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**Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and  
Community Development**

## **VISION**

Transform plantation community into a village community with dignity, self – respect and social status, to be on par with other communities

## **MISSION**

Promote the well being of the plantation community by improving the habitat, living conditions and socio economic facilities

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# 1. Introduction

Sri Lanka has long been recognized for its high level of achievements in social and human development and well positioned to achieve Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015. Though Sri Lanka is on track towards achieving the MDGs, the country still faces many challenges. The laudable achievements not evenly distributed across the country as well as among ethnic communities and social groups.

The Plantation Community is one such group which consists of majority of Tamils of Indian Origin in Sri Lanka which is unique as a whole is backward with low level of income and high poverty, reflecting from the resident labour occupied in line rooms in the Tea and Rubber Estates. Even though most of the indicators of the MDGs at the national level are on track, in respect of estates, they are off the track and not in par with the national level.

**Table 1: Statistics of Estate Community**

Indicator	National	Urban	Rural	Estate
<b>Poverty and Human Settlement Indicators</b>				
Poverty Head Count Index (HIES 2013)	6.7	2.1	7.6	10.9
Access to safe drinking water % (HIES 2013)	89.7	98.9	90.9	52.4
Semi permanent houses %(HIES 2013)	17.8	7.4	16.9	76.1
Literacy rate % (HIES 2013)	95.7			86.1
Families with access to improved Sanitation% (HIES2012/13)	87.2			73.3
Early Childcare Centres established, satisfying national physical standards %	50.7			24 (All estates) 64(RPC estates)
<b>Health Indicators</b>				
Neonatal mortality rate (per 1000 birth)	11	6.0	15.0	18.0
Infant mortality rate (per 1000 birth)	9.7	10.0	19.0	29.0
Prevalence of anemia in children < 5 years and women of reproductive	20% (UNICEF 2012)			61% (UNICEF 2012)
<b>Nutrition related Indicators</b>				
Proportion of stunted growth children under 5 years	18	13.8	16.2	40.2
Proportion of underweight children under 5 years	21.8	16.5	21.2	30.1
Low birth weight (less than 2.5 kg.)	16.6	12.8	16.4	31.0
Wasted (i.e. Low weight for height) children under 5 years	14.7			16.4

Source: DHS 2006/07, HIES 2012/13

Thus, various government and non-governmental organizations have taken many efforts to improve the quality of life of the estate community. However, continuous and regular process is needed to address the prevailing issues.

With the establishment of the new government in January 2015, Ministry of Plantation Infrastructure Development (MPID) was set up under the supervision of a Cabinet Minister. The main expectation of the Ministry was to promote the wellbeing and dignity of the plantation community by improving their habitat, living conditions and socio - economic facilities and implement programmes and projects to ensure productive human resources for the plantation industry.

One of the most important initiatives under taken by the new government, under the promises spelt out, was the “100 day work programme” focusing on immediate burning issues of the country. In line with this, the MPID had a series of discussions and brainstorming sessions with stakeholders and beneficiaries in formulating the Action plan. The successful achievements of the 100 day work programme were centered in addressing the housing problems of the plantation community and providing infrastructure facilities to uplift their living conditions and dignity.

Focusing on achieving the main objectives of the MPID, the works initiated under the 100 day programme were continued and number of initiatives were commenced based on the under mentioned “Thrust areas” through the seven plantation regions<sup>1</sup>, under the purview of the Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT) which is the main implementing agency of the Ministry and through the Divisional Secretariats and Local Authorities to improve the living condition of the plantation worker families including especially the Tamils of Indian Origin specified in LLRC recommendation No. 9:201, who contribute to the plantation sector to obtain 15 percent of the total export earnings of the country.

1. Housing Development Programme
2. Livelihood and Basic Facility Improvement
3. Lagging Areas Socio-economic Development

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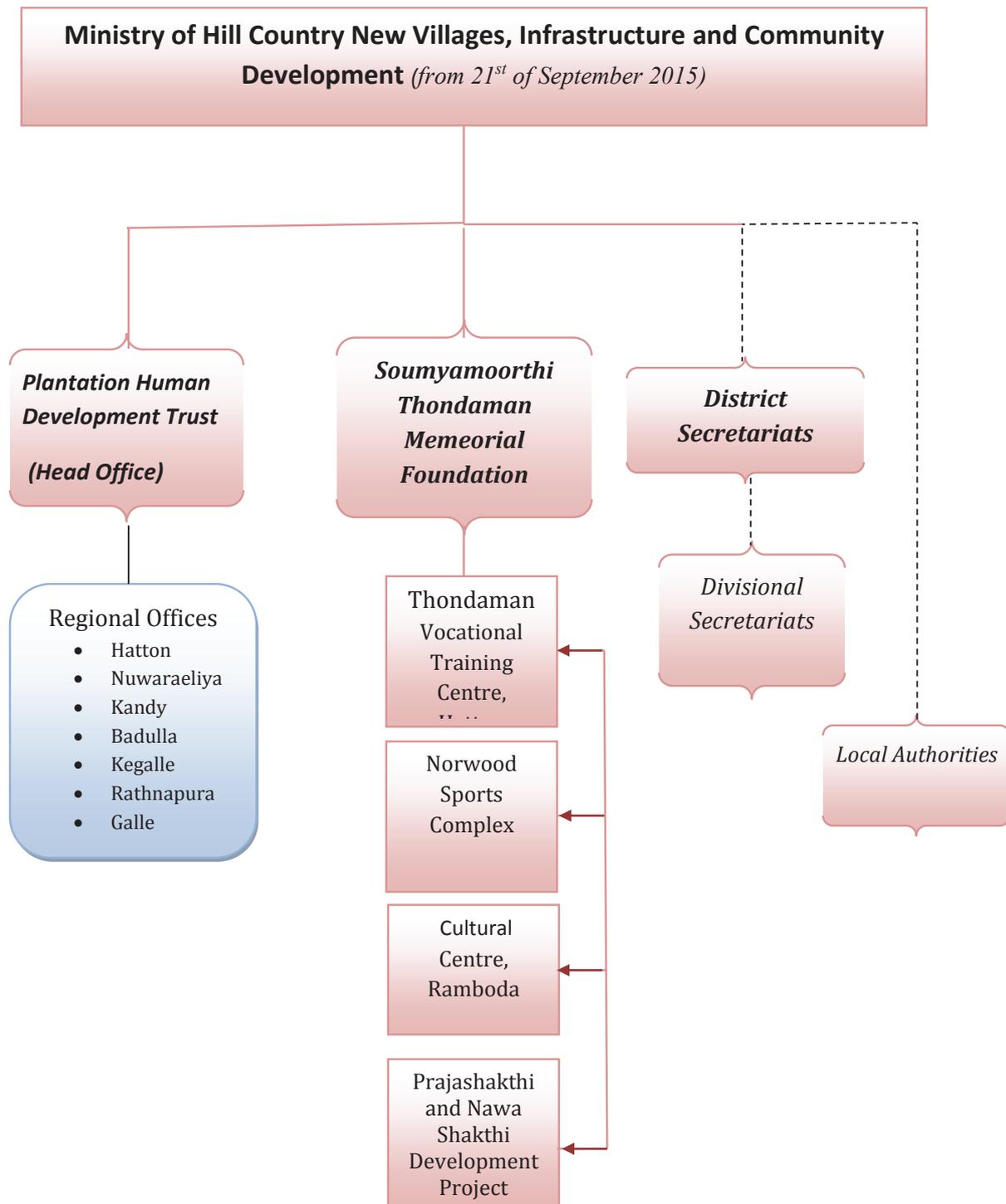
<sup>1</sup> **Seven Regions of the Plantation Human Development Trust** – Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Kandy, Kegalle, Badulla, Ratnapura and Galle

