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Cover page photo: *This fruit bearing jak tree was planted to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of SLCDF by Weeryasewa Sansadaya on 16th November 1997 in Rambukkana*

MESSAGES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF SLCDF



Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation has extended enormous efforts towards its endeavour on institutional strengthening and capacity development of the network of voluntary organizations from grassroots to national level for over two decades to address poverty in Sri Lanka.

I am happy to highlight here the success of the dairy farming project implemented in Hambantota and Matara districts with 21 NGOs and 46 community based organizations towards building a sharing and caring society through families practicing the principles which have been extended to other districts as well. These principles were mentioned by the Ven. Maduluwawe Sobhita Thero in one of his sermons at Temple Trees.

It is worthy of note that SLCDF has already provided assistance on suitable livelihoods such as dairy management, conservation farming, beekeeping, cultivation of traditional varieties of paddy, mushroom cultivation as well as jak tree planting, thereby ensuring food security and conservation of the environment.

In our efforts to build up a society uplifting traditional moral values, globalization and the global economic crisis are major challenges. SLCDF extending its programme to the North is commendable.

I would like to place on record my appreciation of the contribution made by the members of the Board of Governors, Donor Agencies and the network of partner organizations and the staff of SLCDF towards the successful implementation of the SLCDF programme. In our endeavour we are always mindful of the dedicated services rendered to the Centre by the our late Executive Director Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera.

Sam. S. Wijesinha
Chairman



I am glad to note that Meetings of the Directors of the Board of Governors were held regularly during the past year. Also, after the demise of the Executive Director Dr. Abeydeera in December 2011 a special meeting was called on 4th January, 2012, and Mr. T.L. Wijetunga who has worked along with him for nearly 20 years was appointed as his successor, to continue the work in the same manner.

In this connection I may add that the loss of Dr. Abeydeera is irreparable not merely to SLCDF and its beneficiary organizations but also to all individuals who enjoyed and witnessed his infinite gentleness, kindness and support to all who needed his help.

Through my experience and expertise gained working with a programme to improve the standard of living of most disadvantaged women, coir workers, in the South while also being involved with women based national level programmes in addition to working for decades on child education in the Ministry of Education, I have had the fortunate opportunity to contribute my own knowledge gathered in community work, for the SLCDF programme.

SLCDF has always given priority to women's participation within its network from grassroots to national level where decision making power for women and their right to ownership of assets are focused on and included in the programmes. SLCDF recognizes that the current trend of increasing violence against women as well as child abuse throughout the country, are challenges that need to be dealt with in the future.

I earnestly hope that SLCDF would be able to continue to stand for these original ideals which Dr. Abeydeera personified in no uncertain terms.

Dr. T. Kamala Peiris
Secretary



Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation has ably completed its annual audit for the year 2011/12 within a short period of two months. It is noteworthy that from the inception of Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund in 1987 and subsequently Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation from 2003 the annual accounts have been audited annually and duly certified by the auditors. Since 1995 the accounts have been maintained in a computerized system.

Despite the global economic crisis and the decline in donor funding, the organization has thus far managed its finances and resources successfully and is confident that it can face challenges in the future.

I extend my thanks for maintaining the sustainability of the organization to the Secretariat staff, Auditors, the network of organizations working together in the programme and the Chairman and the Members of the Board of Governors.

T. Vairavanathan
Treasurer

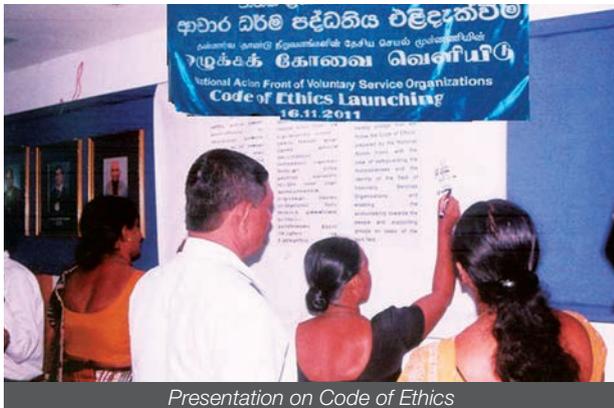
YEAR IN REVIEW

Looking Back on Accomplishments of SLCDF

During the period under review, SLCDF continued its facilitator role to coordinate, monitor and strengthen the capacity of existing NGO network, along with programme activities and reinforced its relationship with 18 District Consortia, NGO National Action Front and NGO Management Development Centre. At the four District Coordinators' meetings held quarterly Coordinators of District Consortia discussed the progress of the on-going programme activities, while bringing up community issues to identify solutions in a participatory manner. At these meetings, District Coordinators, SLCDF field staff as well as programme staff who made regular visits to project sites, shared their feedback, views and lessons learnt. The programme staff who engaged themselves in field visits, met and discussed project concerns and issues, with the members and the participating families, be they in small groups, Community Based Organizations, NGO or at DC level. Districts visited by SLCDF for follow-up of completed projects included Ampara, Batticaloa, Kalutara, Hambantota, Matara and Galle, where main funding was towards post-tsunami livelihood restoration activities. During this period, other districts which were visited on capacity building of NGOs and livelihood development programmes were Kandy, Kegalle, Kurunegala, Moneragala, Nuwara Eliya, Polonnaruwa, Puttalam, Trincomalee and Jaffna.

During the past year, much had been achieved and some of the work attended to appears below:

- Code of Ethics for NGOs by the NNAF was launched



Presentation on Code of Ethics

- Three workshops were conducted, with the participation of District Consortia associated with SLCDF, to develop a programme proposal encompassing all districts
- Attended Monthly and Annual General Meetings of the District Consortia, NNAF and NGOMDC
- Organized meetings of the Board of Governors of SLCDF
- Website for SLCDF was developed
- Participated in NGOMDC training programmes
- Facilitated meetings of Jak Development Foundation

With regard to training, 15 programmes for 8 DCs on conservation farming, Cornerstones and technical aspects of dairy farming, social mobilization, networking, planning and leadership, fund raising and mushroom cultivation, were conducted by NGOMDC for SLCDF programme.



Discussion with Donors

During the period under review, SLCDF provided support and monitored the projects of the District Consortia and affiliated NGOs funded by following partners of SLCDF.

Development and Peace and Cardinal Leger & His Endeavours, Canada

SLCDF implemented a joint project funded by above two Canadian NGOs. For the last twenty five years, SLCDF has had the privilege of working with Cardinal Leger and His Endeavours (CLO) on a continuous basis. The project focused on assistance to develop the capacity of SLCDF staff and NGO network towards improving their service delivery. Besides, through their funding, implemented district programmes to improve food security of rural poor, prevent environmental degradation, promote and practise environment friendly agriculture and livelihoods, encourage appropriate technology for value addition and improve marketing networks and productivity, including quality assurance and improved presentation of products. These programmes were implemented with 51 NGOs and 7 DCs. During this period, SLCDF trained participants/beneficiaries on various livelihood activities and provided seed capital for 1,064 families for dairy farming, conservation farming, mushroom cultivation and other small-scale income generating projects. The programme also provided start up-capital for 107 families to stabilise prices for paddy (*Oryza Sativa L*) and cashew (*Anacardium Occidentale*). Through CLO and D&P funds, SLCDF was able to respond to a multitude of community needs which improved their living standards. In a nutshell, through the protection intervention, their living standards were improved by approximately 25%.



Capacity Building Workshop for SLCDF staff and NGO network

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In two locations, Medagama Bandiyawa, Malittawa in Moneragala and Kadirankadu Tank in Puttalam, through rehabilitation of an anicut and a minor irrigation tank, 105 families were able to cultivate paddy and other crops in both Maha and Yala seasons. 20 participants were initially trained to use dehydrating low cost ovens developed, using appropriate technology. 25 families were engaged in a project of dehydrating Jak (*Artocarpus Heterophyllus*) and lime fruit (*Citrus Aurantifolia*) using 4 ovens and market their quality products. The increase in supplementary monthly family income ranged between Rs.2,000 and Rs.15,000 – approximately 30%, and is mainly used for day-to-day home needs, children's education and to purchase basic domestic utensils and furniture. Also, through this project, several communities in the area constructed 18 rain water harvesting tanks and one drinking water well, which provided potable water besides enabling cultivation during the drought.



