

Annual Performance Report

2014

MINISTRY OF DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Foreword

Annual performance Report – 2014 of the Ministry of Disaster Management is prepared based on instruction given by the Circular No .402 of the Department of Public Finance.

Part I of this report describes General information, overall financial and physical performance of the activities of the Ministry during the period from January to December in 2014. Part II of the report describes performance of activities of the National Disaster Relief Services Center which is under the supervision of the Ministry in 2014.

Introduction

The major factor that contributed for the subject of Disaster Management to become so important was the Tsunami Disaster which occurred on 26th December, 2004 making more than 35000 people lose their lives, and it was an experience never encountered by Sri Lankans. Around 500,000 people internally displaced due to the situation.

The loss of human lives, the economic impact and the social impact caused by this highlighted the necessity of a systematic methodology and a legal framework for disaster management, which remained as a social welfare activity until then. Accordingly a Parliamentary Select Committee was established in order to define an institutional and legal structure which was required to face this type of disasters.

Upon the recommendations of the aforesaid Select Committee, the Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005 was passed by Parliament. Subsequently the National Council for Disaster Management and the Disaster Management Centre were established as per the Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005. In order to further strengthen the aforesaid institutions a Cabinet Ministry was set up for the subject of Disaster Management and Human Rights as per the Extraordinary Gazette Notification issued on 20th February, 2006 and the Ministry was renamed as the Ministry of Disaster Management as per the Gazette Notification issued on 30th April, 2010.

All agencies, National Disaster Relief Services Center, Department of Meteorology, National Building Research Organization and Disaster Management Center under the purview of this Ministry implement the assigned tasks and particular policy activities of the Ministry pre disaster during disaster and post disaster situation in an effective manner. Therefore, protect the human lives, properties and services, ensure the safety of the community towards a resilient society and implement the post disaster programmes.

The following activities were carried out by the National Disaster Relief Services Center under the direct supervision, guidance and facilities of the Ministry throughout the year 2014.

- ✓ Providing necessary relief to the victims

- ✓ Identification, planning and implementation of projects for the people affected by disasters. (Such as construction of Disaster resilient houses)

- ✓ Implementation of rehabilitation programmes for the restoration of the livelihood and the economy of the people affected by natural and manmade disasters.

- ✓ Implementation of water supply and relief programmes in order to mitigate the hazards caused by droughts.

- ✓ Collection and dissemination of information related to disaster situations.

- ✓ Conducting awareness programmes for public officers and the general public regarding relief mechanisms and on how to face disaster situations.

- ✓ Co-ordination of relief operations in sudden disaster situations.

- ✓ Providing logistical services

Vision

“Safer Sri Lanka”

Mission

To facilitate the prosperity and dignity of human life through effective prevention and mitigation of natural and human induced disasters.

Objectives

- ✓ **Implement the National Disaster Management Policy**
- ✓ **Implement real time early warning and dissemination mechanism**
- ✓ **Develop and implement Disaster Management Plans at all levels**
- ✓ **Mainstream Disaster Risk Reduction into development planning process**
- ✓ **Integrate Disaster Impact Assessment into development projects**
- ✓ **Implement disaster mitigation measures**
- ✓ **Conduct landslide risk assessment and clearance**
- ✓ **Provide Relief assistance to disaster victims**
- ✓ **Conduct research and development activities in the field of disaster management**
- ✓ **Implement post disaster rehabilitation and reconstruction**

Functions

The following functions have been assigned to the Ministry by the Special Gazette issued on 22nd November, 2010 in order to achieve these objectives.

- Co-ordination and Management of disaster relief service activities in natural and
- Manmade disasters.
- Formulation of policies programmes and projects for disaster mitigation, response and recovery.
- Direction and implementation of aforesaid policies, programmes and projects within the time frames agreed with the National planning authorities and within budgetary resources, with a view to achieving the particular objective.
- Formulation of National Disaster Management Plan and National Emergency Operation plan based on National policy.
- Initiation and co-ordination of foreign aided projects for disaster mitigation, response and recovery.
- Liaising with Ministries and government organizations to ensure the timely execution of the aforesaid activities.
- Co-ordination of awareness programmes on natural and manmade disasters.
- Providing relief in disaster situations which occur due to floods, droughts, landslides, communicable diseases and other exceptional causes.
- Implementation of rescue operations in natural and manmade disasters.
- Implementation of the early warning system
- Research and development activities in the fields of housing and building construction and technology
- Meteorology surveys and research
- All other subjects and monitoring activities coming under the institutions which are under the purview of the Ministry and their supervision

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01. Administrative affairs

✓ Approved Cadre

Serial No,	Position	Approved No. cadre	Existing Cadre	No. of vacancies
1	Secretary	01	01	0
2	Addl. Secretary (Development and Relief Services)	01	01	0
3	Addl. Secretary (Finance and Administration)	01	01	0
4	Senior Assistant Secretary	01	01	0
5	Chief Accountant	01	01	0
6	Director (Disaster Relief Services)	01	01	0
7	Director (Management)	01	01	0
8	Director (Planning)	01	01	0
9	Director (National Council for Disaster Management)	01	0	01
10	Assistant Secretary	02	02	0
11	Accountant	01	01	0
12	Accountant (Internal Audit)	01	0	01
13	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Management)	01	01	0
14	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Planning)	01	01	0
15	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Disaster Relief Services)	03	02	01
16	Legal Officer	01	01	0
17	Administrative Officer	01	01	0
18	Co-ordinating Secretary to the Secretary	01	01	0
19	Translator	02	-	02
20	Development Officer	01	1	0
21	Development Assistant	08	08	0
22	Development Officer (Grade III)	30	24	06
23	Public Management Assistant	20	14	06
24	Data Entry Operator	01	01	-
25	Technical Officer	01	01	0
26	Still Photographer	01	0	01
27	Cameraman (Temporary)	01	0	01
28	Assistant Cameraman	01	01	0
29	Driver	15	11	04
30	Office Assistant	15	11	04
	Total	117	89	28

✓ **Transfers / retirements**

10 employees of the Ministry have received transfers to other places of work and 09 employees have received transfers to this Ministry during the period from January to December in the year 2014.

✓ **Conducting Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meetings**

06 meetings of the parliamentary Consultative Committee on Disaster Management have been conducted in the year 2014.

Answers have been provided to 15 proposals sent by it to the Ministry.

✓ **Amending the Disaster Management Act**

The Act has become effective from the year 2005 and amendments were introduced to the Act for minimizing the problems created in implementing the Act on practical terms and the draft bill which includes the aforesaid amendments was formulated by the legal draftsman's department and it has been referred to the Attorney General for obtaining its approval. Once the Act is amended natural and manmade disasters could be managed in a productive manner.

✓ **National Disaster Management Policy**

Preparation of the Disaster Management Policy has been completed making room for the Ministry to manage disasters in a more efficient and productive manner. Approval has been taken from by the Cabinet of Ministers for it. Printing of the aforesaid Policy is in progress at the moment.

✓ **National Building Research Organization Act**

Drafting the National Building Research Organization Bill has been finalized by the Legal Draftsman's Department by now in order to provide a legal recognition to National Building Research Organization which was established in the year 2011. This Bill has presently been referred to the Attorney General for obtaining his approval. Providing legal recognition to Natinal Building Research Organization, which is already a profit making institution will facilitate for the relevant researches on minimizing risks of landslides, filed surveys and for completing other activities in a successful and effective manner and also for the provision of the technical service of the institution in a maximum level. It will also help in enhancing the income generating capacity and the purchasing power of the institution.

✓ **Sri Lanka Lightning Protection Act**

A committee was appointed as per the Cabinet decision on the Cabinet Memorandum No. CM/12/0598/548/002 dated 17th May, 2013 for the establishment of a National Centre for protection from Lightning and for the formulation of necessary laws on protection from lightning due to the fact that lightning attacks were common in Sri Lanka during the recent past. The aforesaid committee has finalized the drafting of the bill and a cabinet Memorandum is scheduled to be submitted again in order to rectify certain problems related to the first cabinet decision. The Interim Committee on Protection from Lightening has already been established under the Department of Meteorology and this will provide necessary advice and information for enhancing the capacity of people for minimize damage caused by lightning to lives and property in Sri Lanka. It will help to create a country with a secure community.