**Plantation areas** – which cover some areas of 12 districts such as Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kandy, Matale, Matara, Galle, Kegalle, Kalutara, Ratnapura, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Colombo including 435 estates under the 25 Regional Plantation Companies(RPCs) in the 07 PHDT Regions.

With the Parliamentary Election in August 2015, the Ministry of Plantation Infrastructure Development was further expanded and re-named as the Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development (MHCNVICD) under the supervision of the same Cabinet Minister. The scope of the MHCNVICD was expanded with the issuing of the Gazette Notification on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and “Soumyamoorthy Thondaman Memorial Foundation” also vested under the purview of the Ministry for the betterment of the plantation community.

The “ Performance Report – 2015” describes the progress of the development programmes/projects implemented under the purview of the former Ministry of Plantation Infrastructure Development and continued up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, under the new Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development.

## 2. Institutional Structure of the Ministry for Implementation of Programmes & Projects



### 3. Carder Information of the Ministry

**Table 02 :** Carder Information (*Approved and Existing - as at 31.12.2015*)

	Position	Service	Approved Carder	Existing Carder
1.	Secretary		1	1
2.	Additional Secretary	SLAS	2	1
3.	Senior Assistant Secretary	SLAS	1	1
4.	Director	SLAS	1	1
5.	Director	SLPS	1	1
6.	Director	Sri Lanka Engineering Service	1	1
7.	Chief Accountant	Sri Lanka Accountancy Service	1	1
8.	Chief Internal Auditor	Sri Lanka Accountancy Service	1	1
9.	Assistant/Deputy Director	SLAS	1	-
10.	Assistant/Deputy Director	SLPS	1	1
11.	Assistant/Deputy Director	Sri Lanka Engineering Service	1	1
12.	Accountant	Sri Lanka Accountancy Service	1	1
13.	Assistant Secretary	SLAS	1	-
14.	Administrative Officer	Management Services	1	-
15.	Translator	Translator Service	2	-
16.	Technical Officer	Sri Lanka Technical Service	3	-
17.	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	Information and Communication Technology Service	1	-
18.	Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary	Temporary	1	1
19.	Statistical Officer (Statistician)		1	-
20.	Development Officer	Development Officer Service	14	14
21.	Management Assistant	Management Services	20	9
22.	Plantation Community Communication Facilitator	Close Service	255	255
23.	Driver	Combine Diver Service	12	12
24.	Office Assistant	Office Assistant Service	12	9
	<b>Total</b>		<b>337</b>	<b>311</b>

## 4. Priorities of the Ministry

**Table 03: Priorities of the Ministry**

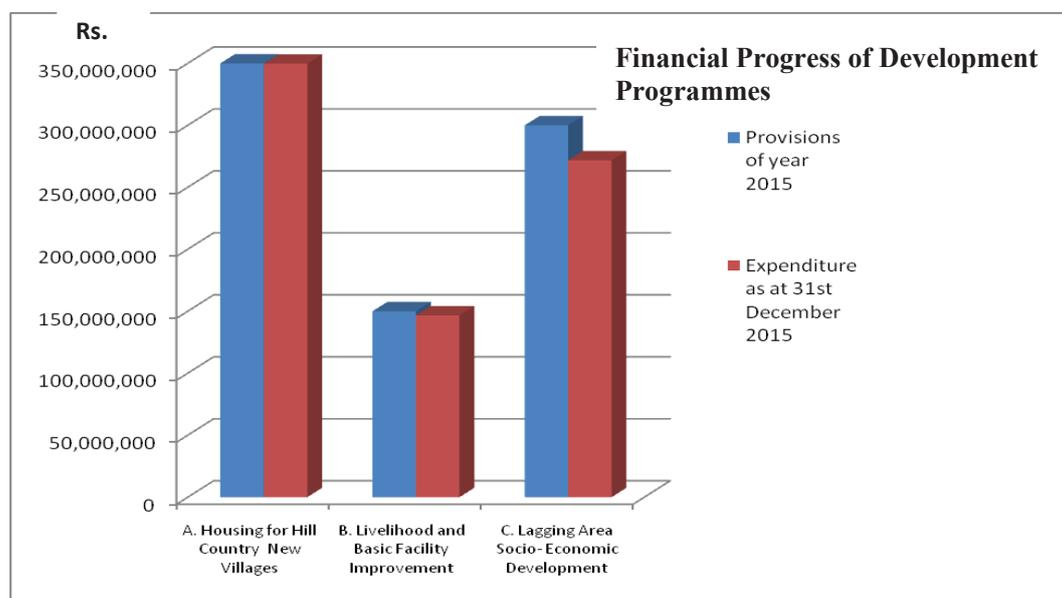
	Main Programmes	Projects/ Activities
1.	<b>Housing for Hill Country New Villages with Secure Tenure and Ownership</b>	
	<b>308 Houses for Landslide victims</b>	
	Construction of 308 houses for land slide victims	
	<b>New Life Housing Programme</b>	
	647 Houses for Plantation Community Living in Line Rooms	
		<b>Indian Grant Funding project for 4,000 houses</b>
2.	<b>Livelihood and Basic Facility Improvement</b>	
		Re-roofing of existing dilapidated 700 line rooms
		19 Safe drinking water supply projects
		Construction of 700 latrines
		Upgrading 21 Child Development Centres (CDCs)
		Indian Grant Assistance for construction of 70 Child Development Centres
3.	<b>Lagging Areas Socio-economic Development</b>	
		<b>New Initiatives :</b>
4.	<b>Formulation of a Five Year National Plan of Action (NPA) for the Social Development of the Plantation Community</b>	
5.	<b>Housing with ownership to improve the dignity of life of the plantation community</b>	
6.	<b>Secure Foreign Funded Projects to develop Plantation Infrastructure</b>	
		Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project
		Early Childhood Development Project
7.	<b>Indian Grant Assisted Housing Programme</b>	