Eco friendly Home Garden - Rambukkana

A field visit was undertaken to Madabawita in Gampaha District, a Project funded by CLO in November 2011, and basing on this experience, a workshop on Report Writing Skills for the staff of SLCDF, DC and NGOs was conducted by them.

In this context, it is opportune to add that in 2002, when SLCDF evolved as a local organisation, it was CLO who stepped in and provided funds as one of its first partners. Furthermore, it recommended Development and Peace Organization to fund SLCDF on its post-tsunami restoration of livelihood programmes.



Collective IGP, Pilimatalawa

HOPE International Development Agency (HIDA), Canada

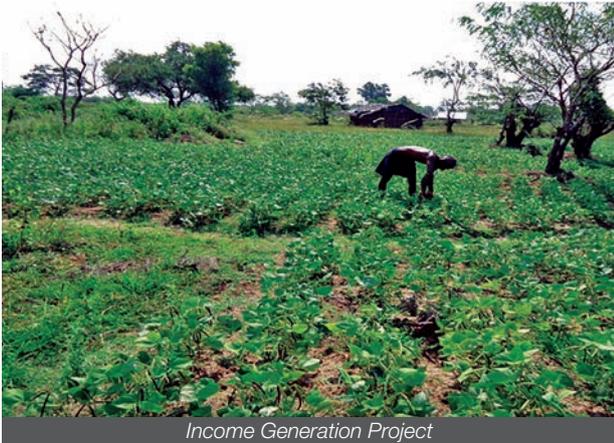
HOPE is another Canadian NGO that worked in partnership with SLCDF for the last twenty five years. It has always shown its active support at times of distress and provided funding to assist the communities affected by the tsunami, floods and the internal conflict.

During the reporting period, HIDA assistance was utilized for capacity building activities for small groups and community based organisations of Eastern Community Resource Development Foundation of Seruwila DSD in the Eastern Province. This organisation is engaged in community development activities with conflict affected three communities (Sinhala, Tamil and Muslims) living in this area.



Income Generation Project

Under the project, training of 24 participants on dairy farming, 21 on conservation farming and 24 on organizational management and leadership was done. After the training programme, the participants started 12 dairy farming and 20 home gardening projects and 10 small business, under RLF programme and their monthly earnings ranged from Rs. 3,500/= to Rs. 4,500/=. Out of the total who received RLF assistance in the first round, 42 families repaid and this provided additional RLF for 18 families.



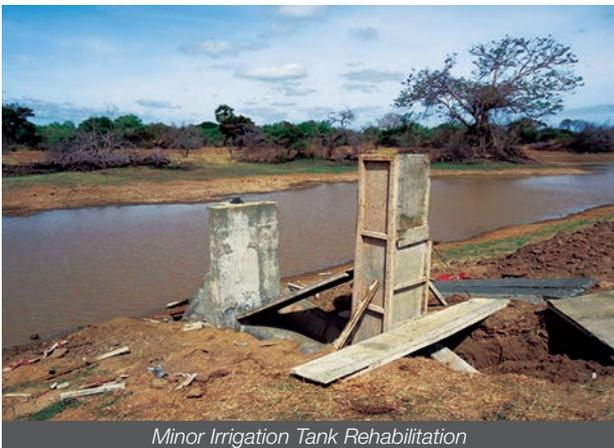
Income Generation Project



Conservation Farming

World Accord, Canada

World Accord is yet another Canadian NGO which has worked together with SLCDF for the past twenty five years. During the year under review, this organisation provided funds for livelihoods projects in Moneragala and Trincomalee Districts for vulnerable under privileged and flood affected, respectively. In Moneragala, 32 participants were trained on Cornerstones and technical aspects of dairy development and 16 families were provided with cattle and their first born female calves will be gifted to the balance 16 trained participants. In addition, 30 participants were initially trained on conservation farming and were provided with start-up capital for cultivation.



Minor Irrigation Tank Rehabilitation

They grow chemical free vegetables and other crops in their home gardens earning an income ranging from Rs. 2,000/= - Rs.4,000/= per month. This supplementary income is being spent on their home needs, including children's education. In Moneragala district, four CBOs manage Rs. 150,000/= to Rs. 200,000/= in their RLF with accumulated group savings. In the district of Trincomalee, financial assistance was provided to construct a sluice gate for an irrigation tank in a flood affected village named Sumedankarapura in Seruwila, and dry ration parcels were distributed among 23 flood affected families. A table and two dozen chairs were provided to their community centre in Seruwila.

U-End: Foundation, Canada

U-End: Foundation (formerly known as ChristmasFuture Foundation) is a registered charity raising funds for projects through their website from philanthropists, especially, during the Christmas season. SLCDF partnered three projects located in Kurunegala with them, viz:

- Seed Paddy Comes out Trumps! CAN\$ 4,650- 2 groups of Five families each, engaged in seed paddy production;
- Wage Labour to Dignified Self-Employment CAN\$ 4,100 – a coconut chips production by two groups of women totalling 30;
- Extension of Rural Returns for Greater Wellbeing CAN\$ 5,100 – Production of niche traditional paddy varieties, farmed under organic conditions by 40 families.



Manual Weeding of Seed Paddy

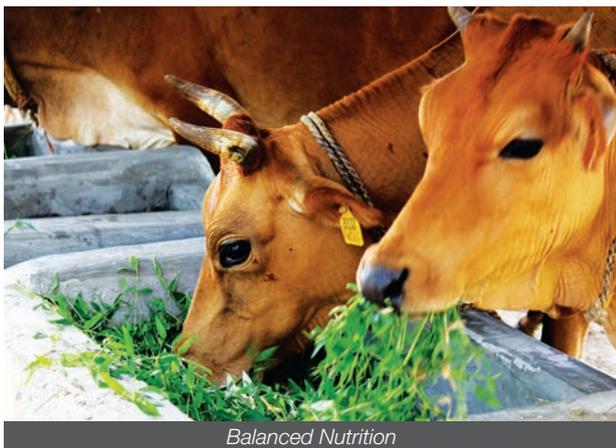
During the year under review, through the seed paddy project where start-up capital for ten families (two groups) was provided, they sold the production and repaid the loan. In the next season, fifty families (five groups) participated and they too had a good harvest, and repaid their loans. A remarkable feature of this project is the twinning arrangements with the Department of Agriculture, who ensured that the quality of the produce is maintained. This encouraged the farmers to produce quality seed paddy. The average income per family was between Rs.50,000/= and Rs. 75,000/= per season. It is heartening to report that the project had

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reached sustainability by the end of the review period. The second project was a coconut husk chips project, where two groups with 15 women, each using their start-up capital, established two centres to produce coconut husk chips in Watakoluwewa village in Kurunegala District. This poor community previously worked as daily wage labour and was glad to receive Rs.6,500/= net each, as supplementary monthly income through this endeavour. The coconut chips are purchased by an exporter who briquettes them ready for export.

Heifer Project International / Heifer International Nepal

Following the tsunami catastrophe of 2004, SLCDF made all efforts to help the affected communities in the country through its previous partners and their contacts. One such successful attempt was a proposal submitted to Heifer International U.S.A., through their regional office in Nepal. Project activities started in Hambantota District in June 2005, and due to the escalation of conflict in Batticaloa district, the project could not take off as originally envisaged and Matara was substituted, being the district adjoining Hambantota. Matara District started this five year project in June 2007 on dairy farming. During the period under review, SLCDF continued sending the narrative reports after monitoring the project activities as required in the agreement with Heifer.



