donations received.

Language Rights and Social Integration in Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary's Division

SLCDF carried out a programme to increase awareness and promote language rights and social integration in Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary's Division. The National Language Project (NLP) is a joint initiative of both Government of Canada and Sri Lanka, representing Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Ministry of National Language and Social Integration (MNLSI). Public Engagement Fund is a small fund operating with NLP which provided funds to this initiative.

The project activities began in September 2012 and within months saw its encouraging results. It has completed conducting awareness programme for 37 Grama Niladaris attached to Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary's Division on Official Language Policy (OLP) and related circulars. These officers assured implementing the language policy at work and doing their best to help Tamil speaking communities. The enthusiastic staff of Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary's Division even formed a Language Society and followed lessons in Tamil and English languages. The project held Training of Trainers programme for twenty four participants to carry out village level awareness programmes on OLP and related circulars. In turn the trainers using the knowledge, attitudes and skills gained through TOT, conducted 101 village level awareness programmes for village and estate community numbering 2737 living in the Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary's Division.

25th Anniversary of SLCDF

On sixteenth November, 2012 marked the 25th anniversary of SLCDF (Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund / Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation). We organized an islandwide jak planting and caring programme with our partner network to further strengthen our campaign that began at the 10th anniversary of SLCDF. The Chairperson of SLCDF, Mr. Sam S. Wijesinha and members of the Board of Governors, Mr. S. Amarasekera, Secretary to the Prime Minister and several other Government representatives, along with our partner organization representatives, well wishers and the staff participated in the inaugural jak tree planting ceremony held at the BMICH premises. SLCDF appreciates that many of its partner District Consortia along with their affiliated NGOs, CBOs and the community joined in this endeavour at district level.



Member of SLCDF Board of Governors Prof. Sarath Kotagama, Mrs. Nina Abeydeera and Executive Director of South Asia Partnership Sri Lanka Dr. M.U.A. Tennakoon planting Jak sapling to commemorate SLCDF 25th Anniversary



Simultaneous Jak planting programme to commemorate SLCDF 25th Anniversary in Kurunegala District

Remembrance

On 22nd December, 2012, SLCDF had the first year commemoration ceremony of the late Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, pioneer Executive Director of SLCDF until his demise on 26th December, 2011. Eminent development expert, Dr. Godfrey Gunatilleke delivered the key-note address while Mr. S. Amarasekera, Secretary to the Prime Minister and others spoke about Dr. Abeydeera and different aspects of his contribution to uplift the disadvantaged community in Sri Lanka. The ceremony also included an almsgiving to invoke blessings on Dr. Abeydeera. The invitees included Dr. Abeydeera's immediate family and friends and a few representatives of SLCDF's partner network including District Consortia. In gratitude for the assistance rendered by Dr. Abeydeera over his twenty five years with SLCDF, the NGO National Action Front with NGO Consortia and members in districts also organized similar programmes in districts.



Dr. Godfrey Gunatilleke, Chairman Emeritus and Head of Marga Institute delivering the key-note address at Dr. Abeydeera's First Death Anniversary Commemoration ceremony

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Mr. Don Brownell, Country Manager NLP, addressing the audience

Study Tour by Overseas University Students

This year too, in May, a group of 22 university students were in Colombo on a study tour to gain first hand experience on NGO involvement in promoting living standards of urban shanty communities. After a short briefing at SLCDF secretariat, dividing into three groups the students visited project sites at Dematagoda and Maradana of Sarana Foundation assisted by SLCDF. They met the vulnerable communities and discussed the ongoing livelihood projects and infrastructure improvements. Thereafter, a review meeting was held with all students, Professors and SLCDF staff where they shared their observations.

Since 2006, overseas University students have been visiting Sri Lanka annually, as part of a Master Degree Programme conducted by Agder University of Norway with its main partner being University of Ruhuna and four African partner universities of Kwame Nkruma University of Science and Technology in Ghana, Mekelle University in Ethiopia, Mzumbe University in Tanzania and Makerere University in Uganda.

Board of Governors' Meetings

Four meetings of the Board of Governors and the Annual General Meeting of the Board were held during the year under review.



Mr. A.P. Dainis, Member of Board of Governors met community in Moriyakulama, Puttalam District

Extending Thanks

On behalf of the SLCDF Secretariat, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the leadership and members of the local Community Based Organizations, NGOs, District Consortia & participants, Donor community and Members of the Board of Governors, for their commitment to scale up the programme activities in North, South, East & West of Sri Lanka. We also recognize the voluntary support extended by Mrs. Nina Abeydeera to our programme. Let me also take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the staff of SLCDF, for their untiring efforts to continue the development efforts of SLCDF to become a facilitation centre of excellence.