## 5. Expenditure Summary of the Ministry (January - December- 2015)

**Table 04: Expenditure Summary**

Category / Programme / Project	Provisions of year 2015 (Rs.)	Expenditure as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2015 (Rs.)	Expenditure Percentage %
<b>Recurrent</b>	<b>322,030,000</b>	<b>271,078,561</b>	<b>84.18</b>
Personal Emoluments	194,400,000	173,711,838	89.36
General Administration	127,630,000	97,366,723	76.29
<b>Capital</b>	<b>824,440,000</b>	<b>785,800,084</b>	<b>95.31</b>
General Administration	24,440,000	17,669,278	72.30
<b>Development Programmes**</b>			
A. Housing for Hill Country New Villages	350,000,000	349,736,997	99.92
B. Livelihood and Basic Facility Improvement	150,000,000	146,610,281	97.74
C. Lagging Area Socio- Economic Development	300,000,000	271,783,528	90.59
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,146,470,000</b>	<b>1,056,878,645</b>	<b>92.19</b>

**Graph -01: Summary of the Capital Expenditure vs. Development Programmes**



**Table 05 : Development Programmes\*\***

Programme/ Project	Provisions of year 2015 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2015 (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure Percentage %
<b>A. Housing for Hill Country New Villages</b>			
Construct 308 houses for Landslide victims	<b>350.00</b>	<b>349.74</b>	<b>99.93</b>
Low Income Housing (New Life Housing – 2015)			
New Life Housing Programme (Continuation)			
Issuing of title deeds (Implementation - Ministry of Plantation Industries)			
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>349.74</b>	<b>99.93</b>
<b>B. Livelihood and Basic Facility Improvement</b>			
Re-roofing 700 line rooms newly as an interim measure	<b>43</b>	<b>42.79</b>	<b>99.51</b>
Supply 19 drinking water sub projects	<b>13</b>	<b>11.37</b>	<b>87.46</b>
Construct 700 new Latrines	<b>25</b>	<b>24.59</b>	<b>98.36</b>
Upgrade 21 Child Development Centres	<b>12</b>	<b>11.24</b>	<b>93.67</b>
Skill Development / Awareness	<b>57</b>	<b>56.63</b>	<b>99.35</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>146.61</b>	<b>97.74</b>
<b>C. Lagging Area Socio- economic Development</b>			
Development of Access Roads	<b>150</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>104.34</b>
Improvement of Educational facilities		<b>13.45</b>	
Religious and Cultural Development		<b>16.44</b>	
Improvement of Sports facilities		<b>20.66</b>	
Common amenities /Special activities		<b>25.42</b>	
Continuation work and M&E	<b>150</b>	<b>156.51</b>	<b>104.34</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>271.78</b>	<b>90.59</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>800.00</b>	<b>768.13</b>	<b>96.02</b>

## 6. Progress of Development Programmes / Projects (January - December 2015)

### 6.1. Housing for Hill Country New Villages

In the plantation sector, over 58% of the housing units are line rooms and temporary sheds and about 169,000 families live therein. Since those houses do not provide adequate space and conducive environment there is a strong need to replace them with individual houses on priority basis. These barrack type line rooms need to be replaced with individual houses on an urgent basis. Accordingly, the Ministry commenced several programmes such as construction of new individual houses for landslide victims, replacing line rooms with individual houses, upgrading of existing line rooms and re-roofing etc. giving priority to the work initiated under the 100 days programme of the government.

#### 6.1.1. 308 Houses for Landslide victims

Under the 100 Day Programme, 308 housing programme was initiated in the Central, Sabaragamuwa and Uva Provinces covering Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Kandy, Kegalle, Badulla and Ratnapura PHDT regions for plantation worker families whose residences were affected by landslides, fire or evacuated due to potential high risk of landslides. Special Cabinet approval was obtained to construct individual houses in 7 perch land with 550 Sq.ft floor area covering 2 bed rooms, kitchen, verandah and attached toilet at a cost of Rs. 1.2 Million per house (Rs. 0.2 Million for infrastructure facilities such as water, electricity and access roads). Constructions of the 288 houses were completed by end of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015. Remaining 20 houses are at various stages of construction while 16 are at roof level. The expenditure incurred for this programme was Rs. 302.4 Million.

The housing programme is based on village /Township concept that includes water supply, sanitation, electricity, access road, temples, kovils, community centres, Child Development Centres and other facilities.

**Table 6: Progress of Housing for Land Slide Victims (Janu – Dec. 2015)**

Physical Progress	Housing for Landslide Victims	PHDT Region					
		N <sup>o</sup> Eliya	Hatton	Ratnapura	Kegalle	Badulla	Kandy
Construction completed	288	97	62	30	12	47	40
Roof Level	16	16	-	-	-	-	-
Foundation completed	04	04	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>40</b>

**Figure 1: Housing Programme – Doloswala Estate No.02. Agalawatta RPC, Ratnapura**



**No.of units – 30**  
**Cost: Rs. 26,157,486.60**  
**Project Started: 2015. 05.21**  
**End Date: 2015 -12-15**

### 6.1.2. New Life Housing Programme : 647 Houses for Hill Country Community Living in Line Rooms

Out of 617 houses, construction of the 61 houses has been completed under 'New Life Housing Programme and construction of remaining houses are in progress. 30 houses approved in line with 100 day programme are ongoing. This program is being implemented in seven plantation regions. Under this programme, 47% grant and 53% loan are given and loans are recovered at 7.5% interest over a period of 15 years from the payroll of the workers.

**Table 7: Progress of New Life Housing Programme**

Physical Progress	Number of Houses (2014 Carry Overs)	PHDT Region						
		Nuwara Eliya	Hatton	R' Pura	Galle	Kegalle	Badulla	Kandy
100% Completed	61	-	-	-	47	14	-	-
50% - 100% completed	196	107	44	25	-	20	-	-
25% - 50% completed	84	-	10	15	-	39	20	-
0% -25% completed	276	96	30	25	-	45	-	80
<b>Total</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>80</b>

**Table 08: Progress of 30 new Housing Units under the 100 days Programme, at New Portmore Estate, Agarapathana RPC, Nuwara Eliya**

Physical Progress	No. of Houses - 2015
Roof completed	15
Gable/Roof Level	2
Above Lintel Level	-
Window Sill Level	12
Foundation completed	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

### 6.1.3. Indian Grant Funding Project for 4,000 houses

This project was commenced in 2013 with Indian Grant assistance, in the regions of Badulla, Nuwara Eliya and Hatton. The project is expected to be completed in 2017.

