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"Govojana Mandiraya"
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Battaramulla

Vision

“A vibrant and dynamic agricultural sector for food security and national prosperity”

Mission

“To achieve globally competitive production, processing and marketing enterprises through socially acceptable, innovative and commercially-oriented agriculture, through sustainable management of natural resources of the country”

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FORWARD

It is with great pleasure that I pen these few lines as a forward to last year's Performance Report of the Ministry of Agriculture. The preceeding year is considered as a year of challenge not for this Ministry but for the entire country as well. At a time when enormous array of resources are invested for long-term development activities, many a targets have to be achieved for which contribution of the agricultural sector is very important.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Institutions coming under its purview are playing the main role in the field of agriculture of the National economy. In this endeavour the Dept. of Agriculture, Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Institute of Post Harvest Technology, Sri Lanka Agricultural Research Policy, National Food Promotion Board, National Fertilizer Secretariat, the Ceylon Fertilizer Company and the Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Ltd are assisting the Ministry.

The number of Programmes Implemented by the Ministry in 2012 is 13 for which provisions amounting to Rs. 1878.541 Mn. had been allocated during the year, of which the achievement of financial progress amounted to Rs. 1533.989 Mn.

The realization of the highest out-come of the respective development projects depends on the planned and the collective approach taken by the Ministry and affiliated institutions and my belief is that the national contribution of the agricultural sector could be included in the GDP continuously with higher value.

I would like to remind with gratitude the support extended by Hon. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Minister in charge of the subject of Agriculture and his staff during the year 2012 in the achievement of undertakings by this Ministry.

I am also thankful to all Divisional Heads of the Ministry, particularly to the staff of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation division for successfully completing this task and all Heads of the Institutions under the Ministry for providing necessary information for same.

Wijeratne Sakalasooriya
Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture.

**Ministers who are in charge of the Ministry,
Secretaries & Heads of Institutions
(01.01.2012 To 31.03.2013)**

- **Minister , Ministry of Agriculture**

Hon.Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

- **Secretary,Ministry of Agriculture**

Mr.Wijeratna Sakalasooriya

- **Heads of Institutions affiliated to the Ministry**

1. Mr.K.G.Sriyapala – Director General – Department of Agriculture

2. Mr.E.M.Abeyrathna - Director - Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute

3. Dr.Jayantha Dias Samarasinghe – Chairman - Council for Agricultural Research Policy

4. Mr.Nandasena Herath - Chairman – Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka

5. Mr.Jagath Palitha Jayawarna - Chairman – Institute of Post Harvest Technology

6. Mrs.Kumuduni Gunesekara - Chairman – National Food Promotion Board

7. Mr.Ranjan Dharmawardena - Director – National Fertilizer Secretariat

8. Mr.Buddhika Madihahewa - Chairman – Ceylon Fertilizer Company

9. Mr.N.S.M.Samsudeen - Chairman – Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Company

02.General Adminstration

i. Staff Information

Staff Officers of the Minstry as at 31.12.2012

S/N	Name	Position
1	Mr.W.Sakalasooriya	Secretary
2	Mr.A.L.A.Asoka Siriwardena	Additional Secretary (Admin)
3	Mr.G.A.M.S.Emitiyagoda	Additional Secretary (Agri Developmnet)
4	Dr.D.B.T.Wijeratne	Additional Secretary (Agri .Tech.)
5	Mr.S.L.G.Bandusiri	Chief Accountant
6	Mr.H.G.G.J.Dharmasena	Director (Developmnet)
7	Mr.G.D.J.L.Sunil Govinna	Director (Agri Services)
8	Mrs.L.U.N.Sumanasekara	Director (Agri .Tech)
9	Mr.W.D.Dharmasiri	Director (Natural Resources)
10	Mr.L.K.Hathurusinghe	Director (Projects)
11	Dr.J.D.H.Wijewardena	Director (Organic Fertilizer)
12	Mr.N.G.Rathnayake	Director (Planning)
13	Mr.W.K.L.E.Walallawita	Chief Internal Auditor
14	Mrs.S.A.Sriyani	Accountant
15	Mr.S.D.Nandana	Accountant
16	Mr.P.N.N.Jayaneththi	Deputy Director (Projects)
17	Mr.M.G.A.P.Kumara	Deputy Director (Organic Fertilizer)
18	Mrs.D.N.Hettiararchchi	Actg.Senior Assi.Secretary (Establishments)
19	Mr.B.H.C.Shiromali	Assistant Director (Developmnet)
20	Mrs.R.T.Bulathsinghala	Assistant Secretary (Admin I)
21	Mrs.M.A.S.K.Gunawardena	Assistant Director (Developmnet)
22	Mrs.K.S.P.Piyatissa	Assistant Secretary (Establishments)
23	Mr.E.M.S.Ekanayake	Assistant Director (Planning)
24	Mr.Dammika Edirisooriya	Assistant Director (Natural Resource)

S/N	Name	Position
25	Mrs.M.K.Rajapakse	Assistant Secretary (Admin II)
26	Mr.B.Ariyapala	Translator
27	Mrs.S.Y.Abeywardena	Co-ordinaing Secretary to the Secretary of the Minstry
28	Mr.P.A.M.Karunarathna	Statistician
29	Mr.L.L.P.Kithsiri Perera	Assistant Secretary (Labour Relation)
30	Mrs.P.H.S.Chandrika	Adminstrative Officer (Acting)
31	Mr.W.J.Perera	Adminstrative Officer (Acting)

Staff Officers ,Officers in Other Grades & Employees in Minor Grades who got Transfers to other Work Places during the period from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012.

S/N	Name	Post	Date
1	Mr.D.M.R.B.Dissanayake S.L.A.S. I (Special Grade)	Deputy Director, Hadabima Authority Sri Lanka	18.06.2012
2	Mrs.T.D.Pathiranage S.L.A.S. I	Senior Assi.Secretary (Admin.)	01.08.2012
3	Mr.P.L.Nandasiri S.L.A.S. I (Special Grade)	Additional Secretary (Admin.)	15.08.2012
4	Mrs.L.P.Liyanage S.L.A.S. I	Senior Assi.Secretary (Estab.)	26.09.2012
5	Mr.I.U.K.Senewirathna S.L.Planning Service III	Assistant Director (Planning)	20.12.2012
6	Mr.P.W.L.Wirasinghe	Public Management Assistant III	04.05.2012
7	Mrs.S.H.Hettiararchchi	Public Management Assistant III	07.08.2012
8	Mr.K.G.S.C.Ariyadasa	Public Management Assistant II	17.10.2012
9	Mrs.N.D.V.Dhammika	Agriculture Development Assistant	02.02.2012
10	Mr.R.L.H.Rajapakse	Development Assistant	14.03.2012
11	Mrs.H.G.N.Sumanathilaka	Development Assistant	02.04.2012
12	Mrs.K.S.Jayasena	Agro Production Enterpreneurship Assistant	23.04.2012
13	Mrs.M.C.Balasooriya	Development Assistant	02.05.2012
14	Mrs.D.K.S.N.Gunawardena	Development Assistant	02.05.2012
15	Mr.T.Widanapathirana	Development Assistant	10.05.2012
16	Mr.M.M.N.Bandara	Agriculture Development Assistant	16.05.2012
17	Mr.D.A.D.Jeewantha Silva	Agriculture Development Assistant	16.05.2012
18	Mr.B.S.K. de Silva	K.K.S. II	27.01.2012
19	Mr.A.W.S.H.B.Atugoda	Driver II	09.01.2012
20	Mr.S.O.M.L.Jayalath	Driver II	14.03.2012
21	Mr.K.P.A.U.Silva	Driver II	30.04.2012

**Staff Officers, Officers in Other Grades & Minor Employees
who got Transfer to this Ministry from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012**

S/N	Name	Post	Date
1	Mr.W.Sakalasooriya S.L.A.S. I (Special Grade)	Secretary	02.01.2012
2	Mr.M.G.A.P.Kumara Sri Lanka Agri Service II /I	Assistant Director (Organic Fertilizer)	05.01.2012
3	Mr.G.D.J.L.Sunil Govinna Sri Lanka Agri Service I	Director (Agri Services)	13.03.2012
4	Mr.M.B.R.Pushpakumara S.L.A.S. I	Deputy Director, Hadabima Authority Sri lanka	02.07.2012
5	Mr.A.L.A.Asoka Siriwardena S.L.A.S. I (Special Grade)	Additional Secretary (Admin)	21.08.2012
6	Mrs.M.K.Rajapakse S.L.A.S. III	Assistant Secretary (Admin II)	24.09.2012
7	Miss.A.G.N.P.Karunarathna	Public Management Assistant II	07.01.2012
8	Mr.P.G.Susantha Jayalath	K.K.S. III	01.02.2012

Who have retired from service from 01.01.2012 to 31.20.2012

- No staff officers were retired from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012.

S/N	Name	Post	Date
1	Mr.M.M.S.B.Mallawa	Public Management Assistant I	01.04.2012
2	Mr.P.A.D.Hemarathna	Public Management Assistant I	25.10.2012
3	Mr.U.H.Karunasiri	Transport Assistant	26.04.2012
4	Mr.M.R.L.Hemachandra	Driver II	04.05.2012
5	Mr.E.P.Samarasinghe	Driver II	06.05.2012
6	Mr.W.M.Lional Amarathunga	Driver II	05.10.2012
7	Mr.W.Somasiri	Driver I	09.12.2012
8	Mr.G.H.Piyadasa	K.K.S. I	05.02.2012
9	Mr.L.Shelton Silva	K.K.S. I	09.09.2012

Officers who went out on transfers from 01.01.2012 -31.12.2012

Name	Post	Date
Miss.H.P.S.Hewawasam	Public Management Assistant I	13.07.2012

Officers released for other services from 01.01.2012 to 31.12.2012

Name	Post	Date
Mrs.M.P.S.Amarathunga (Teachers' service)	Public Management Assistant I	23.04.2012

ii. Human Resource Development

Training Programmes

	Object Code	Amount Spend
Local training	118-1-2-2401 Ministry	787,102.00
	118-2-3-2401 Agri Development Division	43,750.00
Foreign training	118-1-2-1102 Minister's Office	4,285,010.73
	118-2-3-1102 Ministry	868,916.80
	118-2-3-1102 Agri Development Division	2,898,036.31

Local Training Programmes

S/N	Training Programme	Officers attended
1	Training workshop for drivers.Training centre for constructions and Machinery and Equipment, Pelawatta.	For all Drivers
2	Library and Information Service Diploma Course-National Institute of Library and Information Science of the University of Colombo	Mr.K.G.S.Gunethilake
3	Workshop on the preparation of pension papers	Officers in the public Management Assistants's service and Developmnet Assistant Services and all staff officers
4	Training programme for officers in transport Division and all others in the relevant field with the objective of minimizing harmful gas emissions.	U.L.B.Dassanayeke, Management Assistance.
5	Youth Leader Training Programme	Mrs.Kanchana Gunawardena (Assi.Secretary Estab.)
6	Administrative Laws and Human Resources	Mrs.R.T.Bulathsinghala

	Development, Construction Exercises and Developmnet Institution.	(Assi.Secretary Admin I)
7	Seminar on Strategic Chain Management for Secretaries and Addi.Secretaries.	Mr.P.L.Nandasiri
8	Management for higher services productivity.	02 Management Assistants
9	Super S5 as productivity tools.	03 Management Assistants
10	Workshop on legal affairs management of state Institutions Sri Lanka Foundation Institution.	Mrs.P.S.W.Hewage,(Legal Assit.)Mrs.H.C.D. de Soysa (Legal Asst.)
11	Msc.in Information Technology,system and Managemnet	Mr.H.M.I.Deshapriya –IT Assistant
12	National Conference on Library and Information Science-Sri Lanka Library Association	Mr.K.G.S.Gunathilake
13	Workshop on Internal Auditing	Mr.W.K.L.Walallawita
14	Workshop on office management and office systems	Graduate Trainees
15	Workshop on practical traning for Drivers	05 selected Drivers
16	Secretariat Skill Developmnet 02 - days training Programme	Mrs.A.S.Edirisinghe
17	One-day workshop for Developmnet Officers	05 Graduate Trainees
18	Quality Circles	Mrs.Madusarani Rajapaksha Asst.Secretary –(Admin II)
19	Changing Library Strategies for the new generation of users	Mr.K.G.S.Gunathilake
20	Workshop for Internal Auditors	Mr.W.K.L.Walallawita
21	Training Programme on state sector account standards	Mrs.S.Sriyani Acct.(Procumnet- Procurement) Mr.W.K.L.Walallawita (Chief Internal Auditor)
22	Workshop on calculating salaries	All who are interested in attending the WS
23	English Course for Professional functions	04 Management Assistants
24	Post Graduate degree course on public finance Management	Mr.S.L.G.Bandusiri (Chief Accountant)
25	Video Conference Seminar–Global Labour Market and Youth Employment	Mr.Ajith Pushpakumara (DeputyDirector-Organic Fertilizer)
26	Training Programme on Fixed Assets Management	Mrs.S.A.Sriyani (Accountant)and Mr.D.L.G.Thilakarathna– (Internal Audit Officers)

27	Annual Variation and Disposal Procedure (2 day)	Mrs.B.S.D.S.Weerasinghe (Public Management Assistant)
28	Training programme for all staff officers of the Ministry	All Staff Officers

Officers Participated in Foreign Tours-Ministry of Agriculture-2012

Name	Designation	Programme	Period	Country
1.Mr.W.Sakalasooriya	Secretary	Second General Assembly (GA) of the Asia Food and Agriculture Co-operation Initiatives (AFACI)	03.05.2012-05.05.2012	Korea
		Study Tour under the Land Tenure Project of Dzlissp	08.07.2012-13.07.2012	Philippine
2.Mrs.L.U.N.Sumanasekara	Director (Agri.tech)	CIRDAP-NIRD collaborative International Training Programme on "Decentralized Governance and Delivery of Services through Effective Human Resources Development	19.01.2012-28.01.2012	India
		2012 World water Week	25.08.2012-30.08.2012	Sweden
3.Mrs.R.S.Mallawathanthri	Agri. Development Assistant	Advanced Certificate on Sustainable Development & environment Management	18.01.2012-15.03.2012	India
		Master of Science Programme in Sustainable Agriculture	20.07.2012-31.05.2014	Thailand
4. Ms.K.Jayasinghe	Agri.Development Assistant	Training programme on Vegetable production	15.02.2012-30.04.2012	Egypt
5. Mr.N.Priyalal	Agri.Development Assistant	Training Programme on Renewable Energy System	30.01.2012-24.02.2012	India
		Scholarship for Agriculture Sector-Egypt Soil & Water Management	01.10.2012-15.12.2012	Egypt