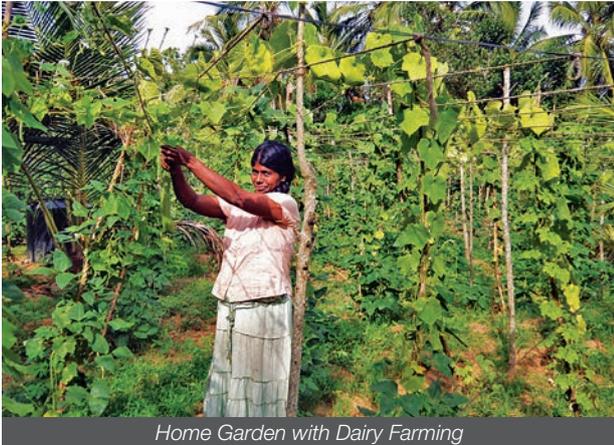
A total of 660 participants had been trained in Cornerstones and dairy management, including pass on participants and 440 families (304 original families and 136 pass on families) involved in dairy farming as a livelihood. The generated new income through the project was mainly used for day-to-day needs and invested in children's education, clearance of old debts, improved health facilities and better housing. While many others invested in increasing their herd some participants acquired new assets, a little land, a three wheel auto rickshaw, agricultural equipment, household appliances and furniture. The project also brought about enhanced trust relationship and social cohesiveness among the village communities and families.

The Heifer Cornerstones concept has been introduced with success in seven other districts in Sri Lanka, - Galle, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Batticaloa, Moneragala, Kegalle and Polonnaruwa. The children, pregnant and lactating mothers in 170 participating families consume fresh milk, around 3/4 to 1 1/2 litres per day per family. Today, the children drink their cup of fresh milk before

starting out to school. Practically, all participants grow their own vegetables and consume most of what they cultivate. Any surplus is sold in the neighbourhood or at their local markets. These vegetables are not contaminated by agro-chemicals in contrast to what is generally on sale at the local market place. Milk and vegetables from their own homestead ensure the prospect of a more balanced and healthy diet, which can lead to the reduced incidence of malnutrition or under-nutrition, and emergence of a healthy young generation among marginalized segments in rural society. 80% of participants have organic home gardens and have achieved enhanced biodiversity than in the past in the above mentioned districts. The soil condition of these homesteads had been improved with the recycling of fallen leaves, refuse and cow dung. Six biogas units have been provided to participants by the Provincial Department of Animal Production and Health. This energy was used for domestic cooking and sometimes to light a bulb or two. There is reduced soil erosion with the systematically grown home garden concept.



The project has been implemented through group activities and they have shared their knowledge, skills, and experience through the mechanism of group meetings. The social capital built up through the project is of great value to the farming families in ensuring sustainable development for themselves and their communities. This group process has encouraged them to solve their own problems within the community to a larger extent, without depending too much on the external supportive structure.



Home Garden with Dairy Farming



Value Added Dairy Products

Over 50% of the participants were women, and the project – dairy farming, had brought about an increase in the capacity of women to engage in personal and community development. The project, dairy farming, linked with academics along with their students from the Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Ruhuna, established a Resource Centre cum cattle breeding centre in the University campus, providing necessary expertise to the community of dairy farmers.

A number of families with differently abled persons have been included in the project and now they contribute significantly to the family economy.

Exposure Visit - Norwegian University Students

In May 2011, at the request of the University of Ruhuna, SLCDF organized a field programme for a group of Norwegian University students, to visit ongoing livelihood development projects of vulnerable poor living in shanties in Dematagoda, Colombo and two projects previously funded by SLCDF - School for Deaf in Ratmalana and Diabetes Centre of Sri Lanka in Rajagiriya.



Group of Norwegian and Ruhuna University Students and Staff Visit SLCDF Secretariat

Board of Governors' Meetings held

Three Meetings of the Board of Governors and a Special Meeting of the Board were held during the year. With the demise of Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, the Board of Governors appointed a new Executive Director, Mr. T.L. Wijetunga.

Appreciation

We were shocked at the sudden demise of Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, the first Executive Director of SLCDF. He also served Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund in the capacity of Programme Director for its full term of 15 years. Founder Director of Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation, late Dr. Abeydeera worked from its inception in April 2003 until his demise on 26 December 2011. We appreciate his contribution, commitment, experience, knowledge, guidance and the strong leadership among other many exemplary qualities that he possessed.

A Major challenge faced by SLCDF during period under review

The challenge was the present global economic crisis where other major donor countries had to curtail their assistance and we prepared a strategy to face this challenge with our partners.

On behalf of the SLCDF Secretariat, I would like to congratulate the local Community Based Organizations, NGOs, District Consortia / participants, overseas Partners, Members of the Board of Governors, for their untiring efforts in achieving the programme targets. At this point, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the staff of SLCDF and the late Executive Director Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, who was at the helm from its inception, for their collective commitment to achieve our targets.

T.L. Wijetunga
Executive Director

BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE YEAR

Title of Project	Project Cost	Donor	Project Status	Major Activities	Participants	Location
Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Building	Cdn.\$ 400,000	Development and Peace & L'ŒUVRE LÉGER Canada	Completed	Improve service delivery of NGO Networks & SLCDF staff; improve food security; prevent environmental degradation; livelihoods, use of appropriate technology for value addition; improve marketing networks & productivity and quality assurance. Training and provision of start-up capital for livelihoods	1,221 families	Moneragala & Puttalam Districts
Restoration Programme in North / East	Cdn.\$ 15,040	HOPE International Development Agency Canada	Completed	Capacity building of CBOs & small groups & provision of RLF	99 persons trained	Seruwila / Jaffna Districts
Enhanced Food Security of 'Poor' through Environmentally Friendly Programme in Moneragala, Sri Lanka	Cdn.\$ 18,685	World Accord Canada	Completed	Training & provision of Seed capital for livelihood projects, dry rations for flood victims	32 trained; 16 families given RLF; provision furniture for Community Centre and supported 23 flood affected families	Moneragala & Trincomalee Districts
Seed Paddy Comes Out Trumps !	Cdn.\$ 4,650	U-End Foundation Canada	Ongoing	Seed paddy production	10 families	Kurunegala District
Wage Labour to Dignified Self-Employment	Cdn.\$ 4,100	U-End Foundation Canada	Ongoing	Coconut chips production	30 women	Kurunegala District
Extension of Rural Returns for Greater Well being	Cdn.\$ 5,100	U-End Foundation Canada	Ongoing	Production of niche traditional paddy varieties	40 families	Kurunegala District
Livelihood Development of Tsunami Affected poor through reactivating their enterprises and supporting integrated farming for sustainability	US\$ 300,000	Heifer Project International / Heifer International Nepal	Ongoing	Training on Cornerstones and dairy management	660 members	Hambantota & Matara Districts

3 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2012 - 2015

Three year (2012-2015) Strategic Plan was formulated by the Sub-committee of Board of Management, together with the SLCDF staff and its partners' inputs and was approved at the meeting of the Board of Management, held on 5th March, 2012. Simultaneously, an Action Plan for the first year was developed.

Vision

To become a dynamic resource centre for the needy and civil society organizations in Sri Lanka to achieve sustainable human development.

Mission

To enhance the capacities and social capital of the needy and their organizations by developing their knowledge, skills, resources and rendering technical support to take the responsibilities in programmes and policy for collaborative GO/NGO relationship towards reducing poverty and achieving sustainable human development.

Objectives

- To develop capacities and skills of both civil society partners and SLCDF staff, to undertake more effective resource exchange and management.
- To build solidarity vertically and horizontally among NGOs, the public sector and private sector, through dialogue and collective action.
- To act on social, economic, and cultural needs of the community through collective programming, advocacy and policy formulation.
- To foster and strengthen the networking among partner organizations to act as federations of consortia.
- To promote community level informal groups into formal organizations by mobilizing and strengthening their organizational efforts to reduce social and economic vulnerability.

Values

- Human centred
- Participatory
- Pro-poor
- Community based resource utilization and management
- Accountability and transparency
- Peace and national harmony
- Gender equality
- Collaboration and partnership

Uniqueness

Building and strengthening the networks of CBOs and Voluntary Service Organizations to address the rural and urban poverty and other social and economic deprivations.

Partners

Grassroots communities and their organizations, Voluntary Organizations, DCs, NGO National Action Front (NNAF); NGO Management Development Centre (NGOMDC); Jak Development Foundation; Government Organizations; and local and international funding agencies.