**Phase I** – Under Phase one, 1,134 houses will be constructed. Perimeter Survey, block-out survey, contour surveys and National Building Research Organization (NBRO) clearance have been completed for 1,134 houses. Indian High Commission has revised the implementation modality and approval is awaited from Indian Government for the commencement of implementation. Implementing agencies (IAs) identified includes UNHABITAT, IFRC, NHDA, and Habitat for Humanity involving the Estate Worker Housing Cooperative Societies (EWHCS). The unit cost of construction is Rs. 1 Million including Rs.50,000.00 worth contribution obtain from Regional Plantation Companies (RPCs) and Beneficiaries and remains will be met by the Indian grant assistance programme. The GOSL has to meet the cost of surveying, land preparation, access road, water supply, electricity and other Common infrastructure facilities. Indian High Commission has to award the contracts to commence the construction works.

**Phase II** - (Balance 2,866 houses) Priority has been given for the houses affected by the land slides, fire or potential high risk land slide prone areas in consultation with NBRO and the Regional Plantation Companies. The land selection has been completed. NBRO clearance and other surveys are in progress. Lists of locations received, have been forwarded to the NBRO for their confirmation. So far, NBRO has given clearance for 399 houses for Phase II.

## 6.2. Livelihood and Basic Facilities Improvement (Community Development Programmes)

The main reason for the high poverty level in the rural and plantation areas is poor status of basic and other livelihood facilities. Hence many activities like construction of access roads, providing drinking water, re-roofing and construction of child development centres are being implemented in plantation areas aiming to improve the social status. Progress of the programmes and projects commenced in 2015 are as follows:

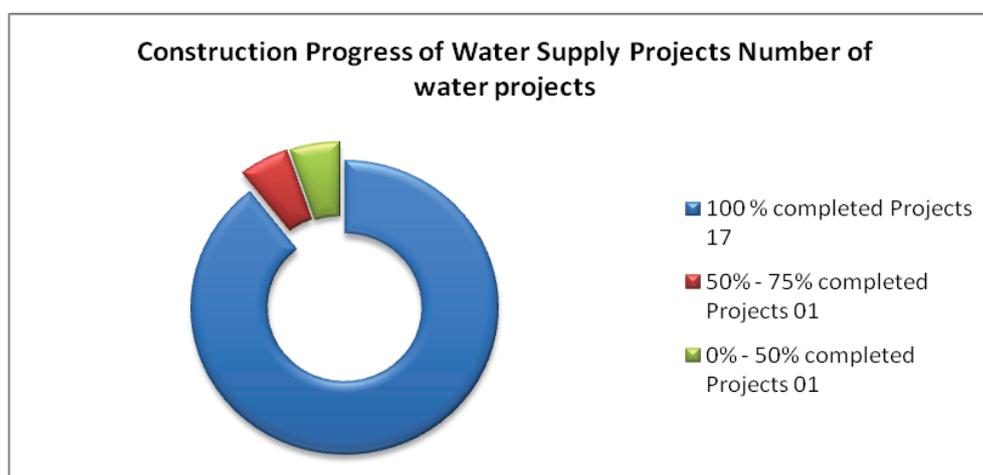
### 6.2.1. Re-roofing of existing dilapidated 700 line rooms

The Ministry is implementing re-roofing of 700 line rooms in all 7 plantation regions mainly to improve and upgrade the dilapidated line rooms. Re-roofing is an interim measure since construction of large number of new houses is costly and time consuming. Roofing sheets were distributed to all seven PHDT regions spending Rs. 43 million, to re- roof 700 line rooms.

### 6.2.2. Safe drinking water supply

19 water supply projects were implemented in 7 plantation regions covering Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Kandy, Kegalle, Badulla, Ratnapura and Galle to provide safe drinking water for 1,054 families and 4,743 population. Of which, 17 projects have already been completed. The total expenditure was Rs.11 Mn. by the end of December 2015. The beneficiaries should maintain the system through a water committee appointing by the Estate Workers Housing Cooperative Society (EWHCS).

**Graph 02: Construction Progress of Water Supply Projects**



**Figure 2: Drinking Water Supply Project at Mathuwagala Estate (Lower Division), RPC- Balangoda, Ratnapura**



**Cost : Rs. 909,850.50**  
**Project started : 2015.02.11**  
**End Date 2015.08.05**  
**Beneficiaries: 45 Families**

➤ **Construction / improvements to water supply projects:**

In addition, under the basic facility construction programme, 86 drinking water supply projects were implemented in 17 estates and 75 projects have been completed at the end of December spending Rs. 31 Million. Construction / improvement works of the remaining are being done under the supervision of relevant Divisional Secretariats.

### 6.2.3. Sanitation

700 latrines are being constructed in 7 plantation regions covering Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Kandy, Kegalle, Badulla, Ratnapura and Galle to provide safe sanitation to the plantation community living in line-rooms. Contracts were awarded to Estate Worker Housing Cooperative Societies (EWHCS) to commence the work. Beneficiary contribution is secured through excavation of pits. Construction of 636 latrines has been completed by the end of 2015. Rs. 25 million has been utilized for this activity by end of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015.

**Table 9: Construction Progress of Latrines**

Progress	Number of Latrines	No. of Latrines in PHDT region						
		Nuwara Eliya	Hatton	R' Pura	Galle	Kegalle	Badulla	Kandy
100 % Completed	636	100	61	90	100	100	100	85
Continuation	64	-	64	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85</b>

**Figure 3: Latrine Constructions at Hunuwala Estate, Section 3 &4, Ratnapura**



### 6.2.4. Child Development Centres (CDCs) for Plantation worker families

21 CDCs are being upgraded covering over 600 children with a view to improve school readiness and cognitive development of plantation children. Contracts were awarded to EWHCS and expenditure incurred by the end of 2015 is Rs. 11 million.

**Table 10 : Construction Progress of Child Development Centres.**

Physical Progress	Number of CDCs	No. of projects in PHDT Regions						
		Nuwara Eliya	Hatton	R' Pura	Galle	Kegalle	Badulla	Kandy
100% completed	20	3	3	3	3	3	2	3
75% - 100% completed	1						1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>

**Figure 4: Child Development Centre at Gonakele Estate, Upper Division, Badulla**



## 6.2.5. Indian Grant Assistance for construction of 70 Child Development Centres

70 CDCs which were approved in 2014, are being upgraded under this programme in the 7 plantation regions covering Nuwara Eliya, Hatton, Kandy, Kegalle, Badulla, Ratnapura and Galle (10 per each region). Under this, construction of 21 CDS was totally completed by the end of December 2015.

**Table 11: Construction Progress of 70 Child Development Centres**

Physical Progress	Number of CDCs	No. of Projects in PHDT Regions						
		Nuwara Eliya	Hatton	R' Pura	Galle	Kegalle	Badulla	Kandy
Fully Completed	21	-	10	1	-	-	-	10
Various construction Stages	21	6	-	2	4	4	5	-
<b>Initial Stage</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>

## 6.3. Lagging Areas Socio-Economic Development

Under this category, programs & projects are being implemented aiming to develop most deprived areas providing infrastructure facilities and developing welfare needs of the plantation community living in lagging areas. The Ministry supports these regions through various community development programmes such as access roads, electricity, healthcare facility, educational facility, sports facilities, religious and cultural facilities, awareness and training programmes through the EWHCS, Divisional Secretaries and Local Authorities.