6.Mrs.R.T.Bulathsinghala	Assistant Secretary	International Training Programme on New Dimension in Agricultural Extension management	18.02.2012-29.02.2012	India
7.Mr.P.N.N.Jayanetti	Deputy Director (Projects)	Sri Lanka Delegation to the 4 th Session of Bangladesh Sri Lanka Joint Commission	07.03.2012-08.03.2012	Bangladesh
		3 rd Joint Commission Meeting between Sri Lanka and Vietnam	16.07.2012-17.07.2012	Vietnam
8.Mr.W.H.Theekshana	Agri.Development Assistant	Training programme on Appropriate Technology and Local Wisdom in Agricultural Waste Recycling	07.03.2012-28.03.2012	Thailand
9.Mrs.Shanthi Jayasooriya	Agri.Monitoring Officer	Training in public for Gender Equality with Emphasis on Policies for Rural Women and Food Security	27.02.2012-10.03.2012	Brazil
10.Mr.Milton Lambias	Agri.Development Assistant	CIRDAP - NIRD collaboration International Training programme on "Management of Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Projects"	19.03.2012-28.03.2012	Lao PDR
		Master's Degree Programme in Agriculture and Rural Development	Since 11 th 2011	Korea
11. Mrs.Shamali Piyatissa	Assistant Secretary	SAARC Special Training Programme Climate Change	29.03.2012	Korea
12.Mrs.G.L.S.N.Liyanage	Agri.Monitoring Officer	Land degradation assessment and monitoring for sustainable land management and climate change Adaptation in South Asia	14.03.2012-16.03.2012	China

13.Mr.P.L.Nandasiri	Additional Secretary (Admin.)	Workshop Program on Agro based Industry Technology Transfer & Extension Techniques	25.06.2012-30.06.2012	Thailand
14.Dr.D.B.T.Wijerathna	Additional Secretary (Agri. Tech.)	31 st FAO Regional Conference for Asia & the Pacific	12.03.2012-16.03.2012	Vietnam
		53 rd Workshop Meeting of the Heads of NPOs	23.10.2012-25.10.2012	Indonesia
		Second General Assembly (GA) of the Asia Food and Agriculture Cooperation Initiatives(AFACI)	03.05.2012-05.05.2012	Korea
		Invitation to AFACI"High – Level Officials Symposium on the Adaptation strategy to climate change in Agriculture	04.11.2012-07.11.2012	Thailand
15.Ms.K.Jayasinghe	Programme Assistant	Agricultural Project Management	01.01.2012-28.02.2012	India
16.Mr.H.G.G.J.Dharmasena	Director (Agri. Dev.)	Post Harvest ,Quality and Food Safety of Tropical Fruit Production in South East Asian Countries	30.04.2012-04.05.2012	Thailand
		Regional Workshop on Sufficiency Economy Philosophy and one Tambon one Product	26.08.2012-30.08.2012	Thailand
17.Mr.L.K.Hathurusinghe	Director (Projects)	18 th International Agriculture Exhibition	15.05.2012-17.05.2012	Israel
		Invitation to the 39 th session of the Committee on World Food Security	15.10.2012-20.10.2012	Italy
18.Mr.G.A.M.S.Amitiyagoda	Additional Secretary (Agri. Dev.)	Hundred and Forty Fourth Session of the FAO Council	11.06.2012-15.06.2012	Italy
19. Mr.N.G.Rathnayake	Director (Planning)	Workshop Program on Agro based Industry Technology Transfer & Extension Techniques	25.06.2012-30.06.2012	Thailand

20.Mr.S.L.G.Bandusiri	Chief Accountant	Workshop Program on Agro based Industry Technology Transfer & Extension Techniques	25.06.2012-30.06.2012	Thailand
21.Dr.C.C.Y.Abeywardena	Nutrient Project coordintor	Regional Meeting Noncommunicable Diseases Including Health and Neurological Disorders	24.04.2012-26.04.2012	Myanmar
22.Mrs.R.A.D.D.N. Ranasinghe	Agri Development Assistant	Training Course on Value Addition to Agricultural Products for Grater Access to New Markets	09.07.2012-14.07.2012	Phillippine
23. Ms.W.R.N.Fernando	Programme Assistant	Training Programme on Intergrated Rural Development	10.08.2012-25.09.2012	Egypt

iii.Acqecision of Assets

- A new Van and a Motor car were purchased for transport activities of the Ministry.

Vehicle Reg.No.	Value(Mn.)	Date of Purchase
WP-NB 2832	9.1	27.03.2012
WP-KS 4826	8.5	27.04.2012

iv.Repair Construction & Maintenance activities

- Due to stagnation of water in many of gutters in the roof of the Ministry building,there was a possibility of spreading dengue fever.Accordingly action was taken to prevent the breeding of dengue mosquitoes by removing those gutters and replacing new one at a cost of Rs. 214,780.00
- Inner spaces of the building made attractive by fixing Vertical Blinds for Windows for the Hon.Minister's office, Addi .Secretary's (Admin) office, Audit, project, Maintenance, Administration and Developmnet Divisions at a cost of Rs. 650,550.00.
- Furniture in the conference Hall were polished and Vertical Blind Fixed to make it more attractive at a cost of Rs. 178,600.00
- Curtains of the Auditorium replaced and walls painted to get a new look at a cost of Rs.278,753.00
- Repairs were made to the Hon. Ministers Office at a cost of Rs.271,789.00
- Toilets at F.T.7.8.9 and the common toilet of the Ministry were fully repaired at a cost of Rs. 1,300,047.00.
- Unauthorized occupants were evacuated and boundary fence restored at a cost of Rs.283, 849.00.

03. Main Development Programmes of the Ministry 2012.

Main Development Programmes implemented under provisions of the Ministry are as follows;

13 development programmes were implemented during the financial year 2012 under Treasury Provision and the allocations were subject to revision during the year. The financial progress achieved as at 31.12.2012 was 82 % as a percentage.

S/N	Programme	Provisions Allocated (Rs.Mn.)	Revised Provisions (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Progress (%)
1.	“Api Wawamu Rata Nagamu” Special Programme	460	460	313.11	68.1%
2.	Implementation of Soil Conservation Act	20	12.414	9.427	76%
3.	Micro Water Supply Development & Rain water harvesting	20	7.586	6.160	81%
4	Dry zone Livelihood Support & Partnership Programme(IFAD)	613	573	530.391	92.6%
5.	Japanese Grant for food Production(2KR)	585	493.709	430.466	87.2%
6.	Crop Forecasting Programme	4.0	3.0	2.126	71%
7.	Organic fertilizer production & use Promotion Programme	125	100	92.742	93%
8.	Japanese Counterpart Fund (2KR) state seed Farm development (Paranthan and Murunkan)	84.847	72.752	52.599	72.3%
9.	National Agriculture Research Policy(NARP)	20	10	5.056	50.6%
10.	Big Onion Seed Production Programme	25	25	7.472	30%
11.	“Deyata Kirula”Development Programme	60	60	38.315	64%
12.	Assisting to establish food security of internally displaced People in Mannar district	40	60.14	44.594	76%
	Sub total	2056.847	1877.601	1532.46	81.6%
13.	Rice Export Programme 2012	-	0.940	0.940	100%
	Grand Total	2056.847	1878.541	1533.39	82%

All development programme implemented during the year is in keeping with “Mahinda Chintana Forward Vision” which made direct contribution to the Century’s agricultural development. The physical progress of same are as follows;

1. “Api Wawamu-Rata Nagamu” Special Programme

“Api Wawamu Rata Nagamu” with the objective of saving foreign exchange by restricting imports of locally cultivated food crops and encouraging farmers to cultivate them in every inch of arable land which being the National Policy of Agriculture. Under this programme various sub - programmes/projects were implemented adopting short-term and mid-term strategies. The allocated amount for this programme in 2012 was Rs.460 Mn while the percentage of financial progress was 68%.

01. Model Village Programme

The total allocation for this programme in 2012 amounted to Rs.5.5 Mn of which the expenditure stood at Rs.3.76 Mn.

Out of Rs.2.5 Mn allocation made to Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka, it has conducted a training programme for selected 350 farmer families in Kanda Yaya Village, in Walapane Ds Division, Nuwara Eliya district spending Rs.1.69 Mn. The training was centered on Soil Conservation and Water Management.

The allocation made to the Institute of Post Harvest Technology (IPHT) amounted to Rs.3.0 Mn and the achievement of financial progress was Rs.2.06 Mn. Utilizing of which IPHT has conducted training programmes on food security and Post Harvesting for selected families in a number of villages selected from Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa, Nuwara Eliya, Galle, Ampara and Matara districts. Certain agricultural equipments were also distributed among those families.

02. Establishment of Community-based seed Production Villages.

The Ministry of Agriculture has allocated Rs. 35 Mn for establishing Community based seed Production Villages in 2012 and the expenditure amounted to Rs 19.61 Mn. Under which 46 seed villages have been established in 07 Provinces except for Uva and Western Provinces. The achievement include the production of 900 kgs of chilli seeds 25,000 kg of peanut seeds, 26900 kg of seed potatoes. Action had also been taken to produce and distribute G₀ G₁ G₂ G₃ seeds among farmers. In addition 300 kgs of true red onion seeds and 144.5 MT of red onion bulbs have been produced.

03.Expansion of red onion and big onion cultivation in new areas and their off –season cultivation



The main objective of the expansion of red onion and big onion cultivation and their off-season cultivation is to meet the requirement locally and to ensure the uninterrupted supply during the whole year. This is a 03 year programme which has been implemented as a model cultivation during 2010 & 2011 in 08 provinces except in the western Province. The Treasury allocation for the project during 2012 had been Rs.20 Mn. while financial progress is around Rs. 12.27. This expenditure includes the provision of seeds, conducting education and awareness programmes for selected beneficiaries. Red onion and big onion have been cultivated in 0.5 acre blocks totalling 178 and 548 blocks respectively.

04. Establishment of environmental friendly agri/crop system in Mahinda Rajapaksha International sports complex , Diyagama



Environmental friendly cropping system

This is a 02 year project (2012- 2013) to be implemented at a cost of Rs. 65 Mn. under the direction of Director, Fruit Development and Research centre, Homagama of the Dept. of Agriculture with necessary coordination by the Sri Lanka Army. The total project allocation for 2012 amounted to Rs. 25 Mn. and financial progress during the (2012) had been Rs 15, 22 Mn, The projet activities include solar- power generation, establishment of drip irrigation systems, landscaping suited to the sports complex, resources recycling, establishment and a audio video unit, mixed a fruit garden, biogas unit and a cattle shed. These programmes will continue during 2013 as well with an allocated provision of 10 Mn.

05. Project for increasing the production of Mango and Durian through stimulation of flowering.

With the objective of increasing mango and durian production by 40%, a provision of Rs.1.12 Mn had been allocated of which the annual expenditure (2012) remained at Rs 1.11. Initially this project was implemented in Kandy district which has now been expanded to Matale district as well. During the year 2600 trees were treated with flower – stimulation technology. At present about 1,100 trees both mango and durian are got flowered. In order to educate the people, 10 awareness programmes have been conducted.



Higher Fruit production-Durian



Following pruning methods-Mango

In addition 03 TV programmes and 05 radio programmes have been conducted while 05 press notices published, further more 02 field day workshops conducted in addition to printing and distribution of 5000 leaflets.

06.Introduction of new technology to undertake green-house cultivations in an environment where carbondioxide is excessively available.

Financial allocation for this project amounted to Rs.2.32 Mn. while the expenditure was Rs. 1.94 Mn.New green houses have been constructed and existing green-houses restored mainly in Gannoruwa, Bandarawela and Seeta Eliya with the objective of producing Tomato, Strawberry and Potato micro seeds in an environment where carbondioxide percentage is higher.Accordingly early fruit bearing as well as higher yield was observed.

07. Increasing the productivity of paddy land in the low country Wet Zone.

Objective of this programme is to conduct a study to find out reasons for poor output in paddy lands in low country wet zone and take practical measures to increase production in those lands whereby increasing the living standard of those farmers.Rs. 5.0 Mn had been allocated for 2012 under this programme, the expenditure of which stood at Rs.1.95 Mn.It had been decided to implement this project in Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara,Galle, Matara, Ratnapura and Kegalle districts.Initial surveys have already been completed.

A seed paddy producing village has been established and 12 varieties of seed paddy distributed. In addition around 400 leaf colour indicators were also distributed while 09 training sessions conducted.

08. Programmes being implemented through Institute of Post Harvest Technology

Programme	Allocated Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress
i. Establishment of home pack technology for minimizing Post harvest losses	1.9	40.18%
ii. Propagation of new fruit and vegetable sale centres at district level	0.72	20.91%
iii. Provision of rice –icecream machines at district level	1.0	28.57

09. Clinical trials

Obtain contribution of universities for agricultural development

Project	University	Allocated Amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)
i. Minimizing postharvest losses & value addition of perishables	University of Ruhuna	1.1	0.39
ii. Promoting the good handling practices in horticultural crop production in Badulla district	University of Uva wellassa	1.0	0.4
iii. Project for establishing herbal quality of cinnamon	University of Peradeniya	5.0	0.34

10. Farm Development Programme

Under farm development programme, nearly 40 farms belonged to the following institutes were provided with Rs.83.925 Mn in 2012, financial progress of which are as follows;

Programme	Estimated sum (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Financial progress of 2012
01. Rice Research Development Institution	9.64	8.514	88%
02. Seed certification centre	3.01	1.685	56%

03.	Field-crop research Development Institute & Seeds Certification Centre	26.50	26.015	93%
04.	Extension and Training Centre	17.20	17.154	98%
05.	Horticulture Crop Research and Development Institute	27.575	25.973	91%
06	Total	83.925	79.341	92 %

11. Supplementary Food Crops Production Programme

This Programme was implemented in 2012 covering all districts in the island with the objective of restricting import of supplementary food crops required for local consumption. The allocated amount was Rs. 163.75 Mn and the expenditure was Rs. 83.77 mn. Under this programme, farmers were provided with agricultural inputs such as seed and planting materials, water supply systems (Sprinkler), tarpolin etc. Seed and planting materials include green gram, cowpea, ground nuts, gingerly, chillie, maize, kurakkan, black gram, soya bean, potato. In addition 2566 farmers have been trained and supplementary food crops were cultivated in 6113 ha. Nearly 65 Spinklers established and Polythen houses constructed in Nuwara Eliya and Badulla districts for potato seed production.

12. Fruit Crop Production Programme

This Programmme was implemented in 2012 with the objective of increasing fruit production with a financial allocation of Rs. 26 Mn. Mango, Pineapple, banana, papaw, orange, avocado, pomegranate, grapes and Passion fruit were cultivated for which necessary assistance were provided to establish new cultivations and rehabilitate existing cultivations. Pineapple cultivation Programme was implemented in 10 districts at a cost of Rs. 13 Mn. with total investment for fruit crop cultivation amounting to Rs. 23.6 Mn.

13. Special Agriculture Programme

The allocated amount for this programme was Rs. 5.65 Mn. Under which agricultural equipments and fruit plants were provided to identify farmer families in Pudukudiyeruppu Gadagama Yaya developmet in Matara was also undertaken with total expenditure amounting to Rs. 5.644 Mn.