T.L. Wijetunga

Executive Director

An Exemplary Dairy Farmer



Dayaseeli and her family with their herd

Ms. G.S.K. Dayaseeli aged 44 years hailing from Tanamalvila, is a member of the local NGO Wellassa Kantha Sahayogitha Padanama. She is married to 46 year old Mr. W.G. Nimal Chandrasiri. Both used to work previously as casual agricultural labour in the neighbourhood, for a livelihood. Their eldest daughter (aged 20 years) after graduating from the school is employed in a Garment factory in the area, and with her income they manage all their daily expenses. The next child, a son aged 18 years is following a training course in motor mechanism somewhere in Colombo. The youngest son of 12 years of age is still schooling.

The NGO Wellassa Kantha Sahayogitha Padanama in consultation with the District Consortium, Praja Sanvidana Sansadaya – Moneragala and SLCDF Programme Officer selected Dayaseeli to participate in the World Accord funded dairy farming project. She as is usual in these projects benefited from training in Cornerstones* and in technical aspects of dairy farming, both theory and practice.

Supplementing the Rs.37,500 she received under the project with a Rs.12,000 bank loan Dayaseeli was able to purchase a fully grown buffalo along with a buffalo calf. The mature buffalo has already delivered a calf and the calf she bought is now a fully grown buffalo as well.

Dayaseeli's family looks after their animals with great care and has been able to manage them in an exceptional manner. Their small farm is so well managed that the local Veterinary Surgeon uses the farm to educate prospective dairy farmers on the best practices in this field. As a result the Veterinary Surgeon maintains a close relationship with her group of farmers and the NGO.

Dayaseeli, helped by the other members of her family, have developed their home garden as well enabling them to consume fresh vegetables, thereby saving around Rs.2000 from their monthly budget. They are engaged in cultivation following conservation farming practices, leading to sustainable land management.

Dayaseeli's family earns around Rs.12,000 monthly from the buffalo curd they turn out from the milk produced by their buffalo. Their food security is now ensured with enhanced production of food and the resultant greater purchasing power of the family thereby improving their access to food. The whole family is now kept busy on this sustainable livelihood with much lower levels of underemployment.

** Cornerstones – a value based development model where integrated farming is promoted through small self-help groups. Sharing and caring figures there prominently. The participants are gifted cattle in the first instance and they have to "pass on" their first born female calves to the selected participants who will be recipients of knowledge and skills as well from the original families. This process is expected to go on to repeated cycles.*

Enterprising Seed Paddy Producer from Kurunegala



Vimal busy weeding

Mr. V. R. Vimal aged 36 years is a paddy farmer residing at Maeliya, Dekaduwalla and member of the NGO, Sri Lanka Kriyakarithwa Sanwardena Padanama of Polpithigama from the Kurunegala District who has participated in the seed paddy production project funded by Uend and supported by SLCDF. He was cultivating paddy previously for sale as consumption paddy. Then he used to get a yield of 100 – 110 bushels per acre which was selling at Rs.660 per bushel in the open market.

Last year he came to know about the seed paddy production project initiated by the NGO in 2010 at Aragama and had the opportunity of been trained at the local Divisional Agrarian Services Centre in the production of certified seed paddy. These new participants in the programme were gifted the seed paddy they needed to start production by the NGO. Vimal used this seed paddy for cultivating one acre of irrigated paddy land under the Hakwatuna Irrigation Scheme. He was also given Rs.15,000 as a loan from the original Revolving Fund now a going concern with repayments coming in from previous successful farmers in the programme.

Vimal realized a harvest of 110 bushels from his one acre seed paddy farm during Yala 2012 (the minor season). From this harvest of paddy he was able to sell 80 bushels certified by the Department of Agriculture as quality seed paddy at a price of Rs.1430 per bushel realizing a total revenue of over Rs.114,000. A part of the balance seed paddy he has exchanged with other farmers needing good quality seed paddy. Out of the seed paddy produced by one farmer a total of over 50 farmers were able to satisfy their need for quality seed paddy for the coming season.

Now with the proceeds of the sales effected Vimal was able to repay the loan he obtained in full along with the attendant interest. The profit he earned from the new exercise amounted to over Rs.90,000 as compared with Rs.46,000 he earned the previous season when the produce was sold as consumption paddy. These profits have been utilized by him for educating his two young children and for improving their health status.