Strategic Actions

- Strengthen the capacity and maintain the relationship with partner network of grassroots communities and their organizations, Voluntary Organizations, DCs, NGO National Action Front (NNAF); NGO Management Development Centre (NGOMDC) and Jak Development Foundation by regular monitoring of the ongoing activities.
- Facilitate to develop Participatory Integrated District Development Programmes with partner networks and submit to different donors for funding.
- Continue regular rapport with existing Donors by conducting meetings, discussions and consultation workshops.
- Identify new donors with print and e-media and negotiate for funding.
- Maintain established financial system and establishing of management information systems.
- Publish reports, launch the website, review of projects - both successful and unsuccessful and development of case studies based on the successful projects, development of new brochure with key information and establish a comprehensive database with relevant information.
- Provide an opportunity to external resource panel, to utilize the expertise knowledge for SLCDF programme.
- Improve the knowledge, skills and competencies of SLCDF staff members and DC members in identified fields of programme, preparation and development of marketable proposals, research and documentation, communication skills and presentation skills.
- Support technical and financial assistance through micro credit programmes for operation of revolving loan fund to the partners for livelihood activities.
- Develop the medium term plan (3 year) and prepare annual action plans based on the thrust areas of the medium term plans and conduct regular monitoring & evaluation systems to work with the partners.

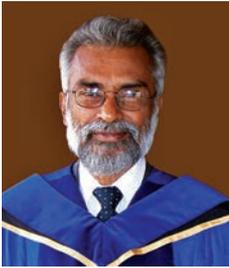
SLCDF 25th Anniversary

Island-wide Jak planting and caring programme embarked, towards food security and environment conservation of our country for the 25th anniversary of SLCDF on 16th November 2012.

The first Jak sapling will be planted by the chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr. Sam S. Wijesinha and the Board of Governors and well wishers.

Simultaneously this programme will be carried out in the districts on the same day jointly by the District Consortia, affiliated NGOs, CBOs as well as participant families in their homesteads.

A GLIMPSE OF DR. W.P.P. ABEYDEERA'S TWENTY FIVE YEARS WITH SLCDF



Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, popularly known as Abey, was born and bred in Tangalle, then a rural village, in the District of Hambantota in deep South. He had four siblings and was the third in the family. Father of two sons, Dr. Abeydeera's wife, Nina was attached to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and has retired recently. He had his primary education in his home town at Christ Church and his secondary education at St. Aloysius College in Galle. On completion of his studies, he joined the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation (CFC) as a Statistical Investigator.

While at the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation, Dr. Abeydeera had developed a good rapport amongst his fellow mates. As a person who stood for justice and rights of the workers, he had been elected as the Assistant Secretary of the Sri Lanka Independent Industrial Union in the Corporation, which then had a membership of 1,800. The Trade Union Federation having recognized his commitment awarded him a 10-month scholarship to study in a Trade Union School in Moscow in 1970, which he had declined, due to his commitment towards the cause of his fellow workers.

In 1971, Workers' Diploma Course was initiated in Sri Lanka for about 350 trade unionists and Dr. Abeydeera was selected to follow this Course at the University of Colombo. He was one among the three candidates who secured honours and was invited to enter the University to pursue a Degree. This facility was extended to 7 Trade Unions the same year. Dr. Abey had been released full time from his services at the CFC, to read for his Bachelor's Degree programme. Whilst engaging himself in his trade union responsibilities, he completed his First Degree and continued his services at the Ceylon Fisheries Corporation. Subsequently, he got the opportunity to join MARGA Research Institute as a Researcher.

At MARGA, he was actively involved in research programmes in the South, given his familiarity of the area. While serving at MARGA, Dr. Abey was offered a CIDA scholarship to the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Bangkok, Thailand, to pursue a M.Sc. in Rural and Regional Development Planning. Additionally, he obtained a Diploma in Remote Sensing from AIT - Thailand. He continued to serve at MARGA on his return, armed with the M.Sc.

In 1987 Dr. Abey was selected as the first Programme Director of Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund, and he held this position until the project closed in early 2003. In late 1987, he was invited to Canada for an orientation organised by South Asia Partnership Canada, and met officials of Canadian International Development Agency and Canadian NGOs to get their inputs to the project before its commencement. This Fund was managed by SAP Canada and SAP Sri Lanka, and was generously supported by

CIDA under a bilateral agreement and affiliated Canadian NGOs and public of both countries, with two Committees of Management and Project, comprising members representing both countries, Sri Lanka Government and NGOs. The main focus of this Fund was to address and implement poverty alleviation projects / programmes amongst mid sized and small Community Based Organizations and affiliates. The Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund provided assistance and resources to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, focusing on their needs until the winding up of the Project in early 2003. During its span of 15 years of operation, it had field staff stationed in Anuradhapura, Batticaloa, Moneragala and Tangalle regional offices.

During this period, he acted as the Executive Director of SAP Sri Lanka for nearly a year and contributed much to the SAP system. He closely worked with SAP system including SAP Canada, SAP Bangladesh, SAP Pakistan, SAP India, SAP Nepal and SAP Sri Lanka. He also supported to establish SAP International and set up its office in Colombo. He demonstrated his prowess and capability in working with CIDA as well as Canadian NGOs. Further, he closely worked with donors, INGOs, UNDP and other UN agencies. He was one of the pioneer active members of the UNDP Donor Forum and contributed immensely to the NGO community in Sri Lanka.

He also maintained close relationships with the Sri Lanka Government and a representative from the Ministry of Policy Planning served on the Management Committee of SLCDF project. His friendly gesture and outlook resulted in maintaining a very healthy rapport with officials covering a wide spectrum, both Government and other Institutions.

Dr. Abey embarked on a Ph.D. in Rural Extension Studies at the University of Guelph, Canada, on a CIDA scholarship in 1995.

He had the knack to face any challenge with courage and determination coupled with the skill to look into the future. When the CIDA funded project closed, Dr. Abey readily took the challenge and immediately formed a non-profit organisation, naming it Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation maintaining the same acronym – SLCDF, used for the earlier project. The Board of Governors of the new organization comprising of an expert group of professionals, was registered under the Company Act in 2002, with the change in funding modality to continue the good work done by the Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund. All members of this new organization comprised of former Project staff and Dr. Abeydeera was at the helm as its Executive Director.

Another challenge Dr. Abey ably faced was when his much loved communities faced the Tsunami catastrophe on December 26th 2004, where 12 coastal districts in Sri Lanka were severely affected. He, along with the staff and the NGO leaders in the districts, visited the locations, discussed with those who survived, and organized emergency relief with the support of NGO network. Immediately, he approached partners of SLCDF, donors, INGOs, well wishers and friends with proposals for post-tsunami rehabilitation. Twelve International partners provided funds totaling Rs. 70 Million and SLCDF implemented post-tsunami rehabilitation programmes, mainly to improve or restart livelihoods in 6 districts,

with the assistance of the respective District Consortia and affiliate NGOs. He himself monitored and looked after all tsunami project activities, successfully completed them and ensured that the final reports were sent to respective international partners.

Dr. Abeydeera always believed that only by “working together ... for a better tomorrow” that poor can develop themselves and he used the concept of networking as a mode to achieve this. He had this concept in his mind and led the programme to build vibrant networks at community, division, district, and national levels. He approached this arduous task by considering a family as the unit and mobilized small groups or community based organisations and with several of these larger ones called Non-Governmental Organisations and with many such together, facilitated to form a Consortium. Starting from a few such consortia including the plantations, established the NGO National Action Front as an apex body (NNAF) at national level, for policy formulation and as an advocacy body.

Thanks to him, through the networks that comprised over 3,500 CBOs/Small Groups, 330 Voluntary Organizations and Plantation Forum in 18 District Consortia (DCs) out of 25 districts in Sri Lanka, and since 2003 was able to support over thirty thousand people towards sustainable livelihood development and capacity building. In the effort to achieve this, together with the community leaders, he introduced the concept, Participatory Integrated District Development Programmes (PIDDP) to the SLCDF programme, where the District NGO Network jointly practiced it from need assessment until evaluation. Three-tier participatory self-monitoring at community, NGO, and district levels was conspicuous in SLCDF programmes.