14. Media Programmes

The allocated provision for media programmes amounted to Rs. 7.25 Mn. and financial progress was Rs. 6.076 Mn. under which 36 radio programmes of “Govi Gedain Maha Gedarata”, 36 TV programmes of “Ran Atuwa” were broadcasted and telecasted under the Supervision of the Dept. of Agriculture, all of which brought about new inputs on agriculture.

15.Minimization of the use of Pesticide

Programme	Approved amount (Rs.Mn.)	Financial progress	Percentage of progress	Physical progress
Minimization of the use of pesticide	5.3	3.6	68%	Trainings were provided to Technical Assistants on agro chemical sale.

16. Accelerated Programme for Supplementary food crop Production (Provincial) (Rs.23. 278)

Province	Approval amount (Rs.Mn.)	Financial progress	Percentage of progress	Physical progress
Northern	2.00	1.77	88%	Black gram,ground nuts and kurakkan seeds purchased and beneficiaries selected
Central	2.00	0.2	100%	Rambutan, mango, Dragon fruit Total extent cultivated with avocado, Guava, Durian, Lime, Passionfruit, Pears, banana achieving the target.
North western	2.00	1.93	97%	Maize,green gram ,ground nut seed purchased
North Central	2.00	1.1	55%	Implemented the programme by cultivating Cowpea, Gingerly, and Kurakkan & Chillie.
Eastern	2.00	1.99	99.9%	Green gram,black gram,ground nuts and cowpea seeds purchased
Sabaraga muwa	1.87	1.78	96%	Supply of inputs with cultivation of maize, green gram and red onion.
Uwa	2.00	1.97	99%	Implemented the programme by cultivating Chillie,red dried onion,cowpea and soya bean
Western	2.00	1.72	86%	Compost fertilizer, margosa agro chemical and plants provided

Southern	2.00	0.83	84%	40 acres were cultivated and 16 trainings conducted. Issued 09 water pumps.
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17. Programmes being implemented through Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka

Project	Discription	Approved Sum (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
i. Intergrated Agricultural Land Development Project	Animators in Walapane DS Division have been trained and provided with agricultural equipments. Implementation of organic fertilizer production programme	2.5	1.67
ii. Supplementary food crop specification programme- Moneragala district	Technological training, agriculture equipment, seed and inputs provided and arrangements made for further expanding of supplementary food crop cultivation.	7.25	4.56
iii. War-hero participated crop productivity Programme	Necessary agricultural equipments were provided to 30 army camps in Kandy, Mullative, Vavuniya, Anuradhapura, Killinochchi, Jaffna and polonnaruwa districts for encouraging cultivations	11.35	2.29

18. Programmes being implemented by the National Food Promotion Board

Project	Discription	Approved Sum (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
i. Local food promotion programme	30 workshops were conducted under local food promotion programme 01 Suwaposha and rice flour packets each were distributed among participants.	2.99	1.20
ii. Farm Developmenet in Buttala	Cultivation of Chillie, orange, mango and papaw under this programme	3.23	1.40

iii.Farm development programme in Thanamalwila	Mainly traditional paddy cultivated in addition to chillie,papaw cultivation	3.23	1.4
iv.Farm development programme in Waddakachchi	Construction of cultivation wells and cultivation of chillie & paddy.	6.97	4.9

2.Implementation of Soil Conservation Act.

The objective of the implementation of Soil Conservation Act No.25 of 1951 is to minimize effects of soil erosion where by increasing agricultural productivity of those lands.



Stone bunds - Deraniyagala



Live fence-Pitabeddara

In the implementation of soil conservation programme, more attention will be paid to districts of provinces highly vulnerable to soil erosion. Accordingly, farm lands vulnerable to soil erosion which are located in the districts of Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Central, North-Western, North-Central, Southern and Western provinces have been identified and financial provisions are allocated annually under the vote for implementing the Soil Conservation Act under which Land Development through the application of soil conservation methods with farmer contribution, crop cultivation on developed lands and conducting trainings were carried out.

The allocated amount for 2012 was Rs.14.8 Mn. Accordingly, Soil Conservation activities were planned in districts belonged to the 06 provinces. They include soil conservation in 700 acres of farm lands training of farmers, establishment of soil conservation models, provision of seeds, planting materials and necessary equipments and implementing propagation programmes. Dept of Agriculture, Provincial Depts of Agriculture and District Secretariats are the executing agencies. At the end of the year, a financial progress of Rs.10.2 Mn had been achieved and soil conservations in 500 acres completed.

3. Micro Water Supply and Rain Water Harvesting

This project has been implemented as an alternative solution to the water scarcity in dry zone. Accordingly, farmers living in dry areas are encouraged to collect rain water for both crop cultivation and drinking purpose with the objective of eradicating poverty. Funds are provided under Vote for Micro irrigation and Rain Water Harvesting. Contribution of rain water collecting tanks /ponds, establishment of water conservation demonstrations and installation of micro-water supply sets with 50% farmer contribution, vegetable and fruit cultivation development, education of farmers and home gardening development were carried out under this programme.



**Micro
Irrigation
supply
system at
North
Central
Province**

2012 Rs.2.8 Mn had been allocated for micro water supply and 2.4 Mn. for rain water harvesting respectively. Accordingly, activities such as training of farmers on rain water harvesting in areas where water has been a limited resource, construction of rain water collecting tanks/ponds, establishment of micro irrigation systems were undertaken by the District Secretariats and provincial Departments of Agriculture in the Eastern and Southern provinces in order to develop fruit and vegetable cultivation lands.

At the end of the year 2012, 20 training workshops have been held and 40 micro irrigation supply systems established under this programme. The total expenditure of the project was Rs.2.8 Mn and the achievement of financial progress was 100%. Under the Rain Water Management Project 17 rain water tanks have been constructed, and 38.25 acres have been rehabilitated under rain water ponds constructed in 2007, 2008 and 2009 while 21 training workshops held. In addition 27.5 acre home gardening developed by providing necessary seeds and planting materials. The total expenditure under this programme was Rs.1.48 Mn and the achievement of financial progress was 61.67%.

4. Dry Zone Livelihood Support and Partnership Programme (DZLISPP)

Dry Zone Livelihood Support and Partnership Project funded by the International Fund for Agriculture – EFAD is being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture under the supervision of the World Bank. The project period is 07 years from December 2012 was to March 2013.

The total amount allocated was Rs.3000 Mn. and the achievement of financial progress by the end of 2012 had been Rs.27.30 Mn.(94%).

The project is implemented in the Dry Zone District of Anuradhapura, Kurunagala, Baddulla and Monaragala covering 44 DS Division and 1077 Grama Nilidari Wasam as with the objective of ensuring economics strength & enhance living standard of rural farmers.

The allocated amount for 2012 has been Rs.573 Mn and the expenditure stood at Rs.516 Mn. at the end of the year indicating a financial progress of 90%. In addition the General Treasury contribution due for the year is Rs.40 Mn.

This project consists of 05 components;

They are;

1. Upland Agriculture Development and Live stock Development.
2. Minor Irrigation Rehabilitation & Water Management.
3. Community Infra – Structure Development
4. Micro Financial & Income Generation
5. Marketing & Micro Enterprises Development

Financial Progress of Project

Component	Financial Progress 2012			Cumulative Financial Progress (Upto 31.12.2012)		
	Provision (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	%	Provision (Rs.Mn)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	%
1.Dry Land Agriculture Development and Live stock Division.	69	69	99	380	368.2	97
2.Minor Irrigation Rehabilitation & Water Management	60	60	99	488	462.4	95
3.Community Infra – Structure Development	90	88	98	740	729.3	99

4. Micro Financial & Income Generation	74	73	99	275	274.4	100
5. Marketing & Small Enterprises Development	140	110	76	320	250.7	78
6. Project Management	127	117	95	686	615	90
7. Study on Land Tenure	13	-		42	30	71
Total	573	516	90	2891	2730	94

Benefits of the Project

1. Upland Agriculture Development and Live stock Development.

This Project is implemented through field school methodology, the activities of which include seed production development, harvest increase by around 25% and income enhancing through marketing linkages. In 2012 322 Agro – crop field schools were established whereby benefiting over 3000 farmer families and 104 milk cow rearing societies established benefiting 2080 farmers families.

Under seed development programme, 07 farmers produce G_1 seed in special lands using G_0 seed yams in protected houses. About 3000 farmers obtain seed potato (G_1 seed) under which the potato production cost have been reduced from Rs.52/- to Rs 23/- .



Seed potato production in Baddulla

Under the seed supply programme to the Department by the “Govi Sansada” . seeds 40,000 kgs of ground nuts, green gram and cowpea were produced & supplied by Kurunagala, and Thelulla “Sansada”. “Sansadaya” of Kurunegala has produced 100,000 Kgs of ground nuts.



B' onion production in Kahatagasdigiya



Red onion Production in Thelulla, Thanamalwila.

2. Minor Irrigation Rehabilitation.

Under this project Component, 708 minor Irrigations (374 tanks and 334 anicuts) were rehabilitated whereby providing Irrigation facilities to around 18,850 areas. In the selection for rehabilitation priority was given to irrigation work located in remote areas affected by terrorism. The notable feature of the undertaking is that 51 rehabilitated irrigations had been inactive earlier. Therefore the extent of cultivations has been increased by 3,270 acres.

In 2012 alone, 56 tanks and anicuts had been rehabilitated while the number of farmers benefited under this component exceeds 1700. After the rehabilitation maintenance fund has been established under suitable authority to initiate sustainable maintenance methodology.



A few of the tanks & anicuts rehabilitated

3. Community Infra – structure Development.

Paying due attention to the rural community living in commend areas of the project, the social economics condition of them are enhanced by providing Agricultural roads , drinking water facilities ,rain water collection tanks and other similar requirements.

Accordingly 78 agricultural roads, 4 multi purpose buildings, 18 drinking water projects and 193 “Srama Shakthi” programmes (cash for work) including other 98 facilities-

i.e.- establishment of sanitary & solar project & repairs to bridges and culverts have been completed. The number of beneficiaries exceeded 56,000



Milk collection center & nurseries

4. Marketing & Micro Enterprises Development

Under this component, crop cultivations were done 10,000 forward sale agreement and 90 milk collecting centres have also been established. In addition improvements were made to 40 weekly fares and 700 agricultural roads. Furthermore 02 fruits and vegetables collecting center were opened in Welimada and Madulla DS Divisions jointly with Cargills Food Ltd.



**Vegetables & fruits collecting
centre in Baddulla &
Wangiyakumbura**



**Madulla &
Ruwalwela Centre**

Farmers in these areas are enjoying benefits as those collecting centres are capable of purchasing 5-7 MT of vegetables per day. In 2012, 32 small sale outlets have been established benefiting 500 farmers families.



**Providing of loans for
micro enterprises
development in
Kurunagala District**



**Poultry farming in
Anuradapura**

5. Micro Financial & Income Generation

Two loan programmes named “Bagya” and “Apeksha” are in operation for supporting micro enterprises development under which micro loans are providing to low income recipients to engage in self employments.

In 2012 such loans have been provided to 1007 families at a cost of Rs.73 Mn “Bagya” loan scheme was sponsored by state banks including Central Bank. While “Apeksha” was implemented in association with the Women’s Bureau of Sri Lanka. Its notable feature is that’s over 80% of beneficiaries are women.



Alluminium work as a cottage industry

Cumulative Progress of the project (upto 31.12.2012)

Component	Cumulative Progress of the project (upto 31.12.2012)	
	Target	Progress
1.Dry Land Agriculture Development and Livestock Development.	Agricultural field schools 3600	Agricultural field schools 3228
2.Minor Irrigation Rehabilitation & Water Management	Number of tanks and anicuts 750	Number of tanks and anicuts rehabilitated 750
3.Community Infra Structure Development –	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural roads 750 • Multipurpose building 138 • Water projects 105 • Shrama Shakthi Programmes 875 • Other infra structure facilities 800 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i.Agricultural roads 738 ii.Multipurpose building 120 iii.Water projects 105 iv.Shrama Shakthi Programmes 847 v.Other infra structure facilities 897
4.Micro Financial & Income Generation	Number of beneficiaries 5000	Number of beneficiaries 4631
5.Maketing & Small Enterprises Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward agreements 20,000 • Marketing infra structure facilities 300 • Small entrepreneurs 2000 • “Apeksha” loan receipients 3000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre agreement 11,423 • Marketing infa structure facilities 278 • Small entrepreneurs 1646 • “Apeksha” loan receipients 2714

5. Food Production and Japanese Grant(2KR)

Distribution programme of agro-machinery and equipment being received as Japanese Grant to ensure the food security of under privileged farmers is now under-way.



Under 2KR-2010 the value of the Grant amounted to Rs 360 Mn. while the other local expenses including custom duties were to be born by the GOSL. The consignment of machinery and equipment received under the same Grant package 2011 included 50 nos. of 04 wheel tractors with rotavator and another 896 nos of 02 wheel tractors were received for 2012. Treasury provisions allocated in 2012 under this project amounted to Rs.585 Mn. of which the received provisions amounted to Rs. 493.7 Mn. Financial progress upto the end of 2012 was rs.430.466 Mn.

A consignment of 896 nos. of 02 wheel tractors with rotovator were received in 2012, the distribution plan of which are as follows; 820 tractors were given at concessary rate on installment repayment basis to less privileged farmenrs of Farmer's Organaizations selected by the Dept. of Agrarian Development, and the remaining 76 to the Seed & Planting Material Farms, Research farms and Training Centres of the Dept. of Agriculture.

6. Crop Forecasting Programme.

Allocation of provisions for 2012 was Rs. 3.0 Mn which has been revised to be 2.85 Mn. Financial Progress at the end of the year was Rs 2.126 Mn.

- Necessary schedules & forms required for Yala season 2012 and Maha Season 2012/2013 have already been printed & distributed.
- education programmes were implemented in 06 districts to educate Divisional Officers and Agriculture Research and Production Assistants.(KUPANISA)
- 03 additional supplementary Crop forecasting in respect of paddy and supplementary crops have been prepared for both Yala and Maha seasons.
- 03 special reports in respect of maize, big onion, green gram and red onion (including 03rd season) have been prepared.

7.Promotion programme for Organic Fertilizer Production and Utilization

The total provisions allocated in 2012 for promotion programme for Organic Fertilizer Production and Utilization was Rs.100 Mn, Financial progress of which stood at Rs.92.74 Mn.(approximately 93%)

As in the previous years,various activities have been undertaken under this programme in 2012 as well, the main of which being the conducting of organic fertilizer production projects at rural level with the participation of 23,420 farmers from Ampara and Hambantota and Trincomalee districts.These farmers were provided with a 3-finger mamoty fork,25 kgs of Rock phosphate,3.5 Kgs of black polythene ,a 5 kg bag of ennoculum totaling 23,420 tool/material kits to encourage them in this undertaking.



