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1.1 Introduction

Ministry of Disaster Management

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

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

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

Subsequently, the National Disaster Relief Services Centre was brought under this Ministry. Upon the Cabinet reshuffle made by His Excellency the President after he was sworn in for his second term in office on 19th November, 2010 Hon.Mahinda Amaraweera and Hon. Dulip Wijesekara assumed duties as the Minister and Deputy Minister of Disaster Management respectively on 22nd November, 2010. Mrs. S. M. Mohammed was re-appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry and she assumed duties on 23rd November, 2010.

1.2 Vision

“Towards a safer Sri Lanka”

1.3 Mission

To facilitate harmony, prosperity and dignity of human life through effective prevention and mitigation of natural and man made disasters which occur in Sri Lanka ”.

1.4 Objectives

In the implementation of the functions assigned to the Ministry, they are divided into three main fields.

- ❖ Protection of human lives, property and services from natural and human activities (Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness Research and Development)
- ❖ Ensuring the safety of the Community towards a resilient society (Early warning, Emergency Operations, Rescue and Relief services)
- ❖ Provision of facilities for Implementation of Post Disaster Programmes . (Restoration, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction)

1.5 Functions

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

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

1.6 Operational Structure

The following institutions operate under the purview of the Ministry for the implementation of the functions and state policies assigned to the Ministry in order to achieve the aforesaid objectives.

- National Disaster Relief Services Centre
- Department of Meteorology
- National Building Research Organization
- Disaster Management Centre

Even though the National Disaster Relief Services Centre functions as a section of the Ministry itself, the Department of Meteorology, the National Building Research Organization and the Disaster Management Centre operate as separate institutions under the supervision of the Ministry.

The following activities were carried out by the National Disaster Relief Services Centre under the direct supervision, guidance and facilities of the Ministry through out the year 2013.

- ✓ Providing necessary relief to the victims
- ✓ Identification, planning and implementation of projects for the people affected by disasters. (Such as construction of rain water harvesting tank)
- ✓ Implementation of rehabilitation programmes for the restoration of the livelihood and the economy of the people affected by natural and man made disasters.
- ✓ Implementation of water supply and relief programmes in order to mitigate the hazards caused by droughts.
- ✓ Collection and dissemination of information related to disaster situations.
- ✓ Conducting awareness programmes for public officers and the general public regarding relief mechanisms and on how to face disaster situations.
- ✓ Co-ordination of relief operations in emergency situations.
- ✓ Providing logistical services

1.7 General Information :

The number of persons who are affected by the impacts of weather and climatic changes in Sri Lanka is increasing. Floods, landslides, droughts and strong winds are prominent among the frequent disasters which occur in Sri Lanka.