To achieve his goal of empowering the poor and bringing them to the country's mainstream, he tirelessly devoted all his time and energy, all through his 25 years with SLCDF, to build up the capacities of the poor, by implementing ‘pro-poor’ development programmes. To this end, he not only reached out to find the resources to financially assist the poor, but facilitated to form a training arm with the assistance from Manitoba Institute of Management – Canada, and trained a core group of eighteen senior management level personnel. Thereafter, Dr. Abey facilitated the establishment of the NGO Management Development Centre, to provide capacity development training to NGO community in our country, which has since undertaken training for the UN Agencies in Sri Lanka as well. Dr. Abey always thought about the sustainability of the established networks of District Consortia, NGOs, CBOs, NNAF as well as the NGO MDC.

Dr. Abey and staff reached every nook and corner to obtain assistance and resources from local and international donors, under multi-lateral agreements to support the most disadvantaged and vulnerable community, focusing on their resource needs. Food security, dry zone development, small scale fisheries, plantation development, conservation farming, dairy farming, gender and development, rain water harvesting, assisting the differently abled, were some of the areas that he wanted the communities to be involved in towards sustainability. Regardless of his deteriorating health, Dr Abey continued visiting the programmes, be it East or West, North or South.

It was his dream to build the SLCDF, as a dynamic resource centre for the needy and civil society organizations in Sri Lanka to achieve sustainable human development. Dr. Abeydeera saw it being achieved to some extent, before his untimely demise on 26th December, 2011. Our responsibility is the continuity of SLCDF.

May he attain the Supreme Bliss of Nibbana!

T.L. Wijetunga
Executive Director

EXTRACTS FROM CONDOLENCE MESSAGES (OVERSEAS) ON LATE DR. W.P.P. ABEYDEERA ON HIS DEMISE

"...I'm so very sorry to hear that 'Abbey' has passed away! He was a wonderful friend, colleague and support to Dr. Janakiram and the rest of us while working on the Sri Lanka Restore project. He was also a good friend while he was in Guelph working on his PhD years earlier. He will be dearly missed...."

Prof. Glen Filson
University of Guelph, Canada

"....He was a determined person who showed true resilience, grit and hard work. He impressed all his professors and they were very supportive of his work in Sri Lanka and his PhD studies. Finally he submitted a very meaningful thesis on "Participation" for which he got a lot of praise. I have also visited with him the numerous communities he worked. People seem to throng when he arrived and I have seen many happy faces of men, women and children when Dr Abey visited them in their own places. In short, I think he brought a lot of happiness and joy to thousands of Sri Lankans and I had the privilege to see this personally....."

Prof. Jana Janakiram
University of Guelph, Canada

"...He was one of few persons I respected in this planet. He lived his life with excellent principles. I have good memories of him...."

Damayanthi Redkar
Canada

"...He was one of the good persons among few in the world I have met...."

Nadira Mallik,
Leger Foundation, Bangladesh

"...I came to know of all the amazing things that Abey was able to accomplish in Sri Lanka and the thousands of hearts he has touched, the programs he has implemented and the lives he has impacted in so many meaningful ways. Abey may have left this earth in his physical form but he will always be remembered and revered for the truly wonderful person he was....Someone who embodied the essence of goodness in every action he performed. There is a saying that..."Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Others linger a while and when they leave..... they leave footprints on our hearts and life will never be the same again for any one of us. Abey was such a person , a quiet and compelling force with a gentle heart....."

Ramani Janakiram
Canada

"..It's quite painful and disheartening to hear about the news of such a nice human being. We have lost a great human being, sincere friend and a well wisher of SAP family. It's a great loss for all of us...."

Rohit Kumar Nepali
South Asia Partnership, Nepal

"...On behalf of SAP Canada and many friends in Canada, I wish again to express our deep sadness at the passing of Dr. Abeydeera and to extend our sincere condolences to all you at SLCDF. We know that this is a difficult time for you and want you to know that despite the distance between us, there are people in Canada who are thinking of you and wishing you courage and strength in these circumstances. I have already heard back from a number who wish to be remembered to you, including Cliff Dick, David Barth, Shelagh Savage, Renee Giroux, Pam Foster, Faruq Faisal, and Anne Woodbridge who used to work at CIDA...."

Richard Harmston
Manager, South Asia Partnership Canada

"...I would like to offer my condolences at the death of abey. I enjoyed tremendously working with Abey and others on SLCDF projects and being able to provide funding from CIDA for the great work that you all were doing. Abey will certainly be missed but I hope SLCDF will continue....."

Anne Woodbridge,
Canada

"...I regret not sharing with Dr. Abeydeera himself how important he was to me - as a guide, an inspiration, a teacher. His quiet fierceness, leadership, patience, commitment, resourcefulness all I strive to emulate. His passion for the fisheries and support for the Canada World Youth program were so important to me. He really made things happen for people, me included. A thanks to the world for giving us Abeydeera, and to all of you at SLCDF....."

Pam Foster,
Canada (SLCDF Programme Manager 1996-1998)

"...It is with great sadness that I received this news from you today. Abey was a great man with a deep commitment to sustainable development and bringing peace to this world...."

Dr. John Kearney,
Canada

"....Abey was an inspirational colleague and a warm-hearted friend who worked tirelessly for many through-out Sri Lanka – and whose life touched many more in Canada and around the world. It was an honor to have worked with him...."

Shelagh Savage,
Coady International Institute, Canada

"....I have such fond memories of visiting projects with Mr. Abeydeera, until way past midnight! He was a very dedicated person and a very good man. I will miss him very much...."

Renée Giroux
FCM International, Canada

"...I had the opportunity working with him when I was with SAP Canada. He was one of the finest men I ever came across...."

Faruq Faisel,
Canada

"...We are extremely saddened to hear this news. We are praying for all of SLCDF and for the family of Dr. Abeydeera. Thank you for letting us know...."

David S. McKenzie,
Int'l President - HOPE International Development Agency, Canada

"... It is with a sad heart that I received the news of the death of our dear friend and colleague Abey. My personal condolences to his family and all his friends and co-workers. Please pass on these condolences from my self as well as from the staff at HOPE International Development Agency. I am sure this is a huge loss for you as well Wije; you and Abey were a long-time partnership in work and life...."

Clifford Dick
HOPE International Development Agency, Canada

"...It's so sad to digest this news of demise of such a generous personality...."

Balavikasa People Development Training Centre,
India

"...I am saddened by this news and extend my deepest sympathies to all those who share the loss of our dear friend and respected colleague...."

Norman MacIsaac,
Executive Director - L'OEUVRE LEGER

"...We will all, remember him for his helpful visit to Cambodia. We have his photos here...."

Aly Kim
HOPE International Development Agency, Cambodia

"...We will always fondly remember Dr. Abeydeera and his contribution...."

Neena Joshi
Heifer International Nepal

"...As part of the SLCDF family I mourn with you all for our great loss for Sri Lanka. The country is so much better off thanks to your leadership and that of Dr. Abeydeera...."

Varsha Redka-Palepu,
Armenia

"Upon hearing of the passing of Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera, my deepest heart-felt condolences are extended to Nina and the boys, and, the SLCDF family. I was truly privileged to have worked and learned from Abey for so many years – there are no words or phrases I can compose at this point that could ever capture the benefits I have received from having Abey as a colleague and friend."

Don E. Brownell
Country Manager, Agriteam Canada

"It is with great sadness that we send you all our deepest condolences for the very sad loss of our dear friend Abey – one of Canadian community's longest and dearest Sri Lankan friends. Words cannot convey the depth of sadness that fills our hearts over the loss of a noble and fine man who gave his life for the betterment and uplifting from poverty and conflict of their fellow human beings throughout Sri Lanka and the wider international community."

Calvin R. Piggot , First Secretary (Development)
Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean Canadian High Commission

"My most vivid memory is of him addressing a group of villagers in rural Sri Lanka at the start of a community programme. His words were always inspirational, motivated by deep commitment to local ownership and decision making. At his best and most vibrant in these settings, so it is no surprise that he worked tirelessly to further his vision for SLCDF, even he was ill. Although I will miss him dearly, my lingering image of him at his best will always bring a smile to my face."

Anthea Mulakala,
Country Representative - Asia Foundation, Malaysia

"Dr. Abey was my introduction to Sri Lanka, my Executive Director, advisor, mentor, inspiration and friend. I wish to convey my deepest and heartfelt sympathies to his family and his SLCDF family. His dedication, commitment to the betterment of humanity and friendship will always be close to my heart. Abey, you will always be loved."