**Organic Fertilizer
production training
programme in
Ampara**

In 2012 25,774 farmers and 2310 officials have been trained.In addition 364,650 leaflets on “organic fertilizer production and use” have been distributed by the Regional Agriculture Research and Development Centre, Makandura which being the main centre of this project.

In 2012 a total of around 34,191 MT of compost have been produced jointly by farmer contribution islandwide and with the assistance of Agriculture Research and Development Centre, Makandura. Accordingly at the rate of Rs.7.00 per 1 Kilo of compost, the total value of production during the year was Rs.239 /= Million.Accordingly the value of Compost has been well exceeded the production cost.

Furthermore, several other activities have been implemented under this project.Among them were conducting trainings and exhibitions at which 18,365.5kg ennoculum packets were distributed among participants.

03 Cultivation demonstrations were conducted at the main centre at Makandura where it has been established that higher yield may be obtained by reducing the use of chemical fertilizer by 25%.



**Getting ready to distribute ennoculum
packets at the Reginal Agriculture
Research and Development**

A total of 527 compost samples which included various materials and soil used for compost production were targeted for analyzation during the year, and that target has been achieved successfully. The nutrients and heavy metals contained in soil were also analyzed in this research.

03 exhibitions, 120 field days and 07 media programmes have been conducted to promote the organic fertilizer use.

Apart from the above-mentioned activities, a foundation stone was laid on 10 May 2012 to construct a new building for Regional Agriculture Research and Development Centre, Makandura which being the focal point of this programme, and nearly 60% of its constructions had been completed at the end of the year.

This programme is being implemented jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture, Dept. of Agriculture and Provincial Agricultural Departments in Trincomalee and Batticaloa districts.



**New building which is under construction
at the pioneering Centre in Makandura**

8. Japanese Counterpart Fund-State seed Farm Development (Paranthan and Murunkan)

The main objective of this programme funded by JICA and Consolidated Fund is to recognize seed production in Murunkan and Paranthan seed farms. The Treasury allocation for 2012 was Rs.85 Mn which was subsequently revised as Rs. 72.752 Mn. Financial progress during the year was Rs. 52.599 Mn.

Main development activities undertaken towards re-establishment of Paranthan and Murunkan Seed Farms:

- Improvement of Irrigation and water Supply
- Rehabilitation of Agricultural Machinery and Equipments
- Agricultural Constructions
- Procurement of Vehicles
- Land and Infra-structure development

Most of activities 100% completed.

9.National Agricultural Research Policy (NARP)

The National Agricultural Research Policy for the period 2012-2016 was formulated in keeping with Mahinda Chinthanaya. The main thrust areas of legal and regulatory mechanisms, priority setting, mobilization of finance and resource knowledge technology transfer and capacity building have been considered in this document.

The National Agricultural Research Plan 2012

The National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP) is a Consolidated Plan and an action programme setting out the research agenda for the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) were formulated to address key problems in the agriculture sector such as, inadequate yield, propagation of seed and planting materials, labour shortage, indiscriminate and excessive application of pesticides, application of biopesticides & bio fertilizer, postharvest losses, value addition, export demand for crops, production limitations, competitiveness in agriculture, natural resource management and environment sustainability, technology transfer, employment and labour use, animal breeding and reproduction, fisheries and aquaculture. The research programmes are recommended by the ten specialist committees of SLCARP and approved by the National Committee on Research Programmes and Projects, (NCRAP). A continuous monitoring and evaluation of the NARP is carried out by a Committee on Experts of SLCARP, with overall monitoring and guidance by a NCARP.

Establish Linkages among National and International Institutes

SLCARP has established relations with similar councils in the region with most beneficial, being the Agreement with the ICAR. In the year 2012 a total of nine scholars were undergoing training in four highly prestigious Institutes under the ICAR, viz Indian Agriculture Research Institute, National Dairy Research Institute, and Central Institute of Fisheries Education and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in research areas of direct relevance to the Agriculture sector in Sri Lanka. SLCARP International Linkages and where the scientists gained knowledge and skill in climate smart agriculture, Agricultural R & D, women in agriculture, Agricultural Genomics and Biotechnology, the expert consultation on transboundary diseases and on Information Communication Technology.

External Review

External review of the Veterinary Research Institute was conducted to assess the quality, cost effectiveness, relevance and impact of the scientific programmes by the expert panel. The recommendations of the review were handed over to the VRI and the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Estate Development.

Research Allowances

Qualifying applicants have been approved for the research allowances and institutes were informed accordingly by SLCARP.

Creating awareness

Organized the National symposium on floriculture in collaboration with the Royal Botanic gardens, workshop on organic agriculture research priorities and directives, stakeholder consultation for preparation of organic agriculture, research principles and directives for Sri Lanka.

Library/Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET)

SLCARP Library, the focal point for the Agricultural Information Network (AGRINET), continued to provide scientific and technical information to the scientists, farmers, academics, private sector and NGOs in the system.

Data Base 2012

Upgrading of the existing "INFORM" database was initiated to provide more user-friendly data to the agriculture research managers for decision making in agricultural research.

10. Big Onion Seed Production Programme.

The main objective of this programme is to produce 25,000 Kgs of Big Onion Seeds locally by 2013 whereby providing farmers with quality Big Onion seeds. The allocation for 2012 had been Rs 22Mn, while the financial progress stood at Rs 7.472Mn. The number of farmers participated in the project during the year was 900 under which around 157,000 Kgs mother bulbs have been subject to vernalization. The total production of big onion seeds under the project during 2012 was 23,000 Kgs. 19 protection covers from rain and 39 store flats have been distributed among farmers while 10 field days conducted successfully. In addition 10 farmers and 02 officers were given the opportunity of visiting India were given the opportunity of visiting India on an educational tour.



**Big Onion
Seed**

It has been planned to commence large scale cultivations by 2013 identifying new areas. Accordingly, it is expected to meet the total big onion seed requirement of 35,000 kgs, locally during the year. The total allocation for 2013 was Rs 20 Mn. In addition; arrangements have already been made to produce 1000 Kg of big Onion seeds in the respective districts.

11. Deyata Kirula National Development Programme and Exhibition - 2012

This year's "Deyata Kirula" National Development Programme and Exhibition was held in Oyamaduwa in the Anuradhapura district which being an endeavor undertaken jointly by all Institutions under the preview of the Ministry and Provincial Department of Agriculture. The activities include the establishment of model farm in the exhibition premises and the implementation of Model Farm Village Programme aimed at regional development.

A sum of Rs.65.5 Mn from the budgetary allocations to the Ministry for 2011/2012 was utilized for this purpose. In addition Rs. 4.31 Mn under organic Fertilizer Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rs. 186 Mn under Dry Zone Livelihood Support and Partnership Programme were spent on various development programmes while the balance amount of Rs. 28.5 under Provision for 2012 was allocated for implementing development programmes of the "Deyata Kirula" 2013 scheduled to be held in Ampara alone with district development programmes in Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts.

Development Projects implemented by the relevant Institutions and Progress achieved

1. Programmes implemented by the Dept. of Agriculture :

- Allocated Amount Rs 44.5 Mn - * Financial Progress Rs. 42.05 Mn

Under the field crop development programme, providing irrigation facilities to 5 acres within the Ipalogama DS division, for of supplementary Crop cultivation and growing of grass in 5 acres. Other activities include training of farmers and officials, and analysis of 90 soil samples and 134 water samples were tested. The exhibition stall of the Agricultural Ministry won the first place at the "Deyata Kirula" Exhibition-2012.

2. Programmes being implemented by Inter Provincial Dept. of Agriculture :

- Allocated Amount Rs. 9.0 Mn. - * Financial Progress Rs. 4.40 Mn.

Production of quality seed paddy in 688 acres belonged to 08 DS divisions in the district, introduction of modern technology in paddy, cultivation of 02 acres with vegetable, 92 acres with fruits (mango/Papaw), providing 56 paddy boiling barrels for 2 paddy boiling

villages, cultivation of around 320 acres with supplementary food crops, production of 1000 kg of big onion seeds and motivation of 163 farmers towards production of organic fertilizer were other activities undertaken.

3. Programmes implemented by the Provincial Department of Agriculture ;North-Central Province

- Allocated Provision Rs. 12 Mn. - * Financial Progress Rs.5.86 Mn.



Agri Exhibition Premises -Oyamaduwa

Seed Paddy production in 90 acres through Parachute technology, 16185 kgs of big onion seed production, cultivation of black gram, Cowpea and green gram in 105 acres under supplementary food crop cultivation and 120 acres with mangoes and papaw under fruit cultivation in addition to vegetable cultivation. 06 bee-keeping villages were also established.

4. Programmes implemented by the Institute of Post Harvest Technology

- Allocated Provisions Rs. 3.0 Mn. - * Financial Progress Rs. 1.33 Mn.

Conducting of 28 training programmes on Post Harvest Technology for 933 beneficiaries, development of 03 rice mills, introducing rice based food production for 04 house hold bakeries, modernization of 05 rice flour mills, establishment of 10 cereal and spice crop processing units, propagation of fruit/tamarind based products and distribution of 800 plastic crates among those engaged in fruit /vegetable industry.

5. Programmes implemented by Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka :

- Allocated Provisions Rs. 5.0 Mn - * Financial Progress Rs. 1.38 Mn.

Implementation of Sustainable Land Management Pilot Project for small tank-based soil and water resources conservation in Konakumbukwewa Grame Niladhari Wasama joining 250 farmers. Providing 02 wheel tractors/mammoties, Wheel Barrows and Fork mammoties and 50 bushels of seed paddy.

6. Programmes implemented by the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute :

- Allocated Provisions Rs. 7.0 Mn. - * Financial Progress 7.89

Conducting Socio-Economic Survey (Gami Wimasuma) based on 250 households in Rambewa DS division, restoration of 05 tanks under agriculture infra-structure facility development whereby providing irrigation facilities to 248 beneficiaries, assisting in self employment projects, repairing of Konakumkwewa school, construction of 10 rain water harvesting tanks, restoration of public well, provision of seeds for home gardening in 150 households, development of tank reservations, maintaining nurseries for mango, coconut, pomegranate, guava/orange and lime and conducting awareness programmes for two members on marketing.

7. Programmes implemented by the National Food Promotion Board :

- Allocated Provision. Rs. 2.0 Mn. - * Financial Progress Rs. 2.59 Mn.

Providing kitchen appliances for 250 households in Kona Kumbukwewa village under its kitchen development programme, distribution of agricultural equipments among selected beneficiaries in Maniyangama village, establishment of 03 local production sale outlets and distribution of organic fertilizer packets, mango, orange and coconut plants etc.

8. Programmes implemented by the Organic Fertilizer Division of the Ministry of Agriculture

- Allocated Provision Rs. 4.5 Mn. - * Financial Progress Rs. 4.3 Mn.

Implementation of Compost Fertilizer Production Programme with the participation of 240 farmers in Rambewa DS Division and implementation of similar programmes in 21 villages covering 21 DS Divisions islandwide for which necessary tools and equipment supplied and production of approximately 2800 MT of Compost fertilizer.

9. Programmes implemented by Dry Zone Livelihood Support and Partnership Programme (IFAD)

- Allocated Provision Rs. 186 Mn - * Financial Progress Rs. 186.0 Mn

Implementation of dry land development programme covering 16 DS Divisions. In addition various development programmes under Marketing and Micro Enterprise Development, Micro Water Supply and Income Generation, Minor Irrigation Rehabilitation and Community Infrastructure Development.

12.Assisting to establish food security of IDPs in Mannar district

Under this project Rs.40 Mn. was allocated as Treasury Provisions for 2012 while the financial progress for the year had been Rs.44.594 Mn.The main objective of this project is to assist ensuring food security of IDPs in Mannar district,the progress of which upto date are as follows;

Details	Total distribution (Equipmnet,Plants and Seeds)
i.Wheel Barrow	475
ii.Spraying machine	943
iii.Water pumps	210
iv.Mammoties	3200
v.Seed Paddy (Bushels)	2100
vi.Vegetable Seed packets	3200
vii.Chilli seeds	8
viii.Maize seeds	80
ix.Red Onion seeds	52800
x.Grount nut seeds	16000
xi.Green Gram	570
xii.Coconut Plants	6400
xiii.Mango Plants	6400
xiv.Jack Plants	6400

- In addition, chemical fertilizers &agro-chemicals have been distributed among farmers.

13.Rice Exporting Programme 2012

Approximately Rs. 0.485 Mn had been allocated in 2012 to the Extension and Training Division for cultivation of rice for exporting under Head 118-2-3-30-2502. Accordingly the following targets have been achieved in the rice export zones.

District	Extent	Variety	Yield(M.T.)	Number of farmers
Polonnaruwa	1000	BG 352	2000	1800
Hambantota	434	AT 362	2823	434
Ampara	420	BG 357	2000	500
Mannar	360	BG 360	1700	570
Total	2214		8523	3304

22 Paddy mills were selected from each district for milling of paddy cultivated under this project.

- Reduction of the price of rice in the international markets. Purchasing price is 50/= - 55/= per 1 kg.
- The decision of the Government that the export price of rice should be over Rs. 100 per 1 kg.

In 2012, it has not been possible to export rice under this programme due to the following reasons.

Whereas the Ministry of Agriculture had allocated Rs. 0.485 Mn. for this programme, the provision was received at the end of last quarter of 2012.

Part of the expenditure incurred on training of farmers by Deputy District Directors has been settled from other project funds. Accordingly around Rs. 273220.50 has been spent out of the amount made available to Extension divisions.

4. Special Development Programmes/Projects

i. New Projects and Proposals submitted

1. Programme on global agriculture & food security.
2. Dry zone agro-production & Productivity Programme
3. Development of DNA fingerprint data base for cultivar identification of extent varieties and germ plasm conserved at plant genetic resource center Sri Lanka.
4. 07 Concept papers were developed with the assistance of officials of the Dept.of Agriculture for preparation of project proposals to suit the priority development framework of the Ministry of Agriculture and selected 03 of which are to be developed as projects reports.
5. Promotion of strawberry (*Fragariaananassa*) cultivation under protected house in Sri Lanka
6. A project proposal on post harvest protection has been prepared and submitted to SAARC development fund. Accordingly US \$ 727,500 have been provided, implementation of which is expected in 2013.
7. Submission of project proposals to various institutions/countries through the Ministry of External Affairs.
 - I. 03 Project proposals were forwarded to South Affrica
 - II. 01 Project proposals to Republic of Oman.
 - III. 01 project proposals to Republic of Quarter.

ii. Foreign Relationship and related matters

- ✓ Matters relating to Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs)
 - Signing of MOU (in Sri Lanka) with the Government of India and related organizing activities.
 - MOU with the Government of Brazil.Arrangemnet were made to send the Mission to Brazil for this purpose.
 - Approval of the Cabinet of Minister has been obtained for singning a MOU with the Government of Philliphine.
 - Covering approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been obtained for MOU already signed with the Government of Bangladesh.
 - Formulation of Action Plan and appointment of Joint corporate Committees for taking future action on Indo-Sri Lanka MOU.
 - A meeting was convened for preparation of the Action plan relating to MOUs of the Dept. of Agriculture and for progress review of the same.
 - A special meeting has been arranged to plan the implementation of MOUs being implemented under CARP.