### 6.3.1. Construction and Renovation of Access Roads

Construction /Renovation of access roads focusing on the plantation and rural communities are being implemented under this program. Plantation communities who do not have proper access roads have been selected under this programme to provide facilities including foot paths, steps and drainage systems. About 110 such programs were initiated during the year 2015 and 90 projects were completed by end of the year, at a cost of Rs. 39 million. Steps have been taken to complete the remaining 20 projects as early as possible.

**Graph 03: Progress of Construction / Renovation of Access Roads**



**Figure 05: Road development project at Madulkele Estate, ( Upper Division), Udupussellawa Plantation Company, Kandy**



**Cost of the Project:** Rs. 2,684,403.25  
**Project started:** 2014  
**End Date:** 2015

### **6.3.2. Educational and Sports facility Improvement**

Many programs were initiated by the Ministry focusing children in plantation and rural communities to develop their educational and sports capabilities. Under this programme, construction of school buildings, provision of educational instruments and laboratory equipment, construction and development of play grounds and distribution of sports items have already been implemented at a cost of Rs. 34 million by the end of 2015.

**Figure 06:** Improving Sports Facilities - Volley ball court - Bambrakelle Estate, Queenwood Division , Nuwara Eliya



**Project Cost:** Rs. 1,275,546.25

**Project started year:** 2014

**Project completion year:** 2015

**No. of Beneficiaries:** 350

**Table 12 :** Progress of Educational /Sports Facility Improvements

Physical Progress of the Project	Educational Facility Improvement Projects	Sports Facility Improvement projects
100% completed	31	23
50 % - 75%	03	-
25% - 50%	07	02
0%-25%	17	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>29</b>

### 6.3.3. Provision of Religious and Cultural Facilities

Ministry has implemented various religious and cultural projects with the objective of promoting religious activities preserving their heritage and cultural identity. Accordingly, Ministry involved in the construction and renovation of the religious and cultural centers and to promote various religious and cultural activities. Under this programme 57 projects were implemented at a cost of Rs. 16 million and completed 31 projects by the end of December 2015.

**Table 13:** Progress of Cultural and Religious Facility Improvement Projects

Stages of Physical progress	No. of Projects
100 % Completed	31
50% - 75%	02
25% - 50%	07
0% - 25%	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

**Figure 07: Construction of a Cultural Centre at Ballaketuwa, Badulla**



**Project Cost:** Rs. 8,715,032.43

**Project started:** 12.11.2014

**End Date:** 29.01.2015

**No. of Beneficiaries:** 1000

### 6.3.4. Special Projects and Common Facilities

Under this programme, activities were implemented for building up peace, improving co-relation between each other and to socialize plantation community without being further idle. Distribution of tents, sheds and chairs to welfare centres and various programs on the special events were conducted at a cost of Rs. 25 Million in year 2015.

**Table 14: Total Progress of Community Infrastructure Development Activities**  
(Including continuation projects in year 2013 / 2014)

Implementing Agency	Re-roofing		Water Projects		Latrines		CDCs		Access Roads		Other activities*		Total	
	No. of Units	Distributed	No. fo projects	Completed	No. of Units	Completed	No. of Units	Completed	No. fo projects	Completed	No. fo projects/Units	Completed	I No. fo projects/Units implemented	Completed in 2015
<b>PHDT</b>	825	825	30	27	740	666	91	41	28	12	42	38	1756	1609
<b>D.S/D.S.D/M.Cs and P.S./Ministry</b>	-	-	100	81	-	-	5	5	120	84	583	550	808	720
<b>Total</b>	825	825	130	108	740	666	96	46	148	96	625	588	2564	2329

\* Other activities : Religious & Cultural, Educational and Sports Development, Common Amenities and Special Activities, D.S./D.S.D. – District & Divisional Secretariats, M.C. – Municipal Councils P.S. – Pradesheeya Saba

## **7 Noteworthy Achievements of the Ministry**

### **7.1 Formulation of a Five Year National Plan of Action (NPA) for the Social Development of the Plantation Community**

The Ministry prepared a National Action Plan (NPA) for the social development of the plantation community covering a period of 10 years (2016 to 2025) with wider stakeholder consultation. However, considering the urgent implementation requirement, the Cabinet has instructed to revise it in to five years. Accordingly, special committee appointed on 17.12.2015, has truncated the National Plan of Action enabling it to be implemented within 5 years while monitoring the progress quarterly. The objectives of the NPA are as follows:

- Reducing the poverty level in the plantation sector, improve standard of living and enable the plantation community to enjoy the social and economic rights.
- Addressing the gaps and issues faced by the plantation community
- Achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the Plantation Community Areas.
- Identify priority strategies, interventions and resource mobilization arrangements.

It is identified as an urgent and timely intervention for uplifting living condition of the Plantation Community. Various development initiatives have been identified in this plan for implementation during the above period.

### **7.2 Decent Housing with ownership to improve the dignity of life of the plantation community**

Individual houses in 550 Sq.ft floor area with 7 perch land ownership was approved as a Government policy through Cabinet approval and a cluster based housing programme with water supply, sanitation, access roads, electricity, community centres, child development centres, religious places and other common facilities have been formulated and implemented to improve the dignity of life of the plantation community. Two separate housing programmes for line room occupants and landslide victims were formulated and implemented. The Ministry and the Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT) extended support to the Ministry of Plantation Industries to issue initially the possessi onal deeds and finally the title deeds to both spouses to ensure co – ownership, gender equality and empowerment.

Initiating the work, possessional deeds were issued as a first step for selected 230 families in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla regions, at Talawakelle on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015. So far, 1098 possessional deeds have been issued for the selected families.

### **7.3 Secure Foreign Funded Projects to develop Plantation Infrastructure**

Two World Bank funded programs were commenced by the Ministry from September / October 2015.

- **Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project** – The project was commenced in September / October 2015 and will be ended in 2020. Project area covers Nuwara Eliya and Hatton Regions. The expected outputs include construction of 150 water projects and number of families benefitted - 22,000. Further, the project also supports construction of 12,000 latrines for the plantation community. Arrangements have been made to sign the project agreement with the World Bank. The Scheme identification based on selection criteria is in progress. The total estimated Cost is US\$ 14 Mn
  
- **Early Childhood Development Project** – The objective of the project is to improve the quantitative as well as qualitative aspects of child care activities of 3 – 5 years children in the plantation area. Project was commenced in October 2015 and will be ended in 2020. Number of New CDCs to be constructed is 140 with building, playground, equipment for building and playground; CDCs to be upgraded (from C&D grading) in the plantation sector is 175 ; construction of new play area with equipment is 175; renovation of existing play area with equipment 210 including Diploma programmes for ECD teachers, advanced refresher training and Parents awareness. The total estimated Cost is US\$ 10 Mn. Selection of locations for new CDCs is in progress.
  