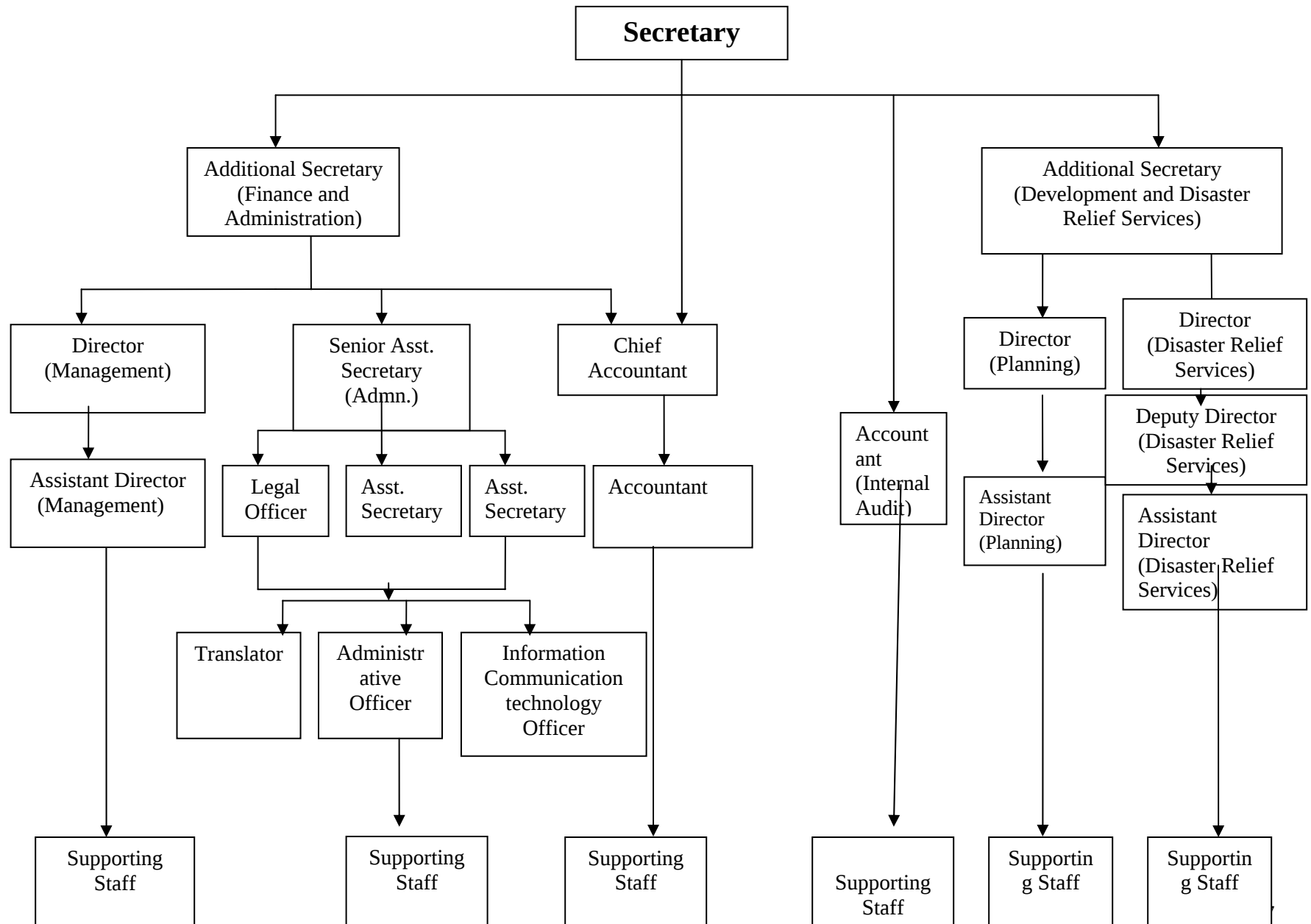
The Officers in the field of disaster management and the general public should be award and trained in order to successfully face such disasters which occur frequently and mitigate the impacts caused by them. This fact has been emphasized even in the Mahinda Chinthana Policy document.

The Ministry is making arrangements to establish a fully equipped training centre for disaster management in order to achieve those objectives and a project concept report has already been submitted to the Department of National Planning to obtain the approval.

1.8 Offices which are housed in the Ministry Building

- Office of the Hon. Minister
- Office of the Hon. Deputy Minister
- Office of the Secretary
- Secretariat of the National Council for Disaster Management
- National Disaster Relief Services Centre

1.9 Ministry of Disaster Management Organizational Structure



1.10 National Council for Disaster Management

The National Council for Disaster Management was established under Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005. His Excellency the President is the Chairman of this Council and Hon. Prime Minister is the Vice – Chairman of the Council. At the same time this Council is also comprised of the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, the Ministers who are in charge of the subjects mentioned in the Act and the Chief Ministers of Provinces. Formulation of national policies, programmes and plans related to disaster management and exercising the powers vested on it in that regard, supervision and making decisions in any disaster situation which occur in the country are the main functions of this Council.

One meeting has been conducted in the year under the Chairmanship of His Excellency the President. Approval has been granted for the following proposals in the meeting mentioned above.