- Progress of MOUs already signed has been prepared and submitted to the Secretary.
- ✓ **Activities relating to the International Trade**
 - Recommendations to reduce the covered items in the list under SAFTA were discussed with the relevant officials and submitted to the Dept.of Commerce.
 - Attended the Joint Commission meeting on economic & agricultural matters between Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.
 - Recommendations for amending the Tariff related HS were submitted to the Department of Trade, Tariff and Investment Policy.
 - It is yet to decide the item to be licensed by the Department of Import and Export Control and recommendations towards deciding items in the field of agriculture for the same purpose have been made available.

iii.International Conferences and Sessions

- Necessary arrangements were mde for the Hon. Minister and his team to attend “4th Berlin Summit of Agricultural Ministers Meeting” and the Session in Vietnam.
- Necessary arrangements were made for the Hon.Minster to visit 18th International Agricultural Exhibition held in Israel from 14 to 18 May 2012 at the official invitation of the Hon.(Mrs) Orit Noked ,Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Israel.
- Arrangements were made for the Hon.Minister to attende 69th Session of the Committee on Comodity Problems on 28-30 May 2012, Rome in Italy and High-Level Regional Consultation on policies to respond to High Food Prices in Asia & Pacific Region on 1-2 Oct 2012, Bangkok, Thailand.
- Oraganizing APO Conference, A workshop on Certification and Auditing of Organic Production was held in Sri Lanka at which 24 representative from 10 countries in Asia Pacific Region were participated.Accordingly necessary arrangements were made for same at a cost of Rs. 2.5 Mn.

iv.National Farmers’ Week

The allocated provision for this amounted to Rs.10 Mn and the financial progress is 100%. The “National Farmers’ Week” programme was conducted in Gannoruwa to coincide Centenary Celebration of the Dept. of Irrigation at which the activities of the “GoviSathiya” (Farmers’ Week) had been very successful.



Centerary Exhibition & Farmers’ Week

v.Information Technology Programmes

Progress achieved in the field of Information Technology of the Ministry of Agriculture in 2012 is as follows;

1. Completion of the Internal Computer net-working within the Ministry

The Computer net work of the Ministry which operate only a limited number of computers at the beginning of 2011 has expanded considerably at the end of 2012. Accordingly all computers of the Ministry were included in the net work together with all other related services. At present 194 locations of the Ministry have been networked.

All divisions of the Ministry have been provided with Digital Filing Services and Internet/Email facilities so that officials at all levels could easily be handled their correspondence. In order to make e-mail facilities more efficient, the connecting speed has been increased upto 8 Mbps in 2012. In addition anti-virus system has been installed to ensure safety of data while separate User Names and Pass Words were provided.

2. Creation of a New Website for the Ministry

The Ministry Website being implemented under the direction and patronage of Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka upto the end of 2011 has been re-created in 2012 using new technology.

Any information relating to the development programmes of this Ministry including various forms, circulars, agriculture-related Acts and statistics could be approached and downloaded.

Any citizen of Sri Lanka or foreigner could reach the Website as it has been completed in all three languages – Sinhala, Tamil and English.

3. Repair and maintenance of Computers and Accessories and administration of the Division.

In 2012 95% of repairs to soft and hard-ware of computers of the Ministry were undertaken by the IT Division of the Ministry itself which contributed its upmost to computer resource Management of the Ministry.

4. Purchase of Computers and accessories and streamlining of administration

Preparation of specifications for the purchase of computers and accessories and to ensure the purchasing items are conformed to those specifications are carried out under the

supervision of the IT Unit. In addition necessary methods have been developed to establish authenticity of software items provided by suppliers.

5. Creation of Software for official activities

The following softwares were created by the end of 2012 required for the following official activities while officers in charge of the respective subjects have been educated on the inclusion of data.

1. Information relating to letters received (for Tappal section)
2. Foreign Scholarships recipients information (for Administration Division)
3. Information relating to Organic Producers Fertilizer (For Organic Fertilizer Unit)
4. Information relating to main Suppliers (for Procurement Unit)

6. Enhancing Computer Literacy of the Ministry Staff

Basic training on the use of computers was given for minor employees and drivers selected in 2012.

vii. Divinaguma Project

Objective - Creating healthy and economically empowered prosperous family.

Rs.337 Mn has been allocated by the Ministry of Agriculture during 2012 for projects being implemented under Stage IV of “Divinaguma”, progress of which are as follows;

1. Provision of 50 lakhs of seed packets containing vegetable seeds for home-gardening.

Serial No.	Activity	Physical progress		Financial Progress
1.	Islandwide distribution of 50 Lakhs of vegetable seed packets	District	Number of household for which seed packets were made available	333,790,280.00
		Colombo	315,226	
		Gampaha	561,238	
		Kalutara	297,432	
		Rathnapura	323,432	
		Kegalle	215,595	
		Kurunagala	444,691	
		Puttlam	200,671	
		Anuradhapura	222,608	
		Pollonnaruwa	114,197	

		Galle	202,888	
		Matara	174,169	
		Hambanthota	168,365	
		Monaragala	125,426	
		Badulla	190,506	
		Nuwara Eliya	185,241	
		Kandy	304,963	
		Matale	128,007	
		Trincomalee	77,372	
		Baticoloa	162,754	
		Ampara	180,963	
		Jaffna	187,666	
		Mulative	30,779	
		Killinochchi	35,140	
		Mannar	14,441	
		Vauniya	50,794	
		Total	4,914,564	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the requests made by the Ministry of Economic Development and the Department of Agriculture, 99,003 additional seed packets were supplied to Trincomalee, Gampaha and Kandy districts. • In addition seeds packets have been made available to State Institutions as well. 		

5. Farmers' Trust Fund.

Farmers' Trust Fund was established in 1994, the objectives of which are as follows;

1. Agricultural development and welfare of the farmer community in Sri Lanka.
2. Provision of short-term loans to small farmers.
3. Provision of agricultural inputs to small farmers.
4. Provision of marketing loans to small farmers to overcome their financial difficulties.
5. Implementation of farmer-education and welfare activities for small farmer such as awareness programmes, exhibitions, demonstrations and other regulatory activities.
6. Providing small farmers with other kind of patronage in respect of crop/animal production and processing.
7. Facilitating for agricultural development and implementing special agricultural development programmes.

Funds have been made available by the FTF to the Ministry of Agriculture, institution coming under its purview including the Dept. of Agrarian Development and Provincial Departments of Agriculture as well in the form of loans and development assistance in 2012. Its financial progress institutional wise are as follows,

S/N	Detail	Nature of Expenditure	Expenditure 2012 (Rs.Mn.)	Institutions which received funds
1.	Centenary celebration and Farmers Weeks	Development	20.00	Department of Agriculture.
Sub Total			20.00	
2.	Conducting Wap Magul Ceremony at district level	Development	0.75	Department of Agrarian Development
3.	Construction of fertilizer warehouses	Development	0.93	
4.	Rural minor irrigation development project (Matara, Kandy-Dept. of Agrarian Development)	Development	8.0	
5.	Awareness programme on fertilizer subsidy scheme	Development	0.02	
6.	New Rice Offering Ceremony	Development	1.0	
7.	Development of agricultural activities in the Northern Province	Development	12.75	
8.	Construction of two agricultural roads in Ampara district	Development	3.8	

S/N	Detail	Nature of Expenditure	Expenditure 2012 (Rs.Mn.)	Institutions which received funds
9.	Construction of safety side bund and agricultural roads near Gombaddala temple	Development	1.0	Department of Agrarian Development
10.	Distribution of plastic crates in Bandarawela and Nuwara Eliya districts	Development	4.2	
11.	Minor irrigation rehabilitation programme in Killinochchi district	Development	1.0	
12.	Establishment of an Agrarian services centre in Mutur	Development	0.94	Department of Agrarian Development
13.	Construction of Agricultural wells	Development	20.0	Department of Agrarian Development
14.	Uturu Wasantaya (Jaffna / Vauniya / Killinochchi)	Development	1.4	Department of Agrarian Development
15.	Nagenahira Navodaya (Trincomalee / Ampara / Batticaloa)	Development	3.9	Department of Agrarian Development
Sub Total			59.69	
16.	Providing rain covers for Big onion cultivation	Development	3.9	Dept.of Agriculture(Central Province)
Sub Total			3.9	
17.	Papaw cultivation promotion programme	Development	0.51	Dept.of Agriculture(Northern Province)
18.	Planning for construction of red onion stores	Development	1.5	
19.	Adoption of appropriate technology for horticulture crop production	Development	0.995	
Sub Total			3.005	
20.	Training and encouraging programme	Development	0.045	Training and encouragement
Sub Total			0.045	
21.	Short-term loans	Loan	362	
22.	Long-term loans	Loan	35.2	Department of Agrarian Development

S/N	Detail	Nature of Expenditure	Expenditure 2012 (Rs.Mn.)	Institutions which received funds
23.	Establishment of National food collecting Centres	Loan	4.0	National Food Promotion Board
Sub Total			4.0	
24.	Moter Cycle Loan	Loan	1.43	Department of Agrarian Development
25.	Moter Cycle Loan	Loan	1.35	Dept.of Agriculture
26.	Moter Cycle Loan	Loan	3.5	Provincial Dept.of Agriculture
27.	Moter Cycle Loan	Loan	2.7	Southern Province
28.	Moter Cycle Loan	Loan	0.3	Department of Export Agriculture
Sub Total			9.28	
Total			99.920	

6. Development Programmes /Projects of Institutions operating under the Ministry.

i) *Department of Agriculture*

Provisions allocated and financial progress for the year once 2012-(Millions)

Project		Capital		Recurrent		Special Projects of the Department of Agriculture	
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1.	Administrative & Establishment Service	25.7	22	222	221	-	-
2.	Agricultural Research & Development	228.6	123	773	769	291.6	167.75
3.	Extension & Training	63.7	55	586	581	61.7	61
4.	Seed Certification Plant Protection	76	51	410	409	741	676
Total		394.1	251	1991	1980	1094.3	904.75

Rice:

- New varieties released
 - Bw 367 – A white Samba variety of 3 ½ month age category with a recorded yield of 7.9 t/ha, moderately resistant to iron toxicity and more tolerant to lodging and neck blast.
 - Ld 368 – A red, short, round grain type variety maturing in 105 days in the Wet Zone with a realizable yield of 7 t/ha and resistant to leaf blast, neck blast and moderately resistant to Bacterial Leaf Blight, Gall Midge, and Brown Plant Hopper. This variety is more resistant to lodging and no grain discoloration.

- Bg 369 - A white pericarped variety of 3½ months age category. This variety has a long grain shape which matures within 104 days in Dry Zone. Bg 369 has been recommended for saline affected areas which has a recorded yield of 7.0 t/ha under saline conditions.
- Rice Sheath Mite (*Steneotarsonemus pinkii* Smiley) (RSM) was identified recently as a rice pest which can cause up to 90 % yield loss. Considering the hazardous effects of Profenophos 50E on the environment and non-target organisms, it was tentatively recommended to control RSM.
- Results of the studies conducted to develop integrated technology package to control weedy rice in farmer fields in Sri Lanka indicated that use of clean seed paddy with row seeding, significantly reduced the emergence and growth of weedy rice and reduced the yield losses due to weedy rice compared to conventional farmer practice.
- Application of nitrogen fertilizer based on Leaf Colour Charts increased nitrogen use efficiency, reducing the present urea application of 120 kg/acre by 30%. New Leaf Colour Charts suitable for Wet and Dry zone conditions were developed and distributed among extension officers to obtain their views.
- Experiments were conducted during the last three seasons using nano forms of Nitrogen and Potassium fertilizers produced at the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (SLINTEC). Initial observations have revealed that use of nano forms of Nitrogen and Potassium fertilizers will help to reduce the present level of urea and potassium fertilizer use by minimum of 25% or more.
- Combination of organic and inorganic fertilizers use was found to be the best alternative to increase soil fertility and fertilizer use efficiency and to reduce inorganic fertilizer use and environmental pollution in rice production.
- A technology package was introduced to control weedy rice in the infested areas.
- A high capacity (400 kg/h) seed paddy cleaner to remove empty and half filled grains, weed seeds and dust particles from harvested paddy has been developed.
- A new lowland power weeder with a field capacity of 1.5 acres/ day has been developed for row seeded and transplanted paddy fields.

Other Field Crops:

- New varieties released
 - A high yielding (>4 t/ha), large cream colour seeded Soy bean variety which matures within 90 days (MISB-1)
- Two promising green chilli breeding lines, PC-01 and ICPN selection were identified after conducting Varietal Adaptability Trials (VAT). Seeds of the promising lines were submitted for the Distinguished, Uniformity and Stability test (DUST) at Seed Certification Service (SCS) of DOA.

- Twenty one exotic big onion lines were tested and two lines were identified as promising.
- Three open pollinated maize varieties received from Indonesia were evaluated in advanced yield trials (AYT) and in National Coordinated Varietal Adaptability Trial (NCVT). One variety (Srikandikuning “MIOPV1” was selected for VAT at farmer fields.
- Four promising finger millet accessions were tested in NCVT and selected for VAT conducted at farmer fields.
- Four promising Mung bean lines (MICP 111, MICP 113, MICP 114 and MICP 539-17) were tested in VAT at farmer fields and selected lines will be subjected for DUS test.
- Seed treatments with *Thiamethoxam 70%WS* and *Imidacloprid 70%WS* were found to be effective in controlling pest damages at early stage of the crop.
- Integrated use of Gliricidia leaves with chemical fertilizer was tested to reduce chemical nitrogen fertilizer requirement of chilli crop. Results revealed that incorporation of six tones of Gliricidia leaves to one hectare of land could cut down 25% of chemical nitrogen fertilizer requirement of the chilli crop. Half of this amount could be applied one week before planting and the rest of the amount 4 weeks after planting.
- A 12 inch axial flow submersible water pump with a capacity of 20 000 l/min and a maximum lifting height of 8 feet powered by 4 wheel tractor has been developed.
- A four wheel tractor coupled injector planter for large plots, a two wheel tractor driven rotary attached highland weeder and a cultivator for boggy lands have been developed.