- **Indian Grant Assisted Housing Programme** - Cabinet Approval was obtained to seek additional funds for the construction of 20,000 new houses and upgrading of 30,000 existing houses (line rooms) prior to the arrival of His Excellency the Prime Minister of India. The project proposal was submitted to the Government of India for consideration. Department of External Resources is in the process of securing funds from Indian Government for the commencement of this project.

## **8 Progress of Institutions come under the purview of the Ministry (as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015)**

### **8.1 Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT)**

#### **8.1.1 Background**

Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT) is a company, was first established on 18<sup>th</sup> September 1992 as the Plantation Housing & Social Welfare Trust (PHSWT) incorporated under the Companies Act No.17 of 1982 to improve the livelihood of the community in the plantation sector. The organization was later re-named as the PHDT on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2002. At present it has been re-registered under the Companies Act No.07 of 2007.

To achieve the above goal, The PHDT implements the following activities.

- Provide individual houses to the suitable people instead of line houses.
- Repair and re-roof the existing line houses.
- Improve Water Supply and Sanitation facilities.
- Establish Child Development Centres and provide qualified CDOs.
- Implement Community Development Projects – Roads, Buildings, and Religious Centres etc.
- Provide Health facilities and Social Development activities.
- Extend Marketing Development initiatives through the EWHCS.

#### **8.1.2 Related Organizations and Organizational Structure**

PHDT is functioning under the purview of Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development. It is a tripartite organization consisting of the Government of Sri Lanka, Regional Plantation Companies (RPCs) and Plantation Trade Unions formed to coordinate and facilitate programmes to enhance the quality of life of more than One Million people in the plantation sector.

The PHDT works in collaboration with the relevant Government Ministries, Trade unions, Regional Plantation Companies, INGOs, NGOs and the Public / Private Sector organizations in conducting many infrastructure and social development programs for the benefit of the estate workers.

The PHDT functions under Board of Directors and a Chairman appointed by the Hon. Minister which comprises representatives of the GOSL, RPCs and Trade Unions. The management is headed by the Director General who is supported by Internal Directors, Heads of Divisions, and the staff attached to the main office in Battaramulla. The Main Office is strengthened by seven (07) Regional Offices located in Galle, Ratnapura, Badulla, Kegalle, Kandy, Hatton and Nuwara Eliya. Regional Director is the head of the Region supported by Technical, Finance and Management staff.

**Figure 8: Regional Structure of the Plantation Human Development Trust**



### 8.1.3 Special Programmes conducted through Estate Worker Housing Cooperative Societies (EWHCS)

The EWHCS was first established in 1993 by the PHDT, in collaboration with the Department of Cooperative Development, which are now available in all 435 Estates managed by the Regional Plantations Companies, initially for the implementation of housing Projects.

There are 418 EWHCS units (located at both Regional Plantation Company and state-managed estates) functioning in the country. The EWHCS has emerged as a leading community-based organization (CBO) in the country and many units, located at Regional Plantation Company estates (RPCs) who receive strong support from the RPCs, have improved their rankings in recent years based on criteria determined by the Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT) and monitored by their Regional Offices.

The EWHCS units generate their own funds and provide loans through their own banks – the “Vathusevaka Nivasa Samupakara Samithiya (Vanisa) Bank”.

In addition to providing loans, EWHCS units now even operate retail/ welfare shops, barber saloons, communication centres etc. within the respective estates, thus creating employment opportunities and also providing convenient access to many services to the estate residents. The PHDT has also entered into partnerships with multinationals and other leading private sector organizations to provide easy access to products and services to the estate residents with the appointment of EWHCS as sub dealers, to improve their quality of life and also their health, nutrition, sanitation, hygiene etc.

Following national significance programmes have been carried out by PHDT with the involvement and facilitation of the EWHCS.

- **Healthy Food with Rice Floor:**

The highest consumption of Wheat flour in the country is in Plantation areas. Hence, the Government encourages estate residents to switch to rice flour by introducing a special Rice Flour Mix, a healthier alternative to make their traditional foods. The product is distributed by a new supplier through the Estate Worker Housing Cooperative Society (EWHCS) network which is under the Department of Cooperative Development. The EWHCS enjoys a healthy margin with the revenue generated from the sales of rice flour contributing to the sustenance of this network which plays an important role in serving the needs of the community.

- **Gas for Cleaner and Safer Cooking:**

The women on the Estate undergo several hardships having to work on the field, cook for family, attend to household chores, look after the children etc.

Cooking also involves collecting firewood at great risk and loss of work on the field. The smoke emanating from the firewood is also injuries to health. The “Wathu Praja Divi Neguma” project was undertaken by PHDT in collaboration with Laugfs Gas to improve the overall health and safety of the Plantation families.

Through this project, gas cylinders with cookers and accessories are provided to the plantation community through the Plantation Worker Community network at easy payment scheme. Many families in the plantations have commenced using gas with the Estates benefiting from higher attendance, lessor healthcare expenses saving of trees/firewood for manure and the protection of the environment.

The product is now available in 342 Estates with the profitability to the EWHCS for year 2015 alone being Rs. 6.2 Million to meet its operational cost and ensure the sustainability. This project presented in the World LPG Summit held in Colombo in 2014 and held in Singapore in 2015.

- **Wathupraja Ruwa Suwa Sevaya:**

Joining hands with a Multinational Company for the first time, the “**Wathupraja Ruwa Suwa Sevaya**” Plantations project was launched in collaboration with Unilever ( Sri Lanka) Ltd. Their popular and renowned International range of foods, personal and home care products are now available to the Estate Community through the EWHCS who were appointed as their sub dealers.

The entire community, and is particular women and children could also now benefit from the many National promotions conducted by this multinational company throughout the year to improve the overall health, personal care and hygiene of the entire family.

Under the theme of “Sustainable Living Plan”, a new program was started at the end of year 2015. This included programs such as oral hygiene of the children, CDC’s upgrading, and Prevention of environment pollution etc. that helps to enhance the living standards of the Estate Community. 290 children from two estates were benefited through this program at the end of year 2015.

In addition to the above, the Department of Co-operative Development conducts Annual Audits of EWHCS for sound financial management and good governance of this network. The Regional Offices of PHDT have conducted Training and Development programmes through the funds received from ‘Vanisa Fund’ of EWHCS, Co-operative Department and contribution from NGOs, to enhance the knowledge of the staff of EWHCS and community leaders.