Ivan Francoeur
Former Administrative Management Consultant (Volunteer), SLCDF

EXTENSION SERVICES OF DAIRY FARMING IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE AGRICULTURE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

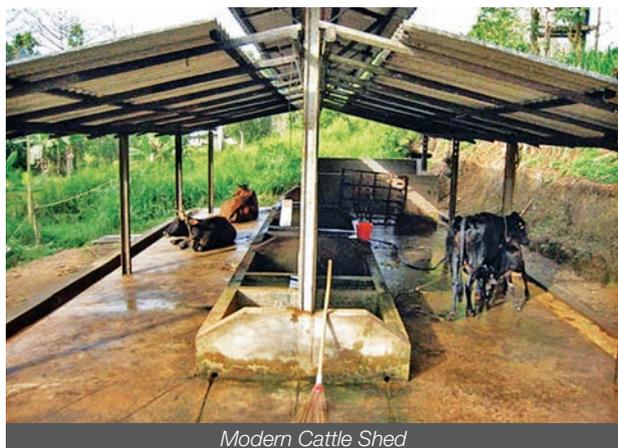
SLCDF with sponsorship by Heifer Project International / Heifer International Nepal and in association with the District Consortium of Matara, has been implementing the project since 2007, to assist the poor to build up their livelihoods through dairy farming.

At the meetings held during field monitoring visits, a mutual dialogue ensued at the village level on possible extension services. Furthermore, when they were engaged in field monitoring activities, they got the opportunity to meet Professor S. Subasinghe, of the Agriculture Faculty of the University of Ruhuna. SLCDF had shared with him the activities that were being implemented through the project and further, added the thoughts exchanged amongst the dairy farmers towards extension services. Upon obtaining details of the project, he informed us that he will look into the possibility of assisting the project beneficiaries on the lines indicated.

After a few weeks, he informed of the possibility of establishing a model farm and a resource centre, utilizing the once used buildings in the Gam Udava premises in Kamuburupitiya, and conducting an extension services programme.

After discussions amongst the member organizations of the District Consortium and the dairy farmers, all confirmed the importance and gains to be reaped by such an affiliation.

An area of 2 acres and unutilized cattle sheds in the Gam Udawa premises were identified to anchor this project activity. SLCDF allocated a sum of Rs. 300,000/= for the project. These funds had been utilized for repair of cattle sheds, purchase of 8 milk cows and to reactivate the dairy farming and joint farming projects. In addition, within the said premises, grass of CO 3 variety as fodder for the cows had been grown. The bio gas unit had been repaired and the dung and refuse had been used as vegetable manure. The bio gas had been used for cooking purposes of the kitchen in the farm unit.



The daily milk production had ranged between 30 – 40 liters, out of which, 25% had been used for the canteen, with the balance being marketed out. An income of about Rs. 2,000/= from the sale of milk and Rs. 10,000/= from the cultivation of

leafy vegetables, papaya and banana, using cattle manure had been reaped. The workers of the model farm were paid from these earnings.



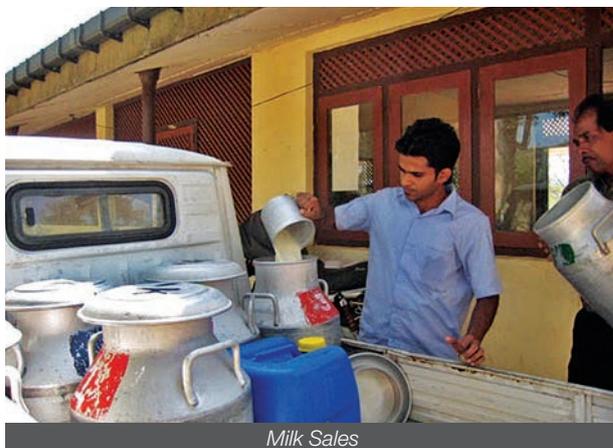
Cultivation of Pasture Dairy Farming Project in the University of Ruhuna

The project which commenced with 8 cows, had increased up to 14, and Heifer International had provided high quality stud bulls for reproduction. At present, 3 male calves and 2 female calves are available for those who would need improved breeds to start a dairy project.

The farmers who are affiliated as well as not affiliated to the Heifer project and other students are given awareness programmes on both academic and practical approaches. On an average, at least one such programme is conducted every month.

Project activities include visits to the farms and conducting above stated awareness programmes by the academics of the University, together with their students to the dairy farmers and other farmers.

This centre acts as a good learning ground for 3rd year students numbering about 150 of the Agriculture Faculty, to conduct their practicals on dairy farming, biogas manufacture and utilization, and integrated farming practices.



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LIVES WITH COOPERATION

Eastern Community Resource Development Foundation commenced in 2009 as an active organization representing 25 CBOs, in Seruwila Divisional Secretariat of the Trincomalee District. This division is composed of an ethnic grouping of 60% Sinhala, 26% Tamil and 14% Muslim, representing all three communities. Membership of this CBO is confined to women headed households and families who have otherwise abled members.

The people have gone through 30 years' of war, severe drought and floods and have thus suffered from physical and psychological backwardness. While their outlook for peaceful community living and practicing brotherhood is very limited, their economic and social levels too are at a very low level. Ostracization, lack of knowledge of appropriate utilization of resources owned by them coupled with lacuna in technical know-how, minimization of avenues for livelihood and income generating opportunities, have made this society solely dependent on welfare measures and resultantly, has not found it easy to be employed.

Taking above into consideration, SLCDF in collaboration with HOPE International Development Agency, initiated a development oriented project in August 2010, basing the women headed households and those having children with special needs. Project activities pertaining to home gardening, small entrepreneurship development, and dairy farming were initiated with venture capital in the form of RLF for the first two and as start-up capital for latter. This intervention covered 8 CBOs in 6 villages, consisting 42 families – 33 Sinhala and 9 Tamil ethnicity. The six nodal villages are: Sirimangalapura, Sumedhankarapura, Thanganagar, Lingapuram, Dehiwatta and Kavantissapura. Additionally, through 4 training programmes on business management, leadership, organic farming, dairy farming, technical knowledge and social mobilization, the capacity of the beneficiaries was built. In addition, dry provisions were distributed amongst 145 families during the floods that prevailed during February 2011.

With the knowledge gained and resultant attitudinal changes and improved ways of doing things from the above training and knowledge enhancement, positive consequences had followed in the day-to-day lives of the beneficiary families, both quantity-wise and quality-wise. The families have now deviated from costly agricultural practices and engage in environmental friendly agriculture with minimization of using chemicals in their cultivations, and last but not least, to use quality and fresh organic food for their family consumption. With the recognition of new livelihood activities, their daily income has increased resulting in decrease in economic family burdens they faced previously and the demand for small entrepreneurship development has increased. Their daily earnings range between Rs. 500/= – 700/=, which has enabled them to settle the loans taken under the RLF. Their progress is evident from the fact that the current beneficiary families enjoying RLF benefits is totaling 85 against the 42 families at the beginning - a 200% increase over a period of one year! Furthermore, as against the 6 villages which received assistance at the inception, 10

villages are benefiting currently. This works out to a 160% increase. The additions are: Seruwila (Somawathiya Road), Sivapuram, Samagipura and Mandalapura. There is an obvious improvement in their attitudes, knowledge and application in economic development, through participatory development activities. Furthermore, through the dairy farming project, improvement in technical know-how, engaging in good practices relating to economic activities with co-operation amongst the beneficiaries have resulted. Currently, 10 CBOs are actively participating as opposed to 8 at the beginning of the project. The books of accounts and other registers of the CBOs are maintained well, and they act with responsibility. The total membership of the CBOs has risen from 906 in 2010 to 1,008 currently. The value of institutional assets, income from membership fees, sale of stickers and RLF, totals Rs. 400,000/=. With the developmental experience gained over the past, capacity enhancement and stabilization with technical know-how, CBOs have been empowered to submit project proposals to other donors and join their Consortium.

