

President opens a New Building of Trincomalee District General Hospital 04thSeptember 2012

Mahinda Chinthana—
vision of the future

To Develop man to safeguard his family, To develop the family to safeguard the village, To develop the village to safeguard the country and To develop the country to win the world

A reconstructed Hospital Building at Trincomalee District General Hospital was declared open by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka. The Ministry of Economic Development implemented this sub project at total cost of LKR 47.0 Mn for the benefit of the population of Trincomalee District.



Reconstruction of Kilinochchi Survey Department 25th September 2012

Kilinochchi Survey Department which was declared open by Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development on 25th September 2012.



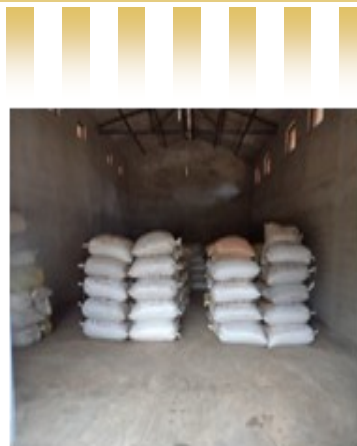
Following the end of Conflict, the Ministry of Economic Development has implemented many sub projects to strength the District Administration in Northern Province. Under this initiative, a new building was reconstructed for the



*PROSPEROUS
HOUSEHOLD—
BOUNTIFUL
MOTHERLAND*

Opening of Black Gram Purchasing, Storing, Processing and Marketing Centre in Anuradhapura

The Opening of Black Gram Purchasing, Storing, Processing and Marketing Centre in Anuradhapura was opened by Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development on 28.08.2012. This centre facilitates the Agriculture Community in LKR 5.0 Mn for this sub project.



Dairy Development in Rural Areas.

Dairy production is one of the main sectors which have an untapped market demand. Based on the government's priority and improving economic conditions in the local dairy markets, future prospects for the dairy industry are strong and positive. By developing the dairy sector in rural areas, it is envisaged to increase income of the people as well as nutritional levels of the community. At present the local milk production of the country is meet only 33% of the national requirement.

The Ministry of Economic Development implemented a sub project to develop 110 household/dairy units in Badulla, Moneragala, Polonnaruwa, Kegalle, Nuwara Eliya, Hambantota, Kurunegala, Ratnapura and Kalutara Districts. Providing new cattle to the producers; facilitation to improve the conditions of cattle sheds and cultivation of fodder lands were carried out to develop the dairy industry in rural areas, in collaboration with the Department of Animal Production and Health. It has contributed LKR 39.5Mn

of net gain to the GDP as at the end of 3rd quarter 2012.

"Support towards meeting the challenges of life"

Interconnectivity Village Development

Adavikanda Road in Kuruwita D.S Division in Ratnapura (5.4 Km in length) has been Constructed at the cost of LKR 42.2 Mn under Interconnectivity Village Development Program 2,195 families in the district will be benefited.



Drinking Water to Janathapura Village in Badulla

A Drinking Water Scheme was opened for 200 families in Janathapura Village at the Cost of LKR 0.9 Mn.



" To win the world, develop the country To develop the country, strengthen the village "

Renovation of Kalmadhu Tank in Kilinochchi

The Kalmadhu Tank was damaged during the conflict period and the Ministry of Economic Development implemented a sub project to renovate the tank for paddy cultivation and support the resettled farming families. The Kalmadhu tank at Kilinochchi was ceremonially opened by Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of

Economic Development on 11.03.2012. Total project cost was LKR 128.0 Mn. This tank provides irrigation facility for 1,396.17 Ha of paddy land and benefit 1,500 farming families.



Livelihood Development for Resettled IDPs in the Northern Province

For the purpose of the restoration of livelihoods of resettled internally displaced people in the Northern Province, a project is being implemented by the Ministry with grant funds from the Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction through the Asian Development Bank.

A total of 2,500 project beneficiaries have been selected from Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya Districts and are

engaged in the improvement of 200 km of field canals, 100 km rural roads and Agro Wells through the cash for work program.



Beneficiaries involved in the restoration of tank bund in Ariyalai GN Division under Nallur D.S. Division of Jaffna District

Beneficiaries engaged in the improvement of canal cum rural road under Kanakambikaikulam GN Division under Karachchi D.S. Division of Kilinochchi District



Beneficiaries engaged in the desilting of a field canal under Agaththimurippu GN Division under Musali D.S. Division of Mannar District

National Mine Action Programme in Sri Lanka

Following the end of the conflict, one of the main challenges faced by the government was to resettle nearly 300,000 Internally Displaced People (IDP) in their own habitats. Contamination of most of their lands with mines and Explosive Remnants of War (ERW) were the among threats to the return people. The Government committed it self fully to the Mine Action Programme by expanding treasury funds from 2009 to 2012. The Mine Action Programme cost LKR 10,507.8 Mn. As at September 2012 the total area demined is 1,953 Km² and 900,512 devices have been recovered (Anti Personal, Anti-Tank and UXO).