01. Granting approval to the Sri Lanka National Disaster Management Plan formulated for the years 2013 - 2017.
02. Granting approval to the Annual Report and Accounts of the Disaster Management Centre for the year 2011.
03. Granting approval to the Disaster Management Action plan for the year 2013.
04. Granting approval to the corporate plan of the Disaster Management Centre for the years 2013 – 2017.
05. Arriving at a decision to formulate rules and regulations in consultation with the relevant stakeholders to make it mandatory to wear safety jackets in the transportation of passengers in reservoirs.
06. Granting approval to conduct researches in regard to the land subsidence in Matale district out of the funds allocated researches for the year.
07. Granting approval to formulate a programme in collaboration with the Ministry of Education in order to obtain the contribution of school children to work as volunteers in a disaster situation.
08. Granting approval to the programme formulated in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development and the Institutions affiliated to the Ministry of Disaster Management to act in a disaster situation.

02. Administrative Affairs

✓ Recruitment procedure

The Recruitment Procedure prepared in the year 2013 for the post of Technical Officer was submitted to the Secretary of the Public Service Commission for obtaining approval and approval has been granted for it.

✓ **Approved Cadre**

Serial No,	Position	Approved No. cadre	Existing Cadre	No. of vacancies	Other matters
1	Secretary	1	1	0	
2	Addl. Secretary (Development and Relief Services)	1	1	0	
3	Addl. Secretary (Finance and Administration)	1	0	1	
4	Senior Assistant Secretary	1	1	0	
5	Chief Accountant	1	1	0	
6	Director (Disaster Relief Services)	1	1	0	
7	Director (Management)	1	0	1	
8	Director (Planning)	1	1	0	
9	Director (National Council for Disaster Management)	1	0	1	
10	Assistant Secretary	2	2	0	
11	Accountant	1	1	0	
12	Accountant (Internal Audit)	1	0	1	
13	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Management)	1	1	0	
14	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Planning)	1	1	0	
15	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Disaster Relief Services)	3	1	2	
16	Legal Officer	1	1	0	
17	Administrative Officer	1	1	0	
18	Co-ordinating Secretary to the Secretary	1	1	0	
19	Translator	2	1	1	
20	Development Officer	1	1	0	
21	Development Assistant	8	8	0	
22	Development Officer (Grade III)	30	24**	0	6***
23	Public Management Assistant	20	12	8	
24	Data Entry Operator	1*	0	1	
25	Technical Officer	1	0	1	
26	Still Photographer	1	0	1	
27	Cameraman (Temporary)	1	0	1	
28	Assistant Cameraman	1	1	0	
29	Driver	15	12	3	
30	Office Assistant	15	14	1	
	Total	117	88	26	

* The Data Entry Operator who was attached to this Ministry, discharges his duties as the Co-ordinating Secretary to the Secretary at present.

** Permanent appointments for Development Officers

*** Trainees

The approved cadre was 77 at the time when this Ministry was commenced and it has been able to gradually increase it up to 117 by 2013. The approved cadre has increased due to the expansion of the activities of the Ministry and the creation of new sections in the Ministry as Management Section and Planning and Development Section. Accordingly it has been able to present the annual performance report, corporate plan, procurement plan, action plan, interim investment plan which should be prepared by the Ministry.

✓ **Transfers / Retirement**

17 employees of the Ministry have received transfers to other places of work while 13 employees have received transfers to the Ministry from other places of work during the period from January to December in the year 2013. The number of officers who retired from service during the year 2013 is one. The aforesaid retirement was on medical grounds upon the approval of the Director General of Health Services.

✓ **Conducting Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meetings**

Seven Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meetings have been held in the year 2013. 17 proposals have been submitted in the aforesaid meetings and answers have been sent to all the questions submitted. Further action has been taken and relevant activities have been commenced in regard to the following special problems identified through the facts discussed in Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meetings during the period from the year 2011 up to 2013.