It is a delight to note that the villagers of all ethnic groups – Sinhala, Tamil and Muslims - in the above mentioned 10 villages, live harmoniously and with mutual cooperation, marching towards national integration, as opposed to the sad experiences they all faced in the past. Consequent to the social, economic, cultural and environmental development in the villages, the future of their children in peaceful, trouble free co-existence is positive.



FULFILLING A NATIONAL NEED FROM JAK

The year 1997 was a special year as the SLCDF reached a milestone. Two factors were contributory to this specialty. Firstly, it was the year that SLCDF turned 10 years in service and secondly, the commencement of the Jak Cultivation and Development Project at the national level.

In accordance with the forecast by the Food & Agricultural Association (FAO), the year 2005 was to be crucial as the whole world was to face a food crisis. To make this tenth anniversary of existence of SLCDF more significant and meaningful, the national Jak Cultivation and Development Project was initiated as a voluntary programme. From the initial stages, NERD Centre, Industrial Development Board, Industrial Technological Institute, Cathayrich Institute, ITDG, District Consortia, NGOs, communities as well as various organizations, came forward to support this national effort. It is worthy of commendation that from the grassroots level up to the national level, people joined this national effort by planting a jak plant in the home garden, office premises, schools, places of worship and organization premises. This national committee was registered in 2003 as Jak Development Foundation, as an independent organization.

The main objective of this programme was to plant one million jak plants island-wide. Another objective was to conserve the jak fruit which goes waste, by introducing innovative ways of value addition – dehydration. This attempt was two fold: it would be considered as an economic food crop with gains to the rural poor and address the food security related problems at the national level. While the late Dr. W. P. P. Abeydeera who was the then Executive Director, and committed to the cause, gave valuable advice and guidance, late Mr Milton Ilanganthilaka, pioneering Chairman of Weerya Sewa Sansadaya, rendered invaluable contribution to this endeavour.

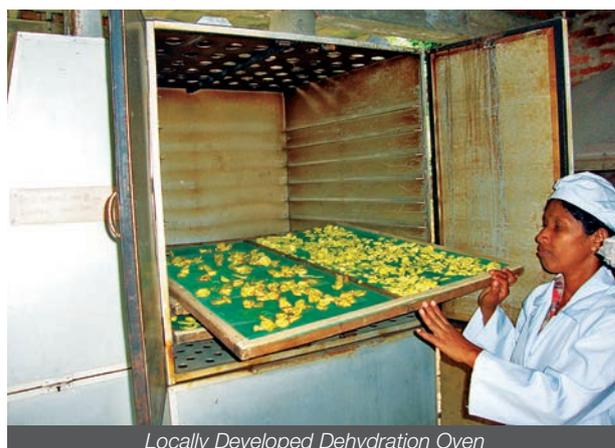
It is heartening to note that the National Jak Resources Centre based in the Weerya Sewa Sansadaya, is in joint collaboration with the Peradeniya Food Technology Institute and Vidatha Centre and has been able to train over 1,200 in jak dehydration and food technology. An oven manufactured locally at low cost to dehydrate jak is anchored in this Centre and 3 similar ovens have been made available in Kegalle and Kalutara. Through this Centre, it has been possible to experiment and introduce more than 72 jak based products to the community. Furthermore, training is also provided in this sphere. It is rewarding to note that this Centre has become the nodal base amongst those available in Sri Lanka. Additionally, this nodal centre extends its services as a resource base for food technology related training programmes conducted by the Divisional Secretariats and Vidatha Centres, at the levels of the District Consortia, training programmes conducted by the NGOMDC and for school level projects.

This centre pays a fair price to the poverty stricken villagers who provide jak fruits, which enables them to soften their economic burdens on one hand and provides hygienically dehydrated quality jak products for general consumption on the other. SLCDF has assisted by way of a grant of Rs. 934,500/- for the manufacture of dehydrating ovens, construction of the training centre, well equipped kitchen and residential facilities

for the trainees. Dried jak bulbs, jak seeds flour, waraka (ripe jak) cordial, polos pickle, fried jak (jak bites) are some of the products made available to the market and is known to have a high demand. Another innovation is a jak product series which has been tested and found suitable for those suffering from diabetes.

This centre houses a nursery of varying quality jak plants that is suitable for different climatic and geographical conditions of the island. It has been possible to distribute more than 200,000 jak seedlings to the general public through this Centre. It has been revealed that apart from the demand for varieties like “Rosa Kos” (pink jak), Thailand based variety and dwarf jak, there exists a great demand for 18-month jak plants, which is most suited for urban home gardens.

It is the vision of the Jak Resource Centre that by 2020, having recognized the immeasurable value of the jak tree, all jak fruits would be utilized without any wastage with needed agricultural advice and food technology by experienced and qualified Trainers.



Locally Developed Dehydration Oven



Dehydrated Jak-Fruit Products in the Jak Resource Centre

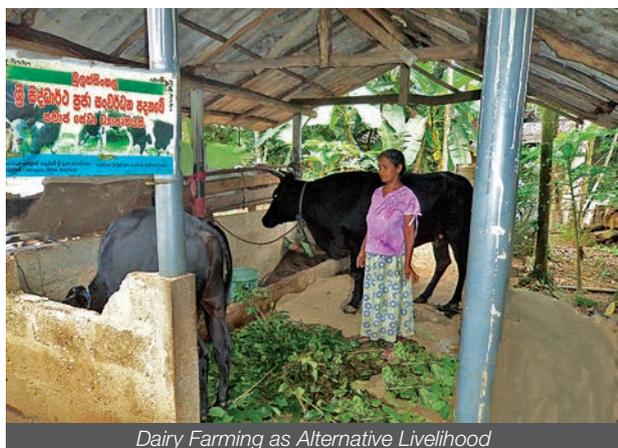
NEW EXPERIENCE – LIVELIHOOD DEVELOPMENT OF FLOOD VICTIMS IN BULATHSINHALA OF KALUTARA DISTRICT

Paragoda, Ihalawelgama and Mirishena are luscious and fertile Grama Niladhari Divisions of Bulathsinhala Division of Kalutara district, which span over the riverbed of Kalu Ganga. The main livelihood of the communities living in these areas centre around paddy cultivation, growing of vegetables and other crops, and small tea holdings. Consequent to damage by floods occurring several times of the year, almost all agricultural crops are affected. Simultaneously, the families who are dependent on income from small tea holdings have to face difficulties and the worst affected are the poor who are dependent on their daily wage earnings. The affected families barely survive with the flood assistance given by the State and other benefactors.

This frequent occurrence has been the main subject of discussion by members of Sri Siddhartha Praja Sanwardena Padanama at their meetings.

With the result of the Sri Siddhartha Praja Sanwardena Padanama joining the Kalutara District Consortium – Praja Sanvidana Sanwardena Sansadaya, it became a forum to discuss difficulties faced by the poor communities and exchange of resources. As a result of joining the Consortium, through SLCDF-CBCRM programme, resources were received from SLCDF to the tune of Rs. 1,102,000/= to operate as a Disaster Preparedness Centre. This programme which is implemented in collaboration with the Bulathsinhala Divisional Secretariat, rendered yeomen's service to the victims during the past flood devastations.

Dialogue on ways and means of addressing the devastation caused by floods and the need for a long term solution continued. Ideas emerged that cattle rearing would be a good livelihood alternative, as the cattle can be taken to high land during the periods of flood. This idea drew the attention of the Sri Siddhartha Praja Sanwardena Padanama, which was now working with the Kalutara District Consortium. The NGO gathered more information about the cattle rearing project, and suggested that it was a plausible alternative for livelihood in the given environment of floods in the area.

