Performance Report - 2025

Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

(Expenditure Head No - 124)

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Chapter 01

Institutional Profile/ Executive Summary

1.1 Vision

The enriched society that enjoy the benefits of development equally.

1.2 Mission

Formulate and execute programmes for enhancing rural development, ensuring social protection and community empowerment with the participation of all stakeholders

1.3 Introduction, Subjects and Functions

As per the Household Income and Expenditure Survey conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) in 2019, 82.8 percent of the total population of Sri Lanka lives in rural and estate areas. Moreover, one in every six persons of the population has faced multidimensional poverty and 95.3 percent of them live in rural and estate areas. The poverty headcount index is 10 percent higher in rural areas and 27 percent higher in estate areas compared to urban areas, and access to educational opportunities, infrastructure and services, as well as the participation of women and senior citizens in the workforce and social activities, remain low. Furthermore, the socio-economic problems prevailing in rural areas have a significant negative impact on the development and social structure of those areas.*

The introduction of a proper social security system will support to increase a country's human capital and productivity, reduce inequality, and end the vicious cycle of poverty. According to the definition of the International Labor Organization, social security is comprised of policies and programs that protect individuals or family units from poverty and vulnerability throughout their life cycle. Although numerous social security programs are implanted in Sri Lanka, at present need has been arisen to implement an integrated program through the government coordinating this entire program.

Therefore, in order to overcome the above-mentioned challenges, which have a significant impact on the development of the country, there is a need for a comprehensive program to eradicate multidimensional poverty and ensure the social welfare of marginalized and disadvantaged communities through a development process that leaves no one or any area behind, in line with the government's policy of “A Thriving Nation, A Beautiful Life”.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment has been established by the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2412/8 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 25.11.2024 to deliver the aspects of promoting sustainable development in the rural areas of the country, improve social security systems and empowering communities to build an independent community. The main functions and activities entrusted to this Ministry are as follows:

1. Formulate, implement, follow up and evaluate policies, strategies, programs and projects related to the subjects of rural development, social security and community empowerment and the subjects of departments and statutory institutions and state corporations affiliated to the Ministry, based on the national policies implemented by the Government.
2. Provide efficient and public-friendly public services within the scope of the Ministry.
3. Reform all systems and procedures by modern management tools and technology thus ensuring that the functions of the ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
4. Further implement rural infrastructure development initiatives.
5. Implement social security nets programs.
6. Identify the people with special needs and fulfill those needs.
7. Review, re-organize public assistance schemes, and introduce appropriate new reforms.
8. Provide assistance to tuberculosis patients, kidney patients, leprosy patients, cancer and thalassemia patients and their dependents.
9. Implement family counseling services.
10. Affair relevant to internationally ratified conventions in relation to persons with special needs.
11. Implement necessary programs in coordination with the relevant institutions for providing vocational training and creating employment opportunities for persons with special needs.
12. Introduce necessary policy changes and implement necessary facilities and programs enabling people with special needs to work together with the general public.
13. Implement social insurance schemes for people with special needs.
14. Take necessary measures to care for elder, increase participation of elders in social development activities, and protect the rights of the senior citizens.

The National Secretariat for Non-Government Organizations came into operation under this ministry, by the Gazette Notification No. 2458/65 dated 18.10.2025.

Main functions of this Secretariat are:

1. Registration of Non-Government Organizations (NGOs).
2. Monitoring the activities of NGOs.
3. Providing facilities to NGOs.

4. Providing visa recommendations to NGOs registered in the National Secretariat for Non-Government Organizations.
5. Taking legal actions against misconducts by Non-Government Organizations.

- The following departments, institutions and divisions are actively involved in delivering the above functions and activities efficiently and effectively.

❖ Rural Development Sector

i. Rural Development Bureau (RDB)
ii. Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI)

❖ Social Security Sector

iii. Department of Social Services (DSS)
iv. National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)
v. National Council and National Secretariat for Elders (NSE)
vi. Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)
vii. Counseling Unit
viii. Partnership Secretariat for World Food Programme Cooperation
ix. National Secretariat for Non-Government Organizations

❖ Community Empowerment Sector

x.Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD)

❖ Educational Institute

xi.National Institute of Social Development (NISD)

The main target groups currently receiving services from these institutions are as follows:

- Elderly population of 3.9 million (Registrar General's Department, 2025)
- 0.73 million disabled population over 5 years (Department of Census and Statistics, 2024)
- 4.5 million informal sector employees (Labour Force Survey, 2024)
- 152,979 drug addicts (Police Narcotics Bureau, 2022)
- 0.8 million people with mental health disorders (Ministry of Health, 2017)
- 28,500 families of prisoners (Department of Community Based Corrections, 2024)
- Single-parent families and homeless beggars

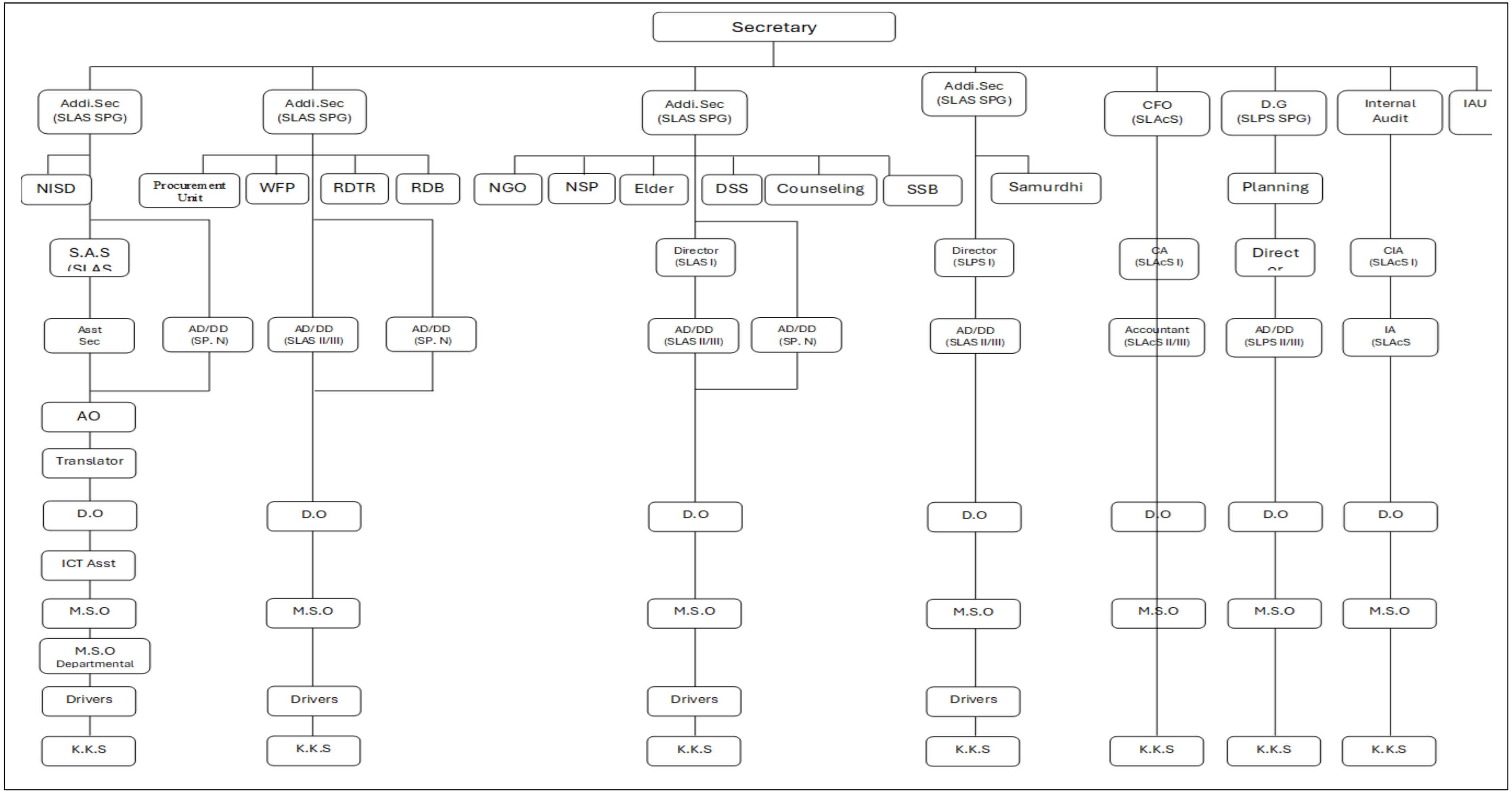
Accordingly, the ministry and the affiliated institutions function under the Expenditure Head No. 124, while the Department of Social Services functions under Expenditure Head No. 216 and the Department of Samurdhi Development under the Expenditure Head No. 331. Progress relevant to the Expenditure Head No. 124 is shown by this performance report.

Note – As the National Secretariat for Non-Government Organizations has been brought under the scope of this ministry since October 2025, it does not function under the expenditure head number of the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security, and Community Empowerment; therefore, its progress is not included in this performance report.

* The Department of Census and Statistics is currently analyzing the data from the 2025 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES), and the survey report is scheduled to be released in the latter part of 2026.

1.4.1 Organizing Structure

Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment



1.5 Departments/Institutions and Divisions Under the Purview of the Ministry

Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD)

Introduction

The Department of Samurdhi Development was established by the Divi Neguma Act No. 1 of 2013, as amended by the Divi Neguma (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2017, to promote economic development activities and remove obstacles that suppress the hidden potential of every poor person, and to implement programs related to family empowerment, social security and livelihood development with the aim of eradicating poverty and ensuring social justice in Sri Lanka.

Objectives

- Economically, socially and mentally empower the low income families and uplift living standard of their family units.
- Ensure social security of the low income families.

Functions

- ➢ Empower 2 million families facing multidimensional poverty under economic, social and psychological aspects within the period of 05 years from 2025 to 2029.
- ➢ Provide micro-finance loan facilities for developing income generation pathways and uplifting livelihood of low-income families.
- ➢ Implement programmes targeted at social development of low-income families.

Department of Social Services

Introduction

On the recommendations of the commission appointed in 1944 under the leadership of Sir Ivor Jennings, the department of social services was established on 01 February 1948 with the aim of creating a better environment for the marginalized and disadvantaged groups of the people in the country.

The present government has initiated implementation of an integrated social security program, from 2025 for the entire underprivileged community of the country from their birth to death, without leaving anyone or any area behind.

The department of social services serves as the national focal point for social empowerment operating under the ministry with the core function of implementing social security and social empowerment programs in accordance with the rehabilitation plans prepared for marginalized and disadvantaged people.

Objectives

- Ensure equal rights, opportunities; freedom and social security of marginalized, disadvantaged and underprivileged communities including persons with disabilities.
- Up lifting the living standard of persons with disabilities by providing them income generation pathways.

Functions

- Providing vocational training for the youths with disabilities through vocational training centers operating under the Department of Social Services.
- Developing professional skills of the youth with disabilities using new technologies as to fit with the existing job market.
- Implementing programmes of early intervention for children with disabilities and socializing them.
- Providing full time residential care for persons with disabilities who have lost parents or guardians and empowering them.
- Rehabilitation and socialization of drug addicts.
- Functioning on affairs related to the Visually handicapped Trust Fund.

- Provide day care service and pre-vocational skills development through day care centers for children with disabilities.
- Implementing a program to empower people through self-organized rehabilitation plans supervised by steering committees at the regional, district and national levels to strengthen and popularize the community-based rehabilitation process.
- Rendering the sign language interpretation services.
- Rehabilitation of beggars through Ridiyagama detention home.

National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)

Introduction

The National Council and The National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities was established under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996. The National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities promote the rights of persons with disabilities and to provide relief, including their welfare, in order to create a conducive environment for persons with disabilities and implement the policy decisions taken by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities on behalf of the disabled.

Objectives

- Building a favorable environment for the persons with disabilities.
- Empowering people with disabilities, their families, and communities to become self-reliant and resilient and to uplift their social and economic status.
- Ensure equal rights, opportunities, freedom and social security for all.

Functions

- Promoting the welfare and protect the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Implementing programmes to facilitate basic needs of low income persons with disabilities.
- Expanding the approach for health, education and job opportunities for persons with disabilities.

National Council and National Secretariat for Elders (NSE)

Introduction

The National Council and the National Secretariat for Elders have been established under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, Act No. 9 of 2000 as amended by the Act No. 5 of 2011.

Objectives

- Protecting and promoting the rights of the elders.
- Maintaining physical and mental stability of the elders and promote their welfare.
- Economically empower the elders.