National Mine Action Programme in Sri Lanka — Awareness Creation

The Mine Risk Education Programme provides support for mine-safe behavior among communities. It aims to minimize deaths and injuries from landmines and explosive remnants of war and to reduce the social and economic impacts. During the first nine months of this year 342 MRE programmes were conducted along with 46,000 participants in newly resettled areas.

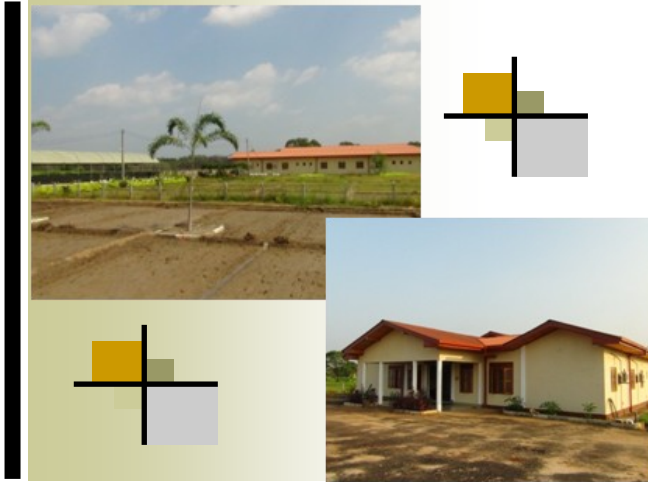


"Focus on modern education and knowledge systems"

"A helping hand for the self reliant"

Opening of Divi Neguma Training Centre in Vavuniya

The Divi Neguma Training Centre in Vavuniya was opened by Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development on 18/04/2012. The training centre has 18 rooms for accommodation, kitchen, dining hall, well equipped training hall, net houses, modern Irrigation systems and livestock units. This training Centre provides Training facilities to the agricultural community in Vavuniya and the adjoining districts.



"Houses for all" for prosperous life styles

"Comforts, convenience and satisfactory life styles"

President reviews the Progress of Development Work in Vavuniya, Mannar, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts

Special District Development Progress Review Meetings for Vavuniya, Mannar, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts were held under the patronage of His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of Sri Lanka. The status of ongoing development activities implemented in these Districts was reviewed in detail. 137 sub projects completed up to the 3rd Quarter 2012 at the cost of LKR 13.3 Mn in the Kili-

nochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar Districts under the initiative of the Ministry of Economic Development.



Reconstruction of School building at Kilinochchi Hindu Primary Vidyalaya



Reconstruction of Common Hall at Paddikudiiruppu in Vavuniya District



Reconstruction of Visvamadu lift irrigation scheme in Mullaitivu District

Sri Lanka's Ambassadors visit the Northern and Eastern Provinces



Eastern Provinces

The Ministry of Economic Development organized a field visit during the Month of July 2012 for Sri Lanka's Ambassadors overseas. They were provided an opportunity to visit the accelerated development programmes and development initiatives in Northern and Eastern province in particularly in the former theatre of conflict.

Farmer-run Cyber Centre's for Agricultural Development

Through Connecting Regional Economies program, US AID set up farmer-run cyber centre's with the collaboration of the Ministry of Economic Development. Thus, helping Sri Lanka's Department of Agriculture to extend its internet advisory program.



Drinking Water to three villages in Polonaruwa District

Anurapura, Divuldamana and Ihalawewa GN Divisions in Dimbulagala were severely affected by conflict. When these villages were selected for development, one of the major demands from villagers was obtain drinking water facilities. Therefore, the Ministry implemented a sub project at the cost of LKR 14.0 Mn out of which LKR 10.0 Mn came from the Ministry and the balance from community contribution. This Water Supply Project was opened on 24.08.2012 by Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister

of Economic Development 630 families were benefited by this programme.



Manuals for Tourism Development

The US AID helped launch two manuals 'Tourism Roadside Signage Guidelines' and 'Start Your Tourism Business' boosting Sri Lanka's rapidly growing tourism industry.

This project promoted social and economic security in Eastern Province by developing livelihoods for vulnerable populations, fortifying agricultural value chains, encouraging work for development and fostering a positive business environment.



Rehabilitation of Kaluwawala Tank in Anuradhapura District



Under the patronage of Hon. Basil Rajapaksa, Minister of Economic Development, the programme to rehabilitate 2000 village tanks is progressing well. The program covers 16 districts including Northern, Eastern, Central and North Central Provinces.

The Kaluwawala tank in the Parangiyawadiya at Horowpethana DS has been reconstructed under this program. After completion, the extent of

crop land that can be effectively cultivated will increase from 70 to 200 hectares. A total of LKR 21.0 Mn has been allocated for this rehabilitation work.



Southern Development Authority of Sri Lanka

Helping Hand to "Divi Neguma"
Integrating with the National Divi Neguma program of the Government, Southern Development Authority has taken measures to uplift living standards of 15,000 families living in 150 villages in the Galle, Matara, Hambantota, and Monaragala Districts under the sectors of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and domestic Industries.

Several programs have been launched to provide seeds, planting materials for farms and

chicks, calves etc for those who are engaged in poultry, cattle and goat farming.