✓ **Legal activities**

The number of cases filed against the Ministry in the year 2014 is 01 and appearances were made in courts for cases 9 times this year inclusive of the cases filed in previous years. These cases are still in progress.

Meetings of the Interim Management Committee

✓ **National Building Research Organization**

The Committee was established as per the approval obtained through the Cabinet Memorandum No. 07/0435/343/002 dated 13.03.2007. This interim management committee, which was established for exercising administrative, financial and management powers and taking important decisions in relation to National Building Research Organization convenes once a month under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry. This Committee consists of 8 members and it has held 12 meetings in the year 2014. As per the decisions taken in these meetings, the services provided by National Building Research Organization have been able to carry out in a more efficient manner.

✓ **Disaster Management Centre**

This Interim Management Committee was set up with a view to regulating the good governance, management and financial administration of Disaster Management Centre. This Committee which was set up upon the provisions of the code of guidelines for good governance in public enterprises consists of 7 members under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management and it carries out tasks such as taking decisions ,directing and monitoring activities as per the provisions mentioned above. 10 meetings have been conducted in the year 2014.

✓ **International and Regional Co-operation**

Representatives of the four institutions coming under the Ministry, the Secretary to the Ministry and the Hon. Minister have played a special role in obtaining the knowledge and the co-operation of regional countries in regard to various fields that concern Sri Lanka such as disaster management, providing relief to people, law on disaster management and climatic changes in a manner in which regional and international co-operation could be enhanced.

✓ **Public Complaints**

25 complaints were received to the Ministry in the year 2014 and the aforesaid complaints have been referred to the Disaster Management Centre, Department of Meteorology, National Building Research Organization and National Disaster Relief Services Centre which come under the Ministry and also to the relevant line Ministry for taking necessary action. The number of complaints received in the year 2012 was 81 while the number of complaints received in the year 2013 was 35. There is a marked decline in the number of complaints received.

This indicates the fact that the awareness programmes carried out island wide with the intervention of the Ministry and the services provided by district disaster relief officers in district secretariats are at an effective level.

✓ **Productivity / Management Programme**

A request was made to the Ministry of Public Administration in order to obtain the services of University Lecturers for conducting training programmes on development of methodologies and practices.

Necessary action has been taken by now to prepare and release to the internet in all the three languages the Citizen's Charter of the Ministry and the four institutions coming under it. Unusable paper will be recycled with the view of keeping frugality in using resources.

Training Programmes

➤ **Local**

One officer was sent for long term training programmes and 30 officers were sent for Tamil language training programs and 8 officers were sent for short term training programmes in order to enhancing the capacity of the officers of the Ministry.

➤ **Foreign**

09 officers have participated in 13 foreign conferences, meetings, seminars, training programmes representing the Ministry.

➤ **Cabinet Memoranda and Decisions**

Serial Number	Subject	For the approval of the Cabinet Ministers	No. of the Cabinet decision
01	Project relevant for the cabinet decision on tabling the Annual Report of the National Building Research Organization for the year 2011 in the Parliament of Sri Lanka	2014.01.22	CB/14/0093/548/001 2014.01.30
02	Extending the period of the service contract of Mr. B. H. M. Ratnasiri who is appointed to the post of Advisor to the Minister of Disaster Management	2014.01.23	CB /14/0177/548/002 2014.02.13
03	Appointment of Mr. L. B. R. Marc to the post of Director General of Disaster Management Centre	2014.05.21	CB /14/0639/548/003 2014.06.19
04	Extensive programme on Disaster Management in Sri Lanka 2014-2018	2014.06.20	CB /13/1829/548/012-1 2014.07.17
05	Making payments to the Committee of Academics for Monitoring the Activities of the Department of Meteorology	2014.07.09	CB /14/0920/548/004 2014.08.07
06	Observing National Safety Day 2014	2014.09.15	CB /14/1318/548/005 2014.09.30
07	Tabling in Parliament of Sri Lanka the Annual Report of National Building Research Organization for the year 2012.	2014.10.03	CB /14/1674/548/007 2014.12.04
08	Obtaining the approval of the Hon. Minister for the ratification of SAARC Agreement on Rapid Response to Natural Disasters	2014.10.16	CB /13/1758/548/003-11 2014.10.30
09	Provision of funeral aid on behalf of those who died and provision of medical to those who got injured due to landslide in Meeriyabadda area in Koslanda on 29.10.2014.	2014.11.27	CB /14/1726/548/008 2014.12.17
10	Minimizing the risk of the people who are susceptible to landslides.	2014.11.25	CB /14/1727/548/009 2014.12.17
11	Getting approval for the payment of a professional allowance to the scientists of the National Building Research Organization.	2014.12.16	CB /14/1843/548/010 2014.12.23

➤ **Progress of the Survey of Goods**

All the goods in the Ministry in relation to the year 2014 have been surveyed and action has been taken to refer its report to the Auditor General. A specially appointed committee has identified the files which have to be destroyed and the activity of destroying the aforesaid files is in progress.

➤ **International Conference on Disaster Management - 2014**

- ✓ "An international conference was held in Bandaranayake International Conference Hall on the three days of 24th, 25th and 26th September, 2014 under the theme "The Future we want - A safer Sri Lanka". The main objective of conducting this conference was to make a flashback which includes the lessons learnt from the projects and programmes implemented by the Ministry of Disaster Management and the institutions affiliated to it, other government institutions and foreign and local voluntary organizations subsequent to the Tsunami disaster which occurred in the year 2004.



Lectures were delivered on 27 themes with the participation of foreign and local resource persons. Activists from 450 active foreign institutions which are in the field of disaster management participated in this conference. This conference was funded by Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, Foreign funding agencies and local and foreign voluntary organizations.



Disaster Management CONFERENCE 2014

The future we want - A safer Sri Lanka

24-26 September 2014 | BMICH, Colombo - Sri Lanka

➤ **National Safety Day**

"The objective of holding a National Safety day is to enhance people's knowledge natural and manmade disasters and making an attitudinal change in them in regard to fields of minimizing disasters, prevention of disasters and creating preparedness for them and specially enhancing their capacity in making due response to disasters such as Tsunami disaster which occurred on 26th December, 2004. With that objective in mind this day was celebrated on 26th December 2014

at Hambantota, Mahinda Rajapaksa Conference Hall under the patronage of the Speaker of Parliament of Sri Lanka. Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa. The following activities were put into action on this day.

- ❖ Conducting awareness programmes on disasters island wide with the participation of the four institutions of Department of Meteorology, Disaster Management Centre, National Disaster Relief Services Centre and National Building Research Organization. Programmes such as educating local government representatives and officers at district and divisional level, establishing school level voluntary groups, youth voluntary groups on disaster management, providing awareness on fire insurance, first aid and camp management, life saving, search and rescue operations and installing warning signs near risky reservoirs and conducting Tsunami and landslide drills.
- ❖ Conducting national level Essay and Art Competitions jointly by the Disaster Management Centre and the Ministry of Education for children of different age groups and awarding gifts and certificates to the winners.
- ❖ Awarding cups and certificates to the officer in the institution, who has acted in the best manner in a disaster situation.
- ❖ Selecting the best disaster relief worker and awarding cups, financial gifts and certificates to him.
- ❖ Providing bank savings books to all children who lost their parents due to the landslide in Meeriyabadda, including the three children who lost their both parents. Providing the keys of three houses to house recipients as a token of constructing disaster resilient houses in every district in the island by the National Building Research organization.