Functions

- Making society aware that providing care, protection and welfare to elders is a role that must be fulfilled by the family itself.
- Increase investment opportunities in the private sector to care for the elders.
- Directing elders towards income generation through the development of their abilities and skills.
- Preparing individuals for retirement by developing awareness to mitigate challenges faced in retired life.
- Providing care for the elders who need help.

Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)

Introduction

This is an institute that was established and operated by Social Security Board Act No. 17 of 1996 and Sri Lanka Social Security Board (Amendment) Act No. 33 of 1999. The main role of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board is the implementation of contributory pension schemes and social security schemes for the self-employed persons who are not entitled to a government pension.

Objectives

- Providing social security for self-employed persons in their old ages or when they met a disability and provide relief to their defendants in case of their death.
- Encouraging self-employment among youth, improve their skills and competencies and uplift their living standard.

Functions

The function implemented by this institute until the year 2024 involved the establishment of a pension and social security benefit scheme for the self-employed other than those employed in the fisheries and agricultural sectors and administration and management of that scheme. The main role of this institution is the formulation and implementation of comprehensive pension policy applicable to workers in all sectors and the implementation of programs encouraging every citizen to join a pension scheme in line with the policy of the new government.

National Institute of Social Development (NISD)

Introduction

National of Institute Social Development established as a higher education Institute by the Parliament Act No. 41 of 1992 in the year 2005, is declared as an institute authorized to award degrees under Section 25A of the University Grant Commission Act No:16 of 1978 and this is the only government institution that provides education on social works of Sri Lanka.

The Governing Council, the central body of the institute deals with the administration, management and financial affairs of the institution. The Academic Affairs Board functioning under the Governing Council provides advice and guidance for the academic affairs of the institution.

Objectives

- To enhance innovative education and vocational skills that are aligned with global needs and innovations, and to foster professional development.
- To promote the use of social development strategies that foster sustainability and social justice.
- To provide social policy development and expert advisory services that support the design and implementation of policies that improve social welfare and development outcomes.

Functions

- Providing social work professional education
- Conducting postgraduate degrees in social work and initiate new undergraduate courses related to social development (Social Science special degree , Human Science special degree , Phycology and Counceling degree and Gerontology special degrees).
- Conducting local and international training courses on social works.
- Conducting researches in the fields of social works, social welfare and social development and make publications.
- Conducting counceling services in social welfare sector.
- Developing management and professional competency of the employees of government and non government organizations who involved in social welfare activities.

Rural Development Bureau (RDB)

Introduction

In accordance with the cabinet decision No. CM/25/0150/820/004 dated 10 Feb. 2025, the Rural Development Bureau was established under the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment as the focal point to implement integrated rural development programmes.

Objectives

- Increasing income level of rural families/ community to create better living standard.
- Promoting micro, small, and medium-scale entrepreneurs and develop capacities and skills.
- Enhancing access to basic facilities (infrastructure facilities and services).
- Minimizing social problems through social development.

Functions

- Implementing the integrated rural development programme under the Prajashakthi movement for poverty alleviation.
- Coordinate government ministries and other institutions when implementing projects/programs relevant to the rural development sector.
- Implement, supervise, evaluate, and follow up on development programs.
- Further coordinate the Gramashakthi program and the Saubhagya production village program.

Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI)

Introduction

Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI), established in 1974, applied the participatory development approach through the change agent methodology since 1978 to raise the potential strengths of the poor community marginalized by the development stream and to develop their self-reliance and collectivity. The main role of this institute is catalyzing the required empowerment to transform the disadvantaged condition of a poor community into a more favorable condition in the socio-economic process.

Objectives

- Managing knowledge on community development.
- Enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of community development programmes.

Functions

- Socializing expertise and knowledge on community development.
- Capacity development of field officers enabling them to directly engage in empowerment of families and community-based organizations.
- Providing information for policy makers/ development experts.
- As the training center for the Praja Shakthi national movement, this institute is dedicated to the capacity development of community development councils for the eradication of multidimensional poverty. Accordingly, the main responsibility of the institute in 2026 is training of community development council representatives. Further, the institute is entrusted with the distinctive role in providing technical and knowledge inputs necessary for the policy formulations through scientific research on rural data.

Counseling Division

Introduction

This Division is functioning for building mental well-being of the community using psychological counseling and psychological therapies for mental issues, mental imbalances and various types of psychosocial issues faced by the community.

Objective

- Building mental well-being and mental empowerment by reducing the community's vulnerability to mental disorders.

Functions

- Identify the psychological problems, mental disorders, mental illnesses and various types of psychosocial issues faced by people and conduct counseling programs to reduce those conditions.
- Conduct psychological counseling intervention to mentally empower the community.
- Provide quality counseling services to the clients with mental disorders and psychological issues.
- Establish proper interaction between professionals engaged in counseling.
- Monitoring and providing guidance for counseling services.

Partnership Secretariat for World Food Programme Cooperation

Introduction

The World Food Programme (WFP) is a government-sponsored programme established in Sri Lanka since 1968. At present World Food Programme is implementing successfully under the 2023-2027 strategic plan, prioritizing the food security. This strategic plan included a 5 year programme with a total cost of USD 105 Mn, focusing on sustainable development by responding emergency disaster conditions, providing food and nutrition to marginalized people, building long-term resilience to climate change and institutional capacity.

Partnership Secretariat of the World Food Programme Cooperation (PSWFPC) is operated under the Ministry of Rural Development, Social security and Community Empowerment from 01 January 2025 for its smooth functioning aiming at improving the quality of life of the rural people. This Secretariat serves as the main center of coordination between the Government of Sri Lanka and the World Food Programme (WFP), ensuring alignment of relevant programmes at the ground level with national priorities, efficient implementation, accountability, transparency and effective monitoring.

For the year 2025, WFP' provided annual grant of Rs. 1,250 Mn to support implementing programs of the strategic plan, and the Government of Sri Lanka has provided a contribution of Rs. 550 Mn for the year 2025 to implement programs such as ensuring food security, improving nutrition of marginalized populations, and strengthening resilience to disasters.

Main strategic outcomes

1. Crisis Response: Ensuring that vulnerable communities have access to food and essential supplies during and after crises.
2. Improved Nutrition: Improving nutrition with a focus on the first 8,000 days of life through nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific programmes.
3. Building Resilience: Reducing community vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change.
4. Institutional strengthening: Improving national institutional capacity to develop resilient food systems and improve food security and nutrition.

Administration Division

The administration division operates in accordance with the regulations and circulars for the management of human resources and physical resources of the ministry and its affiliated institutions. The administration division provides efficient service to the institutions and divisions which implement the development programs, by performing the following tasks.

- Conducting establishment and administrative activities related to the staff of the ministry and institutions under the purview of the ministry.
- Human resources development through local and foreign training.
- Contributing to policy formulation by properly submitting cabinet memoranda, acts, bills etc. related to the scope of the Ministry.
- Providing necessary human resources and infrastructure facilities.

Development Division

The main role of the division is to provide advice, guidance and direction to achieve the objectives of the departments, institutions and divisions under this ministry.

The institutes that implement programs for uplifting the living condition of the rural people and improve their economic well-being are monitored by the Additional Secretary (Rural Development); the institutions that implement programs for persons who require social security are monitored by the Additional Secretary (Social Security); and the institutions that are involved in empowering the community by implementing programs for enabling active participation of persons and community to control their lives and mold their economic and political environment are monitored by the Additional Secretary (Community Empowerment).

Accounts Division

The accounts division is entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the public accounts with transparency, ensuring that the powers vested in the Chief Accounting Officer by the Financial Regulations are exercised with financial discipline, along with providing annual provision, management and payment for operational and development programs.

In addition to maintaining ministry accounts and handling its entire procurement procedure it oversee the accounts of departments, statutory institutions and boards.

Internal Audit Division

The internal audit division operates under a Chief Internal Auditor who is directly responsible to the Secretary of the Ministry and provides guidance to achieve the desired development goals by conducting financial audits, performance audits, management audits, environmental audits, system control audits and risk-based audits necessary to maintain the services and programs provided by the ministry in a quality and efficient manner.

Planning & Monitoring Division

The planning and monitoring division is responsible for providing necessary facilities for the formulation of policies, programs and projects related to the subjects of the departments, statutory institutions and development divisions under the ministry, directing and monitoring the progress of the implemented programs and coordinating the programs implemented by other line ministries, departments and institutions. Further, this division coordinates and supervises the projects implemented under foreign assistance.

Establishment of Internal Affairs Unit.

The government's main focus is creating a public service in Sri Lanka that is free from bribery and corruption, ensuring the integrity of public officials. Introduction of robust anti-corruption procedure to the public sector, Sri Lanka's commitment to implement international anti-corruption treaties, including the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), is aligned with Anti-Corruption Act No. 09 of 2023 and the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan 2025–2029 that is to be launched soon. Accordingly, the internal affairs unit of this ministry has been established in accordance with the circular no. PS/SB/Circular/2/2025 dated 18.02.2025 issued by the Secretary to the President as an initiative for the process for preventing corruption through creating a culture that fosters transparency, accountability, and integrity throughout public institutions and to effectively provide public services to all citizens.

Main objectives of the Internal Affairs Unit.

I. Preventing corruption and building integrity culture within the institute.

II. Ensure transparency and accountability of all activities of the institute and ensure public access to information regarding activities and decisions of the institute.

III. Promoting ethical governance within the institute.

IV. Develop a safe and accessible mechanism to encourage reporting of misconduct, protect informants, and retain confidentiality.

V. Assist in the enforcement of laws in cooperation with law enforcement agencies and the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption.

Responsibilities and Functions of the Internal Affairs Unit

In order to ensure proactive, clear and focused anti-corruption efforts targeting key elements of corporate integrity, the following specific responsibilities and tasks have been assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit.

I. Review current procedures and circulars to identify systemic bottlenecks within the institution and simplify them to increase operational efficiency.
II. Conduct corruption risk assessments to identify areas that are vulnerable to corruption and unethical behavior within the organization and take necessary preventive measures.
III. Develop and implement a corporate integrity action plan that includes specific anti-corruption objectives and strategies tailored to the needs of the organization.
IV. Comply with national anti-corruption strategies aligning institutional policies and practices with the National Anti-Corruption Action Plan.
V. Conduct Compliance Assessments to evaluate the institution's compliance with national and international anti-corruption laws, including the Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2023, and identify areas for improvement.
VI. Ensure compliance with requirements for declaration of assets by all public officials and employees and manage conflicts of interest in accordance with the regulations of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and the Anti-Corruption Act No. 9 of 2023.
VII. Establish a secure system for receiving and managing complaints related to corruption and unethical conduct within the institution, ensuring that all such complaints are dealt with expeditiously by the relevant officers or units, and providing regular updates to relevant stakeholders who make inquiries, ensuring transparency and accountability. Refer relevant facts, findings or information to the Commission for the

Investigation of Allegations of Bribery or Corruption for investigation under the Anti-Corruption Act.

VIII. Develop and publish a citizen charter that depicts the services provided by the institution.

IX. Establish and enforce policies that promote ethical governance, including a standardized code of ethics to be adhered to by public officials.

X. Following measures, including programmes for training and raising awareness, to motivate staff to remain committed to anti-corruption principles.

XI. Act as the institutional focal point for the National Anti-Corruption Integrity Assessment, ensuring institutional participation aligning with the integrity assessment procedure conducted by the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption and the National Anti-Corruption Framework.

XII. Coordinate with the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption to obtain continuous guidance and assistance in delivering the duties of the unit.

XIII. Prepare periodic and annual reports summarizing activities of the Internal Affairs Unit, progress of anti-corruption initiatives, challenges and future activities.

XIV. Prepare and implement plans to improve integrity with the participation of private sector stakeholders.

Details of foreign funded projects

	Name of the Project	**Donor Agency**	**Financial Estimate of the project Rs. Mn**	**Project period**
1	Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project (ADB) – grant component	Asian Development Bank	Rs. 695.394 Mn	From August 2022 to August 2026
2	Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project (ADB) – loan component	Asian Development Bank	Rs. 1890 Mn	From August 2022 to August 2026
3	Social Security Project	World Bank	Rs. 2738 Mn	2023 - 2027

Chapter 02

Progress and future Outlook

2. Strengthening the Legal Mechanism

Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Draft Bill

Cabinet approval was granted on 21 April 2025 to draft a Bill on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Accordingly, the National Council for Persons with Disabilities has prepared a new model draft. It is scheduled to be referred to the Legal Draftsman's Department for the preparation of the draft bill on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Sign Language Draft Bill

The cabinet of ministers granted its approval on 02.06.2025 for introduction of proposed Sign Language Draft Bill enabling to recognize Sign Language as a proper mode of communication. Accordingly, the draft prepared by the legal draftsman has been forwarded to the Attorney Generals Department for its observations. Further action on the Sign Language Bill is scheduled to be carried out in accordance with the advice of the Attorney General's Department.