Horticultural crops:

- New varieties released
 - A locally developed F₁ hybrid Cucumber variety (HORDI Green F₁)
 - A high yielding Manioc variety (HORDI Mu 1) with well developing root tuber, long stalk and attractive skin colour
 - A high yielding and vein mosaic virus tolerant okra hybrid recommended for Wet and Intermediate Zones. (HB 100)
 - Two varieties of sapodilla (*Manilkara zapota*) - HoS 12 and HoS 13
 - Four varieties of weralu (*Elaeocarpus serratus*) -HoW 5, HoW 7, HoW 9 and HoW 13
 - Two varieties of durian ([*Duriozibethinus*](#)) namely Horana Jambo and Horana Gold Another two varieties of durian named as Horana Tikiri and Horana Yellow were conditionally released.

- A package of practices for effective management of potato pests with lower ecological impacts compared to conventional methods has been developed.
- Application of Area Wide Integrated Pest Management (AW-IPM) for the control of melon fly and fruit flies has been identified as highly successful and technology will be disseminated to farmers through island wide demonstrations
- Talc based commercial formulations of native isolate of *Trichoderma* spp. has been found as effective bio control inoculums to control soil fungal pathogens and as plant growth promoters.
- New pest damages diagnosed.
 - Papaya ring spot virus in pumpkin
 - *Lasioidiplodiatheobromae* was identified as causal agent for the quick die back disease of Jak, Citrus and Annona. Carbendazim 500g/l SC and Tebaconazole 250g/l EW at the concentration of 2ml/l and Carbendazim 50% WP at 2g/l concentration were identified as effective fungicides for the control.

Other:

- Development of drought hazard profile of Sri Lanka
- Development of land specific recommendations for enhancing productivity of rice in the Low Country Wet Zone.
- Forecasting paddy extent and yield based on high resolution satellite images

2. Progress of the Basic seed production and quality improvement programme

Quantities of seeds issued during the year 2012 are given below.

Season	2011/12 Maha	2012 Yala
2 .Quantity of seed paddy issued by the DOA (tons)		
Foundation seed	52.13	42.82
Registered seed	1156.43	832.34
Certified seed	904.64	323.94
Commercial seed	112.20	—
Emergency seed	4378.41	—
2.1 Percentage fulfilled by DOA of the national seed paddy requirement (%)		
Foundation seed	115.9%	135.6%

Registered seed	64.2%	65.8%
Certified seed	7.5%	0.6%
Commercial seed		–
Emergency seed		–
3. Quantity of seed issued by the DOA		
Chillies (kg)	75	3614
Red Onion (kg)	–	–
Big Onion (kg)	2	–
Potatoes (kg)	294550	93900
Cowpea (kg)	6696	14875
Greengram (kg)	87935	80053
Maize (kg)	25363	10953
Blackgram (kg)	23306	20185

Progresses of seed certification programme during 2012 are given below.

Programme	Progress	
	No. of varieties	Quantity (mt)
Certification of breeder seed	30	6.24
Rice	22	0.29
Vegetables	22	2.04
Other Field Crops	1	0.0007
Fruit	75	8.58
Total		
Certification programme		
Rice	6446.29	14386.9
Other Field Crops	969.82	356.61
Vegetables	182.78	49.88
Potato	72.57	749.99

3. Progress of the agricultural extension and education programme and extension activities carried out by the Department during 2012

Agricultural Extension

Inter Provincial Areas

- Extents of paddy and other field crops cultivated in inter provincial areas (Parts of the Districts of Ampara, Anuradhapura, Hambantota, Monaragala, Polonnaruwa and Kandy) are indicated in the following table.

Crop	2011/12 Maha	2012 Yala
Paddy	184,206 ha	124,645 ha
Extent cultivated under field crops	7,299 ha	13,136 ha

Although the targeted extents could not be cultivated due to shortage of water in reservoirs, a significant reduction in the production has not been reported.

Agro Enterprise Development & Information Service

- Six new ‘Krushi Seva Piyasa’ were opened in Kuliyaipitiya, Buttala, Ayagama, Halmillawewa, Balangoda and Vavuniya areas.
- A total of 108 Extension Officers from 10 districts were trained as master trainers on Farm Business Schools (FBS) and 885 farm women were trained on post harvest technology especially on rice based products under this project.

Women Agricultural Extension activities

- A post harvest assistant project under the World Food Programme was implemented in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mullative, Kilinochchi and Mannar Districts with the view of supporting farm women groups on post harvest technologies, income generation and family nutrition.

Agricultural Training

- A total of 623 training programmes were conducted for farmers, school students, Officers of the Department of Agriculture and other institutes at 3 In-service Training Institutes, 4 District Agricultural Training Centres and the Farm mechanization Training Centre.

Agricultural Education

- A total of 202 No. of students obtained the Diploma in Agriculture from the Schools of Agriculture and 485 no. of students were being trained.

- One year training for 112 Agricultural Research and Production Assistants was completed during 2012.
- One year Practical Agricultural Certificate course was conducted for 39 Field Assistants of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

Agricultural Information & Communication

- Foundation stone has been laid for the construction of National Agricultural Information Centre at Gannoruwa.
- 98 (Ninety eight) Rupavahini Programs were produced by the Audio Visual Centre and telecast on Rupavahini.
- 5 New Books were published as centenary publications and 30000 copies were printed by Agriculture Publication Unit. In addition thirteen other agricultural technical Books and Booklets (23406 copies), Posters (191,300), Certificates (33,962), Newsletters (33,650), Bulk letters (43,450) were also printed.
- 1440 radio programmes on Agriculture were broadcast by the FBS via SLBC, RajarataSewaya, WayabaHanda, Rangiri FM and KandurataSewaya.
- Under the "Govisahanasarana" hot line advisory services, (Telephone number - 1920) answers were given to farmer problems over the phone (50,000), 60 over the Skype and 400 through e-mails.
- 2 (Two) exhibition sites were designed for Centenary celebration, Gannoruwa and Dayatakirula at OyaMaduwa. The Department of Agriculture exhibition stall / site won the first place for the seventh consecutive year in the competition.
- Mainining, updating and monitoring of 3 web sites,

1. www.agridept.gov.lk-

This is the best government web site from the year 2008. E-world award.

2. www.govia.lk-

Which won e-Swabimani award in the year 2009, Manthan award India 2009 and most prestigious award at the world summit award Cairo 2011 for best e- content and creativity in the world.

3. www.krushilanka.lk -

This web site consist of agriculture information pertain to entire agricultural crop sector in the country.

4. Suggestions for improving the productivity of crops coming within the purview of the Department of Agriculture

- Varietal improvement
- Increasing fertilizer use efficiency
- Mechanization of agricultural activities to reduce cost
- Supply of quality seed and planting materials
- Application of integrated agricultural management methods

Paddy

- Training of field officers with task assigned and practicing a strong monitoring system to improve their performance
- Training of selected farmers
- Promotion of organic matter application

Other field crops

- Use of Quality seeds
- Development of high yielding improved varieties of OFCs which show adaptability to biotic and abiotic stresses under irrigated and rain fed conditions.
- Timely cultivation with irrigation where possible (both Hybrids and OPV)
- Dissemination of improved soil and water conservation methods and soil fertility management strategies to suit for the farmer conditions
- Development and dissemination of efficient agronomic practices to reduce the cost of production while increasing the productivity of the land
- Increased the capacity of the Institute to cater the farmers needs effectively through the infrastructure development
- Development of integrated pest management practices to reduce crop losses due to pests and use of recommended pesticides (fungicides and insecticides) with correct dose at correct time.
- Provide necessary assistance in improving post harvest losses and value addition.
- Proper method to disseminate new technologies to the farmers.

Fruits

- Increasing availability of quality seeds & planting material
- Introduction of new high yielding varieties/ cultivars
- Improvement and dissemination of pre/post harvest and value addition technologies

Vegetables

- Increasing availability of quality seeds & planting material
- Improvement and dissemination of pre/post harvest and value addition technologies
- Increasing extent and introduction of new cultivation management practices
- High yielding new varieties/ hybrids

5. Brief note on the activities carried out by the Department for the development of horticultural sector and progress

- More than 50,000 basic planting materials of all the recommended varieties of root and tuber crops were distributed to different clients.
- Results of the 25th season of continuous application of compost revealed that integrated use of organic manure and chemical fertilizer are the best for producing vegetables.
- Identified an effective pheromone (from InsectScience.co.sz) for monitoring Potato Tuber Moth in the field and store houses that can be used for mass trapping of male moths
- Adapatability testing of several exotic vegetable varieties (Beet;Detroit Dark red 2 ‘cristal’, Red star and AX RB 462F1) Cabbage varieties (CBS 153, Supper Green, and White Cabbage – Balashi and White Cabbage – Bandung) Cauliflower varieties (Rocky, Balvany, White Flash, Milky Way and Candid Charm) to perform well in terms of yield and tolerance to pest & disease in UCWZ conditions.
- Planting materials are being produced from one cultivar of Sour sop (*Annonamuricata*) with fine texture, tasty and juicy flesh having a high Brix value. This cultivar is capable of producing an average yield of 29 fruits/ tree at the 5th year after planting.
- Two hybrids of Papaya which gave promising results at the station was selected to evaluate at different agro ecological zones in Sri Lanka and now the seeds are being produced to prepare seedlings.
- A program was initiated to develop a protocol for embryo rescue of local mango varieties. Sterilization procedure was optimized and programme is in progress.

6. Policy decisions taken during the year for the development of agricultural sector

Structural amendments were made during the year to facilitate development of the food crop sector. District Directors of Agriculture were appointed for each district and Assistant Directors of Agriculture were appointed for each Divisional Secretary area under the existing administrative structure of the District Secretariat.

These structural amendments were done with the view of improving the productivity of funds delivered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture for regional development.

ii) Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka

Under the agricultural development programmes undertaken by the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka during 2012 the Treasury funded main programme has been implemented in Kandy, Matale, Kurunegala, Ratnapura and Kegalle districts while the Ministry funded special development projects were implemented in Vavuniya, Jaffna, Moneragala, Nuwara Eliya, Kilinochchi, Mulaitive, Mannar, Anuradhapura and Polonaruwa districts.

Treasury funded main development programme was implemented in 3750 Ha covering 29 Divisional Secretariats with the participation of 12,000 families.

All agricultural development Programmes are devoted to achieve the country's food security in keeping with the "Mahinda Chintana Forward Vision" through sustainable management of natural resources.

Main development Programme undertaken during the year

- ✓ Soil Conservation and "Water Divider" Management Programme

This being a Treasury funded project was implemented in 22 DS divisions in order to protect the land from soil erosion and soil degradation. Soil conservation Programmes were implemented in the respective Grama Niladhari divisions depending on the selection criteria given by the Hadabima Authority. Accordingly the target was to develop 3750 ha in 2012 with the participation of 12,000 farmer families.

1. Community participated Rural Development Planning

Under this Programme, 66 community Participated "Gami Pivisum" programmes were implemented at Grama Niladhari Divisions level mainly aimed at agricultural development.

2. Social Animation Programmes

This programme was undertaken with the objective of ensuring the availability of rural representations for productive implementation of development projects in 29 DS divisions targeting 12,000 families. Accordingly 255 rural youths were identified as "Social Animators" to co-ordinate projects at rural level.

3. Provision of agricultural instruments

Arrangements were made to distribute 8500 mammoties among all family Units as a primary way of motivating farmer-community towards soil conservation.

4.Field Training Programmes on soil conservation

This programme was implemented to educate the farmer community at field level on soil conservation activities.

5.Providing Incentive for soil Conservation activities

Action was taken to provide farmers with incentives who are constructively and positive involved in soil conservation activities. Accordingly Rs. 7.015 Mn were paid depending on Treasury funds in 2012 and the balance are to be paid from allocations for 2015. Accordingly Soil Conservation Activities undertaken include the construction of 402, 7269 m long 883,355.5 m long , 739054.4 m long and 54505 m long

Soil conservation method	Length	Value as per rates of the Natural Resource Management (Rs.Mn.)	Amount Paid (Rs.Mn.)	Farmer contribution
Stone bunds	402729	59.6	24.6	80%
Live bunds	88336	4.0		
Lock & Spill	739054	53.2		
Soil bunds	54505	3.5		
Main drain	1250	0.8		
Total	1285874	121.1		

6.School based Soil Conservation demonstration programe

School-based Soil Conservation Demonstration Programmes too were implemented in DS divisions where soil conservation Programmes were implemented in 2012 whereby it was possible to educate school children on the importance of Soil Conservations. In addition soil conservation unit each was established in those school.

This programme was implemented in 2012 targeting 29 schools and soil conservation demonstrations were successfully conducted in 12 schools, the financial progress of which was Rs. 0.210 Mn.

Model Farm Development Units

02 model farms have been established in Kotmale and Pallekale to enable for income generation and training of farmers.

Those two farms consists of soil conservation models, animal husbandary with crop cultivation and nursery keeping. There is a chicken nutrition unit in Pallekale Farm, the maintenance cost of which is Rs.5.68 Mn and the annual income of the farm in 2012 was Rs.5.92 Mn. The maintenance cost of the Kotmale farm was Rs.2.39 Mn while the annual income stood at Rs. 1.82 Mn. in 2012.

Home Garden Management and Crop Diversification

Having successfully implemented the Soil conservation activities in 2011, home gardening development commenced in 2012 on those lands. The following activities were implemented with the participation of the farmer community to achieve desired objectives.

1. Implementation of subject related technological training programmes

Activity	Progress 2012			
	Physical Target (Programmes)	Physical Progress	Financial target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)
1. Subject related technological training programmes	50	68 (No of farmers participated 4537)	0.250	0.230
2. Community participated nursery Programme	45	25 (No of farmers participated 4537)	0.270	-
3. Provision of planting materials	3022	3022	3.071	2.247
4. Home based partial poultry farming	3000	3000	0.9	0.898

Special Programmes implemented by the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka

1. War-hero contributed Land and Crop development programme

This project was implemented with the objective of implanting agricultural development programme in 1000 acres covering 30 army camps in Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Mannar, Ampara and Polonnaruwa districts, progress of which during 2012 are as follows;

Sub Activity	Progress 2012			
	Physical Target (Programmes)	Progress	Financial Targets (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)
1. Development of basic agricultural infrastructure facilities	25	25	1.25	0.09
2. Supply of agri machinery & equipments	25	25	2.75	1.13

3. Supply of agricultural machinery/equipment	02	02	0.5	0.41
4. Short term Crop cultivation	300	150	0.4	0.46
5. Mild term and permanent crop cultivations	100	100	2.5	0.15
6. Short-term crop cultivation	10	03	0.25	0.09
7. Organizing technical training programmes	01	-	0.2	
8. Preparing name boards			0.1	
9. Administrative expenditure			0.276	0.19

2. Supplementary Food Crop Development programme

This project was in DS Divisions of Wellawaya and Thanamalwila in Moneragala district in 2012 in an extent of 1000 acres. Number of farmer families are 1000 and action was taken to cultivate ground nuts.