➤ **“Deyata Kirula “ Development Programme and Exhibition**

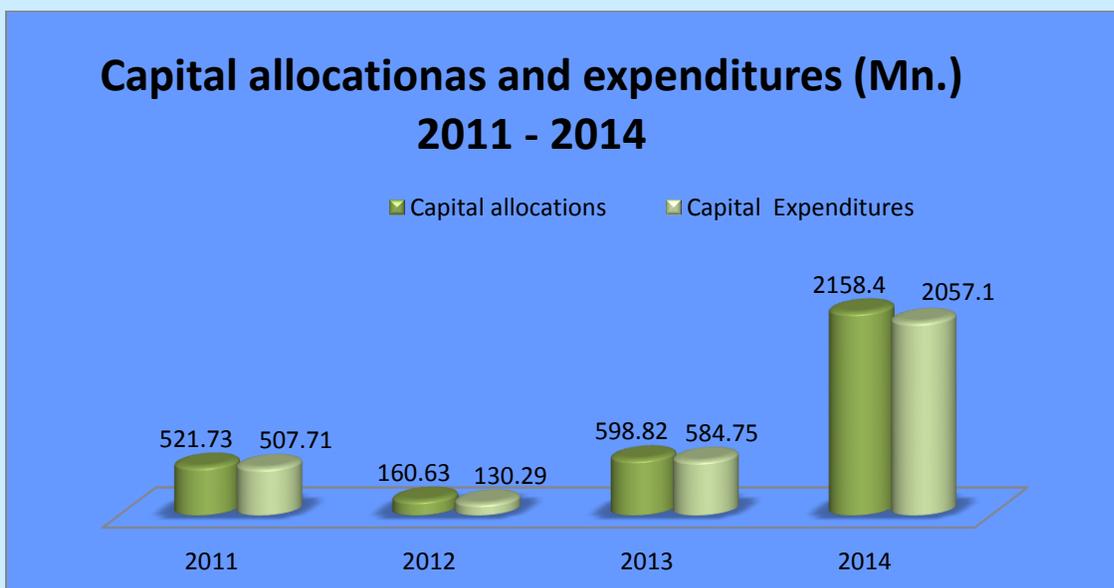
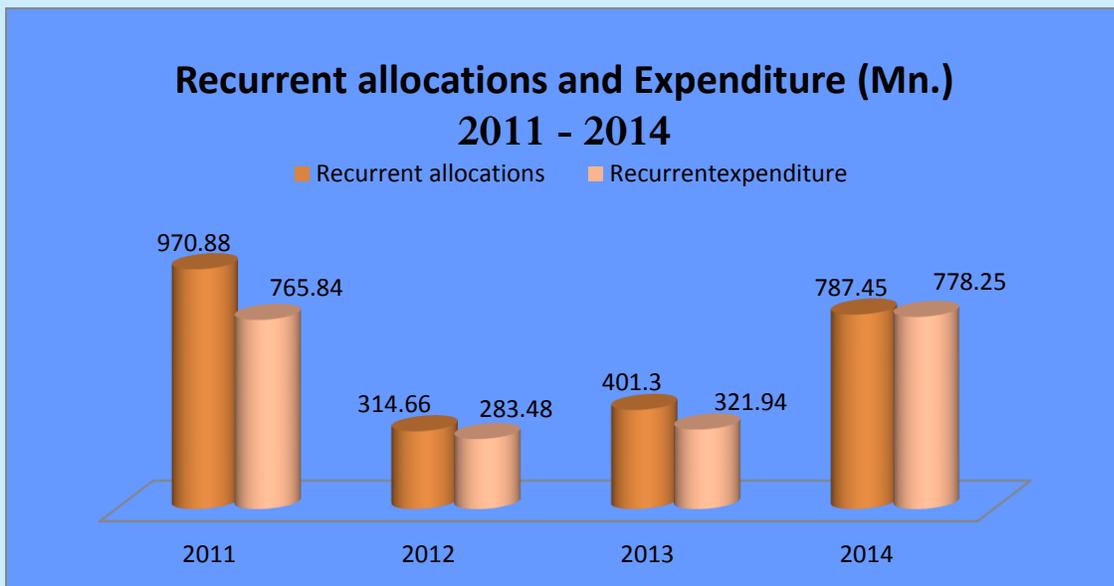
Deyata Kirula exhibition is not only an exhibition but it assists the development process undertaken in the country and under its methodology of being implemented at Provincial level, it has by now been held in different areas such as Kandy, Buttala, Anuradhapura, Ampara, Kuliyaipitiy. Since its commencement in the year 2010. this exhibition has benefitted people by implementing different tasks such as implementation of small scale disaster mitigation programmes at divisional level, distribution of Drip water systems, distribution of rain water harvesting tanks, making people aware of meteorology and natural disasters, installing rain gauges and conducting landslide mitigation programmes. .

The National Development Programme implemented projects and programmes covering the three districts of Kurunegala, Kegalle, Puttlam and the assistance of the four institutions affiliated to the Ministry was given for this. Under this, construction of 03 disaster resilient houses, installation of 15 rain gauges covering all the relevant districts, implementation of 14 disaster mitigation

projects and distribution of equipment which could be used in a disaster situation at divisional secretariat division level were carried out. Similarly the four institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry implemented a consolidated programme on awareness of disaster management.

Financial Progress

The manner in which recurrent and capital allocations were made to the Ministry of Disaster Management during the period from the year 2011 up to 2014, the manner in which they were utilized can be explained as is mentioned below.



02 . Planning and Development Work

➤ Monitoring of Development Projects

Development and Planning Division undertakes the co-ordinating and monitoring activities of the development programmes / projects implemented by the Ministry and the institutions affiliated to it namely the Department of Meteorology, Disaster Management Centre, National Building Research Organization and National Disaster Relief Services centre using local and foreign funds.

Expected objectives / targets were achieved by submitting the projects for the approval of the National Planning Department with necessary recommendations, undertaking the necessary co-ordination activities with donor agencies, undertaking the co-ordination activities to get the required allocations and imprest released from the Treasury at the due time and reviewing the progress of development programmes / projects having completed the relevant progress review activities. Also necessary instructions and guidance were given to resolve the problems that had arisen and it was instrumental in mitigating the disasters in the relevant areas.

12 meetings of the Project Monitoring and Activation Group were held in the year 2014 and discussions were held with regard to the implementation of the progress of relevant projects. The group was satisfied with the progress of projects completed in the year 2014 and necessary instructions and guidance were given to complete the projects which are yet to be implemented with immediate effect.

In addition the following projects were monitored in a systematic manner in the year 2014 and thereby assistance was given to enhance the social and economic condition of the people living in the areas in which those projects were implemented.

- Conducting special geo-surveys in the landslide prone areas (Kandy, Kurunegala, Hambantota)
- Projects for the stabilization of unstable nature of the land in which Diyathalawa bus-station is situated.
- Project for the stabilization of unstable nature of the ground in Passionwatta area.
- Disaster Risk Mitigation project in Punchi Raththota
- Landslide Mitigation Project- Phase I
- Flood Mitigation projects of Panadura, Jaffna and Dmbulla

✓ Project Monitoring

Under the project monitoring, two field visits have been done to monitor the progress of the construction of disaster resilient houses at Mundalama and Bingiriya in the districts of Puttalam and Kurunegala under the Deyata Kirula Development programme in 2014. Construction work of houses has been started and carried out successfully. In addition, field visit was done, in Panadura to check the physical progress of the flood mitigation project and found some implementation problems and supported to solve these

problems with consultation of the Project Management Department in the Finance Ministry. Due to the close monitoring of the project, final target of the safer Sri Lanka could be achieved benefiting affected people.

➤ **Submission of project proposal for approval to be implemented in the year 2015.**

31 projects estimated at a cost of as 2900.65 million rupees as 08 projects under preparedness planning, 04 projects under early warning and emergency operation projects, 5 projects under Training and Education Projects, 09 projects under Disaster Mitigation. 5 projects under Research and Development which were recommended by district Secretary with a special view of mitigating the disasters that happen in the country were submitted for obtaining the approval of the Ministry of Finance and Planning.