Gazette of Accessibility Order for the persons with disabilities

The final draft of the Disabled Persons (Accessibility) Regulations, No. 1 of 2006, on enabling the access of persons with disabilities to government buildings, public places, and services, published in the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1467/15 dated 17.10.2006, and the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1619/24 dated 18.09.2009, issued to amend it, has been prepared in accordance with international specifications and prevailing conditions.

Formulation of national policy for the persons with disabilities

The process of revising and updating the existing National Policy for Persons with Disabilities is currently underway.

Formulation of national policy for the elders

In 2006, the policy document for elders was launched, and the National Council for Elders decided that a new policy should be prepared by amending that policy according to timely needs. Also decided that a complete national policy for elders in Sri Lanka is required to address the challenges posed by a rapidly growing elderly population. The National Council for Elders appointed a policy formulation committee for the formulation of national policy for elders to face this issue.

The National Policy for Elders formulated by this policy formulation committee and approved by the National Council for Elders, Department of National Planning, and the Cabinet of Ministers was launched at the National Elders Day ceremony on 01 October 2025 as a printed version in all three languages.

Protection of the Rights of Elders Act

The National Council and the National Secretariat for Elders were established by the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act No. 09 of 2000 as amended by the Act No. 05 of 2011 to promote the welfare and rights of elders by ensuring the freedom, care, self-fulfillment, participation, and dignity of elders in Sri Lanka. At the 20th meeting of the National Council for the Elders, held on 14.05.2019, it was decided that the above-mentioned Acts should be revised to meet the timely needs.

In 2019, the Sectorial Oversight Committee on Legal Affairs (Anti-Corruption) and Media advised that the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act should be amended, and the Committee on Ways and Means held on 10.05.2023 has also instructed that this Act should be amended.

Accordingly, then National Council appointed a committee to amend these acts and approved by the Cabinet of Ministers through a Cabinet paper. It has now been forwarded to the Department of Legal Draftsman to make them aware of the cabinet approval and to prepare the initial draft.

Preparation of regulations and guidelines for elder homes

In line with the global trend of an increasing elderly population, the elderly population in Sri Lanka is also increasing, and therefore, a five-member committee was appointed at the Council for Elders held on 30.05.2025 to prepare guidelines and rules related to the regulation of all institutions providing services to the elders, and an initial draft of the regulations for the management of all elderly homes operated in Sri Lanka has been completed by 31.12.2025 and submitted to the National Council for the Elders to obtain its views and suggestions.

2.2 Implementation of Development Programs

National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)

Approved annual allocation – 2025 and progress up to 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	Progress (Rs. Mn.)
Capital	650.47	58.71
Recurrent	34.53	17.02
Total	**685.00**	**75.73**

Physical and Financial progress of the main development programmes up to 31.12.2025

Development programmes implemented under the treasury provisions

Capital allocation

Providing financial assistance

- Medical assistance was provided for 365 persons with disabilities (for surgeries, medicine and traveling expenses for attending clinics) – Financial progress Rs. 9.50 Mn
- Education assistance was provided for 539 students with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 11.10 Mn.
- Self-employment assistance was provided for 184 persons with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 7.90 Mn

Providing assistive devices (glasses, wheelchairs, crutches, etc.)

- Providing assistive devices for 10,418 persons with disabilities and purchasing assistive devices - Financial progress Rs. 15.58 Mn.

Providing financial aid to voluntary organizations that provides services to persons with disabilities.

- Financial Assistance was provided for 5 voluntary organizations that provides services to persons with disabilities - Financial progress Rs Mn. 1.00

Capacity development of persons with disabilities.

- Providing financial assistance to 14 institutions for developing skills of persons with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 1.18 Mn.

Conducting sign language certificate course

- Conducting sign language certificate course for 68 government officers - Financial progress Rs. 0.37 Mn.

Acquisition of capital assets

- Procurement of equipment for early childhood development center at Akuressa - Financial progress Rs. 0.11 Mn.

Establishment of database for persons with disabilities

Rs. 100 Mn have been allocated through the budget proposal 2025 to establish the database. The NSPD censes activity document plan was prepared using the activity plan used by the Department of Census and Statistics in conducting censuses. The listing questionnaire was prepared with the assistance of the officers of the department of census and statistics. Human resources required for fieldwork, office work, and supervision and technical knowledge were identified. Approval of the committee and the secretary to the ministry of rural development, social security, and community empowerment has been obtained for the methodology for selecting data collection. The Department of Census and Statistics, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Digital Economy, and the Ministry of Public Administration conducted several rounds of discussions, and approval was granted for the questionnaire. The Department of Census and Statistics has been assigned to develop the database. The classification was published on the website for public comments and has now been uploaded in sign language. Four laptops and a printer were purchased for the preparation of the data system. An awareness program (online) was conducted for district secretaries and divisional secretaries on 18.11.2025 regarding the establishment of the database. A leaflet has been prepared to be published in the Gram Niladhari offices to inform individuals regarding the collection of information on disabled persons -. (Financial progress Rs. 9.89 Mn).

Recurrent allocation

Providing monthly maintenance cost for the Victoria Home for Incurables

- Providing monthly maintenance cost for the Victoria Home for disabled persons. - Financial progress Rs. 15 Mn. (to provide services for 120 disabled persons accomadated in the home)

Providing self-employment opportunities for persons with disabilities

- 39 disabled persons were referred for employment in the private sector, and arranged to pay 50% of the salary paid by the organization (maximum Rs. 15,000) – Financial progress Rs. 0.83 Mn.

Programmes implemented under other allocation

Providing houses and sanitary facilities for the persons with disabilities

A provision of 5% of the income earned by the Super Vasana Sampath Lottery Fund is allocated annually for this purpose. Accordingly, the following programs have been implemented.

- Providing housing assistance for 403 persons with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 56.23 Mn.
- Providing sanitary facilities for 103 persons with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 10.96 Mn.

Fund of the National Secretarit for Persons with Disabilities

- Medical assistance was provided for 86 persons with disabilities (for surgeries, medicine, and traveling expenses for attending clinics) – Financial progress Rs. 1.99 Mn
- Education assistance was provided for 81 students with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 1.99 Mn.
- Self-employment assistance was provided to 21 persons with disabilities - Financial progress Rs. 0.98 Mn

Providing medical assistance for the persons with disabilities

Allocations have been made for the persons with disabilities under the Presidents Fund from this year.

- Medical assistance was provided for 197 persons with disabilities (for surgeries, medicine, and traveling expenses for attending clinics) – Financial progress Rs. 10.1 Mn.

National Council and National Secretariat for Elders (NSE)

Approved annual allocation for 2025 and progress as at 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	Progress (Rs. Mn.)
Capital	20.00	20.00
Recurrent	200.00	196.64
Total	**220.00**	**216.64**

Financial and physical progress of main development programmes as at 31.12.2025

Development programmes implemented by recurrent allocation

Providing health assistance to the elders

- Providing hearing aids, lenses and spectacles to 4472 senior citizens – Financial progress Rs. 48.85 Mn
- Conducting 16 medical camps for elders – Progress Rs. 10.23 Mn

Caring the elders

- Administration expenses for Elder Homes at Maligathenna, Pannala, and Kathragama - Financial progress Rs. 15.095 Mn
- Providing financial assistance for 2008 elders under the "Suwapahasu" scheme that is implemented to provide minimum facilities and sanitary facilities required for the elders to live in their homes - Financial progress: Rs. 79.996 Mn
- Repairing 13 elder homes and providing equipment - Financial progress Rs. 24.837 Mn

Promoting elder's rights

- Printing 50,000 Senior Citizen identity cards, issuing of 44,899 Senior Citizen identity cards and purchasing 1100 laminating covers and 65 laminating equipment - Financial progress Rs. 2.030 Mn.

- Conducting 9 council meetings relevant to conducting the National Council for Elders - Financial progress Rs. 1.259 Mn.

Social and spiritual programs

- Conducting 3 programmes and 2 meetings for the elders (Elders day programmes and new year programmes) - Financial progress Rs. 2.100 Mn

Administration expenses

- Incurring administration expenses for 340 divisional secretariats and 25 district secretariats - Financial progress Rs. 6.960 Mn

Development programmes implemented by capital allocation

- Purchasing furniture and office equipment for 74 divisional secretariats, purchasing 52 computers and conducting 4 capacity development programmes - Financial progress Rs. 19.851 Mn

Programmes implemented under the national Elders Welfare Fund

- Conducting 9 programmes relevant to caring the elders - Financial progress Rs. 1.69 Mn
- Providing assistance to construct 20 elders daycare centers - Financial progress Rs. 30.73 Mn
- Constructing 24 houses under the "Diriya Piyasa" project - Financial progress Rs. 16.81 Mn
- Providing equipment for 13 elders daycare centers - Financial progress Rs. 8.61 Mn
- Conducting 16 awareness programmes on aging for young community - Financial progress Rs. 1.62 Mn
- Providing medical assistance for 875 elder persons under "Arogya" programme - Financial progress Rs. 21.85 Mn
- Organizing 238 pilgrimages for elders - Financial progress Rs. 19.76 Mn
- Providing self-employment assistance for 205 elders - Financial progress Rs. 10.09 Mn
- Conducting 19 awareness programmes on adulthood for school children - Financial progress Rs. 0.71 Mn
- Conducting 23 programmes on preparatory to retirement - Financial progress Rs. 2.29 Mn
- Conducting 7 programmes on yoga for healthy aging life and digital literacy - Financial progress Rs. 5.52 Mn
- Empowering 469 elder committees at rural level - Financial progress Rs. 47.27 Mn

- Incurring administration expenses for Dehiattakandiya "Sarana" elders home - Financial progress Rs. 0.24 Mn
- Issuing 2000 printed certificates to the registered elders societies - Financial progress Rs. 0.35 Mn
- 100% completing supply construction and procurements of Kataragama elders home - Financial progress Rs. 110.30 Mn
- Construction works of 4 elder homes - Financial progress Rs. 2.78 Mn
- Celebrating the National Elders Day on 01 October 2025 led by the Hon. Prime Minister - Financial progress Rs. 4.64 Mn

Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)

Approved annual allocation for 2025 and progress as at 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Progress (Rs. Mn)
Capital	30.00	17.00
Recurrent	218.00	194.41
Total	**248.00**	**211.41**

Financial and physical progress of main development programmes as at 31.12.2025

Development projects implemented under recurrent budget

Enrollement of new members to the pension and social security scheme

No. of new members enrolled to the scheme - 66,977.

Amount collected as the first installment - Rs. 318.68 Mn.

Post premium collection - Rs.. 335.96 Mn.

No.of members paid post premiums - 171,128

Granting pensions and other benefits to the members

Paying Rs. 452.37 Mn as the pensions for 37,386 pensioners.

Paying Rs. 38.71 Mn to 1750 members as other benefits.

Conducting awareness programmes

Conducting 2539 awareness programmes for the self-employees

Conducting self-employment/ entrepreneurship capacity development programmes for vocational training institute and young groups.

Conducting a programme for 147 students of Orugodawatta Vocational Training Institute.

Conducting publicity programmes to make the public aware of social security.

- Promotional programmes through Whatsapp and Facebook
- Publishing youtube posts.
- 02 radio programmes.
- 03 television programmes.

Development projects implemented under the capital budget

Conducting capacity development programmes for the staff

- Conducting 7 group training programmes for 405 officers and individual training programmes for 11 staff officers and Tamil training course for 13 officers of the staff – Financial progress Rs. 0.85 Mn.

Upgrading information technology facilities.

- Purchasing computer appliances - Financial progress Rs. 2.90 Mn

Upgrading office facilities to enhance the customer services

- Purchasing office equipment to the head office, district office and divisional secretariats – (Financial progress Rs. 9.70 Mn)

Repairing vehicles

- Making payments for repaired vehicles – (Financial progress Rs. 2.11 Mn)

Preparation of new pension information management system

The integrated computer system SSBTrustPOST has been created as secured, reliable and user-friendly digital platform with the technical assistance of postal department for the digitalization of benefit/ contribution processes of Sri Lanka Social Security Board.

This was implemented with the objective of establishing transparent, secured and responsible procedure for the entire process for

Registration → OTP Verification → Payments **(**application/ monthly**)** → Manage wallets/accounts → Withdrawal control → SMS message notification → reporting/ control**.**

Main objectives

1. Digitalization of national level beneficiary services – Registration, pension payments, keeping records
2. Verification and notification by OTP/ SMS
3. Integration of Bank payments **(**Peoples Bank IPG – Card/QR)
4. Data security, entry control, audit trail and minimize risk for corruptions.
5. Automate installment payments made by debit/credit cards and online bank transfers, initial registration and post office network, banking system and other collecting agents.