Sub Activity	Progress 2012			
	Physical Target (Programmes)	Progress	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)
1. Organizing of technical training programmes	06	06	0.06	0.05
2. Supply of agricultural equipments	1000	1006	0.75	0.73
3. Provision of seeds and planting material	1000	895	5.96	3.50
4. Obtaining the services of technically trained labourers	02	02	0.32	0.15
5. Transport cost	-	-	0.04	0.03
6. Administrative Expenditure	-	-	0.12	0.10

3. Intergrated Model Village Programme for Agricultural development

An Intergrated Model Village has been established in Kandayaya village, which being a very difficult village in Walapane DS Division.

Sub Activity	Prgress 2012			
	Physical Target (Programmes)	Progress	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)
1. Community participated Rural Approach (Gami Pivisuma)	02	02	0.02	0.02
2. Training of animators	01	01	0.12	0.12
3. Field Training on Soil Conservations	02	02	0.02	0.01
4. Soil Conservation activities outside the farm	500		0.05	

5. Supply of agricultural equipments	350	120	0.26	0.25
6. Payment for soil conservation activities	300	205.25	0.9	0.62
7. Short-term crop cultivation	300	205.25	0.12	0.12
8. Mid-term and permanent crop cultivation	300	205.25	0.35	0.26
9. Organic fertilizer production	350	141	0.17	0.04
10. Bee-keeping	100	100	0.09	0.08
11. Conservative forestation in water sources			0.10	0.003
12. Obtaining the service of technically trained labours	01	01	0.2	0.12
13. Media Activities	-	-	0.02	
14. Administrative Expenditure	-	-	0.07	0.05

iii) Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute

The main challenge faced by agriculture in the present context is to continue it as agro-business. Therefore it is essential to increase farmers income in proportionate to the production cost. In this regard more attention has to be paid to socio-economic problems associated with agriculture which are being addressed to successfully by the Agrarian Research and Training Institute (this was later named (in 1995) as Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute) established by Act of Parliament No.05 dated 1995. New knowledge is generated by those research outcomes towards solving those socio-economic problems.

Table 1: Physical Progress –Research & training

Research Progress	2011 (Rs.Mn)	2012 (Rs.Mn)
Studies-Completed	12	25
Studies- 75% Completed	04	05
Studies-completion of which less than 75%	-	08
Total Number of Studies	16	38

Table 11- Financial Progress Research & Training

Discription	2011(Rs.Mn.)	2012(Rs.Mn.)	2011(Rs.Mn.)	2012(Rs.Mn.)
	Receipts		Expenditure	
Treasury Allocation	24.0	17.0	23.9	13.98
Receipts from other institutes	3.46	10.65	3.14	8.93
Total	27.46	27.65	26.04	21.91

Research findings and recommendations of several studies completed in 2012

25 studies have been completed and research outcome and recommendations of selected 06 studies are as follows;

1.Study on state land administration and providing of services-Hambantota district.

It has been revealed that 30% of lands under occupation were unauthorized lands. The beneficiaries have revealed that the support of state institutions and response of officials are not satisfactory. Accordingly establishment of data base, monthly updating of the same and taking decisions at divisional level have been proposed.

2.Study on Local vegetable seed production programme undertaken through contract farmers and its present position

Majority are small farmers (in an extent between 0.25-0.5 acres).Further strengthening and expansion of the activities of the Dept.of Agriculture,giving a wide publicity to Government's contract seed production programme,increasing of the payment for certified seeds and expansion of seed production have been recommended.

3.Evaluation of Rice Processing Village Programme

It has been revealed that 47% of rice producers subject to the study are those producing rice for marketing.Island wide dissemination of technology through extension services to encourage quality rice consumption.Launching of training programmes on Group approach based on demand, adopting individual approach to promote rice processing as an industry has been proposed as remedial measures.

4.Study on livelihoods and contributor-Patronage based on agriculture in the Northern Province

The research findings revealed that crop productions in the provinces have been increased due to the distribution of high yielding quality seeds free of charge, farmers are satisfied with quality of seeds.However obtaining loans has been hampered due to land ownership problems.

Taking mid-terms and long term livelihood support measures, education people on banking activities and providing employment generation opportunities following the identification of the needs female and adult population have been recommended as remedial measures.

5.Evaluation of Soil Conservation Programme implemented by HADABIMA Authority

It was revealed that the farmers had paid higher attention on soil conservation during the project period only and less attention after completion of the project.Therefore continuation of follow ups by Divisional officers until such time an attitudinal change is brought about in farmers and making it a compulsory requirement to receive other Government's benefits, have been recommended.

6.Study on fruit consumption in the Western Province

According to research outcome house hold expenditure on fruit was at negligible level (3%).However 50% of consumers subject to the study were aware of the benefits of fruit consumption.The reason for less consumption of fruit are their reluctance to use method for ripening fruits.Therefore the policy of the Government should be directed at providing the consumer with fruit to their expectation while educating them on healthy and nutrition value of daily consumption of fruits.

iv. National Food Promotion Board

A number of development programmes were implemented by the National Food Promotion Board during 2012 utilizing allocations of the Ministry of Agriculture (under Provisions for Api Wawamu-Rata Nagamu), farmers Trust Fund and the institutions owned financing.

Projects implemented under Ministry Provisions

1. Local food promotion project

Allocated amount for this project was Rs. 2.29 Mn. And it has been possible to achieve a financial progress of Rs. 1.23 Mn. Under this programme 19 workshops were conducted while the participants were provided with packets of Suwaposha, rice, flour and Compost fertilizer.

2. Implementation of Farm development projects

- Farm development projects, Buttala
- Farm development projects, Thanamalwila
- Farm development projects, Waddakachchi

Allocated provision for above projects amounted to Rs. 13.68 Mn. and the achievement of financial progress was Rs. 8.41 Mn. Cultivation of lime, citronella, mango, chilli and papaw, cultivation of local paddy varieties, rehabilitation of cultivation equipments, construction of safety fence from elephants and deepening of cultivation wells etc were the activities carried out.

Projects being implemented under provisions obtained from Farmers' Trust Fund

1. Fruit production collecting centre

In this exercise allocated provisions amounted to Rs. 5.0 Mn while the achievement of financial progress was Rs. 0.59 Mn. 9223.5 kg have been purchased.

2. Establishment of rice flour noodles factory

The allocated provision was Rs. 8.78 and the required lands were allocated on the approval of District land use committee.

3. Rice flour-based Noodles promotion Project-Purchase of equipment

The allocated amount was Rs. 2.5. The procurement process has already been commenced.

Projects Implemented under Institutions own financing

Project	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Income (Rs.Mn.)	Profit (Rs.Mn.)
Nursary-Narahenpita	6.45	7.9	1.45
Agro-production sale Centre,Narahenpita	20.331	19.559	-0.772
Agro-production sale centre,Dehiwala	58.719	63.619	4.9
Cool drink producing factory,Wilamulla	0.595	0.11	-0.485
Rice flour promotion project	15.38	14.65	-0.73
Suwaposha project	0.78	0.56	-0.22
Suwadel Slow Food Cafe	7.741	6.125	-1.616
Total	109.996	112.523	2.527

v) .Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy

Overall Activities Completed by SLCARP in 2012

Expenditure status	Rs.Mn.
Ttal Capital Allocation	30.0
Actual Received from TOD as 31st Dec 2012	19.955
Actual expenditure as at 31st Dec 2012	18.756
Financial progress of the year	95.94%

SLCARP activities were planned in 2012 based on the mandated functions of the SLCARP Act, No. 47 of 1987 and national priorities of

agricultural research. Several important activities were completed as of December 2012 and main activities were listed as follows.

1. National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP 2012)

National Agricultural Research Plan (NARP 2012) was prepared in accordance with the priority areas identified in the Mahinda Chinthana-the vision for the future and research priorities identified by the National committees. The SLCARP has identified 133 national important agricultural research projects from the National Agricultural Research Institutes. Progress of those were monitored by national committees and reported to the Ministry and to the Treasury.

2. Agricultural research supporting programme

Sri Lanka Council for Agricultural Research Policy (SLCARP) has been actively engaged in supporting agricultural research in the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and as per its mandated function of making arrangements for funds for special scientific services to the agricultural research system, the SLCARP has initiated arranging an Agriculture Research Support Fund (ARSF). Under that programme SLCARP offered scientific equipment to some NARS Institutes.

3. Seminars/Conferences/Stakeholder Discussions

SLCARP celebrated 25 years of service to the agriculture sector of Sri Lanka; on 11th December 2012. SLCARP has been constantly involved in ensuring that the agricultural research, development and innovations are directed towards national development.

5th National Symposium on Floriculture Research and development was held jointly by the National Committee on Floriculture Research and Development of Sri Lanka Council for Agriculture Research Policy and Department of National Botanic Gardens, on 17th December 2012 at the Auditorium, Royal Botanical Gardens, Peradeniya.

4. Other Activities Completed

SLCARP participated in the Deyata Kirula National Development Exhibition which was held from 04 to 12 February 2012 at Oyamaduwa, Anuradhapura.

vi. Institute of Post Harvest Technology.

Project : Minimization of post harvest losses of vegetables and fruits through home packing technology

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
1.9	1.420	74.73%	Introduction of 03 home pack models in the field as a pilot project and training of 225 beneficiaries.	Introduction of 03 home pack models to 03 beneficiaries in Blackfoot, Nuwaraeliya, Kiribathkumbura, Kandy & Ataweeragollawa in Madawachchiya. 269 individuals in those areas have been trained. Model packing house have been established in the institution.

Project : Establishment of PHT model villages

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
3.0	2.061	68.7%	Establishment of 06 PHT model villages ; Provision of necessary inputs and training of 120 beneficiaries.	141 beneficiaries have been trained 06 PHT model villages have been established in Saliya Ashokapura – Kurunagala , Bisobandarapura , Polonnariwa, Nuwaraeliya, Ganegoda – Ampara, Welipitimodara – galle, Ullala – Matara.

Project: Improvement of facilities in respect of small & medium scale rice flour processing mills.

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
0.25	0.105	112.21%	Training of 150 beneficiaries in 08 district and rice flour processing and improvement of 25 rice flour mills.	Number of personal trained – 288, Number of moderlized rice flour mills – 30.

Project : Introduction and promotion of Improved mobile trade stalls for vegetable and fruits sale .

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
0.75	0.731	97.57%	Distribution of 10 mobile sale stalls among beneficiaries and training of 120 beneficiaries same	Completed construction of 10 sale stalls and 10 beneficiaries have been identified for distribution of them. They are from Matara, Kurunagala, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, and Vauniya districts 150 individuals trained.

Project: Distribution of rice Flour ice cream producing machine at district level

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
1.00	1.122	112.21%	Distribution of 05 rice flour ice cream producing machine amoung 05 beneficiaries	It has been planned to distribute 05 rice flour ice cream machines amounting 04 beneficiaries from Matara, Hambantota, and Colombo Districts.

Project: Rice mills moderlization Project

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
0.09	0.076	84%	Moderlization of 20 rice mills and training of 180 beneficiaries.	190 benefiicaries have been trained and 18 rice mills moderlized.

Project: Provision of Opportunity for small entrepreneurs to commence rice based production in rural areas.

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
0.25	0.215	86%	400 beneficiaries trained.	869 beneficiaries trained.

Project: Establishnemt of rural level Cereal / Species processing mills

Allocated amount (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Percentage	Physical Target	Physical Progress
0.05	0.046	92%	Training of 100 beneficiaries an reveal, species processing at rural level.	130 identified beneficiaries from Matara & Kurunagala district have been identified & trained.

vii.National Fertilizer Secretariat

Policy, Institutional Co-ordinating and Licence Division

- Final Draft of the amendments made to the Regulation of Fertilizer Act No.68 of 1988 sent by the legal Draffsman has been submitted to the Secretary, Ministry of Agrarian Services and Wildlife for his concurrence and approval.
- Issue of new licences for fertilizer entrepreneurship renewal of old licences are continued with necessary follow ups.Accordingly, 08 new licences under import have been issued while 53 renewals of made.Issue of 04 licences and renewal of 53 have been made with renewal of 18 under formulation of fertilizer.
- 02 new licences have been issued for Manufacturing, and under distribution and Marketing 135 new licences and 19 renewals were issued.
- Rs.305,000.00 and Rs.1,420,000.00 were credited to the state.Accordingly by issuing new licences and renewal the amount were credited to the State Account valued is at Rs.305,000.00 and 1,420,000.00 respectively.
- Fertilizer Advisory Committee meetings have been held once in 03 month in March, June, September and December as schedule.

Technological and Economic Evaluation Unit

The quantity fertilizer distributed following quality analysis, out of the imported stock in 2012 is as follows;

Kind of Fertilizer	Total
Urea	396,888.80
Muriate of Potash (MOP)	144,676.74
Triple Super Phosphate (TSP)	109,708.41
Single Super Phosphate	-
Amonium Sulphate	74,334.05
KJeesarite	10,517.87
Zinc Sulphate	1,438.00
Di Amonium Phosphate	4,576.08
Calcium Amonium Nitrate	100.00
Epsam Salt	784.27
Potacium Sulphate	332.99
Calcium Nitrate	337.00
Seaweed (liter)	4,520.60
Seaweed	10.01
Fetigation Fertilizer (liter)	241,221.80
Mixed Fertilizer	4,879.25

- Fertilizer was distributed following the assessment of requirement based on fertilizer recommendation and the extent of paddy cultivation in “Yala” season 2012. The distribution for “Maha” season of 2012/2013 is now in progress following the assessment of requirement in the same manner.

“Yala” Season 2012

Reason	Major Irrigation	Minor Irrigation	Rainfed	Total
Cultivation Targets (Ha)	302,175	151,965	82,820	536,960

Reason	Major Irrigation	Minor Irrigation	Rainfed	Total
Fertilizer requirement	130,154.75	44,438.70	40,680.98	215,274.43
Fertilizer distribution	90,868.10	29,761.57	26,050.24	146,679.91

“Maha” Season 2012/ 2013

Reason	Major Irrigation	Minor Irrigation	Rainfed	Total
Cultivation Targets (Ha)	336,570.00	207,041.00	209,821.00	753,432.00

Reason	Major Irrigation	Minor Irrigation	Rainfed	Total
Fertilizer requirement	166,556.23	57,313.73	50,242.33	274,112.29
Fertilizer distribution (31.12.2013)	143,476.35	46,980.35	40,011.89	230,468.59

Subsidy fertilizers are supplied for paddy cultivation in state farms and paddy lands owned by state institutions.

“Yala” Season 2012

Cultivation targets (Ha)	Urea (MT)	T.S.P. (MT)	M.O.P. (MT)	Total (MT)
1,161.10	229.25	75.70	65.87	370.82

“Maha” Season 2012/2013

Cultivation targets (Ha)	Urea (MT)	T.S.P. (MT)	M.O.P. (MT)	Total (MT)
3,317.95	808.35	278.05	219.00	1,305.40

- Payment details under Fertilizer subsidy scheme

Reason	Payment made (Rs) as at 2012.12.31
Fertilizer subsidy for paddy	20,165,989,623.95
Fertilizer subsidy for tea	2,181,078,079.31
Fertilizer subsidy for coconut	625,864,984.60
For other agricultural & plantation crops	13,483,506,509.44
Total	36,456,439,197.30

viii.Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited (CFC)

The Ceylon Fertilizer Corporation which was established in 1964 has been restructured in 1992 as Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited.