➤ **Sri Lanka Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (2014-2018)**

The Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme in Sri Lanka was commenced in year 2013, and in the year 2014 it started the implementation of activities indentified by 45 stakeholder agencies in relation to 43 main outputs of it after obtaining the approval of National Planning Department. The amount of money allocated for it by United Nations Development Programme in the year 2014 is Rs. 38.00 million rupees. Its financial progress is 100% and the physical progress was obtained as is mentioned below.

01. Establishment of a Programme Management Unit with required basic resources under Comprehensive Programme for Disaster Management in Sri Lanka at a cost of Rs. 2.27 million .
02. Installation of 20 automatic rain gauges was commenced in the landslide prone areas identified by National Building Research Organization in order to strengthen the early warning system. The physical progress of this project is 60% and it is expected to complete this project by the end of March 2015. The estimated cost is Rs. 20 million rupees.
03. 17 towns which are at the risk of flood impacts have been identified and the Department of Surveys has implemented the 1 : 5,000 preliminary mapping activities which are required to prepare risk profiles for the areas adjoining the aforesaid towns. The total cost of this project is Rs. 9.6 million and out of the total Rs.6.6 million has been handed over to the aforesaid department .
04. The activities planned for the implementation of National Emergency Operation plan (HEOP) prepared by the Disaster Management Centre were carried out and Rs. 1.0

million has been allocated for it. A three day workshop was conducted in this connection under the patronage of Badulla district Secretary in Badulla.

05. Necessary action was taken to purchase 23 laptop computers required for strengthening Sahana information network which has been established for the regulation of post disaster relief activities of National Disaster Relief Services Centre.
06. Approval was obtained for the training programme planned with the contribution of Indian Meteorologists in order to enhance the capacity of the officers of the Department of Meteorology.
07. The Department of Irrigation which is one of the main stakeholder institutions of the comprehensive programme on Disaster Management in Sri Lanka has commenced the task of amending the existing Flood Protection Ordinance as per the activities assigned to the aforesaid department through the above comprehensive programme.



A photograph of an Awareness Programme.



Installing automatic rain gauges

03. Accounting Activities

➤ Expenditure Estimate - 2014

Rupees

	Minister's Office 106 – 01 - 01		Administration and establishment Services 106 – 01 – 02	
	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
Estimated Allocations	54,050,000.00	6,680,000.00	66,835,000.00	61,468,000.00
Transfers under F.R. 66 and Supplementary Allocations	367,000.00	374,000.00	-	-
Net provision	54,417,000.00	4,054,000.00	68,003,000.00	61,920,000.00
Expenditure	52,865,092.00	3,911,067.00	63,000,636.00	60,734,865.00
Expenditure percentage	97%	96%	93%	98%

➤ Financing for Expenditure

Code	Financing for Expenditure	Net provision	Actual Expenditure	Expenditure percentage
11	Local funds	149,926,000.00	142,511,660.00	95%
12	Foreign aid loans	-	-	-
13	Foreign aid grants	38,468,000.00	38,000,000.00	99%

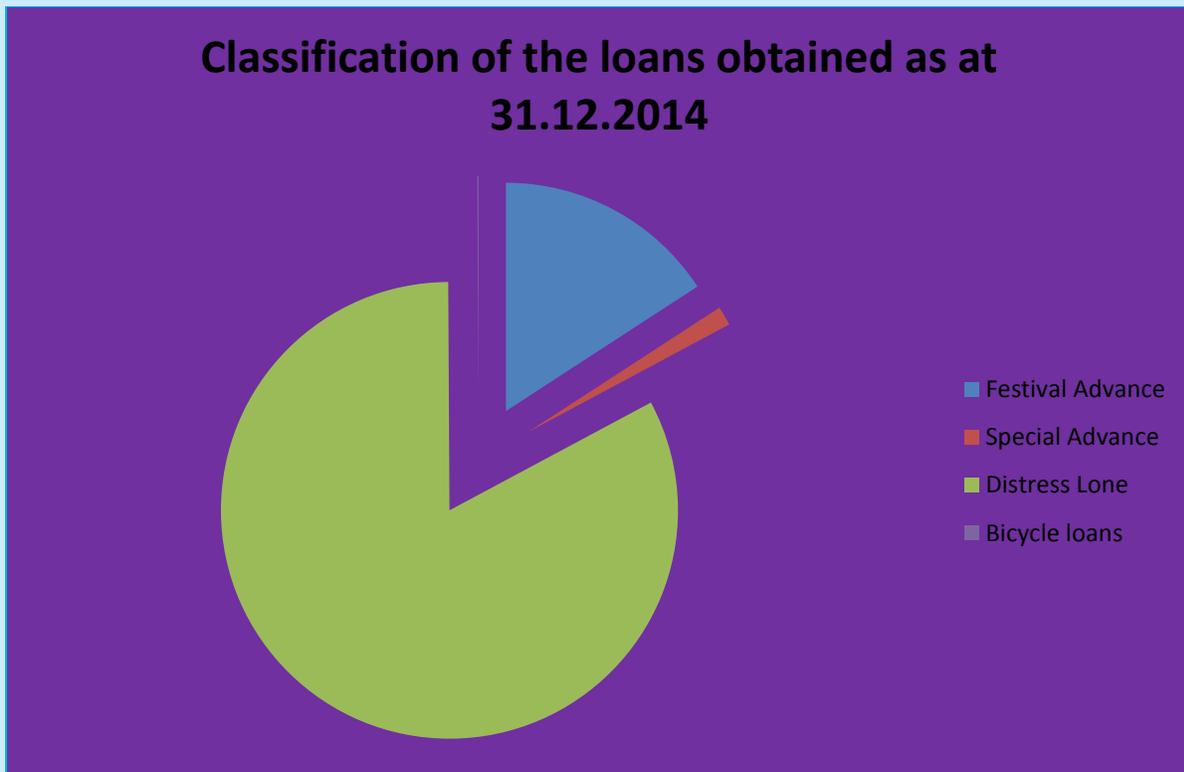
➤ Public Officers Advance Accounts

Rupees

	Maximum limit for expenditures	Minimum limit for receipts	Maximum debit balance Limit
Limit granted by Appropriation Bill	7,000,000.00	2,500,000.00	16,000,000.00
Actual value as at 31.12.2014	6,815,248.00	3,714,426.00	12,912,245.50

➤ **Loans / Advances as at 31.12.2014**

Type of the Loan	Amount of the Loan	Number of loans obtained
Festival Advance	1,078,000.00	213
Special Advances	92,500.00	37
Distress loan	5,638,748.00	51
Bicycle Loans	6,000.00	01



➤ The Appropriate account 2014 and the Advance B Account of Public officers have been prepared as at 31.12.2014 and sent to the Auditor General.

04 .Procurement Activities

✓ Details of the Procurement activities of the Ministry in the year 2014 (Rs.mn)

Minister's I Office

1201 - Stationery

Allocations	- 2.09
Expenditure	- 2.09
Financial Progress	- 100%

2102 – Furniture and Office Equipment

Allocations	- 1.12
Expenditure	- 1.09
Financial Progress	- 98%

2103 - Machinery

Allocations	- 1.25
Expenditure	- 1.23
Financial Progress	- 99%

Ministerial Office

1201 - Stationery

Allocations	- 1.40
Expenditure	- 1.40
Financial Progress	- 100%

2102 – Furniture and Office Equipment

Allocations	- 0.5
Expenditure	- 0.5
Financial Progress	- 100%

2103 - Machinery

Allocations	- 0.6
Expenditure	- 0.6
Financial Progress	- 100%

05 . Internal Audit Activities

Three audit examinations and 06 special inquiries have been conducted with regard to the Ministry of Disaster Management and National Disaster Relief Services Centre for the year 2014. The details of the fields on which the aforesaid inquiries were held are mentioned below.

01. Inquiry with regard to Mattala Meteorological office which comes under the purview of the Department of Meteorology
02. Special inquiry with regard to Hambantota District Disaster Management Co-ordination Unit which comes under the purview of the Disaster Management Centre
03. Project related to Doppler Weather Radar system operated by the Department of Meteorology
04. Colombo District Internal Audit Programme
05. Inquiry with regard to preparedness planning programmes of Disaster Management Centre
06. Special inquiry with regard to disaster Management projects implemented by the Disaster Management Centre in the year 2014.