Even though Rs.5.00 Mn was allocated to this purpose, the postal department agreed to prepare this system free of charge, and its initial developments were completed within 2025.

National Institute for Social Development (NISD)

Approved annual allocation for 2025 and progress as at 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Progress (Rs.Mn)
Capital (Construction of building complex at Seeduwa)	180.00	29.57
Capital (Smart village project)	7.00	4.29
Capital (Other)	50.00	24.21
Recurrent	249.00	184.34
Total	**486.00**	**242.41**

Prgrammes implemented under capital allocation

Building complex constructed in Seeduwa area for National Institute for Social Development

- The construction works of this building in phases A and B was commenced on 01.01.2017, and it was planned to be completed in October 2022. However, this period has been extended to 30 October 2025. The total estimated cost for the project is Rs. 1187.54 Mn. During the year 2025, achieved physical progress of 31% and total financial progress of Rs. 1001.31 Mn, while total physical progress is 98.50%.

Field action project on Smart Village project

- In January, 18 final year social work undergraduates were deployed to 9 selected villages in 9 provinces as field officers and they were provided the basic knowledge on facilitating community work for rural activities. These 18 students participated in the progress review meeting held in March. They facilitated the activities carried out by the community-based institutions at village level**.** Awareness programmes on identification of common needs, as well as activation of rural women's development organizations, activities of the "Clean Sri Lanka" project and other basic awareness programs were implemented with the participation of the community members. Training programmes were conducted on Smart Agriculture – modern agricultural techniques, value-added production and water efficiency, smart economy – marketing and digital marketing or development of online/Facebook marketplace, Smart Youth Development - expansion of job opportunities in private and non-government sectors, Smart Education - introduction of smart libraries, information and communication technology to the education and smart social security – social welfare, micro loan facilities and women's societies were activated by providing assistance to women lead families.

Acquisition of capital assets

- Procurement of 03 photocopy machines, 10 laptop computers, 02 digital screen cameras, 01 camera, furniture and office equipment and library books under procurement of equipment (Rs. 20.131 Mn.)

- Repairing regional center at Ampara area, repairing vehicles and photocopy machines (Rs. 3.833 Mn)

Programmes implemented under recurrent allocation

- Conducting Bachelor of Social Work degree programme for 850 students, celebrating International Social Work Day, making payments to 30 external resource persons, conducting 4 capacity development programs for supervisors, providing institutional scholarships to 334 students and holding the annual convocation for 225 students
- Providing necessary guidance for improving library facilities conducting 4 Library Committee meetings and 2 Library Advisory Committee meetings.
- Conducting 4 staff development programs to enhance research skills by the Research Division, publishing 5 journals and 2 newsletters, conducting 2 research seminars and completing the research on the beggars residing in the Ridiyagama detention home.
- Conducting 28 training programs for 880 officers and 5 workshops for field supervisors and faculty supervisors by the training division.
- The revised proposal for initiating new degree programs on Gerontology and phycology and counseling has been prepared as per the specimen form of the UGC. Completed compliance report for new degree programs on Gerontology and phycology and counseling was submitted to the non-government higher education sector.
- Received the review team report from the Research Division and the School of Social Work for the new degree program on social policy and social development and the curriculum of the social work degree program has been revised according to the format of the University Grants Commission.
- Conducting 6 awareness programs on gender equality, publishing 01 e-journal, and conducting an intellectual dialogue by the Education Center for Gender Equality.
- Conducting 2 programs and 3 workshops for the welfare of the students, purchasing medical and sports devices.
- Conducting 3 review workshops on curriculum by the curricula developments centre.
- Conducting 17 examinations and annual convocation by the Registrar's Division.
- The Centre for Quality Assurance conducted 3 programs and 2 workshops to enhance the quality of the education programs conducted by the National Institute of Social

Development. Also conducted 01 meeting of BGS committee to decide the undergraduate programs.

- Conducting programmes for promotion of courses conducted by the National Institute of Social Development at regional centers.

  Total expenditure incurred for these activities is Rs 31.49 mn.

Fee levying courses conducted by the institute.

School of Social Work

The master's degree program on social work conducted by the School of Social Work relevant to the 2021/2022, 2022/2023, and 2023/2024 academic years has been followed by 252 students and the diploma on social work (2023/2024) by 17 students. (Expenditure – Rs. 7.737 Mn, Income – Rs. 10.929 Mn). 75 students were awarded MA degrees in social work at the convocation held in 2025.

Training Division

657 students followed the diploma in counseling (2023/2024, 2024/2025) and diploma in English (2025) courses conducted by the training division at the head office and regional training centers.

At the diploma awarding ceremony held in 2025, 173 students were awarded the certificates.

Research Division

The main programs conducted by the research division of the institute are the certificate course on gender equality (70 students) and the certificate course on research methodology and academic documentation (Sinhala, Tamil, and English) (150 students) (Expenditure - Rs. 0.4 Mn, Income - Rs. 0.4 Mn).

Prgrammes conducted under the funds of the institute

- Conducting a workshop for the students and the staff of the institution.
- 14,962 library books have been inventoried.

- Conducting 01 program for quality improvement of the programs conducted at the institution, 01 workshop for faculty board development, and 02 training programs by the center for quality assurance.
- Making payments for digitalization of documents of the center for quality assurance and conducting a training program on this subject.
- Taking actions to develop social work professional development by hosting the Asia Pacific Social Work symposium.
- Conducting 03 awareness programs and a national symposium on gender equality.

Total expenditure incurred for these activities is Rs 3.07 mn.

Rural Development Bureau (RDB)

Approved annual allocation 2025 and progress as at 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Progress (Rs.Mn)
Capital	1100	878.94

Financial and physical progress of major development programs as at 31.12.2025

Integrated Rural Development Programme

- Formulating 14022 village development plans (VDP) covering each Grama Niladhari division – Financial Progress Rs. 129.41 Mn
- Implementing 218 selected projects - Financial Progress Rs. 643.59 Mn

Supported activities (Feasibility studies, awareness programs, training and field visits)

- Preparing 23 validation reports for feasibility of projects.
- Conducting 9 stakeholder meetings.
- Conducting 2 awareness programmes for District Secretaries.
- Conducting a national level two day training of trainer (TOT) programme.
- Conducting 25 district level training of trainer (TOT) programmes.
- Conducting 630 training programmes at divisional levels.
- Conducting 15 field visits at district levels to oversee the projects.

Total expenditure incurred for these activities is Rs 51.7 mn.

"Prajashakthi" National Movement

As per the government's policy "A thriving nation, A beautiful life", wealth is not merely economic stability and it is defined as achieving high living standard and positive attitudes in line with the economic development of the country through enhancing education, health and living condition. Accordingly, in order to eradicate poverty, the people of the country must be transformed into rich people in every aspect.

Accordingly, the 'Prajashakthi' national movement for poverty alleviation is being implemented with the primary objective of resolving the problems and weaknesses experienced in the entire process of empowerment and social protection and establishing a people-centric development structure with active community participation.

- Establishment of 9244 community development councils – Financial progress Rs. 18.48 Mn.
- Conducting 8 training of trainer programs under training and development activities.
- Purchasing technical equipment for the Prajashakthi secretariat.

Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI)

Approved annual allocation for 2025 and progress as at 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Progress (Rs.Mn)
Capital	12.36	10.39
Recurrent	59.64	51.87
Total	**72.00**	**62.26**

Financial and physical progress of main development programs up to 31.12.2025

Conducting training programs and research and publications.

- Conducting 10 field visits and 6 training programs to enhance knowledge and skills of persons engaged in rural development.
- Conducting 8 training programs for the field level officers engaged in rural development programme to ensure sustainability of these programs (Preparation of rural development plans, entrepreneurship development, community organization management, project planning and management, house management).

- 6 field visits and preparation of one report related to the Rural Development Program.
- Conducting **8** training programs to improve the socio-economic empowerment of the rural community.
- Conducting 4 training programs to strengthen Rural Development Societies to improve the socio-economic status of low-income families.
- Reviewed 254 rural development plans to identify priority projects in villages
- Prepared 14 reports based on secondary data
- Publish 2 volumes of Prajashakthi magazine (This magazine is semi-annually published in the institution's website and facebook page.)
- Publish 4 volumes of *Tharanaya* news letter
- Conducting 3 workshops and a progress review meeting to develop training modules related to the Prajashakthi national movement. The training modules discussed here have been compiled and a "Training Manual for Empowered Community Leadership" has been prepared to be used in future programs. . - Financial progress Rs. 0.41 Mn.
- Conducting 5 capacity development programs (training on research methodology).
- Coordinating awareness and training programs for provincial and district level government officials regarding the Prajashakthi national movement.

  Total expenditure incurred for these activities is Rs 4.83 mn.

- The renovation of the buildings at the Borella and Pilimatalawa centers was carried out by the Thimbirigasyaya and Yatinuwara Divisional Secretariats after transferring the funds to the Colombo and Kandy District Secretariats and the renovation works have been completed.
- Repairing photocopy machines and printers at the Borella and Pilimatalawa centers.
- Repairing vehicles at Borella and Pilimathalawa centers.
- Purchasing office equipment for Borella and Pilimathalawa centers.
- Installing CCTV cameras at Plimathalawa centre.

  Total expenditure incurred for these activities is Rs 5.88 mn.

Counseling Division

Approved annual allocation for 2025 and progress up to 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Progress (Rs.Mn)
Capital	11.30	10.86

Physical progress of main development programmes up to 31.12.2025

- Identifying school children at risk of anti-social activities and behavior and referring them to 1168 programs (number of beneficiaries 85,941)
- Conducting 599 awareness and counseling programs to save school children from internet addiction and drug use (Number of beneficiaries - 58,402).
- Conducting 930 counseling programs to educate school children on early detection of mental disorders, referral for care and suicide prevention (number of beneficiaries - 57,215)
- Conducting 1186 counseling programs for the mental empowerment of the youth community. (counseling programs on mental well-being, prevention of drug abuse, sex education and suicide prevention) Number of beneficiaries: 60,955
- Conducting 809 counseling programs on domestic violence prevention - Number of beneficiaries 31,957
- Conducting 1435 awareness programs on household/family related problems - (Number of beneficiaries 56,884)
- Conducting 240 pre-marital counseling programs - (Number of beneficiaries - 9396)
- Conducting 372 community awareness group counseling programs on psychosocial intervention (prevention of teenage pregnancy, suicide) - Number of beneficiaries 17,596.
- Conducting 1255 counseling programs to educate the community and officials on early detection of mental disorders and referral for treatments (66,412 beneficiaries)
- Conducting 489 counseling programs and relaxation treatments and activities for adults with dementia and other age-related disabilities residing in elders homes registered under the National Secretariat for Elders- (Number of beneficiaries 13,755)

- Conducting 337 awareness programs on personal strengths, challenges and drug prevention for Aswesuma beneficiaries through the World Bank funds (number of beneficiaries 20660) and conducting 299 individual counseling sessions.
- Conducting 63 awareness programs on personal strengths, challenges and drug prevention for Aswesuma beneficiaries through the Asian Development Bank funds (number of beneficiaries 3484) and conducting 322 individual counseling sessions.
- Conducting 83 activity-based programs at vocational training centers under the Department of Social Services and 210 individual counseling sessions
- Conducted 511 counseling programs and 3198 individual sessions at the request of other organizations
- Conducting 24,782 individual counseling sessions and preparing 6353 intervention plans
- Conducting 632 activity-based mindfulness and relaxation monthly programs for government officials and ministry officials in district offices, divisional secretariats (number of beneficiaries - 32,342)
- Conducting 23 counseling programs for Mental Health Week.
- Providing 2878 telephone counseling service over telephone calls
- Conducting 2 skills development training programs for counseling officers.
- Conducting 160 activity based counseling programs for persons with disabilities residing in homes for disabled, registered under the national secretariat for persons with disabilities (Number of beneficiaries - 5729)
- Conducting a 2-week special training program for Grade 1 Counseling Officers who have passed the Efficiency Bar Examination.
- Conducting field observations to provide counseling services to people affected by Cyclone Ditva.
    - 44 activity-based programs were conducted at 6 safe centers in Kandaketiya, Passara and Soranathota Divisional Secretariats in Badulla District for 529 beneficiaries.
    - 500 individual counseling sessions and 20 activity-based programs were conducted at Gampala, Delthota, Pujapitiya, Udadumbara, Doluwa and Akurana Divisional Secretariats in Kandy District for 600 beneficiaries.