Vimal intends cultivating one more acre during the next Maha season thereby extending his seed paddy farm by investing part of the profits he earned in leasing additional paddy land in the vicinity, under irrigated conditions.

This is the story of just one of the farmers who have joined the growing group of successful seed paddy producers in the Polpithigama Divisional Secretary's Division now totaling 50 in all in the administrative district of Kurunegala in Sri Lanka.

Rainwater Harvesting Tank Brings a Holistic Development for Drought Affected



Constructed Rainwater harvesting tank

A development programme for those families affected most adversely by drought and resultant severe shortages of safe drinking water has been implemented in the Karuwalagaswewa Divisional Secretariat Division in three villages in the Puttalam District in 2012. Funds to the tune of Rs.930,000 were provided by the NGOs' Water Supply and Sanitation Decade Services through SLCDF working in association with the NGO Vanni Sanskruthika Padanama and Puttalam District Consortium of NGOs.

At the outset the programme had an auspicious beginning with the formation and strengthening of three Community Based Organizations accompanied by social mobilisation activities all of which generated a large fund of new social capital in the three selected villages. With this solid foundation the funds provided to 33 beneficiaries were put to exceptionally good use in constructing Rain Water Harvesting Tanks for the most affected families while also constructing 23 toilets for those lacking toilet facilities.

Sixty one year old Wickramapala hailing from Kudamedawachchiya village married to Jayanthi was one such family selected for constructing a rain water harvesting tank. Two sons who have completed schooling live with them while a married daughter resides temporarily having come there for her first confinement. The homestead is only 22 perches in extent. The family depends on agriculture as their main income source which is supplemented with income earned from irregular casual labour.

The Village Community Water Supply Scheme could not supply safe drinking water to them due to problems of lack of adequate pressure to take water to their house located in a hillier area in the village. As a result the family had to travel daily 3km. to fetch drinking water spending over an hour for this essential trek.

Wickramapala received a grant of Rs.33,000 for constructing the 7500 litre capacity tank while he had to provide another Rs.13,500 and all the labour required for the purpose. Wickramapala with the other fellow participants were actively assisted by the Hambantota District Consortium (DC) and its coordinator with the technology and training skills needed for the project using the network facilitated by SLCDF both Hambantota and Puttalam DCs been members of the national apex organization of NGO National Action Front also facilitated by SLCDF. The required moulds as well were provided by the Hambantota technicians. These families were also trained by them on use and maintenance of a Rain Water Harvesting Tank. The tanks were completed on time to receive the Maha rains.

Wickramapala and his family made very good use of the opportunity provided to them by this programme. The tank filled up with the rains and they now have safe drinking water right round the year while also drawing some water as supplementary irrigation for their basically rain fed small home garden where they grow some vegetables, maize and finger millet. They also have two goats and a few chicks by now.

In addition, thanks to the mobilization process they went through, the family has embarked on a new income generation initiative for making flowerpots for sale in neighbouring villages. The family over a period of eight months may well face the prospect of joining the mainstream with confidence in the near future turning their backs on the marginalized situation they had been bogged down in.

Conferring Language Rights on 2737 People from 101 Villages



NLP TOT Programme conducted at Ruwanwella DS Division Auditorium

SLCDF has always been quick to identify the needs of the community and find ways and means to resolve them to benefit the target communities. It actively participates in this participatory need identification along with the community, CBOs, NGOs, the District Consortium of NGOs (DC), and relevant Government agencies in the district in preparation for designing a Participatory Integrated District Development Programme. A major issue identified in this process was that of the communication gap between the village and the plantation community.

Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary's Division comprises a community of mixed ethnicity where the ratio of Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim community is 60: 34: 6 and was identified to implement a project on a pilot basis to address this particular issue. The strategy developed was to initially provide relevant support to service providers motivating them to honour the Official Language Policy (OLP) and have its vertical and horizontal effects flow to all citizens irrespective of the language they speak or write. National Languages Project which is a joint initiative of the Governments of Canada and Sri Lanka funded this project.

SLCDF managed to prepare a proposal with the support of all respective stakeholders to reinforce government responsibility to ensure that the benefits of service delivery are distributed equally by providing equitable access to services for all citizens irrespective of language and was approved by the NLP.

All relevant training programmes were conducted by the NGO Management Development Centre working in tandem with SLCDF the relevant modules for training being developed in a participatory manner.

Activities carried out in this project were developing Training Modules for Grama Niladhari Training programmes, Training of Trainers on OLP, conducting one-day training programmes for 37 Grama Niladhari Divisions on OLP and relevant circulars within Ruwanwella Divisional Secretary Division, formation and training of a 24 member Training of Trainer group on OLP, other relevant policies and circulars in two modules.