In addition, four audit and management committee meetings have been conducted. 56 audit queries were received and answers have been provided to the aforesaid 56 audit queries.

Part II

National Disaster Relief Services Centre

Introduction

National Disaster Management Centre was established in the year 1996 under the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare. It was brought under the purview of the Ministry of Disaster Relief Services by extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1422/22 dated 08.12.2005 in order to plan relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities and implement them. It was named as National Disaster Relief Services Centre by Gazette Notification No. 1482/9 dated 09.01.2007 and was brought under the purview of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services.

Subsequently it was brought under the purview of the Ministry of Disaster Management by Gazette Notification No. 1651/220 with effect from 30.04.2010. National Disaster Relief Services Centre is located at Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 7 and functions under the policy guidance provided by the Hon. Minister and Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management and projects and programmes are carried out through the respective District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats under the policy guidance given by the Ministry of Disaster Management. Further Development Assistants (Disaster Management) and Development Officers (Disaster Relief Services) function as Disaster Relief Coordinators under the supervision of the respective District Secretaries.

Vision

Towards a safer Sri Lanka through optimum post disaster relief services.

Mission

To protect human life, properties and environment from injurious effects of both natural and manmade disasters through response and adjustment to them.

Objective

To contribute to the national objective of sustainable development minimizing the adverse effects made to the society environment and economy by disasters and strengthening national capacities for disaster relief.

Targets and activities

- Carrying out post disaster management activities
- Strengthening information communication process
- Conducting Public Awareness programmes
- Creating good governance

Carrying out Post Disaster Management Activities

- Providing relief to the suitable recipient in a disaster situation through an efficient disaster relief service.
- Reconstruction of houses damaged due to disasters
- Providing relief with regard to damages to vegetations, self employments and small scale infrastructure in rural areas.
- Enforcing disaster relief officers with regard to post disaster management processes.

Strengthening Information Communication Processes

- Providing information within a very short period of time since a disaster has occurred through the Internet information system.
- Strengthening information communication network

Conducting Public Awareness programmes

- Enforcing disaster relief service committees of rural level in order to minimize the damage caused by disasters
- Educating the community on how to face post disaster situations
- Educating School students community at school level on how to face post disaster situations

Creating good governance

- Direction, Supervision and Evaluation of the provision of relief services
- Acting in accordance with the circulars and guidance provided

Staff

Serial No.	Position	Service	Approved cadre	Actual cadre	Vacancies
01	Director	S.L.A.S.	01	01	-
02	Deputy Director	S.L.A.S.	01	-	01
03	Assistant Director	S.L.A.S.	02	01	01
04	Development Assistant (Disaster Management)	-	32	31	1
05	Development Assistant (Disaster Management)	Development Officer's Service	04	04	-
06	Development Assistant (Disaster Relief Services)	Development Officer's Service	332	313	19
07	Public Management Assistant	Public Management Assistant Service	08	04	04
08	Information Communication Technology Officer (Class II)	Information Communication Technology Service	02	-	02
09	Project Officer	-	01	-	01
10	Information and Communication Technology Assistant (Class III) (Data Entry Operator)	Information and Communication Technology Service	01	-	01
11	Driver	Driver's Service	07	04	03
12	Office Assistant	Office Assistant's service	04	04	-
13	Lorry Driver Assistant	-	05	03	02
Total			400	365	35

Transfers

07 internal transfers were done in the year 2014 and the number of persons who received transfers to this institution from other departments is four (04).

Local Trainings

Seven officers were sent for local trainings on Project Management and Enhancement of Disaster Resilience in the year 2014.

Foreign Training

Two officers have participated in Slida's international training programme on Public Service Management Disaster Resilience Leadership, ARF Cross-sectoral Security Cooperation on Bio – Preparedness and Disaster Response Workshop

Financial Progress

Rs.667.39 million was allocated for recurrent expenditures and Rs.2084.42 million was allocated for capital expenditures of the National Disaster Relief Services Centre from the budget of 2014. Accordingly recurrent expenditure for the year 2014 was Rs.662.24 and it is 99% as a percentage. The capital expenditure was Rs.1983.86 million and it is 96% as a percentage.

Services provided by National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC)

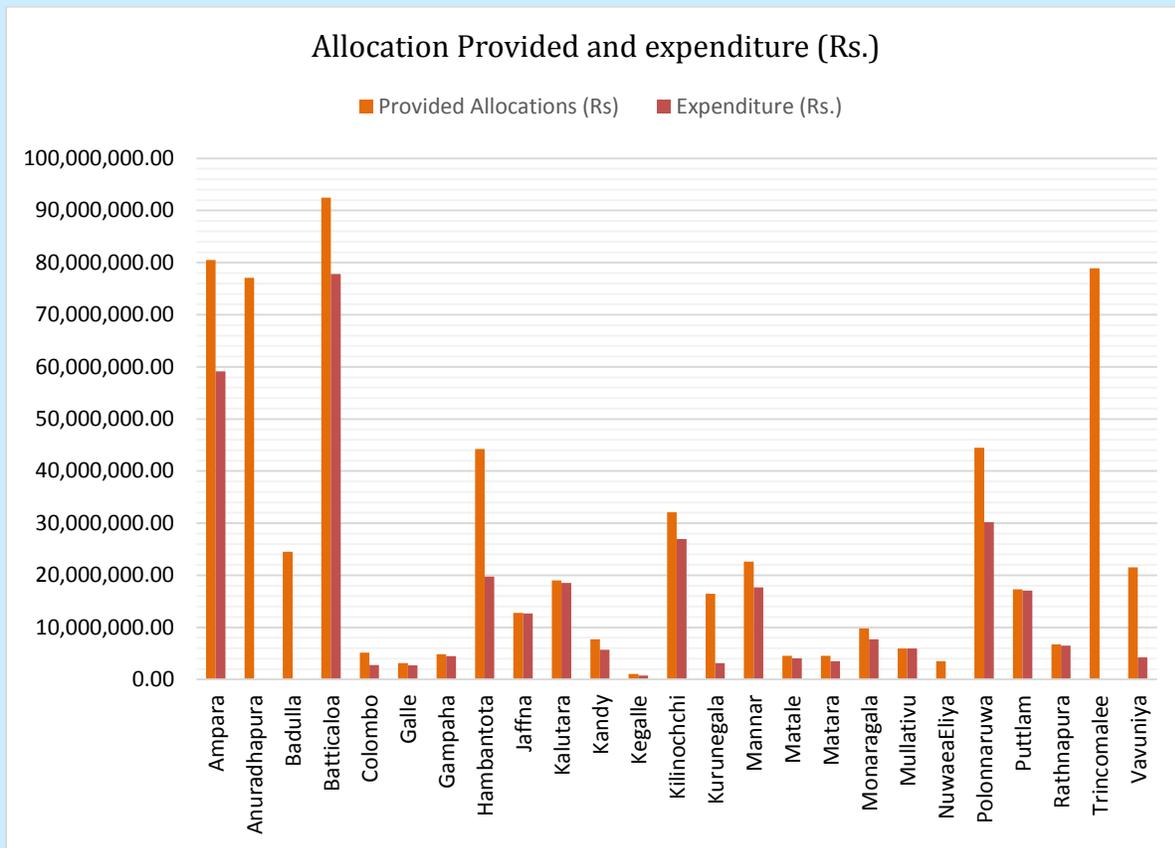
National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC) undertakes the planning, implementation and follow up review of disaster relief services and budget circular No. 152 (I), (II), (III) issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning provides guidance for disaster relief service activities. Accordingly under the programmes implemented in that manner post disaster relief service activities are carried out and disaster relief is provided to the suitable recipients through an efficient disaster relief service.

An amount of Rs.508.43 million has been allocated to districts for providing immediate disaster relief to minimize the impacts made to the lives of people by disasters which occurred during the period from January, to December 31st 2014 and to restore their lives. In addition to providing cooked food, dry rations, kitchen utensils, vocational tools, funeral assistance to families which are affected by disasters compensation was provided using these allocations even to the persons who got injured as a result of disasters.