Partnership Secretariat for World Food Programme Cooperation

Approved annual allocation for 2025 and progress as at 31.12.2025

	Allocation (Rs.Mn)	Progress (Rs.Mn)
Capital	**1900.00**	**985.71**
Total	**1900.00**	**985.71**

Main strategic outcomes

1. Crisis response: Ensuring that vulnerable communities have access to food and essential supplies during and after crises.

2. Improved nutrition: Improving nutrition with a focus on the first 8,000 days of life through nutrition-sensitive and nutrition-specific programs.

3. Building resilience: Reducing community vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change.

4. Institutional strengthening: Enhance national institutional capacity to develop resilient food systems and improve food security and nutrition.

Accordingly, a provision of Rs. 1,900 Mn been allocated for this program and the financial progress up to 2025.12.31 is Rs. 985.71 Mn and the completed activities are shown below.

	Objective of the programme	Main contribution	Main achievements (2025)
01	Home-Grown School Feeding program (HGSF) District Secretariats: Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Matale, Batticaloa, Monaragala, Nuwara Eliya, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya Chief Secretary's Offices - Northern Province, North Central Province, Central Province, Uva Province	Providing nutritious meals to school children; increasing their income sources by strengthening relationships with local farmers	• 265,600 school children in 1,850 schools were covered • 1,590 home gardens, 1,917 poultry farms, 3,550 food suppliers were supported. • 10 solar-powered school kitchens were renovated (Kilinochchi) • Construction of an egg incubator (Thirappane) • A poultry feed factory was established (Pallepola / Dambulla) • Nutrition awareness and social behavior change communication campaigns were conducted.

	Objective of the programme	Main contribution	Main achievements (2025)
02	Fortified rice distribution program	Addressing micronutrient deficiencies of school children by providing fortified rice to the National School Food Program.	• Reaching 782,044 children across 12 districts • Development of Kalankuttiya rice processing unit and storage facilities • Construction of a laboratory and office of the National Food Promotion Board. • Installation of mixing machines in Ampara and Hambantota through private sector partnerships. • Investment: over Rs. 250 million was invested to improve production capacity.
03	Food Assistance for Assets (FFA) - Rehabilitation of Irrigation Systems through rural labour	Providing funds/ food assistance for creation/rehabilitation of community asset	• Assistance was provided to 866 houses in Kilinochchi and Matale (Rs. 37.5 Mn per each district) • Renovated 13 assets (tanks, canals, irrigation systems, agricultural roads), enabling to cultivate uncultivated lands.
04	National Nutritional food supplement - Thriposha	Improving the quality and production of the national Thriposha food supplement.	• An alternative rice-based recipe was introduced • A rice-soy mixture has been approved for a period of 6–36 months • Invested in modern machinery (WFP 50% + Government 50% / Thriposha Company)
05	Adaptation for Resilience -ADAPT4R - Regional Project (India and Sri Lanka)	Strengthen Last Mile Climate Services; Enhance the adaptation capacity. This program is implemented in 14 divisional secretariat divisions in the districts of Monaragala, Trincomalee, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Kurunegala.	• 15,500 direct beneficiaries and 640,720 indirect beneficiaries (women > 50%) are covered. • Strengthen regional cooperation on climate change. • Promote gender equality and climate-resilient livelihoods.
06	Anticipated Active Project (AA) – Ampara	Strengthening early warning systems and precautionary	• Completed the feasibility study and stakeholder engagement

	Objective of the programme	Main contribution	Main achievements (2025)
07		measures for floods.	• Pilot sites: Samapura, Senanayakepura, Mihindupura • 40 district officers were trained • Community data collection: 100+ households • Initiated the District AA Committee; • Rapid flood model has been designed
07	District Food Security Network (DFSN) Districts: Trincomalee, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Jaffna, Monaragala, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya	Establishing sustainable food security network at the District Secretariat level.	• DFSN network was established and working groups were appointed. • Three-day analytical training conducted in five districts • Quarterly food security bulletin was published (Jaffna) • Food security maps and reports used for interventions

Foreign Funded Projects and Other Foreign Relations

Foreign Funded Projects

Three major foreign funded projects are currently being implemented under this Ministry, two pilot projects are being implemented under the loan component and one pilot project is being implemented under the grant component.

The Aswesuma beneficiary family empowerment program, which aims to reduce the number of families facing multidimensional poverty is a major program of the Samurdhi Development Department under this Ministry, and 02 pilot projects have already initiated under the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank loan assistance.

This pilot project is being implemented by the Department of Samurdhi Development with the aim of empowering 12,800 poor and extremely poor families among the Aswesuma beneficiaries using Asian Development Bank financial assistance provided for the empowerment program for Aswesuma beneficiaries.

For this, provisions are allocated under the Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project and it is implemented by the Department of Samurdhi Development. This is scheduled to be implemented from 2022.09.09 to 2026.08.29 and total estimated cost is US$ 7 million (Rs. 1685.00 million for the year 2025). Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala, Kegalle, Kalutara, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Batticaloa districts are covered under this project. This project achieved financial progress of Rs. 1236.55 Mn. In addition, the renovation works of the training centers located in Samanalawewa and Nillamba under the Department of Samurdhi Development have been completed.

This project is being implemented as a pilot project of the Empowerment Program for Aswesuma beneficiaries under the World Bank Financial Assistance Project, with the aim of empowering 10,975 poor and extremely poor families among the Aswesuma beneficiaries. This is scheduled to be implemented from 2023.12.14 to 2027.09.30 and US$ 8 Mn has been allocated for project (Rs. 1,118 Mn has been received for 2025). This project covers Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Gampaha, Puttalam, Colombo, Monaragala, Mannar, Badulla, Ampara, Ratnapura and Vavuniya districts.

This project achieved financial progress of Rs. 27.31 Mn and project planning, selection of beneficiaries and enrollments have been completed. In addition, completed the preparation of

4,553 family development plans, business plans and employment plans for families enrolled to the project.

The main grant component of US$ 1.98 million is being executed under Asian Development Bank funds and is scheduled to implement from 2022 to 2026. The projects are implemented by the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, the National Secretariat for Elders, the Department of Social Services under this ministry, and the Department of Probation and Childcare under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, and the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau.

Under this project, a provision of Rs. 146.985 Mn has been allocated to the institutions under the purview this Ministry and a financial progress of Rs. 50.875 million has been achieved from 2022.09.09 to 2025.12.31. The physical progress is as follows.

- Furniture and equipment have been provided to the Akuressa Childcare Center.
- Equipment has been provided to 30 care centers and repairs have been carried out in 11 care centers.
- 11 counseling programs have been conducted for 550 persons with disabilities.
- 472 school equipment sets have been provided to disabled children.
- Mobile vending machines have been provided to 61 disabled persons.
- Job training programs have been conducted for 721 disabled persons.
- Self-employment assistance has been provided to 20 disabled persons.
- Training programs on caring for disabled persons have been conducted for 1477 persons.
- Equipment has been provided to 8 beneficiaries who have been trained for self-employment at vocational training centers.
- Livelihood assistance has been provided to 13 visually impaired persons.

The planning, implementation coordination and supervision of all these foreign funded projects were carried out by the planning and monitoring division of the Ministry in 2025.

4.11.2 Foreign Relations

First meeting of the Intergovernmental Expert Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development

The SAARC-Asian Development Bank Consultative Workshop on Contextualizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and reviewing the 2004 SAARC Plan of Action on Poverty Alleviation was held in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 21- 22 October 2024. At the meeting, Sri Lanka agreed to host the first meeting of the Inter-Governmental Expert Committee on

Poverty Alleviation and Sustainable Development. Accordingly, the meeting was held on 18 and 19 February 2025 at the Amari Hotel, Colombo with the financial and technical assistance of the Asian Development Bank. Representatives from all countries except India participated in the meeting. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment in collaboration with the SAARC Secretariat and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A total of 34 delegates, including representatives from SAARC countries, the SAARC Secretariat and the Asian Development Bank, participated in this event. The final draft report, which included the targets and indicators considered for the SAARC region, the SAARC Plan for Poverty Eradication, the SAARC Development Goals, priority policies for implementation of sustainable development goals, monitoring mechanism for considered SDG and timely evaluation was discussed at this meeting and at this meeting, and important decisions were taken to eradicate poverty in the SAARC member countries. The basic expenses were borne by the Asian Development Bank and the Ministry incurred an expenditure of Rs. 0.64 million as other expenses for this meeting.

Fourth BIMSTEC (Bay Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Expert Group meeting on Poverty Alleviation – 09th & 10th September 2025

BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting for poverty alleviation, BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting, and BIMSTEC Expert Group Meeting are the annual meetings held by the BIMSTEC countries and the 4th BIMSTEC Expert Group Meeting was held at the Waters Edge Hotel, Battaramulla on 09 - 10 September 2025.

The BIMSTEC Expert Group on Poverty Alleviation, consisting of senior officials, meets once a year to coordinate, monitor, and review progress in implementing activities towards poverty alleviation including formulating an action plan on poverty alleviation in cooperation among BIMSTEC regional countries.

As proposed at the 3rd meeting held in Kathmandu, Nepal in 2024, the 4th Summit was held on 09 - 10 September 2025. Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand are the member countries of BIMSTEC. One official from Myanmar and 05 officials from Thailand participated in the 4th Summit held in Sri Lanka, while Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal participated in the meetings online, via Zoom.

The summit was conducted by the BIMSTEC Secretariat and two foreign members representing the BIMSTEC Secretariat participated in the meeting. Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment, and Department of Samurdhi Development parcipated this summit that was chaired by Mr. Gamini Wijesinghe, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Approved action plan of the Samurdhi Development Department is included in this programme, and the expenditure incurred for these activities is Rs. 2.39 Mn.

Challenges

1. Since there are no regional-level officers serving in the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, they encountered problems in giving direct orders to the Social Service Officers.
2. Delays in obtaining regional-level data due to limited access to internet and computer facilities for all the officers of the ministry.
3. The shortage of officers in certain institutions of the ministry.
4. Difficulties in developing infrastructure facilities compared to the increasing trend of entering elders into elder homes.
5. Since a large number of Grama Niladhari divisions are in some Divisional Secretariat divisions, approved field officers are not sufficient to cover the subject.
6. Limitation of the number of students enrolled in courses at the National Institute for Social Development due to the non-completion of the building complex construction for the institute at Seeduwa.
7. Due to the limitation of filling the vacancies in the approved cadre of the National Institute of Social Development, issues have arisen in delivering the duties of academic and non-academic staff.
8. Inadequate fund allocation for the promotion of the pension scheme and restriction of government expenditure through government circulars.
9. Due to the relatively high premiums paid by contributors to the pension scheme, self-employed low-income earners expect government financial support to pay it.
10. Many projects could not be completed due to Cyclone Ditva in November 2025.

Targets

1. Promoting the mental health of citizens.
2. Effectively utilizing the funds of the societies under the Grama Shakthi program.
3. Finalization of the amendment to the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996.
4. Approving the Sign Language Bill
5. Formulating a national policy and national action plan for persons with disabilities
6. Finalizing the revisions to gazette notification on the provision of accessibility facilities to persons with disabilities.
7. Establish and maintain an Internal Quality Assurance Unit to improve the quality of the courses conducted by the National Institute of Social Development.
8. There is a need to expand the academic activities of the National Institute of Social Development by introducing new courses and to make a structural change to the institution by renaming the existing Divisions as Departments.
9. Taking steps to expand the academic activities of the National Institute of Social Development into a university level with the aim of providing higher education to a larger number of students who passed A/L exam.
10. Expanding new enrollments to pension and social security schemes and increase benefits provided under such schemes.
11. Providing more efficient service by digitizing documents of the Sri Lanka Social Security Board.
12. Enhancing productivity of services by increasing capacity development opportunities for officers
13. Develop and maintain a digitalized monitoring framework to ensure effectiveness of the development programs implemented for beneficiaries.
14. implementation of the prajashakthi national movement for poverty achiviation.