## 8.1.4 Development Projects Implemented by the PHDT under the Funds provided by the Ministry

**Table 15: 2013 / 2014 Carry over Programmes – Progress of PHDT on Regional Basis**

PHDT Region	Housing		Water projects		Latrines		CDCs		Roads		Other activities*		Total	
	No .of Units	Roof Completed /	No .of Projects	Completed	No .of Units	Completed	No .of Units	Completed	No .of Projects	Completed	No .of Projects / Units	Completed	No .of Projects/Units	Completed in 2015
Nuwara Eliya	203	-	02	01	-	-	10		02	01	07	07	224	09
Hatton	84	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	03	03	14	14	111	27
Galle	47	47	04	04	20	20	10	-	-	-	01	01	82	72
Kandy	80	-	01	01	10	-	10	10	18	03	01	01	120	15
Kegalle	118	14	02	02	-	-	10	-	03	03	09	09	142	28
Rathnapura	65	-	-	-	-	-	10	01	01	01	-	-	76	02
Badulla	20	-	02	02	10	10	10	-	01	01	10	10	53	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>617</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>176</b>

\* Other activities: Religious & Cultural, Educational and Sports Development, Common Amenities and Special activities.

**Table 16 : Progress of newly approved programmes / projects in 2015**

PHDT Region	Housing		Re -roofing		Water projects		Latrines		CDCs		Total	
	No .of Units	Roof Completed / Finishes	No .of Units	Completed	No .of Projects	Completed	No .of Units	Completed	No .of Units	Completed	No .of Projects/ Units	Completed in 2015
Nuwara Eliya	147	97	123	123	04	03	100	100	03	03	377	326
Hatton	62	62	100	100	03	03	125	61	03	03	293	229
Galle	-	-	116	116	02	02	100	100	03	03	221	221
Kandy	40	40	43	43	02	02	85	85	03	03	173	173
Kegalle	12	12	100	100	03	02	100	100	03	03	218	217
Rathnapura	30	30	119	119	02	02	90	90	03	03	244	244
Badulla	47	47	99	99	03	03	100	100	03	02	252	251
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1778</b>	<b>1661</b>

**Table 17 : Financial & Physical Progress of Water Supply projects approved in 2015**

S.N	Implementing Agency	Units	Total Estimated Cost	Total Payment	Physical Progress				
					25%-	50%	51%-	75%	100%
01	Nuwara Eliya	4	4,205,172.89	2,017,474.52	-	-	-	-	4
02	Hatton	3	2,904,744.52	560,855.20	-	-	-	-	3
03	Galle	2	1,747,027.87	1,629,761.79	-	-	-	-	2
04	Kandy	2	1,938,120.20	1,334,536.13	-	-	1	-	1
05	Kegalle	3	1,548,249.00	1,548,248.49	1	-	-	-	2
06	Ratnapura	2	2,000,000.00	1,878,050.50	-	-	-	-	2
07	Badulla	3	2,639,384.16	2,399,755.43	-	-	-	-	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16,982,698.64</b>	<b>11,368,682.06</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>

**Table 18 : Financial & Physical Progress of Child Development Centres approved in 2015**

S. N	Implementing Agency	Units	Total Estimated Cost	Total Payment	Physical Progress	
					50%-	75%
01	Nuwara Eliya	3	2,251,547.78	673,756.13	-	3
02	Hatton	3	2,249,515.04	883,950.48	-	3
03	Galle	3	2,247,487.79	1,826,789.21	-	3
04	Kandy	3	2,210,003.52	1,250,986.97	-	3
05	Kegalle	3	2,280,500.00	2,273,893.12	-	3
06	Ratnapura	3	2,250,000.00	2,157,311.90	-	3
07	Badulla	3	2,206,018.06	2,171,640.30	1	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>15,695,072.19</b>	<b>11,238,328.11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

**Table 19 : Financial & Physical Progress of Latrines projects approved in 2015**

S.N	Approved Date	Units (with changes)	Total Estimated Cost	Total Payment	Physical Progress	
					50%-	75%
01	Nuwara Eliya	100	4,483,800.00	2,500,872.58	-	100
02	Hatton	125	4,817,700.00	2,410,121.50	64	61
03	Galle	100	4,770,000.00	4,619,367.01	-	100
04	Kandy	85	4,054,500.00	2,189,335.13	-	85
05	Kegalle	100	10,100,250.00	4,633,544.18	-	100
06	Ratnapura	90	4,233,000.00	4,101,573.50	-	90
07	Badulla	100	4,770,000.00	4,130,868.92	-	100
	<b>Total</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>37,229,250.00</b>	<b>24,585,682.82</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>636</b>

## **8.2 Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation**

### **8.2.1 Introduction**

Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation (STMF) was established in the mid of 2005 by Parliament **Act No. 19 of 2005** in order to perpetuate the memory of the late Hon. Saumyamoorthi Thondaman.

### **8.2.2 Vision**

Upliftment and promotion of religious, economic, social, cultural, educational, aesthetic, vocational and physical development of Sri Lankans specially the underserved, unserved rural community and providing self-employment opportunities to the youth.

### **8.2.3 Mission**

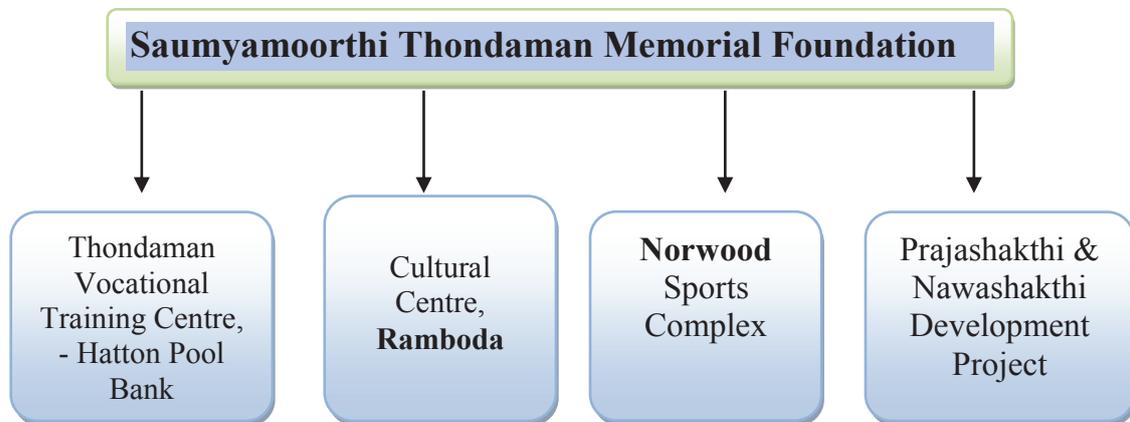
Promotion of peace, goodwill, understanding and co-operation among all Sri Lankan communities and achieving comprehensive, complete and overall socio economic development of rural community assisted by extensive application and use of information and communication technology