Financial Progress in immediate relief (Rs.mn)

District	Amount of the allocation	Expenditure
Ampara	51.34	59.14
Anuradhapura	52.00	-
Badulla	20.95	-
Batticaloa	92.50	77.80
Colombo	2.60	2.77
Galle	2.78	2.71
Gampaha	4.22	4.50
Hambantota	21.76	19.75
Jaffna	12.69	12.67
Kalutara	18.55	18.53
Kandy	5.69	5.68
Kegalle	0.99	0.7
Vavuniya	9.30	4.23

District	Amount of the allocation	Expenditure Rs. Million
Kilinochchi	27.06	26.96
Kurunegala	12.94	3.11
Mannar	20.61	17.70
Matale	4.16	4.06
Matara	3.62	3.49
Moneragla	8.70	7.69
Mulativu	5.93	5.93
Nuwara Eliya	3.25	-
Polonnaruwa	37.46	30.17
Puttlam	17.10	17.07
Ratnapura	6.51	6.47
Trincomalee	65.68	-
Total	508.43	331.24



Out of the disasters that occurred in the year 2014 people have been mostly affected by droughts. 989,046 families found it difficult to find drinking water and food which they needed for their daily consumption. In addition, a large number of people were affected by floods, cyclones, landslides, and lightning. Relief Officials took action to relieve those people from the difficulties that they had encountered and those relief Officials are still engaged in the task of providing the other services that those people need and restoring their lives. Provision of assistance to the families whose houses were totally or partially damaged and follow up review activities are still being carried out

Number of affected families in districts - 2014

District	Droughts	Fire	Floods	Cyclones	Landslides	Lightning	Other disasters
Ampara	43054		96028	921		4	15
Anuradhapura	174830		13030	311		3	1081
Badulla	6498	10	204	3627	915	7	3134
Batticaloa	97465		139501	54			
Colombo	65	27	2548	486	33	12	85
Galle	21306	5	4582	100	132	22	28
Gampaha		190	10033	418	2	7	105
Hambantota	65300	59	497	525		1	1
Jaffna	65901		2017				4847
Kalutara	4775		20379	764			1638
Kandy	3057	2	137	185	213	2	3032

Kegalle	4577	35	244	224	144	34	339
Kilinochchi	23915		6631			10	2
Kurunegala	119766	5	2627	607		8	55
Mannar	36158		9404	167			
Matale	1570		2221	157	105	5	492
Matara		2	5969	133	9	136	1524
Moneragala	43503	2	59	168		3	
Mulativu	30970		3645	599			1
Nuwara Eliya		69	112	543	185	8	1387
Polonnaruwa	71967		39347	23		1	
Puttlam	75286	15	12467	109		2	16
Ratnapura	29328	6	5238	1192	943	10	461
Trincomalee	52017		41857	63		2	11
Vavuniya	17738	3	12030	2468		3	3
Total	989046	430	430807	13844	2681	280	18257

Source : N.D.R.S.

Expenditure incurred on providing relief to the people affected by disasters - 2014

	District	Ampara	Batticaloa	Colombo	Galle	Gampaha	Hambantota	Jaffna
No. of people who got relief assistance	Cooked food	17644	79206	3856	10919	22332	0	4174
	Dry rations	222240	170360	2642	5350	1003	0	23994
	Deaths	2	8	3	4	4	0	1
	Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kitchen equipment (No. of families)	60	0	0	0	0	3137	4
	Drinking water	107803	0	65	18386	0	178688	32524
	Other	635	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure Rs.	Cooked food.	3,369,569.00	31,473,375.75	2,507,992.00	1,147,917.50	3,978,106.99	0	1,391,550.00
	Dry rations	50,869,731.11	42,996,241.01	134,200.00	936,215.00	114,956.00	0	3,818,922.96
	Funeral aid	30,000.00	120,000.00	45,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	0	15,000.00
	Medical aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kitchen equipment	90,000.00	0	0	0	0	4,705,500.00	6,000.00
	Drinking water	3,109,477.74	993,851.72	27,597.00	568,495.24	0	15,051,500.00	7,423,986.30
	Other	1,564,027.00	1,869,156.59	1,670.00	0	0	0	18,626.00
	Administration	110,314.00	353,907.23	55,750.00	0	337,970.00	0	0
Total expenditure	59,143,118.85	77,806,532.30	2,772,209.00	2,712,627.74	4,491,032.99	19,757,000.00	12,674,085.26	

	District	Kalutara	Kandy	Kegalle	Kilinochchi	Kurunegala	Matale	Matara
No. of people who got relief assistance	Cooked food	41705	5799	1093	7112	6148	1345	967
	Dry rations	16294	9124	804	18063	7897	12034	21135
	Deaths	20	4	2	4	9	3	7
	Injuries	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Kitchen equipment (No. of families)	132	7	0	0	845	0	9
	Drinking water	4474	12799	0	31556	6672	1143	0
	Other	0	0	0	0	1039	0	0
Expenditure Rs.	Cooked food	5,667,545.15	2,259,185.17	336,638.00	1,229,349.70	3,770,380.00	407,772.00	140,425.00
	Dry rations	9,600,696.00	2,362,919.44	354,352.60	4,018,615.37	3,926,005.00	1,070,888.00	3,058,158.00
	Funeral aid	300,000.00	60,000.00	30,000.00	60,000.00	135,000.00	45,000.00	105,000.00
	Medical aid	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,500.00
	Kitchen equipment	198,000.00	10,500.00	0	0	1,267,500.00	0	13,500.00
	Drinking water	672,248.00	470,673.59	0	20,563,716.43	866,149.40	624,580.00	0
	Other	0	217,086.20	0	804,385.50	2,096,000.00	1,839,852.00	173,266.00
	Administrative	2,097,630.38	301,137.78	19,589.00	289,533.00	1,053,984.35	75,943.00	0
	Total Expenditure	18,536,119.53	5,681,502.18	740,579.60	26,965,600.00	13,115,018.75	4,064,035.00	3,492,849.00

	District	Monergala	Mulativu	Polonnaruwa	Puttlam	Ratnapura	Total
No. of persons allocations were provided	Cooked food	0	1061	24777	31401	20673	280212
	Dry rations	3090	3155	24371	39971	6954	588481
	Deaths	1	1	0	1	13	87
	Injuries	0	0	0	0	3	3
	Kitchen equipment (No. of families)	3	0	0	367	0	4564
	Drinking water	52696	26956	104466	24953	52488	655669
	Other	0	0	0	0	0	1674
AExpenditure Rs.	Cooked food	0	237,145.00	11,482,424.09	4,898,370.06	2,624,869.00	76,922,614.41
	Dry rations	873,792.96	752,465.00	2,695,033.65	9,299,506.46	1,165,517.00	138,048,215.56
	Funeral aid	15,000.00	15,000.00	0	15,000.00	195,000.00	1,305,000.00
	Medical aid	0	0	0	0	30,000.00	32,500.00
	Kitchen equipment	4,500.00	0	0	550,500.00	0	6,846,000.00
	Drinking water	6,803,957.02	4,921,398.68	14,939,044.45	634,626.51	1,097,543.00	78,768,845.08
	Others	0	0	57,980.00	1,159,776.94	88,978.00	9,890,804.23
	Administrative	0	7,597.58	1,000,312.10	516,274.40	1,276,712.00	7,496,654.82
	Total Expenditure	7,697,249.98	5,933,606.26	30,174,794.29	17,074,054.37	6,478,619.00	319,310,634.10

Source : NDRSC

Specially the displaced people by floods are provided with shelter in temporary relief centers allocations are made to provide food requirements and cooking utensils to the people who arrive at those relief centres , in addition to the provision of tents to be constructed in those centers.