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Chief Accounting Officer
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Designation :
Date:

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Chapter 03

3.1 Financial performance report

Overall Financial Performance for year ended 31 December 2025

					ACA-F
	For the year ended 31 December 2025				
	Financial Performance Report				
Amended Provisions 2024		**Note**	**Actual**		
				-	
			2025	**2024**	
Rs.			**Rs.**	**Rs.**	
	Revenue Receipts				
-	Income tax	1	-		
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods and Services	2	-	-	ACA-1
	Taxes on International Trade	3	-		
	Non-Tax Revenue and Others	4	-		
	Total Revenue Receipts (A)		-		
	Non-Revenue receipts				
-	Treasury Imprests		812,534,032	-	**ACA-3**
-	Deposits		31,328,826	-	**ACA-4**
	Advance Accounts		28,213,556		**ACA-5**
	Other receipts of main Ledger Accounts		139,667,883	-	
-	**Total Non-Revenue Receipts (B)**		**1,011,744,297**	-	
-	Total Revenue Receipts & Non-Revenue Receipts (C) = (A) + (B)		**1,011,744,297**	-	
	Treasury Imprests (D)		44,457,887	-	
	Net Revenue Receipts and Non-Revenue Receipts E = (C) - (D)		**967,286,410**	-	
	Less: Expenses				
-	**Recurrent Expenditure**				
659,430,000	Salaries, wages and other employment benefits	5	618,932,949	-	
302,627,827	Other goods and services	6	209,296,268	-	**ACA-2(ii)**
878,800,000	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	762,762,687		
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-	
100,000	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	-	-	

1,840,957,827		**Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)**				**1,590,991,904**		-	
		Capital Expenditure							
26,600,000		Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets		10		22,105,244		-	
201,880,830		Acquisition of Capital Assets		11		40,066,725		-	
4,775,000,000		Capital Transfers		12		2,053,353,624		-	**ACA-2(ii)**
-		Acquisition of Financial Assets		13		-		-	
1,350,000		Capacity Development		14		1,023,639		-	
116,295,000		Other Capital Expenditure		15		23,910,857		-	
5,121,125,830		**Total Capital Expenditure (G)**				**2,140,460,089**		-	
		Deposit payments				29,534,707		-	**ACA -4**
		Advance Payments				94,177,401		-	**ACA - 5**
		Other Main Ledger Payments				-			
		Main Ledger Expenditure (H)				123,712,108		-	
		Total Expenditure (I) = (F+G+H)				3,855,164,101		-	
-		**Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)**				**(2,887,877,691)**		-	
		Balance as per Imprest Reconciliation Statement				(2,887,877,691)		-	**ACA - 7**
		Imprest Balance as at 31 December				-			**ACA - 3**
						-			

3.2 Financial Position Statement

			ACA-P
As at December 31, 2025			
Financial Position Statement			
	Note	**Actual**	
		2025	**2024**
		Rs.	**Rs.**
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	ACA- 6	1,530,851,705	-
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA -5/5(a)	65,963,845	-
Cash and Cash Equivalents	ACA - 3	-	-
Total Assets		**1,596,815,550**	-
Net Assets/ Equity			
Net assets to Treasury		10,133,519	-
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		1,530,851,705	-
Rent and Work Advance Reserve		-	-
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA - 4	55,830,326	-
Imprest Balance	ACA - 3	-	-
Total Liabilities		**1,596,815,550**	-

Accounts details presented in forms ACA 1 to ACA 7 in page No. 46 and 48 and notes to the accounts in page No. 49 to 51 are integral parts of these final accounts. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and provisions of Public Accounts Guild lines No. 02/2025 dated 17.12.2025. We hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found to in agreement.

Further, it is hereby certify that an effective internal control system for financial control is in place within the reporting entity in accordance with Section (1) (c) of the Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and that reviews are conducted from time to time to monitor the effectiveness of the internal control system for financial control and to make changes as necessary to ensure that those systems operate effectively.

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Chief Accounting Officer	Accounting Officer	Chief Financial Officer
Name:	Name:	Name:
Designation :	Designation:	Designation:
Date:	Date:	Date:

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3.4 Cash flow statement

		ACA-C
For the year ended 31 December 2025		
Cash flow statement		
	Actual	
		Revised
	2025	**2024**
	Rs.	**Rs.**
Cash flows from operating activities		-
Total receipts	-	-
Fees, surcharges, penalties and licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non-revenue receipts	-	-
Income collected under other revenue heads	61,803,989	-
Imprest received	812,534,032	-
Recovered advances	92,830,781	-
Deposits received	31,328,826	-
Total cash generated from operating activities (a)	**998,497,628**	**-**
Less: Cash disbursed for		
Personnel emoluments and operating expenditure	448,586,103	-
Subsidies and transfers	213,462,961	-
Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets, capital transfers, capacity development and other capital expenditure	259,608,353	-
Expenditure incurred for other expenditure heads	8,484,025	-
Imprest settlement to the Treasury	44,457,887	-
Advance payments	93,964,748	-
Deposit payments	29,534,707	-
Cash flows for operating activities (b)	**1,098,098,785**	**-**
Net cash flow generated from operating activities (c)=(a)-(b)	**(99,601,157)**	**-**
Cash flows generated from investment activities		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture proceeds and sale of physical assets	-	-
Recoveries from on lending	-	-
Cash generated from investing activities (d)	**-**	**-**

Less: Cash disbursed for		
Construction and purchasing capital assets and acquisition of other investments	40,066,726	-
Total cash flow disbursed for investing activities (e)	**40,066,726**	**-**
Net cash flow generated from investment activities (f)=(d)-(e)	**(40,066,726)**	**-**
Cash flows generated from operating and investment activities (g)=(c) + (f)	**(139,667,883)**	**-**
Cash flows generated from financing activities		
Local borrowings	-	-
Foreign borrowings	-	-
Grants received	139,667,883	-
Total cash flow generated from financing activities (h)	**139,667,883**	**-**
Less – cash disbursed for		
Repayment of local borrowings	-	-
Repayment of foreign borrowings	-	-
Total cash disbursed for financing activities (i)	**-**	**-**
Cash flow generated from financing activities (j)=(h)-(i)	**139,667,883**	**-**
Net movement in cash (k) = (g)+(j)	**-**	**-**
Opening cash balance as at 01st January	**-**	**-**
Closing cash balance as at 31st December	**-**	**-**

3.5 Financial Statement Notes - Not relevant

3.6 Performance of the Revenue Collection - Not relevant

3.7 Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

Allocation	Allocated provisions		Actual expenditure	Allocation utilization as a % of final allocation
	Initial allocation	Final allocation		
Recurrent	1,841,300,000	1,840,724,170	1,590,991,903	86%
Capital	4,917,700,000	5,121,125,830	2,140,460,089	42%

3.8 In terms of F.R.208, Provisions allocated to this Department/ District Secretariat/ Provincial Council as an agent of the other Ministries/ Departments

Rs. ,000

Ser. No	Ministry/ department which received allocation	Purpose of the allocation	Allocation		Actual expenditure	Allocation utilization as a % of final allocation
			Initial allocation	Final allocation		
1.	District Secretariats		4,679,750,000	4,878,458,598	2,587,990,864	
2.	Ministry of Health		500,000,000	500,000,000	95,905,495	

3.9. Performance of the Reporting of Non - Financial Assets

Rs. ,000

Ledger	Code	Balance as per the board of survey report as at 31.12.2025	Balance as per the financial position report as at 31.12.2025	To be accounted in future	Reporting the progress as a percentage
9151	Buildings and structures	88,313,100	88,313,100	-	-
9152	Machinery	402,112,045	402,112,045	-	-
9153	Lands	86,300,000	86,300,000	-	-
9154	Intangible assets	-		-	-
9155	Biological assets	-		-	-
9160	Work in progress	954,126,559	954,126,559	-	-
9180	Leased assets				

Auditor General' s Report

English Translation

NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE

My No: LSW/D/MSE/FS/2025 16 June 2026

Chief Accounting Officer
Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

Head 124 - Summary Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment for the year ended 31 December 2025 in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

Head 124 - The audit of the financial statements of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment for the year ended 31 December 2025 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2025, statement of financial performance, and the cash flow statement, and notes to the financial statements for the year then ended, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Finance Act No. 38 of 1971. The summary report containing my comments and observations on the financial statements of the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment was issued in terms of Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. This report will be tabled in Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to be read in conjunction with Section 10 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018.

In my opinion, the financial statements of the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment as at 31 December 2025 give a true and fair view on the financial position and its financial performance and cash flows and on all the material respects in compliance with the basis of preparation of the financial statements set out in Note 01 related to the financial statements.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for qualified opinion.

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1.3 Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements.

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements which describes the basis of preparation of these financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared for the use of the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment, General Treasury and Parliament in accordance with the Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and Public Accounts Guideline No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025. Therefore, these financial statements may not be suitable for other purposes. My report is intended only for the use of the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment, General Treasury and Parliament of Sri Lanka. My opinion on this matter is not modified.

1.4 Responsibility of the Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer for the Financial Statements

The Chief Accounting Officer is responsible for preparing financial statements that give a true and fair view in all material respects in accordance with Financial Regulations 150 and 151 and Public Accounts Guidelines No. 02/2025 dated 17 December 2025, and for determining such internal control as is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018, the Ministry is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable the preparation of annual and periodic financial statements.

In terms of Sub-section 38(1) (c) of the National Audit Act, the Chief Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Ministry and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.5 Auditor's responsibility for the Audit of Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ministry's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Chief Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

1.6 Comments on Financial Statements

1.6.1 Advance payment

(a) Actions had not been taken to recover the unsettled loan balance of retired officers amounted to Rs. 284,727 as at 31 December 2025.
(b) The loan balance exceeding a period of 01 year, amounted to Rs. 467,671 had to be recovered from officers who vacated the posts as at 30 May 2026.

1.6.2 Balance of imprest reconciliation statement

Even though the allocation debited to the Advance "B" Account to other heads of imprest reconciliation statement by the reporting entity was stated as Rs. 510,406, as per department books it was Rs. 358,597 and therefore this amount had been overstated by Rs. 151,827.

2. Report in other legal requirements

I express the following matters in terms of Section 6 (1) (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

(a) The financial statements are consistent with the preceding year

(b) The recommendations made by me on the financial statements of the preceding year had not been implemented.

Reference to para. in previous year report	Recommendation that was not ben implemented	Reference to para in this report
4.4 (b)	A full report regarding a Jeep crashed in the year 2014 had been submitted on 02 January 2024, 10 years after the accident, violating FR 110 (4), and the damage was not estimated. Further, a report had not been obtained from an examiner of the department of motor traffic. The damage remains uncovered due to the failure to take action within the recommended timeframe, and the vehicle continues to be parked insecurely even at 18 December 2024.	4.4 (a)

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3. Financial Review

3.1 Expenditure management

(a) Even though reasons should be given for savings exceeding Rs. 10,000 or a 5% difference between net provisions and expenditure in accordance with para 3.4 of Public Accounts Guidelines 02/2925, total provisions for 12 expenditure heads of programme 1 and 2 was Rs. 591,530,000, while total expenditure was Rs. 113,942,954 and the balance was Rs. 468,097,323. Reasons had not been given for this difference between the ranges of 23% to 83%. Eventually, 46% of the total net provisions of the ministry had been saved.

(b) Only Rs. 1,122,951 had been spent out of net recurrent provisions of Rs. 7,330,020 allocated for the Akuressa pre-childhood development center and net provisions of Rs. 250,000 allocated under rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets had been totally saved.

3.2 Entering to commitments and liabilities

The amount of Rs. 3,086,733 to be paid to external parties in the year under review had not been accounted for as commitments.

3.3 Noncompliance for laws, rules and regulations.

	Reference to laws, rules, and regulations	Non compliances
	Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	
(i)	FR 104(1)(a)	Investigations had not been initiated to estimate the loss or damage and reveal the definite reasons and the responsible persons immediately after such incidents, actions had not been taken in accordance with FR relevant to 15 vehicles that met with accidents.
(ii)	FR 104(3)	Even though a preliminary report should be sent within 07 days, preliminary reports relevant to 15 vehicles crashed in accidents in 2025 had been delayed for 11 to 86 days, and there was also a delay in appointing officers for the initial investigation.
(iii)	FR 104(4)	Even though the full report should be submitted within three months from the date of loss, full reports for 05 vehicles crashed in accident had been delayed for 03 to 07 months.

4. Operational Review

4.1 Performance

4.1.1 Vision and Mission

Even though the vision and mission of the Ministry is respectively stated as, "The enriched society that enjoy the benefits of development equally" and "Formulate and execute programmes for enhancing rural development, ensuring social protection and community empowerment with the participation of all stakeholders" all the divisions had not equally contributed to achieve this objective.

4.1.2 Not delivering duties

(a) In 2025 Rs. 10 Mn had been allocated for the Counseling division under expenditure head for national counseling programme. As per the action plan, had been planned to conduct 12,905 programmes under 25 functions under 07 divisions. Any function had not been performed for one programme and the performance of 09 programs had been between 10% to 66% range. The management had not paid attention to the number of programmes that could be conducted during the year and not give proper directions to get use the human resources of the ministry with their maximum efficiency to implement these programmes.

(b) Even though it was expected to improve skills and knowledge of 149 employees through 03 capacity development training programmes, only 02 programmes had been conducted for 98 employees.