The final outcome of all these activities was the series of awareness programmes conducted in as many as 101 villages spread over the division for 2737 participants on language rights in Sinhala and Tamil languages. In addition, a brochure on official language policy and its benefits to citizens was provided in Sinhala and Tamil languages and widely disseminated.

The Grama Niladharis, field level officers and leaders now use OLP and circulars in their day to day work. Divisional Secretaries of other Divisional Secretary Divisions in Kegalle District have shown their interest on this project and already building links with Language Associations in Ruwanwella DSD. In a short time of implementation of this project all stakeholders enhanced their leadership skills, knowledge and developed positive attitude towards all citizens through the community level programmes.

The experience gained so far demands such awareness on OLP should be created in hospitals, banks, private sector and the Trainer cadre working as Divisional level resource persons can be made use of to conduct the required training.

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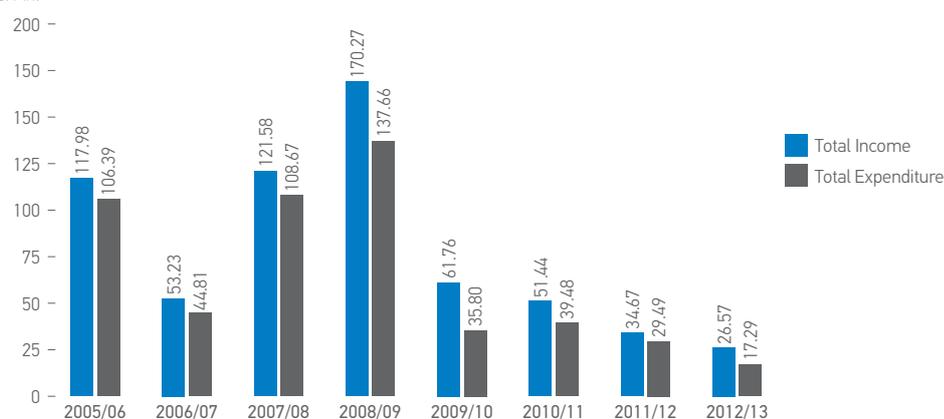
Statement of Comprehensive Income and Expenditure

Year Ended 31st March

	2013 Rs.	2012 Rs.
Incoming Resources	5,227,236.97	19,848,980.31
Other Project Related Revenue	272,612.00	34,553.00
	5,499,848.97	19,883,533.31
Project Expenditure		
Personnel Cost	7,133,172.94	7,867,453.61
Projects Related Expenditure	4,474,863.40	16,075,218.66
Total Project Costs	11,608,036.34	23,942,672.27
Net Surplus on Projects	(6,108,187.37)	(4,059,138.96)
Revenue Earned	2,148,362.00	4,102,852.00
	(3,959,825.37)	43,713.04
Administrative Expenses	3,661,715.85	4,258,471.85
Other Expenses	684,097.90	312,444.83
	4,345,813.75	4,570,916.68
Operating Surplus	(8,305,639.12)	(4,527,203.64)
Finance Income	18,921,562.40	10,680,857.58
Finance Cost	0.00	0.00
Net Finance Income	18,921,562.40	10,680,857.58
Excess Of Income Over Expenditure Before Taxation	10,615,923.28	6,153,653.94
Taxation (WHT)	1,339,074.95	978,447.12
Excess of Income Over Expenditure After Taxation	9,276,848.33	5,175,206.82