CFC functions as the prime state Institution accepted the challenge of making the fertilizer subsidy scheme of the Farmer Community a reality as referred to in the Mahinda chintana Policy. The Progress it has so far achieved are as follows;

1. Corporate plan 2011-2015 and the Action Plan 2011-2013 of the Company have been prepared and implemented.
2. Audited accounting reports and Final Annual Report for year ending 31.03.2012 have already been submitted to Parliament and relevant institutions.
3. Approved budget for 2013/2014 is now in operation.
4. Annual Procurement Plan has been prepared and put into operation.
5. Annual Audit Plan has been prepared and implemented.
6. Approval of the Dept.of Management Services has been obtained for cadre of the Company and the Company and the Scheme of Recruitment. All recruitments and promotions are subject to the Board approval.
7. The CFC which had a net liability of Rs.330 Mn. has achieved a growth indicating net assets of Rs.543 Mn. By 2011/2012.
8. The Company has recorded a profit of Rs. 95.4 Mn. before tax-payment during 2011/2012 recording the highest before-tax profit in the history of the Company over the previous record of Rs.73.9 Mn. in 2010/2011.
9. Income-Tax payment to the Government was Rs. 35 Mn. in 2009/2010, Rs. 43.6 Mn in 2010/2011 and Rs.50.2 Mn. in 2011/2012 recording an increase continuously.
10. Payment of dividends has also been increased which was Rs.03 Mn in 2009, Rs.03 Mn. in 2010 and Rs. 09 Mn. in 2011.
11. The capacity of store-network consisting of 54 stores island wide including the main store complex in Hunupitiya and Polonnaruwa is 150,000 MT from which the fertilizer subsidy are distributed among farmers through 376 ASCs.
12. 306,691 MT of fertilizer have been distributed in 2011/2012 under paddy fertilizer subsidy.
13. In addition to the sale of paddy fertilizer subsidy, the CFC has been able to meet the requirement of both state and private sector under subsidy fertilizer distribution of the Government to all other crops introduced since 06.05.2011 acquiring a bulk market. The sale has been increased by 326 % in comparison with the sale in the previous year. Action has also been taken to establish a consisting of 750 centres islandwide for this purpose.

14. 500 gm fertilizer packets named ‘Mini Pack’ have been introduced aimed at urban home gardeners in parallel to the Divineguma National programme. Those “Mini Pack” may be purchased at Super Markets, State Trading Corporation showroom and affiliated outlets as well as “Lak pohora” marketing networks.
15. The CFC has been able to obtain ISO-9001:2008 during this period for its services and administrative affairs which being a significant achievement for the institution as a GOBU.
16. Arrangements to convert the company’s laboratory into international level laboratory are now in progress for which ISO/IEC/17025:2005 has already been obtained. CFC is one of the three institutions accepted by the Sri Lanka Standardized Institutions for conducting laboratory testing on fertilizer (SLSI, ITI, CFC)
17. 5S based productivity programmes have been implemented covering all divisions with the objective of increasing the efficiency of CFC employees. At the productivity Award 2011 CFC won a credit for large scale production.
18. 04 long-unused buildings located within the Polonnaruwa store Complex have been renovated at the minimum cost with labour contribution of employees and converted same into Holiday Resorts. These fully pledged 04 Holiday Resorts could be booked by CFC employees at concessionary rate and at by commercial rate by outsiders which being an additional income earner for the institution.
19. Lakpohora farm established within the premises of Hunupitiya office has been developed to be a fully pledged model farm using only the organic fertilizer for green productivity.
20. Suitable methods have been developed and implemented to minimize energy consumption in agriculture whereby conserving energy.
21. The CFC is adopting various measures for marketing development and the annual Lakpohora cycle race is being organized by its annually as a social welfare work in parallel to the National Farmer week and it is instrumental in publishing Year 5 Scholarship guiding book with model question paper for the benefit of students appearing for Year 5 scholarship Examination.
22. All condemned goods owned by the institution have been disposed of adhering to due procedure.

x.Colombo Commercial Fertilizer Company Ltd

Functions;

- Import of Fertilizer not less than 35% of the requirement for paddy cultivation in the island and distribution of the same through ASC network among farmers on time without any shortage under fertilizer subsidy scheme.
- Distribution of all the other mixed and unmixed fertilizer required for other crop under the fertilizer subsidy scheme through ASC and marketing network island wide.

Taking immediate action on problem faced by farmers in the use of necessary introductions

Development Programmes implemented in 2012

1. Construction of a fertilizer warehouse to coincide the “Deyata Kirula” National Development Exhibition 2012

A fertilizer warehouse having on open space of 7200 sq.fr. with a storage capacity of 2500 MT was constructed at a Rs.Mn 13.5 at the Ceppukulama of Mihintalaya in Anuradhapura district to coincide the “Dayata Kirula” National Development Exhibition in 2012 and it was opened on 09th April 2012

2. Construction of Administration Building

The need of an administrative building for smooth conducting of administration function of the Institution was strongly felt following the take over of the enterprise by the Government in 1991 following the privatization in 1994. Accordingly construction of two storied administration complex with 10,000 Sq.Ft in size commenced in 2012 and is due to be completed by April 2012. The cost of the undertaking is expected to be met by its own fund generation.

3. Construction of the fertilizer warehouses

The main challenge faced by the Institution in the provision of 35% of the requirement of fertilizer through Agrarian Services Centers is the insufficiency of store facilities. Therefore, it has been planned to construct a new fertilizer warehouse with space area of 22,000 Sq.Ft and a store capacity of 8000 MT in Hunupitiya at an estimated cost of, Rs.Mn 61 adjacent to the main store – complex, Hunupitiya. At present arrangements are being made to select a suitable construction Agency. Funding of the project is to be met by its own fund generations.

2.Distribution of fertilizer subsidy 2012 progress upto 31.12.2012

District	Type of fertilizer (MT)			Total (MT)	Sale Income (Rs.)
	Urea	T.S.P.	M.O.P.		
Colombo	222.45	99.05	180.40	501.90	3,151,932.00
Gampaha	1036.05	477.40	470.80	1984.25	12,461,090.00
Kalutara	933.00	484.35	795.05	2212.40	13,893,872.00
Kandy	365.15	171.80	140.45	677.40	4,254,072.00
Matale	1922.85	612.85	508.90	3044.60	19,120,088.00
Nuwara Eliya	243.15	117.60	119.65	480.40	3,016,912.00
Galle	700.30	327.05	589.80	1617.15	10,155,702.00
Matara	1344.35	568.60	857.55	2770.50	17,398,740.00
Hambantota	5619.40	1885.20	1583.15	9087.75	57,071,070.00
Kurunegala	8522.00	2678.70	2337.65	13538.35	85,020,838.00
Puttalam	2247.50	708.90	612.65	3569.05	22,413,634.00
Ratnapura	1460.20	487.80	489.45	2437.45	15,307,186.00
District	Type of fertilizer (MT)			Total (MT)	Sale Income (Rs.)
	Urea	T.S.P.	M.O.P.		
Kegalle	189.95	84.55	88.55	363.05	2,279,954.00
Badulla	2967.20	1128.60	913.80	5009.60	31,460,288.00
Moneragala	4161.90	1327.75	1122.05	6611.70	41,521,476.00
Anuradhapura	14121.20	4649.35	3838.45	22609.00	141,984,520.00
Polonnaruwa	6395.30	2111.80	1782.20	10289.30	64,616,804.00
Batticaloa	3097.70	1080.45	834.25	5012.40	31,477,872.00
Ampara	14062.70	4644.00	3698.90	22405.60	140,707,168.00
Trincomalee	4808.40	1566.05	1199.60	7574.05	47,565,034.00
Vavuniya	1750.00	562.50	418.75	2731.25	17,152,250.00
Mulative	1285.20	412.35	364.70	2062.25	12,950,930.00
Mannar	2493.05	773.65	693.00	3959.70	24,866,916.00
Killinochchi	1883.75	512.00	461.50	2857.25	17,943,530.00
Total	81832.75	27472.35	24101.25	133406.35	837,791,878.00

07.Financial Reports

7.1. Financial Progress of the Ministry(Up to 2012.12.31)

Head - 118 – Programme 01 Operating Programme – Ministry office

Discription	Estimate 2012 (Rs.Mn)	Revised Estimate (Rs.Mn)	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)	Percentage (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	30.15	32.264	31.458	98
Personal Emoluments	10.5	11.075	10.669	96
Travelling	2.5	5.324	5.284	99
Supplies	6.25	6.75	6.577	97
Maintenance cost	5.5	5.9	5.89	100
Service	5.4	3.215	3.036	94
Capital Expenditure	7.9	7.8	7.050	90
Rehabilitation and improvement to Capital assets	7.2	6.739	6.237	93
Acquisition of capital assets	0.7	1.061	0.812	77
Total project cost	38.050	40.064	38.508	96

Head - 118 - Programme 01 operating programme

Project 02 Institutional Administrative Services

Discription	Estimate 2012 (Rs.Mn)	Revised Estimate (Rs.Mn)	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)	Percentage (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	88.390	87.193	85.225	98
Personal Emoluments	49.0	47.8	46.067	96
Travelling	1.35	1.425	1.418	100
Supplies	6.64	7.54	7.45	99
Maintenance cost	8.0	8.57	8.556	100
Service	22.2	20.144	20.066	100
Transfers	1.2	1.714	1.666	97
Losses and deletions		0.514	0.514	100
Capital Expenditure	12.8	12.35	11.711	92
Rehabilitation and improvement on capital assests	7.85	6.698	6.683	100
Acquisition of capital Assests	3.95	5.050	4.241	84
Skill development	1.0	1.0	0.787	79
Total project cost	101.19	99.941	96.937	97

Head - 118 - Programme02 Development Programmes

Project 03- Agriculture Development Programme

Discription	Estimate 2012 (Rs.Mn)	Revised Estimate (Rs.Mn)	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)	Perce tage (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	77.29	75.073	73.087	97
Personal Emoluments	24.95	25.535	24.010	94
Travelling	2.35	3.674	3.595	98
Supplies	3.53	3.374	3.225	96
Maintenance cost	2.26	2.26	2.25	100
Services	14.2	11.33	11.313	100
Transfers	30.0	28.9	28.691	99
Capital Expenditure	2058.947	1881.841	1536.591	82
Rehabilitation and improvement on capital assets	0.95	2.15	2.101	98
Acquisition od capital Assets	1.05	1.05	1.048	100
Skill development	0.1	0.1	0.04375	44
Other Capital Expenditure	2056.847	1878.5	1533.39	82
Crop forecasting programme	4.0	0.3	2.126	71
Soil Conservation Programme	20	12.414	9.427	76
Micro water supply Development Programme	20	7.586	6.16	81
Api Wawamu-Rata nagamu Special programme	460	403.18	313.11	68
Organic manure promotion programme	125	100	92.74	93
Japan-Sri Lanka Counterpart fund (2KR) State seed farm Development (Murunkan & Paranthan)	84.847	72.752	52.599	72.29
Dry Zone Livelihood support & partnership programme (IFAD)	613	573	530.391	92.56
Japanese Grant for food production (2 KR)	585	493.70	430.466	87.19
NARP Programme	20	10	5.056	50.56
Big Onion Production Programme	25	25	7.472	30
“Dayata Kirula” National Development Programme	60	60	38.315	64
Assisting to establish food security of IDPs in Mannar district	40	60.14	44.594	76
Rice Export Zone Programme		0.94	0.94	100
Total Project Cost	2136.237	1956.915	1609.679	82

Programme - 02 Development programme
Project 5 Agriculture / Agrarian Development
Institutions/Companies

Discription	Estimate 2012 (Rs.Mn)	Revised Estimate (Rs.Mn)	Total Cost (Rs.Mn)	Percentage (%)
Recurrent Expenditure	235	230.3	218.307	95
Money transfers & subsidy				
Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian research & Training Institute	115	112.7	108.487	96
Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka	36	35.28	34.352	97
Institute of post Harvest Technology	50	49	46.601	95
Council for Agricultural Research policy	22	21.56	18.462	86
National food promotion Board	12	11.76	10.403	88
Capital Expenditure	120	109.2	55.212	51
Transfer to Government Institutions				
Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian research & Training Institute	10	9.1	5.261	58
Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka	70	63.7	29.996	47
Council for Agricultural Research policy	30	27.3	19.955	73
National food promotion Board	10	9.1	-	0
Total Project Cost	355	339.5	273.520	81

7.2 Internal Auditing of the Ministry

The internal Audit Unit of the Ministry was firmly established on 01 June 2011

- Holding of Audit and Management Committee meetings; Target 04-Progress 04

Progress of Audit queries and special investigations - 2012

Institution	Target (Examinations/Investigations)	Number of audit queries /investigation reports during 2012
1. Ministry of Agriculture	1.Vehicle Repairs 2. Inventaries and fixed Assets 3.Servicing of refrigerators and photo-copy machine 4.Running charts of the vehicle pool 5. Fuel consumption of the vehicle pool 6.Primary investigation based on reports submitted on vehicle repairs 7.Bank recanciliation checking 8.Construction of agricultural well by the FTF. 9.Examining Electricity bills	11
2. National Food Promotion Board	1.Examining activities of sales outlets 2.Purchasing of equipment for Suwadal Slow Food stall 3.Suwaposha Food Project 4.Examining the position of office quarters at No.55/2,Kirimandala Mawatha,Narahenpita.	05
3. Council for Agricultural Research Policy	1.Internal Audit Examination	01
4. Dry zone livelihood Support and Partnership Programme	1. Internal Auditing (Kurunegala,Moneragala,Anuradhapura) 2. Special Board of Survey (Badulla,Moneragala,Anuradhapura, Kurunegala90)	02
5. Department of Agriculture	1.Special Investigation (as per letter sent by Predidential Secretariat)on the administration of the principal ,Agricultural College,Anuradhapura. 2.Special Investigation on Agriculture Research Centre,Girandurukotte.	08

	3.Special probe into paddy Research Centre,Ambalantota. 4.Special investigation into delays in obtaining Import licences 5.Special Investigation into the activities of Plant Gene Resources Centre. 6.Special Probe into the utilization of laboratory equipments in Bombuwela and Horana Research Centres made available under Organic Fertilizer project. 7.Special Investigation on seed potato Farm,Seetaeliya 8.Special Investigation on Horticultural farms,Bandaragama.	
6. Institute of Post Harvest Technology	1.Internal auditing in Annuradhapura Office 2.Examining Nuwara Eliya Office	02
7. Hadabima Authority	1.Internal Audit Examination	01
8. Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Development Institute	1.Special Audit Examination	01