### **8.2.4 Objects**

- ◆ To promote peace, goodwill, understanding and co-operation among all Sri Lankan communities and encourage inter- communal harmony and social integration;
- ◆ To promote the religious, educational, vocational, social, political, economic, aesthetic and physical development of Sri Lankans and enhance the knowledge and understanding in those areas of Sri Lankans in the economic, political, educational, cultural, social and aesthetic fields;
- ◆ To improve the living conditions of any persons who are economically and socially disadvantaged including any improvement to their shelters and the provisions of other infrastructure facilities;

- ◆ To establish relations with local and foreign institutions which have similar objectives as those of the Foundation;
- ◆ To organize seminars, workshops and training programs in Sri Lanka and abroad on economic, political, educational, cultural and social fields;
- ◆ To organize programs for creating awareness among Sri Lankans on human rights, duties access to justice;
- ◆ To provide adequate facilities for the improvement of sports and recreation capabilities of Sri Lankans;
- ◆ To maintain and utilize the Cultural Centre at Ramboda, the Sports Complex at Norwood and the Thondaman Vocational Training Centre at Hatton in order to secure the objects of the Foundation.

## 8.2.5 Institutional Structure



The activities and the operations of the above units are monitored by the Head Office of the Foundation located in Colombo which is known as the “MONITORING UNIT” and by the line Ministry.

## 8.2.6 Institutions and Programs implemented under the Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation

### 8.2.6.1 Prajashakthi (E-KIOSK) Development Project

**Figure 9:** Bruwnswick Prajashakthi Center at Maskeliya Nuwara Eliya



The Project aims to achieve comprehensive, complete and overall socio economic development of the underprivileged rural community through extensive application and use of information communication technology.

This project not only integrates the educational, social, cultural and civil activities of the

Plantation and Rural Community but also facilitates the use of technology as a catalyst in transforming the community into a united, well informed and self-sufficient society.

There are 44 Prajashakthi Centres in operation now. The first centre was established at Wanarajah Estate in 2006.

### 8.2.6.2 Thondaman Vocational Training Centre (TVTC) – Hatton

**Figure 10** Thondaman Vocational Training Centre, Pool Bank – Hatton.



The Management of Pool Bank Vocational Training Center was handed over by the Vocational Training Authority to the Foundation in March 2007 and the first batch of Vocational training programs under the Foundation commenced at this centre in July 2007.

The High Commission of India in Sri Lanka arranged seven Expert Instructors from India to conduct training programs at this centre at no cost to the Foundation. Now the number of Instructors has reduced to five (05). They are assisted by local instructors for certain courses. An optimum number of 400 students could be trained in vocational activities every year, in two batches.

**Table 20: Number of Students registered in TVTC (Hatton) during 2007 – 2015 period, to follow various Courses:**

No.	Name of Course	Course Duration	Student Admissions	
			2015 (in Jan. & Feb.)	2007 - 2015 Total
1	Automotive Mechanism	01 Year	22	144
2	Electrician	01 Year	16	129
3	Machinist	01 Year	08	91
4	Radio ,TV, Allied Equipment Repair	01 Year	-	66
5	Draughts person	01 Year	07	45
6	Secretarial Practice	01 Year	-	76
7	Aluminum Fabricator	06 Months	21	278
8	ICT	06 Months	22	
8	Wood Craftsman (Carpenter)	06 Months	08	141
9	Computer Application Assistants	06 Months	-	345
10	Dress Making	06 Months	27	430
11	House hold Electrical Appliance Repair	06 Months	15	234
12	Hotel Course	06 Months	16	101
13	Motor Cycle Mechanic	06 Months	23	321
14	Welder	06 Months	15	295
15	Auto CAD ( <i>Discontinued from 2009</i> )	06 Months	-	59
16	Industrial Sewing Machine Operator( <i>Discontinued from 2011</i> )	03 Months	-	132
17	AAT (Association of Accounting Technicians) - ( <i>Discontinued from 2011</i> )	06 Months	-	91
18	Fitter - ( <i>Discontinued from 2010</i> )	06 Months	-	35
<b>Total Number of Students Registered</b>			<b>200</b>	<b>3,013</b>

### 8.2.6.3 Thondaman Cultural Centre – Ramboda

**Figure 11:** Cultural Centre – Ramboda



The Cultural Centre aims to build up and augment the cultural aspirations and practices of the underprivileged communities.

Since June 2009, classes have been conducted in Carnatic Music, Veena, Mirudangam and Violin under the guidance of a full time teacher in a

small scale at this Cultural Centre.

The aesthetic college built up subsequently which is within the purview of the Cultural Center was officially opened on 30.08.2011. There is a possibility to train 160 students per annum.

### 8.2.6.4 Norwood Sports Complex

**Figure 12:** Norwood Sports Complex



This Sports Complex was handed over to the Foundation in 2005 with the enactment of Parliament Act 19 of 2005.

Football ground of this sports complex was completed in 2011 under an agreement entered by the Foundation with the Sri Lanka

Football Federation to develop and construct the grounds at a cost of Rs. 25 Million funded by the Football Federation. Work on the grounds was completed in 2011 but, some improvements have to be done.

A Gymnasium and indoor Badminton court were opened in July 2012. Five Hundred (500) to six hundred (600) school children also were visiting the **Sports Complex** every month to use the facilities of Indoor badminton court and the

gymnasium. As at end of December, 2015 **one hundred and ten (110) youth have been registered.** The Basketball court, two Volleyball courts and one Netball court have been completed in 2014 and are being used by youth and school children of the area.

Once the capital work is completed and the required infrastructure facilities are provided, more than **1,000 school children and youth** could benefit every year from this Sports Complex. Training programmes also will be arranged.

## **8.2.7 Progress During 2015**

When the budget proposal for 2015 was prepared in the latter part of 2014, Saumyamoorthi Thondaman Memorial Foundation (STMF) was under the purview of the then Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development. The original budget proposal of the Ministry for 2015 was approved by the Parliament. An allocation of Rs. 200 (two Hundred) Million was provided for STMF within the votes of the then Ministry under the caption Livelihood and Basic Facility Improvement in Rural Areas.

During 2015, from January to August, consequent to the Presidential election, STMF was under the purview of the then line Ministry of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development. Though the STMF was listed under Ministry of Social Services, Welfare and Livestock Development, funds were not released to the STMF to meet recurrent or capital expenditure other than for payment of salaries to the staff for a period of April to July 2015.

The training courses and other activities commenced in January, 2015 which were in progress at the institutions come under the Foundation had to be suspended temporarily in March 2015 due to non-availability of funds.

With the establishment of new Government after the Parliamentary Election in August 2015 & subsequent Gazette Notification on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2015, the STMF was brought under the purview of the present (new) Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development and taken action to settle the arrears salary of the staff of STMF.