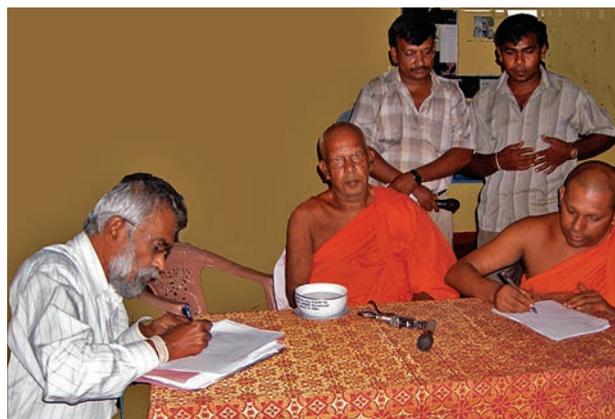


Dairy Farming as Alternative Livelihood

In addition to above, a total of Rs. 730,000/= had been granted to the CBCRM in 2009, centering 32 families of Parathota, Ihalawelgama and Mirishena GN divisions to initiate the cattle

rearing project. The main activities under this initiative, viz. 02 training programmes, cattle sheds, purchase of cattle, transport and insurance, were given to 16 families in the first round. The balance 16 families were to obtain calves from those beneficiaries in the first round as a gift, with funds for cattle sheds, insurance and transport being given by SLCDF. Under this project, up to the present time, about 37 families have benefited. Daily they are able to milk 5-8 liters of fresh milk from which an income of Rs. 250/= to Rs. 500/= are reaped. It is heartening to note that 21 calves have been born, out of which 11 had been gifted under this initiative and 6 female calves and 4 male calves are to be gifted soon.

A positive off shoot of this project is that a dairy milk production company has founded a Milk Village programme in Bulathsinhala incorporating the SLCDF project beneficiaries and had donated 216 cows to 101 new farmers. Basing the example of Bulathsinhala, the village of Halkandawilla has laid the initial steps to commence a similar programme. It is very clear that this alternative livelihood programme given to the people who earlier were victims of constant floods in the area, has become a good economic venture.



Dr. W.P.P. Abeydeera signing the agreement for the Disaster Preparedness and Management Centre

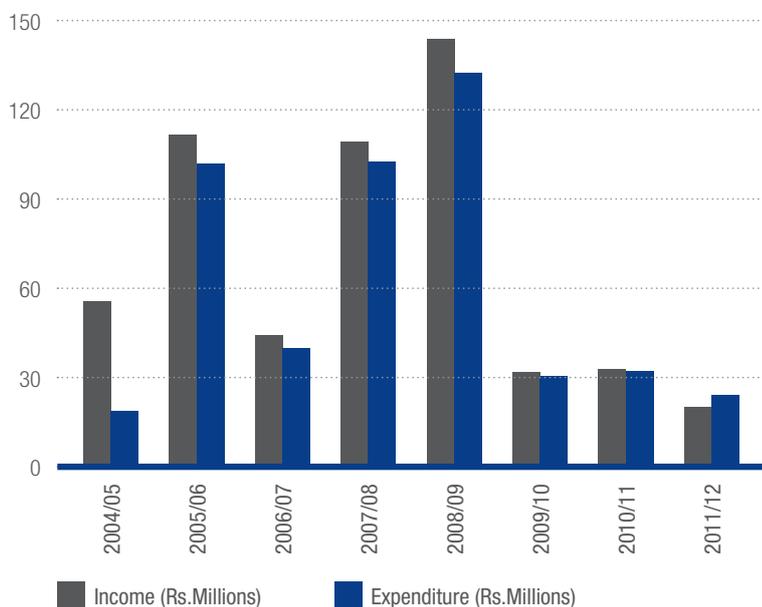
FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income and Expenditure Statements

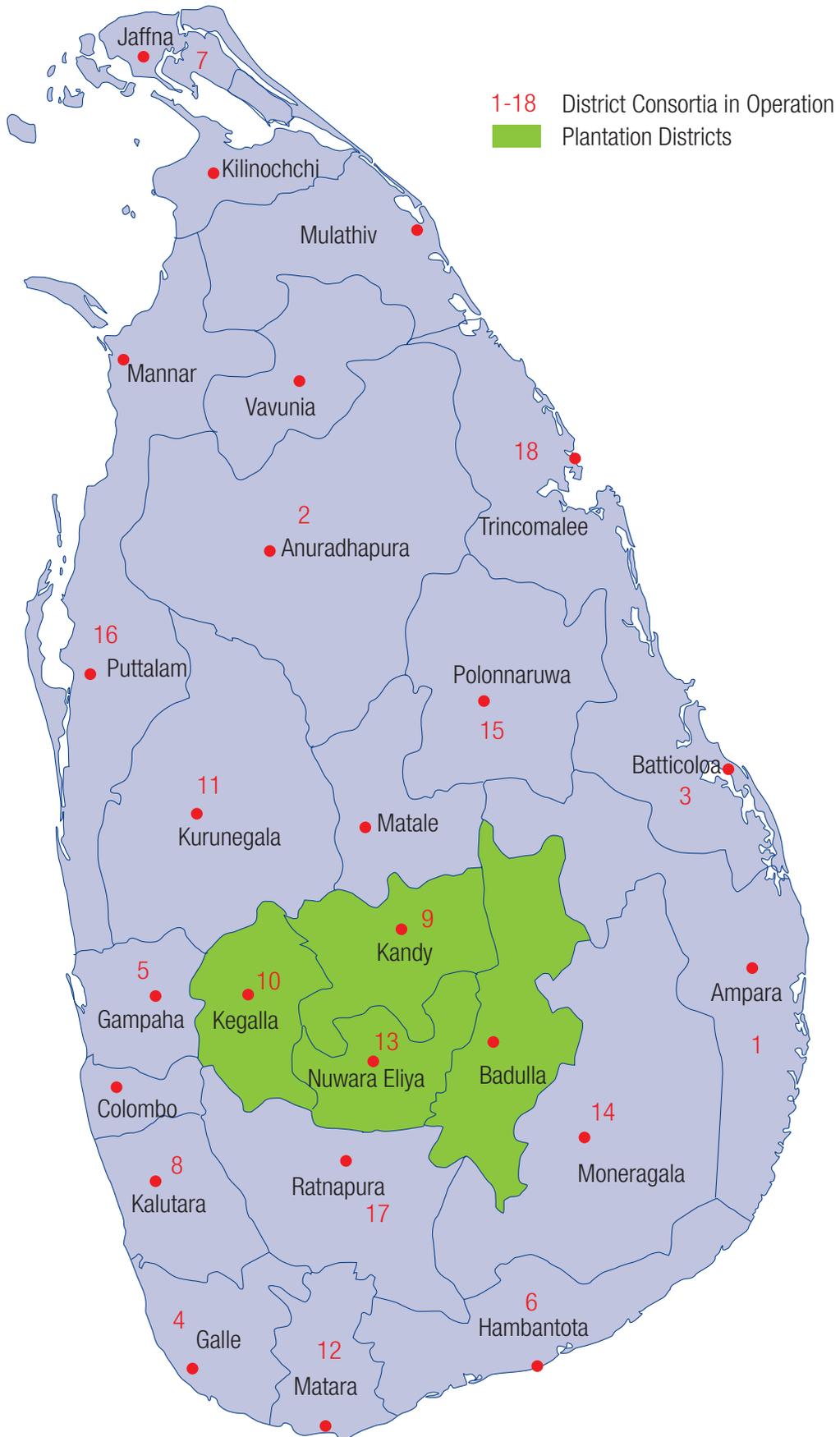
Year ended 31st March	2012	2011
Incoming Resources	19,848,980.31	32,592,218.09
Other Project Related Revenue	34,553.00	85,000.00
Total Incoming Resources	19,883,533.31	32,677,218.09
Personnel Cost	7,867,453.61	8,317,967.98
Projects Related Expenditure	16,075,218.66	23,712,592.33
Total Project Costs	23,942,672.27	32,030,560.31
Net Surplus/Deficit on Projects	(4,059,138.96)	646,657.78
Revenue Earned	14,783,709.58	18,762,437.56
	10,724,570.62	19,409,095.34
Administrative Expenses	4,258,471.85	6,178,958.01
Other Expenses	312,444.83	150,214.33
	4,570,916.68	6,329,172.34
Excess of Income Over Expenditures Before Taxation	6,153,653.94	13,079,923.00
Taxation	978,447.12	1,115,937.71
Excess of Income Over Expenditures After Taxation	5,175,206.82	11,963,985.29

(All amounts in Sri Lankan Rupees)

Income and Expenditure Comparison



MAP OF SRI LANKA WITH DISTRICTS OF OPERATION



PAST & PRESENT PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Organizations	Country
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
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
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



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