01. The power which was vested on the Ministry of Economic Development to provide relief for the houses damaged by disasters was assigned to the Ministry of Disaster Management and the instructions and the mandate required in this regard were provided as per budgetary circular No. 152(1). Financial allocations of 425 million rupees could be obtained from the Treasury in 2013 to provide relief for those who lost their houses due to the disasters which occurred in the year 2012. Action has been taken to provide assistance for 2142 totally damaged houses and 9956 partially damaged houses having expenditure an amount of 344 million rupees as allocations within a short period of time such as 05 months.
02. Amending the National Building Research Organization Act to provide legal authority to stop constructions carried out in risk areas.
03. Making arrangements for the formulation of the Lightning Protection Act under the activity of mitigation of lightning accidents which frequently occur in certain areas of the Island.
04. Allocation of funds from the 2014 budget to implement the Landslide Mitigation Project in Passanwatta area in Biyagama.
05. According to the proposal of appointing one graduate at Divisional Secretariat division level to facilitate the co-ordination of disaster management, 310 graduates have been attached to Divisional Secretariats by now while 23 graduates have been attached to District Secretariats.

✓ **Amendment of the Disaster Management Act**

This Act was formulated in the year 2005 and the bill which has been drafted having included the necessary amendments to minimize the practical problems encountered in the implementation of the Act has to be submitted to the Legal Draftsman's Department for their observations and the observation of the Ministry in regard to the first bill with the amendments drafted by the legal draftsman's department has been submitted to the legal draftsman's department again. Natural and man made disasters could be covered expeditiously once the Act is amended.

✓ **National Disaster Management Policy**

The Ministry finalized the formulation of the National Disaster Management policy in order that disaster management could be carried out in a more productive and efficient manner. It was submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for obtaining its approval and the cabinet of Ministers has given its approval subject to the condition that the observations made by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Housing and Common Amenities are included into it.

✓ **National Building Research Organization Act**

The bill for granting legal status to the National Building Research Organization, which was commenced in the year 2011, has been submitted to the legal draftsman's department by now and the first draft of it has been completed by the aforesaid department. The Legal Draftsman's Department has made some changes again subsequent to the receipt of the approval of the Attorney-General. Recommendations of the Ministry also have been forwarded for it. Due to the provision of legal status to the National Building Research Organization, which is already a profit making institution, it will be able to carry out its researched related to the mitigation of landslide risks, field surveys and other activities in a successful and efficient manner and also to provide the technical service of that institution in an optimum manner. Further more it will also enhance the income generating capacity and purchasing power of the institution.

✓ **Sri Lanka Lightening Protection Act**

A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the formulation of an Act in order to establish a National Centre for Lightening Protection and also to impose laws required in regard to lightening protection as per the cabinet decision No. CM/12/0598/548/002 dated 17th May 2013 due to the fact that lightening accidents were frequent during the recent past. The Committee has finalized the drafting of the bill and stakeholders views are to be entertained for that task. This centre has already been established under the Department of Meteorology and it provides instructions and information in order to enhance the capacity for the mitigation of damages caused to the lives and property by lightening in Sri Lanka. It will contribute to build up a secure community, a secure culture and a secure country.

✓ **Legal Affairs**

The number of cases filed against the Ministry in the year 2013 is three and the aforesaid cases were heard 8 times. One of the aforesaid cases have been settled amicably and the other two are being heard further. The number of cases filed against the Ministry in the year 2013 has gone down up to 3 when compared with the 06 cases that prevailed in the year 2012.

Interim Management Committee Meetings

✓ **National Building Research Organization**

This Committee was set up upon the approval granted as per the Cabinet Memorandum No. 07/0435/343/002 dated 13.03.2007. This Interim Management Committee which has been established to exercise the administrative, financial and management powers of the National Building research Organization and also to take other important decisions meets once a month under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management. This Committee is comprised of 08 members and 12 meetings have been conducted in the year 2013. It has been able to make the services rendered by the National Building Research Organization more efficient due to the decisions taken in the aforesaid meetings.

✓ **Disaster Management Centre**

This Interim Management Committee has been established on order to regulate the governance, management and financial control of the Disaster Management Centre. This Committee has been established under the provisions of Code of Guidelines for Good Governance in Public Enterprises and it is comprised of 7 members under the Chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management. It carries out the activities of decision making, monitoring and supervision based on the aforesaid provisions. 13 meetings were conducted in the year 2013.