(c) Even though the Rural Development Bureau expected to issue 50 project feasibility reports through field visits, only 23 reports had been issued. Due to weaknesses in planning the number of activities to be completed during the relevant period and operating inefficiencies, these activities had not been performed.

4.1.3 Not achieving the expected outcomes

Even though the Pilimathalawa Training and Research Institute had conducted research in special fields, spending Rs. 203,575 during 2023 – 2025, the quality of these researches and studies were at a minimum level due to not following standard criteria recommended by the research committee and insufficient contents, therefore did not achieve the expected outcomes of the institute.

4.1.4 Delays in implementation of projects.

(a) Even though it was expected to implement this programme in 1000 Grama Niladari divisions through an integrated development approach, aiming at eliminating multidimensional poverty in rural and estate areas as per para. 03 of the guidelines 01/2025 relevant to the rural development programme (2025 - 2029), 193 programmes were approved for implementation in 260 Grama Niladari divisions.

(b) Approval has been sought to revise some functions/ equipment for 10 projects after approving the project report due to the preparation of project reports and selection of eligible beneficiaries without following a proper study and attention had not been paid to the persons who had not received any benefit from the government in achieving the overall objective of alleviating multidimensional

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poverty in rural and estate areas through integrated development approach as per para.03 in guideline 01/2025. .

4.1.5 Projects that had not achieved progress despite the release of funds

(a) Only Rs. 21,739,406 had been spent out of a net provision of Rs. 998,000,000, financing foreign loan for an integrated rural development programme under capital transfers expenditure head, and Rs. 967,260,594, that is, 98%, had been saved. This saving had been resulted due to not spending the amount allocated for purchasing technical equipment required for infrastructure development of projects due to delay in the department's procurement process, poor management decisions without paying attention to the budget of the financing source of this programme.

(b) The net provisions amounted to Rs. 40,000,000 of financing counterpart fund under the capital transfers expenditure head for development assistance provided to the Social Security Project (World Bank – Government of Sri Lanka), had been totally saved.

4.2 Foreign funded projects

Performance of foreign funded projects

(a) An approximate amount of Rs 5,400,000 that had been provided under the World Food Programme for the rehabilitation of "Koragaha Wewa" in the Walgam Wewa division in the Dambulla Agrarian Development Centre in the District of Matale through direct labour contribution of local farmer society members was credited to the accounts of these farmer society members. The rehabilitation works were carried out by machines and vehicles obtained by a private institution collecting a part of that amount non-compliance with the guidelines issued by the letter of the secretary to the ministry bearing No. MRDSS/& SS/PSWFPC/03/01/03 and dated 7th February 2025 and the relevant works had not been completed.

(b) Twenty-five equipment sets, valued at Rs. 7,960,269, were distributed to each selected farmer association in the Matale district for the rehabilitation of seven tanks and canals from October 21 to 28, 2025, following the rehabilitation works conducted from June to October 18, 2025. These equipment sets valued at Rs. 1,222,698 that were distributed without analyzing the requirements of each farmer association had been underutilized. Due to weaknesses in planning renovation works and procurement process, these equipment sets were idled, and the expenditure incurred had been wasted.

(c) The Home Gardening School nutrition programme has been implemented in 09 selected schools in 11 divisional secretariat divisions in the Moneragala district since 2024 under the No. 15 of Circular No. 24/2023, which was issued by the Ministry of Education as part of the school nutrition programme under the theme of healthy and active children. Beneficiaries of home gardening and poultry projects selected for supplying vegetables, fruits and eggs are provided with technical and financial aids under the World Food Programme. The following matters were observed at the audit.

(i) Rs. 3,440,000 was allocated for the Moneragala District Secretariat and 11 divisional secretariats under expenditure head for supervision, training, and administration expenses under this programme. Out of this sum, Rs. 2,294,206 had been spent on 28 training programmes and 40 progress review meetings.

(ii) As per the sample test conducted in 8 divisional secretariat divisions, out of the total 209,305 eggs produced by 8,315 hens in 208 poultry projects under the school nutrition programme, only 56177 eggs were provided to schools.

(iii) In supplying vegetables, fruits and eggs to 09 schools by 12 beneficiaries of home gardening project and 18 beneficiaries of poultry project in the above divisional secretariat divisions, some beneficiaries had vacated their residencies, not engaged in gardening during the relevant month, rejecting their products by suppliers to schools, providing agricultural equipment to persons who are not beneficiaries under the project. Egg producers had sold their products to the outside without supplying to schools, halted the poultry production, and did not feed the poultry. Accordingly, the objective of the school nutrition programme "healthy and active children" did not achieved under the project

4.3 Procurements

(a) As per the revised procurement plan, the estimated cost for purchasing furniture and office equipment and machinery and appliances under 03 expenditure heads was amounted to Rs. 16,000,000, and the dates of initiation and completion for procurements were 01 May 2025 & 30 November 2025 and 01 February 2025 & 31 October 2025 respectively; however, Rs. 9,323,119 out of the estimated amount had been saved as at 31 December 2025. Although the reason for this saving had been stated as being due to the Dithwa disaster, these procurements could not be performed; actually, these procurements could not be completed due to the lack of preparation of a detailed procurement plan in accordance with para. 4.1.3 of the Procurement Guidelines and Procurement Handbook and the lack of preparation of a detailed procurement plan in accordance with the para. 4.1.5.

(b) The procurement process for supplying cleaning, laundry, security, and cooked food to the Borelle and Pilimathalawa training centers in 2025 did not adhere to Paragraphs 4.2 and 5.2.3, as well as Annexure I, Annexure II, and Annexure III outlined in paragraph 06 of the Procurement Guidelines and Procurement Handbook.

(c) Paragraph 5.9 of the Procurement Guidelines had not been followed in purchasing agricultural equipment valued at Rs. 9,777,650 for the renovation of 07 tanks and canals in the Matale district.

4.4 Losses and damages

(a) The Jeep of the ministry had been insecurely parked and decaying for more than 11 years after crashing in an accident on 24 September 2014 while being used for a private purpose. The initial report and full report had not been submitted as per FR 104(3) and FR 104(4), respectively, and actions had not been taken in accordance with FR 105 and 106 even at the end of the year under review. At the time of the accident, the impairment insurance cover was Rs. 1,900,000. The relevant parties are personally responsible for the loss incurred by the government due to a delay, carelessness, error, or fraud in accordance with FR 156 (i) (a), and the loss should be recovered. However, the responsible parties had not taken actions to recover the loss and 25% of the amount in accordance with FR 105 as charges for the department since it is required for the recovery of the asset or rebuilding the same asset that had been insured for Rs. 1,900,000 at the time of the accident.

(b) Even though it had been informed by the letter of the Attorney General's department, dated 25 February 2021 and addressed to the Secretary of the then State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment, Business Development and Development of Underutilized State Resources to recover the damage for the double cab that had crashed in an

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accident in 2012 from the driver without taking legal procedures, actions had not been taken to recover this amount of Rs. 424,310 even at the date of this report.

4.5 Management weaknesses

The Gramashakthi programme, launched by establishing Grama Shakthi Bureau during the period from 2017 - 2019, to serve as a framework to coordinate efforts among the public sector, private sector, and communities, aiming to alleviate poverty. Under the stage I and II, 3618 Grama Shakthi societies had been established, covering all 14,022 Grama Niladhari divisions with the participation of a higher percentage of families that could be uplifted with the government support, and 3500 societies out of this number had been registered under Section 6(3) of the Societies Ordinance (Chapter 123). The following matters are observed,

(i) Total funds in inactive Grama Shakthi societies amounted to Rs. 400,965,085 and out of this Rs. 367,077,653 is government fund.

(ii)1015 societies out of 1162 societies, which is 87% of the total, were inactive in 7 districts. Total inactive societies as at 31 March 2026 are 1,385.

(iii)Instructions had been issued by the II, III, and IV in paragraph 03 of the letter from the Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and Social Development, addressed to district secretaries outlining actions to be taken regarding inactive Grama Shakthi societies. However, no actions have been taken concerning these inactive societies, even though 02 years have passed since the instructions were given. Accordingly, government funds amounting to Rs. 106 Mn provided under Grama Shakthi programme had been idled in inactive Gramashakthi societies in 18 districts without being credited to the general deposit account of the District Secretaries. A sum of Rs 18.35 Mn of the credited amount had been used in development purposes only in one district.

5. Human resource management

5.1 Approved cadre and actual cadre

(a) According to the approved and actual cadre, vacancies, and excess cadre during the year under review: 06 senior-level positions, 696 secondary-level positions, and 11 primary-level positions had been vacant. Even 04 posts had been approved to make recruitments on a contract basis, 03 vacancies existed. At the audit observed that this may affect the performance of the ministry.

(b) Actions had not been taken to implement transfer policy for 02 Directors (acting), 03 Assistant Directors, 07 Management Service Officers, and 07 Development Officers (social security) of the who have been serving in the ministry for about 07-27 years.

Sgd/-
K.K.S. Jayakody
Deputy Auditor General
for Auditor General

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Chapter 04

Performance Indicators

4.1. Institutional Performance Indicators (Based on Action Plan)

Special Indicator	Actual output as a percentage (%) of expected output		
	100 % - 90 %	75 % - 89 %	50 % - 74 %
Number of interventions undertaken to protect the rights of persons with disabilities (PWDs)	√		
Number of research, training, counseling and awareness programs conducted to minimize social problems		√	
Number of interventions made to protect the rights of the elders		√	
Number of members enrolled in the Pension and Social Security Benefits Scheme	√		
Number of projects implemented to strengthen rural development	√		

Chapter 05

Performance of Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1. Identified Sustainable Development Goals

Goal/ Objective	Targets	Indicators of the Achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0 % - 49 %	50 % -74 %	75 % - 100%
1) End Poverty in All its Forms Everywhere (SDG 01)	1.1) By 2030, eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere, with current estimates defining extreme poverty as people living on less than USD 1.25 per day. (1.1)	1.1.1) Number of projects implemented to strengthen the rural development			√
	1.2) Implement nationally appropriate social protection systems for all persons, including those at the lowest levels, and ensure adequate coverage of poverty-stricken and vulnerable groups by 2030. (1.3).	1.2.1) Number of members enrolled to the pension and social security benefit scheme			√
		1.2.2) Number of awareness programmes conducted for self-employees			√
	1.3) Significantly increase the provision of resources from diverse sources, including enhanced development cooperation, to provide adequate and reliable mechanisms for eradicating all forms of poverty, especially in the least developed countries and developing countries. (1.3)	1.3.1) Number of training programmes conducted for officers of the rural development societies.			√
		1.3.2) Number of training programmes conducted for field level officers who engage in village development programme			√
		1.3.3) Number of programmes conducted to enhance socio-economic empowerment of the rural community			√
2) End Hunger, Achieve Food Security and Improved	2.1) By 2030, end hunger and ensure that all poor and vulnerable people, especially	2.1.1) Percentage of cultivated acres			√
		2.1.2) Number benefited students, pregnant mothers,		√	

Nutrition, and Promote Sustainable Agriculture (SDG 02)	including infants, have access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.	mothers			
		2.1.3) Number of farms, schools, and percentage of students started			√
3) Ensure Healthy Lives and Promote Well-Being for All at All Ages (SDG 03)	3.1) By 2030, reducing premature deaths from non-communicable diseases by one third through treatment and prevention, and promoting mental health and well-being. (3.1)	3.1.1) Number of beneficiaries who participated in the awareness program for groups based on psychosocial issues			
	3.2) Universal access to health care, including access to safe, effective, high-quality medicines, vaccines and essential health services at affordable price to all, including protection against financial risk. (3.8)	3.2.1) Number of persons with disabilities who received medical assistance			√
		3.2.2) Number of medical camps conducted for persons with disabilities		√	
		3.2.3) Number of elders who received Arogya medical assistance			√
		3.2.4) Number of elders who received assistive devices (hearing aids, spectacles)			√
4) Ensure Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and Promote Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All (SDG 04)	4.1) By 2030, ensure that all women and men have access to quality and affordable technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university education. (4.3)	4.1.1) Number of students who participated for the degree program in social work			√
		4.1.2) Number of skill development programs conducted for the vocational training institutions and youth groups.			√
		4.1.3) Number of disabled students provided with educational assistance			√
5) Promote Sustained, Inclusive and Sustainable Economic Growth, Full and Productive Employment, and Decent Work for All	5.1) By 2030, ensure productive and decent work places for all women and men, including persons with disabilities and young people (8.5)	5.1.1) Number of elderly people who received self-employment assistance		√	
		5.1.2) Number of people with disabilities who received self-employment assistance			√
		5.1.3) Number of institutions that developed the skills of people with disabilities			√

