





Helping 100 Families Recover from Poverty Post COVID-19

Project Report - 3

4th June 2021

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

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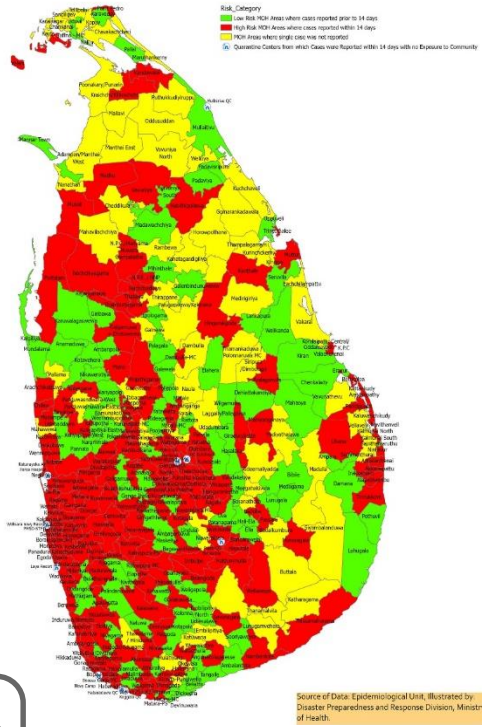
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COVID-19 Pandemic - Impact

Sri Lanka is experiencing a third wave of the coronavirus following the recent spike in the number of cases.

Travel restrictions between provinces were imposed until June 14th 2021. Several areas in the country have been isolated and all schools remain closed until further notice. Furthermore, confirmed cases have been reported from every district. Meanwhile, the vaccination that commenced in February continues, prioritizing health workers, tri-forces and those living in high risk areas.

Sri Lanka's first confirmed case of a Coronavirus infected person was reported on 27th January 2020



Confirmed cases
183,452

Deaths
1,441

Recovered & Discharged
149,825

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COVID-19 Pandemic – World Vision Lanka Response

World Vision Lanka (WVL), is responding to COVID-19 pandemic as it continues to spread around the island. Since March 2020, we have been working closely with the government in responding to the Global Health Emergency of COVID-19 in Sri Lanka.

WVL implemented the COVID-19 Response Plan through its 33 Area Programmes (APs) across the country and in locations outside of the APs. The Government of Sri Lanka was our implementing partner in the first three months of the Response (March to May 2020).

During this period World Vision operated mainly through the Divisional Secretariat (DS) offices for distributions based on pre-established selection criteria agreed upon by both World Vision and the local authorities. Procurement of relief items was done both centrally and at the district level.



12,661
nutritionally vulnerable children were supported



4,136
Persons with disability



8,546
Lactating Mothers



3,804
Pregnant women



8,533
Women-headed households



98,702
families

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Project Summary

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted Sri Lanka profoundly. As a result, the country was hit with an unprecedented economic downturn. The poverty in the country has risen since the onset of the pandemic due to widespread job and earning losses. With the pandemic spreading across the island the living conditions of the rural communities of the country has started getting worse. The most vulnerable are communities that are dominated by daily waged workers that are affected severely with travel restrictions.

While working closely with the government in responding to the emergency of COVID-19 we continue our community development work to support the communities to rebuild their lives while battling the prevailing situation.

With the pandemic forcing the country in to a lockdown, many communities in the rural parts of the country were prevented in getting their daily provisions and was unable to provide for their families. In response to the crisis, WVL took many initiatives to support families through food security and livelihood. Home gardening is such initiative where we try to support most vulnerable families to have their own homegrown vegetables in order to secure household food security and tackle hunger during the pandemic and beyond.

With the support of funding received through Global Giving we were able to launch the 2nd phase of the project in April.

Project Summary Contd.

Second phase of the project was commenced in Karachchi, a divisional secretariat in Kilinochchi district of Northern Province of Sri Lanka with a total population of 61,000.