Cattle Breeding Centre in Matara



Establishment of Net house in Matara



Poultry Breeding Centre in Matara

"The Spiritual development of man is a mirror of the social development of a country"

Udarata Development Authority of Sri Lanka

The Udarata Development Authority of Sri Lanka undertaken several rural development activities which are mainly related to rural infrastructure development, livelihood development and spiritual development. The focus of the development plan of this Authority in the year 2012 has implemented, de-

velopment projects in rural infrastructure development and livestock development, leading to socio – economic and cultural upliftment of the peoples in Hatharaliyadda, Galagedara, Harispaththuwa, Pujapitiya and Akurana divisions.



Construction of Weewala bridge at Narangaspitiya (2nd stage)



Construction of "Kanuwatta" agrarian road at Wiguhumpola -

Department of National Botanic Gardens

1) Development

▶ The first botanic garden developed by local experts after 130 years (the 3rd botanic garden was established in 1876 by British) is being established at Mirijjawila, Hambantota with the objective of ex-situ conservation of dry and arid zone plants contributing to the economic development of the country by developing floriculture/ herbal industry and ecotourism in the area. Development activities of the Garden are accelerated. A substantial proportion (approximately 50%) of development activi-

ties of the garden has been completed and approximately 40% of the planting activities and the construction of internal roads have also been completed. Establishment of the entrance complex and the car park, summer houses with toilets, staff quarters, floriculture extension office and shade net houses are the major constructions on going.

▶ Approximately 50% of development activities of the new Wet Zone Botanic garden at Avissawella has been completed. The establishment of an entrance complex

and a visitor centre are being carried out currently.

*" A green country
A clean environment "*

*" Water is our heritage
and life "*



Construction of main entrance complex at Dry zone Botanic Gardens, Hambantota



upgraded road network at Wet Zone Botanic Gardens, Avissawella

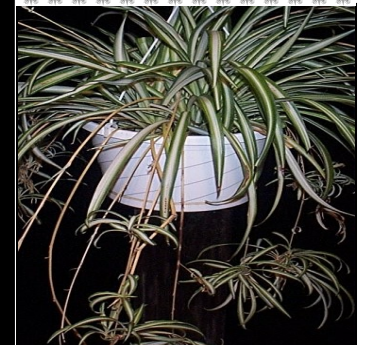
2) Floriculture

▶ Floriculture research and development activities were continued at the Floriculture Development Unit of the Peradeniya garden.

▶ Equipped farmers in Floriculture by distributing 50,000 m² UV treated polythene un-

der the National Floriculture Development Programme ("Suwaha Mal" Programme) under Divinaguma programme.

▶ A programme was initiated on sustainable enterprise development for improving livelihoods by floriculture



Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*)

New Matching Grant Scheme to stimulate LKR 4.00 bn investment in Tourism sector

Sustainable Tourism Development Project (STDP) is implemented by the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) with the financial assistance from the World Bank. After restructuring this project in 2012, approximately US \$ 16.0 Mn is allocated for provision of Matching Grants to tourism related SMEs projects engaged in the tourism sector with a view to improve and extend the product content and supply chain of the (SMEs) related to the tourism industry. It is expected that the project will bring new investment of LKR 4.00

bn to the tourism industry which will improve the sustainability of Sri Lanka Tourism by improving the quality of products and services and creating new jobs.

Further the Matching Grant Scheme (MGS) is to upgrade product standards and improve managerial and technical skills of SME projects in the tourism sector. Funds available under the MGS will be provided to the eligible end users as an outright grant through a Matching Grant Administrator Bank. This Grant will cover 50% of

the eligible expenditure of the proposed sub-project up to a maximum of LKR 10.0 Mn.

Tourism Resources Improvement Project (TRIP)

Ministry of Economic Development with the loan facilities of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has launched the Tourism Resources Improvement Project (TRIP) in 2007.

The overall objective of the project is to increase income levels of people and alleviate poverty through earning foreign exchange and creating income generating opportunities in the tourism sector by attracting foreign tourists especially Japanese.

The project has four main components.

1. Infrastructure Development in four major tourist destinations of Negombo, Sigiriya, Anuradhapura and Nuwara Eliya.
2. Tourism Marketing and Promotion Programme targeting Japanese Market.
3. Human Resource Development Programme to upgrade the Capacity of Sri Lanka in Institute of Tourism and Hotel Management (SLITHM).
4. Community Development Programme.



Rehabilitation of Hamilton Canal



Newly constructed Hotel School Building Kandy

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Building a new Sri Lanka in the
form of a country of
middle income level through
Mahinda Chinthana

MISSION

Provision of an active
contribution for compilation
and implementation of
Policies, Strategies,
Programmes and Projects
for the creation of an
empowered Community,
Strong village comprising
with all the facilities, a
province rising with
equilibrium powered by
diversity and a sustainable
national Economy.

“ This earth and its vegetation is yours.

But they should be protected not only for your benefit

but also for the benefit of future generations.

A ruler is only a temporary and not an owner of your children’s heritage “