✓ **International and Regional Co-operation**

The programme implemented by the United Nations Organization in regard to disaster mitigation was reviewed and representation was made in the discussion held Geneva in order to identify the problems which may be encountered in implementing the aforesaid programme in the future. Ministerial representation was made to the discussion regarding the disaster mitigation projects in Sri Lanka held with the business community and the Ministry of Justice in Korea.

✓ **Public Complaints**

The Ministry received 35 complaints from the public in the year 2013 and those complaints have been forwarded to National Disaster Relief Services Centre, Department of Meteorology, National Building Research Organization, Disaster Management Centre, which are under the Ministry, and also the relevant line Ministries for taking necessary action. A follow-up review was made in regard to the action taken by those institution about the aforesaid complaints. The Ministry received 81 complaints from the public in the year 2012 and a decline could be observed in the number of complaints received in the year 2013.

✓ **Establishment of Productivity / Management Circles**

Division of activities in a methodical manner and the preparation of subject oriented programme sheets were the activities undertaken in order to develop methodologies and strategies.

The Citizenship Charters of the Ministry and the four institutions affiliated to it were prepared in all three languages and the Citizenship Charter of the Ministry has been released to the website. Air conditioners were operated from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. only in order to ensure the frugality in utilizing resources.

✓ **Training Programmes**

Local Training Programmes

12 officers were sent to 04 long term training programmes while 35 officers were sent to 11 short term training programmes in order to enhance the efficiency of the officers of the Ministry.

Foreign Training Programmes

13 Officers have participated in workshops and conferences by representing the Ministry.

✓ **Cabinet Memoranda and Decisions**

The Ministry has submitted 82 Cabinet Memoranda on various subjects and matters during the period from the year 2006 up to 2013. Out of the aforesaid cabinet memoranda, which were presented to the cabinet of Ministers for the uplift of Sri Lanka, the decisions received for the cabinet memoranda as are mentioned below provided extensive knowledge to the public in regard to the field of disaster management in Sri Lanka and it also provided the capacity to implement prompt programmes in disaster situations.

1. Enhancing the capacity for response in regard to sudden disasters on national level in Sri Lanka
2. Developing the Disaster Response Network in Sri Lanka using foreign aid
3. Establishing a Doppler Radar system for the Department of Meteorology
4. Signing a memorandum of understanding regarding Preparedness and Prevention of Natural Disasters with Asian Disaster preparedness Centre and Thailand.
5. Flood Mitigation Project in areas which frequently undergo the risk of that disaster.
6. Formulation of expeditious methodologies for the prevention of forest fires.

13 Cabinet Memoranda were submitted in the year 2013 and the details in regard to them are mentioned below.

Serial No.	Subject	No. of the Cabinet Memorandum and the date on which was granted	Progress
01	Report on the sudden disaster situation which occurred in the year 2012.	CM/13/0018/548/001 2013.01.03	Approval has been granted
02	Provision of disaster relief in a methodical and effective manner	CM/13/0034/548/001-I 2013.01.24	Approval has been granted
03	Appointing Dr. Asiri Karunawardana to the post of Director General of the National Building Research Organization on acting basis	CM/13/0144/548/002 2013.04.08	Approval has been granted
04	SAARC Agreement for making prompt response in natural disasters	CM/13/0687/548/003 2013.06.06	Approval has been granted
05	Tabling in Parliament the annual report of the National Building Research Organization for the year 2011	CM/13/0708/548/004 2013.06.13	Approval has been granted
06	Tabling in Parliament the annual report of Disaster Management Centre for the year 2011.	CM/13/0926/548/005 2013.07.18	Approval has been granted
07	Taking short term optional action to remedy the lack of officers in the department of meteorology	CM/13/1311/548/007 2013.10.17	Approval has been granted
08	Payment of leave encashment to the staff officers who are deployed in duties in the emergency operations room of the disaster management center.	CM/13/1336/548/008 2013.10.03	Approval has been granted
09	Appointment of Dr. Asiri Karunwardana to the post of Director General in the National Building Research Organization	CM/13/0034/548/001-I 2013.10.03	Approval has been granted
10	Obtaining approval for the National Disaster Management Policy	-	Approval has been granted subject to the condition that the observations given by the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Housing and Common Amenities be included in it.
11	Obtaining the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers for ratifying the SAARC Agreement for Prompt Action in Natural Disasters , which was in the 17 th SAARC summit .	-	Instructions have been given for taking necessary action in regard to the observations made by the Ministry of Finance
12	Observation of the National Protection Day 2013	CM/13/1716/548/010 2013.11.20	Approval has been granted