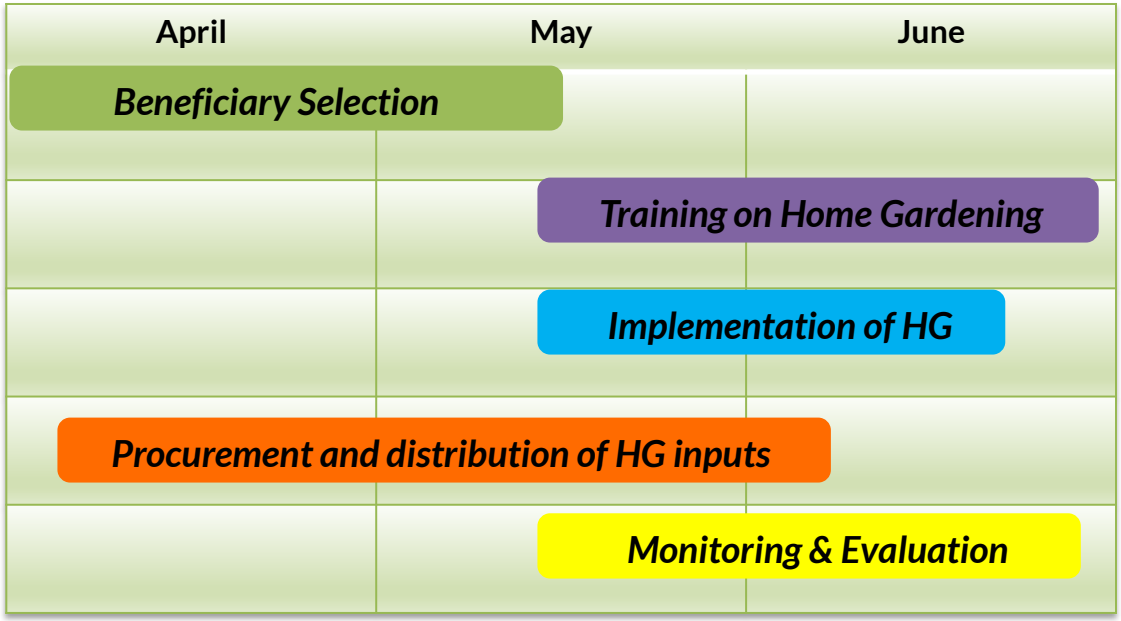
Project Target Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries Supported in Phase 1	Target Beneficiaries In Phase 2
		
100 Families	10 Families	20 Families

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Project Timeline & Activities

The project was initiated in May with a timeline of 3 months. However, due to the unexpected 3rd wave of Covid-19 and the country going in to lockdown all project activities had to be put on hold until the travel restrictions are being lifted.

As of 3rd June 2021, country is still under travel restrictions until further notice.



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Project Time line & Activities

Project Activity 1 – Beneficiary Selection

20 most vulnerable households were selected based on the following standard criteria's.

- Extremely vulnerable WHH were given high priority
- Availability of suitable land for agriculture (at least 25x25 feet)
- Access to a water source at least during the rainy season to allow for cultivation - 9 out of 12 months of the year
- Adequate time to regularly devote to home gardening activities (2 hours a day), or demonstrated access to support for maintenance of home garden (e.g. support of relatives)
- Time and willingness to attend all training sessions.

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Project Activities & Implementation contd..

Project Activity 2 – Training & Technical Advice on Home Gardening

In collaboration with the Agricultural Department, standard curriculum training has been designed to conduct once the travel restrictions are lifted. All trainings will be facilitated by the respective government officials from the Agriculture Department and Grama Niladhari Division with the support of the project assistant and economic development officer from WVL.

Trainings will be provided on:

- Awareness on home gardening and poison free (organic) vegetable production
- Organic fertilizer preparation
- Seedbed preparation
- Selecting & purchasing of seedlings

Project Activities & Implementation Contd..

Project Activity 3 – Procuring and Distribution of Raw Materials & Tools

The following raw materials and tools will be procured and distributed among the selected beneficiaries. Prior distribution, each family/household will be visited by the project team and the Agriculture Department to evaluate the space/land and also to identify the suitable seeds, seedlings, tools and fencing material.

- Grow bags
- Vegetable seeds – eggplant, tomato, chilies, okra, long beans, pumpkin, cucumber
- Fruit Seeds - papaya, watermelon
- Tools – watering cans, barbed wire, water hoses etc.
- Fertilizers, compost & Urea

Procurement process was started in the month of April.

Gallery

Before





After





Lands are being cleared to start cultivating

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Thank You!

Onward Towards a Lasting Impact!



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