(SDG 8)					
6) Make Cities and Human Settlements Inclusive, Safe, Resilient, and Sustainable (SDG 11)	6.1) By 2030, ensure access to safe and affordable housing and basic services for all and improve slum housing (11.1)	6.1.1) Number of people with disabilities provided with housing assistance			√
		6.1.2) Number of elderly people received assistance to meet housing needs			√

5.2. Challenges in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals

1. Difficulties are encountered in making progress due to the lack of provisions for the relevant institutions/ministries to implement the national action plans and Acts.
2. Lack of officers and resources to coordinate programs.
3. Insufficient subject knowledge and training.
4. Negative attitudes of officers in applying modern techniques in implementing development programmes, lack of sufficient physical resources, and lack of knowledge to use modern technologies by the elderly community.
5. Lack of adequate staff and physical resources.
6. Difficulty in getting active involvement of elderly community in development programs implemented at the rural level.
7. Since there are a large number of Grama Niladhari divisions are in some Divisional Secretariats, one officer is not sufficient to cover the subject.
8. Not receiving imprest as planned

Chapter 06

Human Resource Profile

6.1 Cadre Management

Institute	Senior Level		Tertiary Level		Secondary Level		Primary Level		Casual		Total		
	Approved cadre	existing cadre	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Vacancies/Excess
Rural development, social security and community empowerment division	28	20	3	3	544	538	45	35	4	1	624	597	27
Departments/ Institutions/ divisions													
National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities	6	5	3	2	53	39	6	2	0	0	68	48	20
National Secretariat for Elders	7	3	2	1	116	101	24	12	0	0	149	117	32
Sri Lanka Social security Board	8	6	17	14	130	87	43	37	0	0	198	144	54
Partnership Secretariat for World Food Programme Cooperation	10	5	0	0	15	7	6	1	0	0	31	13	18
National Institute of Social Development	53	30	9	4	49	34	26	20	0	0	137	88	49
Rural Development Bureau	15	11	04	0	74	33	10	2	0	0	103	46	57
Rural Development Training and Research Institute	4	3	14	10	21	18	11	7	0	0	50	38	12
National Secretariat for non-government organizations	**6**	2	0	0	66	54	5	2	0	1	77	59	18
Total	**137**	**85**	**52**	**34**	**1068**	**911**	**176**	**118**	**4**	**1**	**1437**	**1150**	**287**

6.2 Briefly state how the shortage or excess in human resources has been affected to the performance of the institute.

The total cadre approved for this ministry is 624, and the actual cadre employed as at 31.12.2025 is 594. Unfilled vacancies in the approved cadre positions are a hindrance in achieving the objectives and goals of the ministry.

A post of statistical officer (01) has been approved for this ministry as an attachment from the Department of Census and Statistics.

6.3 Human Resource Capacity Development

	Name of the Training Program	No, of staff trained	Duration	Total Investment (Rs. Mn.)		Nature of the program (Local/ Foreign)	Output / knowledge gained *
				Local	Foreign		
1	Attitude Development Outreach Training Program (First group)	50	Two days 21.03.2025 and 22.03.2025	0.217124		Local	Motivating officers to provide efficient, effective and quality service.
2	Training program to raise awareness on the new procurement guidelines implemented since 2015 (First group)	78	06 hours (9.00am - 4.00 pm) on 01.04.2024	0.057095		Local	Awareness about the new procurement guidelines.
3	Training program to raise awareness on the new procurement guidelines implemented since 2015 (Second group)	51	06 hours (9.00am - 4.00 pm) on 28.04.2024	0.00		Local	Awareness about the new procurement guidelines.
4	Attitude Development Outreach Training Program (Second group)	48	Two days 23.05.2025 and 24.05.2025	0.16835		Local	Motivating officers to provide efficient, effective and quality service.
5	Training program conducted for Grades I, II and III officers of the Office Employee Service in the combined service who sitting for the Efficiency Bar Examination.	29	03 hours (1.00 pm – 4.00 pm) on 13.06.2024	0.005515		Local	Improving knowledge of the relevant subject area
6	Training workshop on identification of barriers in preparation of citizen charter and simplication and assessment of corruption risks	222	From 22.07.2025 to 30.07.2025 at the Ministry Auditorium	0.045425		Local	Improving knowledge of the relevant subject area
7	Training workshop on identification of barriers in preparation of citizen charter and simplication and assessment of corruption risks	36	On 31.07.2025 at NISD, Seeduwa and on 01.08.2025 Pilimathalawa RDTRI training center	0.02073		Local	Improving knowledge of the relevant subject area
8	Training programme on general knowledge on maintaining a motor vehicle and updated laws relevant to motor vehicles	40	05 hours (9.30 am-3.30 pm) on 12.08.2025	0.0114		Local	Improving general knowledge on maintaining a motor vehicle and updated laws relevant to motor vehicles
9	Awareness training program on preparation of human resource development plan	61	03 hours (9.30am - 12.30 pm) on 15.08.2025	0.01176		Local	Gaining knowledge on preparation of human resources development plan

10	A one-day training program on financial regulations targeting first efficiency bar examination of Class 3 officers of the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service and other officers who have requirement	62	06 hours (9.00 am- 4.00 pm) on 08.09.2025	0.016561		Local	Improving knowledge on Financial Regulations
11	A one-day training program on establishments code targeting first efficiency bar examination of Class 3 officers of the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service and other officers who have requirement.	45	04 hours (10.30 am - 2.30 pm) on 10.09.2025	0.011661		Local	Improving knowledge on Establishments Code
12.	One day training programme to raise awareness on the role of the internal audit division and proper procedure for providing answers to audit quarries.	56	06 hours (9.00 am - 4.00 pm) on 15.09.2025	0.026166		Local	Improving knowledge on the role of the internal audit division and proper procedure for providing answers to audit quarries.
13	One day training program to raise awareness on the roles of the ministry and affiliated institutions	47	06 hours (9.00 am - 4.00 pm) on 10.10.2025	0.011550		Local	Making the newly appointed officers to the ministry and affiliated institutions aware of the roles of the ministry and affiliated institutions.
14	Two days training programme on Government Payroll System conducted by the Distance Learning Centre Ltd.	3	Conducted on 28.10.2025 & 29.10.2025 at the Distance Learning Centre Ltd.	0.045		Local	Gaining a proper knowledge on preparation of salaries
15	Pre-retirement preparation seminar	54	04 hours (9.00 am - 1.00 pm) on 21.11.2025	0.00		Local	Planning early retirement life
16	Diploma in Law for Executives	2	1 year	0.134		Local	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
17	JICA Knowledge Co- Creation Program Social Participation of Persons with Disabilities through Community Based Inclusive Approach	1	2025.01.15 - 2025.02.22		Casual Allowance 25X15 = USD 375 Warm Clothing Allowance Pounds 75	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area

18	From Liang Jia He to Common Prosperity - New Era China Cooperation Training Programme	1	2025.01.10 - 2025.01.21		Casual Allowance 25x12 = USD 300	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
19	Social Protection & Resilience an Asia - Pacific Workshop	1	2025.02.11 - 2025.02.13		Casual Allowance 25X4 = USD 100	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
20	Workshop on Social Protection Data and Monitoring	1	2025.04.01 - 2025.04.05		Casual Allowance 25X4 = USD 100	Foreign	Knowledge of social security data and monitoring
21	Training Programme on 'Digitalization' under the NCGG – SLIDA MoU	1	2025.04.20 - 2025.05.03		Casual Allowance 25x14 = 350	Foreign	Knowledge of digitalization
22	Informal Sector Enterprise Entrepreneurship & Local Economic Development	1	2025.05.14 - 2025.05.29		Casual Allowance 25x15 = 375	Foreign	Knowledge of Enterprise Entrepreneurship & Local Economic Development
23	Rising Heat, Rising Action : Solutions for Women in a Warming World, TA 10127-REG: Strengthening Woman's Resilience to Heat Stress in Asia and the Pacific	2	2025.06.01 - 2025.06.05		Casual Allowance 25x04 = 100 25x04 = 100	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
24	Knowledge Sharing on Best Practice on Accelerated Pro - Poor and Inclusive Growth Initiatives	1	2025.06.23 - 2025.06.27		Casual Allowance 25x04 = 100	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
25	Immersion and Learning Visit for the Empowerment Program team to the Satat Jeevikoparjan Yojana (SJY) Program by the Government of Bihar	1	2025.07.28 - 2025.08.01		Casual Allowance 25x6 =150	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
26	Knowledge Sharing on Best Practice on Accelerated Pro - Poor and Inclusive Growth Initiatives	1	2025.07.27 - 2025.08.09		Casual Allowance 25x13 = 325 25x13 = 325 Warm Clothing Allowance Pounds 75 Pounds 75	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area
27	Plenary Speaker at Delivering for Nutrition in South Asia : Towards Impact at Scale Conference	1	2025.12.01 - 2025.12.05		Casual Allowance 40 x 04 = 160 Warm Clothing Pounds 75	Foreign	Improving knowledge in the relevant subject area

** Briefly explain how the training programmes contributed to the performance of the institute.

The most important function assigned to this ministry and its affiliated institutions is the formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, programmes, and projects for the economic, social, cultural, and spiritual empowerment of disadvantaged groups of the country and providing them a higher standard of living.

In order to achieve this objective, the human resources of the social empowerment division of the ministry and its affiliated institutions should be equipped with subject-related knowledge and technical knowledge, and in line with these training programs, they should be regularly directed to attitude development programs with proper guidance to motivate them to deliver their duties efficiently.

The above-mentioned training programs are implemented with the aim of motivating the officers to provide effective service to the above groups of people by developing their subject-related knowledge and technical knowledge and attitudes and thereby contributing greatly to enhancing the performance of the ministry and its affiliated institutions.

Chapter 07

Compliance Report

No	Applicable requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/ Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	**The following financial statements/accounts have been submitted on the due date**			
1.1	Annual Financial Statement	Complied		
1.2	Advances to Public Officers Account	Complied		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)	Not relevant		
1.4	Stores Advance Account	Not relevant		
1.5	Special Advance Account	Not relevant		
1.6	Other	-		
2	**Maintenance of books and registers (FR.445)**			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of public administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and update	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS)are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.8	Stock register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20) has been maintained and update	Complied		
3	**Delegation of functions for financial control (FR. 135)**			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		

3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The controls have been adhered to by the accountants in terms of State Accounts Circular 171/204 dated 2014.05.11 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied		
4	**Preparation of Annual Plans**			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit Plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the (NBD)on due date	Complied		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
5	**Audit queries**			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Complied		
6	**Internal Audit**			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2) DMA/1 – 2019	Complied		
6.2	All the internal audit reports have been replied within one month	Not Complied	Not replying to most audit queries within a month	Inform heads of institutions and departments to submit answers to internal audit queries within a month.
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub – selection 40(4) of the National Audit Act 2018 no.19	Complied		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports has been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied		
7	**Audit and Management Committee**			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1 – 2019	Complied		
8	**Asset Management**			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to	Complied		

	coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of the aforesaid circular			
8.3	The boards of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Complied		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Complied		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms FR.772	Complied		
9	**Vehicle Management**			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Complied		
9.2	Disposed of condemned vehicle less than the period of 06 months	Complied		
9.3	The vehicle log books had been maintained and updated	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of FR. 103,104,109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re – tested in terms of the provisions of 2016.12.29 in terms of provision as stipulated in Para 3.1 of the PAC No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016.	Complied		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Not relevant		
10	**Management of Bank Accounts**			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous year settled	Complied		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	Complied		
11	**Utilization of Provisions**			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR. 94(1)	Complied		

12	**Advance Accounts of Public Officers**			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Complied		
13	**General Deposit Account**			
13.1	The action had been taken as per FR. 571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control register for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Complied		
14	**Imprest Account**			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied		
14.2	The ad – hoc sub imprests issued as per FR. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	The ad – hoc sub imprests had been issued exceeding the limit approved as per FR.371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Complied		
15	**Revenue Account**			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Complied		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Complied		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR. 176	Complied		
16	**Human Resource Management**			
16.1	The staff had been maintained within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
17	**Provision of information to the public**			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right to Information Act and Regulation	Complied		
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate/ allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Complied		
17.3	Bi – Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied		
18	**Implementing citizens charter**			
18.1	A citizen's chapter/ Citizens client's chapter has been formulated and implemented by the	Complied		

	Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1)			
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter/ Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Complied		
19	**Preparation of the Human Resource Plan**			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	Complied		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Complied		
19.3	Annual Performance agreements have been signed for ahle staff based on the structure mentioned in Annex 01 of the above Circular.	Complied		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	Complied		
20	**Responses to Audit Paras**			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		