13	Appointment of Mr. L. Chandrapala to the post of Director General of Meteorology	CM/13/1783/548/011 2013.12.16	Approval has been granted
14	Obtaining approval for the National Disaster Management Plan	-	Postponed.
15	Obtaining approval for the National Disaster Management Policy (The cabinet Memorandum prepared having included the observations made by Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Housing and Common Amenities)	-	A decision is to be taken in the cabinet meeting to be held in the year 2014

✓ **Progress of the Surveys of goods**

Surveys in regard to the goods related to the year 2013 were conducted and its report has been forwarded to the Auditor General.

✓ **“National Safety Day“**

December 26th of every year has been named as the National Safety Day as per the approval granted by the Cabinet of Ministers to a proposal presented in the Cabinet Memorandum No. 06/0984/208/008 dated 31st May 2006.

The main objective of this was to enhance the knowledge of the public in regard to the natural and man made disasters and making them forward their attention to them and making an attitudinal change in people as regards the fields of mitigation of disasters, prevention and preparedness. Having paid concern to the aforesaid factors this day was successfully observed for the 8th time on 26th December, 2013 in the Auditorium of the District Secretariat of Kalutara under the patronage of the Hon. Prime Minister with the assistance of the District Secretariat of Kalutara.

Training programmes and workshops, awareness programs and national level arts and essay competitions in regard to disaster management were conducted by the Ministry in parallel to this programme. Also hoardings were fixed close to reservoirs to educate people about disasters. In addition to that three disaster resilient houses were constructed in Beruwala, Agalawatta and Milleniya divisional Secretariat areas.

✓ “Deyata Kirula“ Development Programme and Exhibition

Deyata Kirula Exhibition was commenced in the year 2010 not only as an exhibition but also as a development programme which contributes to the development of the country and it has been conducted various areas such as Kandy, Buttala, Anuradhapura, Ampara and Kuliyaipitiya within a period of four years. In these exhibitions people have been benefitted through various activities such as the implementation of small scale projects, distribution of drip water systems, distribution of tanks for harvesting rain water, educating people on meteorology and natural disasters, setting up rain gauges, and the implementation of programmes for the mitigation of landslides etc.

This national programme was conducted in the premises of the Hardy College in Ampara in the year 2013 and the Ministry made arrangements for the provision of required allocations, co-ordination and progress review in regard to the projects planned in parallel with this to be implemented by the institutions under the Ministry.

In addition to this ,preliminary planning and activities related to the Deyata Kirula Development Programme and Exhibition to be held in the year 2014 were also carried out.

✓ Dengue Eradication Programmes

The Ministry of Health announced dengue eradication weeks on three occasions in the year 2013 and on every such occasion the Ministry carried out special cleaning activities. Even the assistance of the institutions affiliated to the Ministry was also obtained for this.