Income and Expenditure Comparison

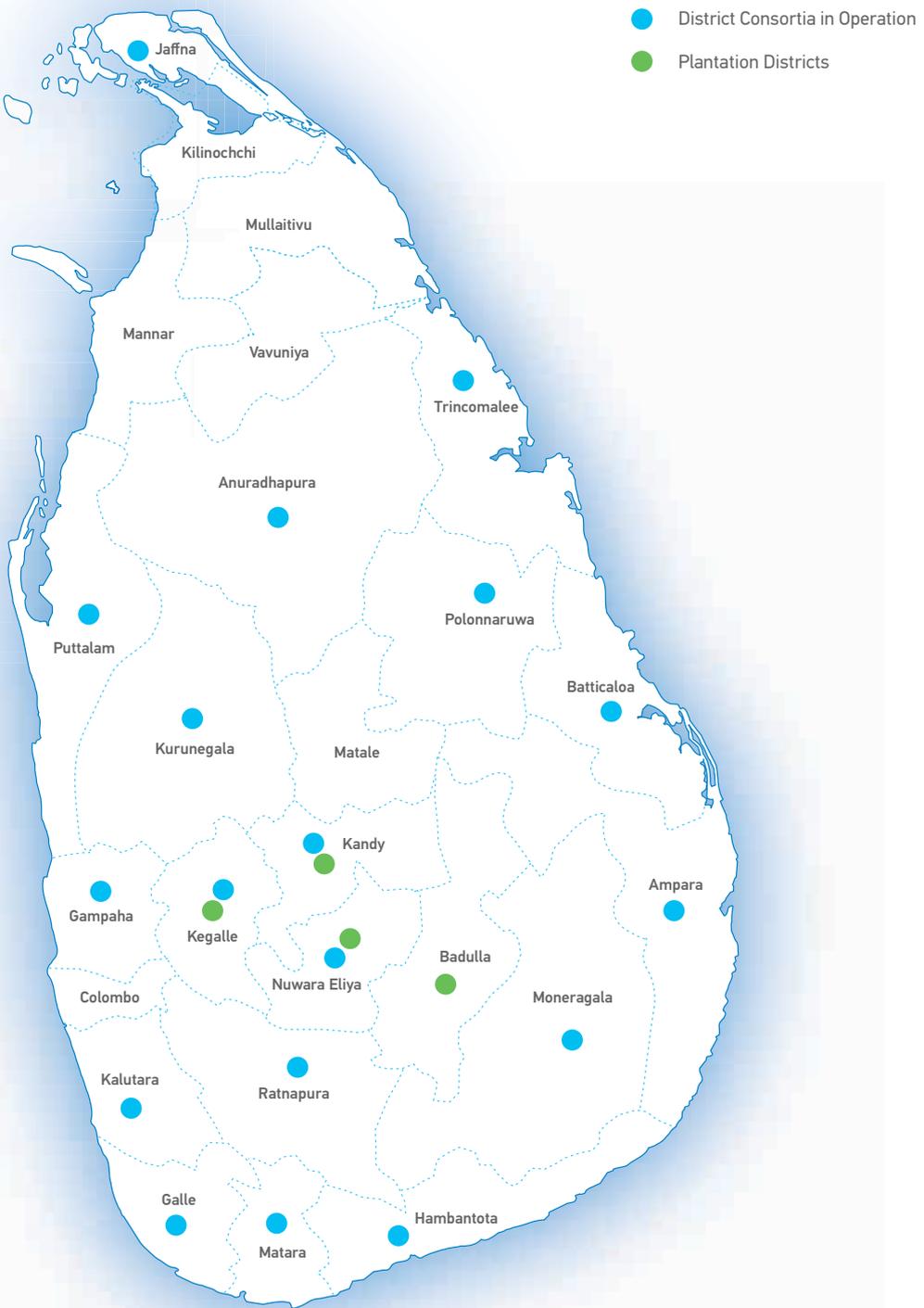
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Past & Present Partner Organizations

Adventist Development & Relief Agency	Canada
Builders Labourers Federation of Queensland (BLFQ)	Australia
Calgary Waldorf School	Canada
Canada World Youth	Canada
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	Canada
Canadian Lutheran World Relief	Canada
Cardinal Leger and His Endeavour	Canada
Centre for Days of Peace	Canada
CHF Partners in Rural Development	Canada
Christian Children's Fund of Canada	Canada
Community Based Natural Resources Management (CBNRM) Resource Centre	Philippines
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ)	Germany
Development and Peace	Canada
Diakonia	Sri Lanka
Girl Guides Canada	Canada
Heifer International	Nepal/USA
Help the Aged Canada	Canada
Hindu Temple School	Canada
HOPE International Development Agency	Canada
Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre	Canada
International Development & Refugee Foundation	Canada
Jules and Paul-Emile Leger Foundation	Canada
Match International Centre	Canada
National Language Project	Sri Lanka
NGOs' Water Supply & Sanitation Decade Services	Sri Lanka
North Atlantic Marine Alliance	Canada
Oxfam Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Peacefund Canada	Canada
Primate's World Relief and Development Fund	Canada
Sequus International	Canada
South Asia Partnership	Canada
South House Exchange	Canada
Sri Lanka Association in Canada	Canada
Sri Lanka Botswana Association	Botswana
The Asia Foundation	Sri Lanka
UEnd: Foundation (Christmas Future Foundation)	Canada
United Nations Office for Project Services	Sri Lanka
University of Guelph	Canada
World Accord	Canada
World Bank	
World Literacy of Canada	Canada
Youth Women's Christian Association Canada	Canada

Map of Sri Lanka with Districts of Operation





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