Items included in the set of cooking utensils are as follows :

Equipment	Quantity
Saucepan12×26	1
Saucepan15×30	1
Gas cylinder	1
Regulator	1
Wood spoon	1
Coconut scraper	1
Kettle (10 liters)	1

In addition, people affected by floods are provided with the things which they need to restore their lives back to normalcy as is mentioned below

Provision of Relief Items in Disasters – 2014

Item	Ampara	Anuradhapura	Badulla	Gampaha	Kalutara	Polonnaruwa	Ratnaprua	Trincomalee	Colombo
Water bottle (5 liters)		2444	23						
Water bottle (1.5 liters)			192						
Water tank (19 litres)		150							
Water tank (1000 litres)						8		100	
Blanket		2000	999				300		
Bed sheets	99		119	100	300	919	200		
Bed sheets (Indian)			440						
Tarpaulin tent cloth	40		100	200	500		400	50	
Mats		29	25	100	200	1084	25		17
Mattresses			50						
Tents			75		75				1
Mosquito nets				50	150				
Towels		400		300	500	1000			
Kitchen equipment sets	12	355	157	10	20	3	7		
Boot shoes		60	100		25	60	10		
Rain coats					12				
Umbrellas (large)			101		8				

Item	Batticaloa	Kurunegala	Moneragala	Nuwara Eliya	Galle	Kandy	Kilinochchi	Mannar	Mulativu	Vavuniya	Total
Water bottle (5 liters)		1995									4462
Water bottle (1.5 liters)											192
Water tank (19 litres)											150
Water tank (1000 litres)			14								138
Blanket											3299
Bed sheets											1737
Bed sheets (Indian)											440
Tarpaulin tent cloth											1290
Mats											1480
Mattresses											50
Tents				79							230
Mosquito nets											200
Towels											2200
Kitchen equipment sets	12	5			5	5	9	9	5	9	672
Boot shoes											255
Rain coats											12
Umbrellas (large)											109

Provision of Drinking Water Facilities

District	Allocation (Rs.)
Ampara	3,000,000.00
Anuradhapura	1,500,000.00
Badulla	500,000.00
Batticaloa	500,000.00
Galle	150,000.00
Hambantota	5,095,000.00
Kalutara	1,000,000.00
Kandy	300,000.00
Kilinochchi	500,000.00
Mannar	1,300,000.00
Matale	700,000.00
Moneragala	2,275,000.00
Mulativu	500,000.00
Polonnaruwa	2,000,000.00
Ratnapura	500,000.00
Trincomalee	700,000.00
Vavuniya	1,000,000.00
Total	21,520,000.00

Source : NDRSC



People in 16 districts, who were affected by dry weather conditions, were provided with drinking water. An amount of 119,695,836.35 rupees was released to District Secretaries to provide drinking water as is mentioned above and even water bottles were provided. Furthermore, water tanks were provided to be used for the provision of drinking water. 127 water tanks were provided to district secretariat divisions of Moneragala, Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee. In addition, an allocation of Rs. 21,520,000.00 has been provided to District Secretariat Divisions to purchase water tanks.





54 tractor bowsers and 07 lorry bowsers have been provided to 18 District Secretariat divisions as a step for fulfilling the drinking water requirements of people in temporary drought and flood situations and for providing immediate relief in disaster situations and facing future disaster situations in a successful manner. People were continuously provided with drinking water using these two bowsers in order to fulfill the drinking water requirements which existed in the dry zone during the recent past. Adverse effects which could have impacted the

people in the dry zone could be minimized through this. Specially diseases which could have been caused due to non receipt of the amount of water required daily was able to be prevented through this.

Minor Rehabilitation Work

Allocations were made to districts for small scale rehabilitation activities in order to prevent the difficulties that people encounter and the collapse of the daily life of people due to the damages caused to roads, culverts, sidewalls, small bridges by disasters.

District	Allocations provided (Rs.)
Ampara	4,900,000
Anuradhapura	10,000,000
Badulla	14,000,000
Gampaha	10,000,000
Hambantota	220,706,683
Kalutara	23,619,159
Kandy	50,000,000
Kegalle	1,000,000
Kilinochchi	10,000,000
Mannar	5,000,000
Matale	13,107,991
Moneragla	35,000,000
Polonnaruwa	15,443,000
Ratnapura	9,125,200
Trincomalee	50,000,000
Vavuniya	5,000,000
Total	476,902,033.12



Reconstruction of the houses damaged.

The severest impact which may be made to people by disasters is the destruction caused to houses – in which they reside. Even though lives come to normalcy after the disaster the difficulty that people encounter due to the non availability of a shelter to carry on their life should essentially be got rid of. Especially when houses are completely damaged people have to find shelter in temporary relief centers. The government has to bear a huge cost to fulfill the needs of those people. Due to that reason relief is provided to the houses damaged by disasters with immediate effect.

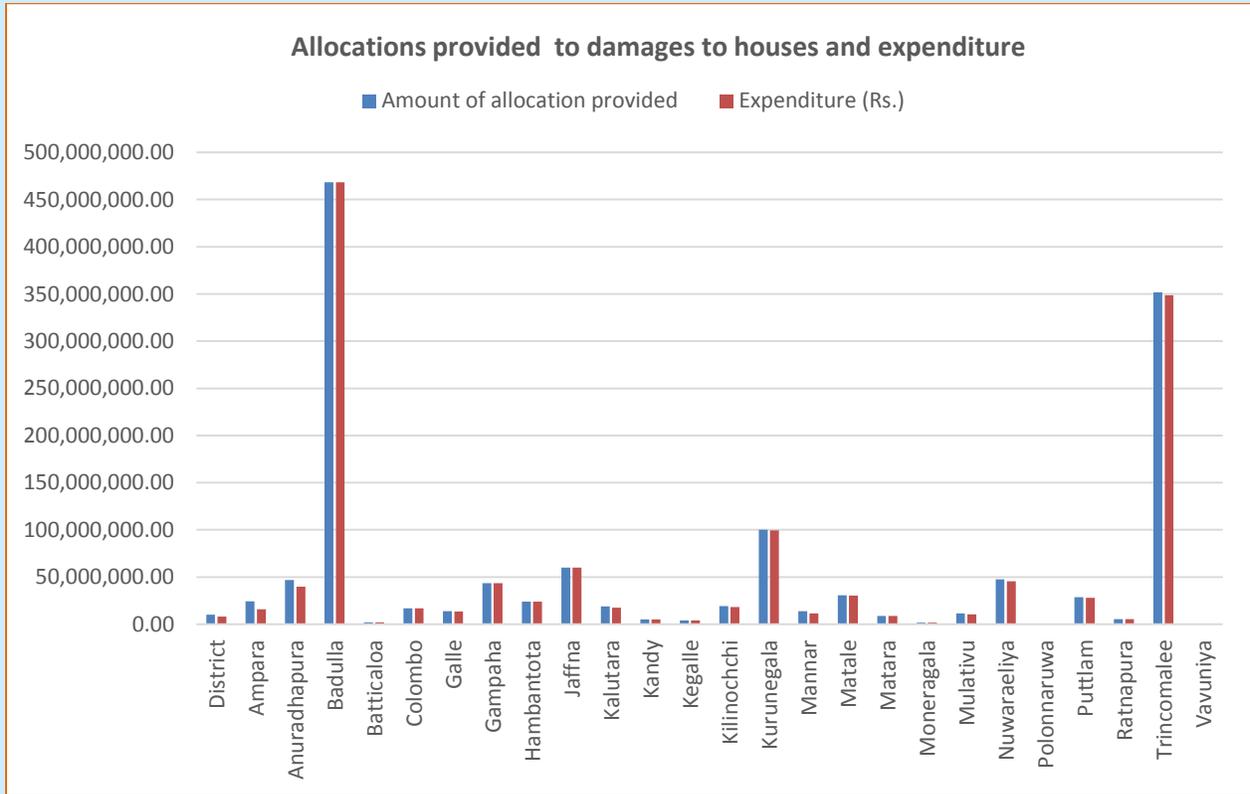
An amount of Rs.1840.120 million was released for providing assistance for the houses damaged due to the disaster situation which prevailed in the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 and the aforesaid allocations were distributed among the 25 districts. The amount of allocation remaining to be granted for the years 2013 and 2014 has also been granted by now. An amount of Rs.100,000 rupees is paid for a complete damage of a house and an amount of Rs.50,000 is paid for a partial damaged of a house caused by floods, lightning and cyclones.

Payment for reconstruction of houses - 2014

District	Amount of allocation provided	No. of houses completely damaged	No. of houses partially damaged	Expenditure (Rs.)
Ampara	10,230,350.00	14	463	8,121,630.00
Anuradhapura	24,294,693.52	75	372	15,757,370.00
Badulla	46,726,900.00	55	3311	39,643,440.00
Batticaloa	468,350,000.00	2600	4167	468,350,000.00
Colombo	2,100,000.00	5	109	2,044,750.00
Galle	16,838,886.00	146	1128	16,710,987.73
Gampaha	13,677,405.00	47	506	13,526,422.00
Hambantota	43,600,084.76	535	1029	43,600,084.00
Jaffna	24,000,400.00	28	1394	24,000,400.00
Kalutara	59,968,400.00	250	2186	59,968,400.00
Kandy	18,774,158.50	30	902	17,537,846.00
Kegalle	5,202,000.00	21	232	5,202,000.00
Kilinochchi	3,878,000.00	1	76	3,878,000.00
Kurunegala	19,175,550.99	157	236	18,055,417.00
Mannar	100,239,000.00	0	0	99,375,000.00
Matale	13,957,625.10	67	343	11,349,283.41
Matara	30,628,809.50	280	402	30,472,731.00
Moneragala	8,919,854.50	58	291	8,726,208.62
Mulativu	1,795,000.00	9	37	1,795,000.00
Nuwaraeliya	11,300,668.00	0	0	10,425,877.00
Polonnaruwa	47,509,346.45	499	650	45,356,040.00
Puttlam	381,560.00	0	24	381,560.00
Ratnapura	28,814,096.00	135	1322	28,098,747.00

Trincomalee	5,426,300.00	0	0	5,426,300.00
Vavuniya	351,736,000.00	1592	3863	348,807,422.17
Total	1,357,525,088.32	6604	23043	1,326,610,915.93

Source : NDRSC



Houses affected by disasters



New houses



Cans traction of Disaster Resilient Housing Project

The government spends a huge amount of money for the renovation and reconstruction of the houses of the people affected by disasters every year. This makes a direct impact on the sustainable development of the country. In order to find a solution to this, the National Disaster Relief Services Centre commenced a project of constructing disaster resilient houses. Construction of houses was commenced in Matara district in the year 2014 with the financial assistance of the Oman government. Houses are being constructed at present on the basis of six houses for one district. Construction of houses has been completed in 10 districts by now.

Progress of the project for the construction of Disaster Resilient houses as at 31.12.2014.

District	No. of Houses	Releasing funds	Progress	
			Physical	Financial
Ampara	6	3,000,000.00	Work has been completed	3,000,000.00
Anuradhapura	6	2,313,303.90	Walls of the houses are being constructed	1,644,625.00
Badulla	6	1,500,000.00	Cutting soil for laying the foundation	712,800.00
Batticaloa	6	1,500,000.00	Construction of walls are completed	1,500,000.00
Colombo	6	3,000,000.00	Work of three houses is completed.	2,357,500.00
Galle	6	3,000,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Gampaha	7	3,500,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Hambantota	6	3,000,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Jaffna	6	3,000,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Kalutara	6	3,000,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Kandy	6	3,000,000.00	4 houses have been completed. 2 houses at the final stage	2,980,000.00
Kegalle	6	3,000,000.00	Walls constructed up to the roof level	2,075,000.00
Kilinochchi	6	1,500,000.00	Walls are being constructed	1,500,000.00
Kurunegala	6	3,000,000.00	Roof is completed. Walls are being plastered	2,253,256.00
Mulativu	6	3,000,000.00	Plastering is completed	3,000,000.00
Mannar	6	1,500,000.00	Work has been commenced	2,200,000.00
Matale	6	3,000,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Matara	6	3,000,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Moneragala	6	1,500,000.00	Work is completed up to the lintel level	1,275,503.00
Nuwara Eliya	6	2,313,303.90	Walls are completed in 2 houses. Materials have been ordered for the remaining houses	597,000.00
Polonnaruwa	6	1,500,000.00	Construction of walls at the final phase	1,483,140.00

Puttlam	6	2,500,000.00	Walls are completed	2,750,000.00
Ratnapura	6	3,000,000.00	05 houses have been completed	2,500,000.00
Vavuniya	6	1,500,000.00	Work is completed	3,000,000.00
Total	145	60,126,607.80		55,828,824.00

One occasion of the project for the construction of disaster resilient houses



Enhancing the capacity of disaster relief officers with regard to the post disaster management processes

The need of properly trained disaster relief services officer for minimizing damages to lives and property in post disaster situations was highly felt during every disaster situation that occurred during the recent past. Due to that reason, a programme of practical training on correct and systematic post disaster activities was commenced for the disaster relief service officers recruited by National Disaster Relief Services Centre.

By now theoretical and practical training has been provided to disaster relief service officers in Kalutara, Gampaha, Badulla, Moneragla, Kegallae, Puttlam, Nuwara Eliya districts on camp management under subjects such as how to face emergency cases in a camp, protecting public health, looking after patients, maintaining mental health of the victims of disasters, minimising clashes among people, constructing temporary shelters, protection from fire attacks, providing infrastructure facilities, provision of relief services in a systematic manner, reporting correct information reporting and keeping relationships with the media, maximum utilization of the limited resources and how to conduct oneself in a camp, how to maintain a camp and specially the facts to be considered when distributing



Preparing the camp site





Constructing tents



Training on extinguishing fire



Strengthening the information communication process

The disaster relief service officers who are on duty in district secretariats were provided with laptops and dongles in order to assist them to maintain and report information on disasters and perform their duties in a more efficient and productive manner and also to strengthen the information communication process. The Disaster Relief Service officers in Anuradhapura, Kandy, Matale, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Vavuniya, Mannar, Jaffna, Moneragala, Kegalle, Galle, Puttlam, Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa and Matara were provided with the aforesaid facility.



Educating school children and community on how to face post disaster situations.

Disaster committees have been set up in every disaster prone Grama Niladhari divisions through the Disaster Relief Service officers that work in all Divisional Secretariats. Action is taken in sudden disaster situations with the help of these committees. Accordingly they provide necessary awareness and keep the committees active. In addition, Disaster Relief Service officers provide awareness on how to act in a disaster situation at school level and the manner in which they can contribute to it and also on the manner in which one protect himself and help others.



Future Plans (2015)

- ✓ Providing prompt relief, providing funds for the reconstruction of the damaged houses within a period of three months and providing relief to restore the lost livelihoods with regard to the people affected by natural disasters using the funds allocated to the National Disaster Relief Services Centre for the year 2015 as per Budget circular No. 152(I).
- ✓ Conducting training workshops on district level to the new graduates recruited for relief services in divisional secretariat divisions with regard to disaster management processes and performance of relief work in an efficient and systematic manner.
- ✓ Establishing Rural Disaster Relief Services Committees through Disaster Relief Service officers attached to Divisional Secretariat Divisions and educating school children and rural community on how to face post disaster situations in a successful manner and conducting various programmes in that regard.
- ✓ Implementation of the ‘Sahana’ software island wide in order to report within a very short period of time the correct data and information required for the performance of relief services in an efficient and productive manner in a post disaster situation and setting up the infrastructure facilities required for it at district level.
- ✓ Construction of disaster resilient houses with the use of the funds provided for the houses which are completely damaged by disasters and using both local and foreign aid for it.
- ✓ Mapping the disaster prone areas which have been identified presently and providing maximum assistance and contribution for identifying, educating and evacuating for safer places the people living in these areas.
- ✓ Providing quick internet access to any party that seeks for correct information and reports on disasters using the Sahana software.
- ✓ Active contribution to the target of sustainable development through optimum post disaster relief services.