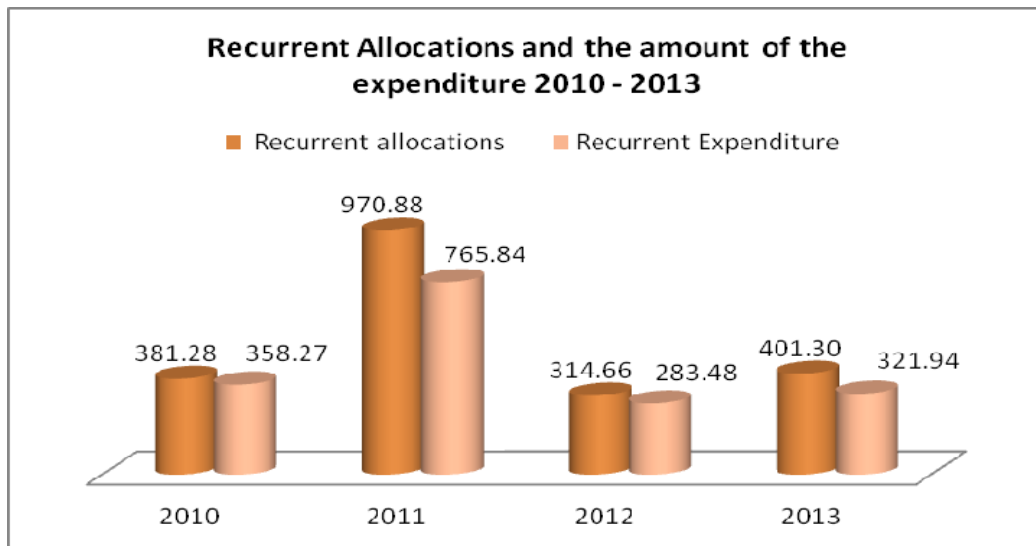
In addition to this mosquito breeding places were identified and B.T.I. Chemical and mosquito elimination oil was applied to these places having informed the public health officers in that regard .Awareness programmes were conducted for the officers of the Ministry and the institutions affiliated to the Ministry with the assistance of the officers of Dengue Control Unit. The progress of weekly cleaning activities carried out in the Ministry premises was continuously reported to the Ministry of Health on a monthly basis.



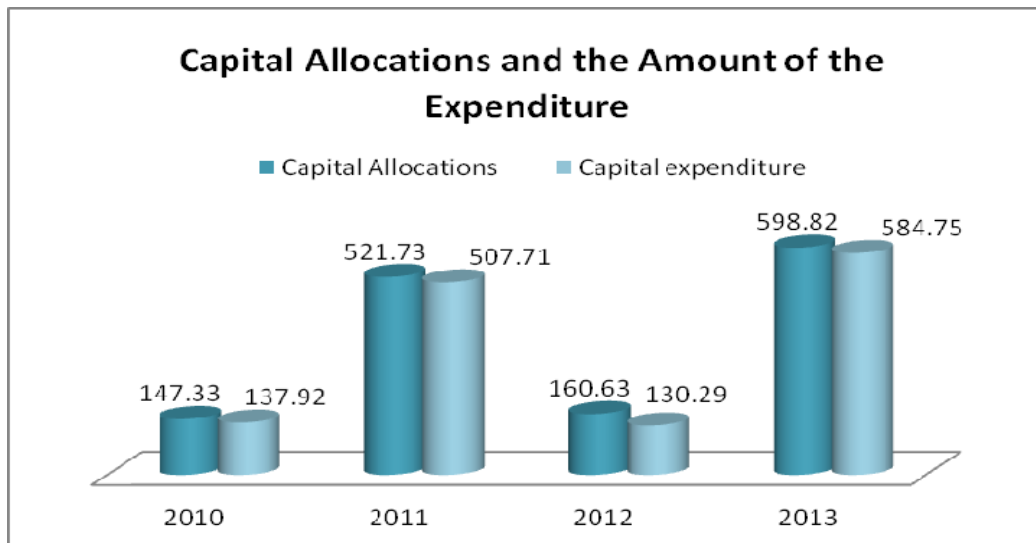
Financial Progress - 2010 - 2013

The recurrent and capital allocations received by the Ministry and the manner expenses were made during the period from the year 2010 up to 2013 are described below.

Recurrent Allocations and the amount of the expenditure



Source : Ministry of Disaster Management



Sources : Ministry of Disaster Management

The highest amount of capital allocations received by the Ministry during the period of 2010 – 2013 was for the two years of 2011 and 2013.

These allocations were received to provide relief in regard to the flood disaster situation which affected 23 districts in the year 2011 and also to provide housing assistance in the year 2013.

03. Planning and Development Activities

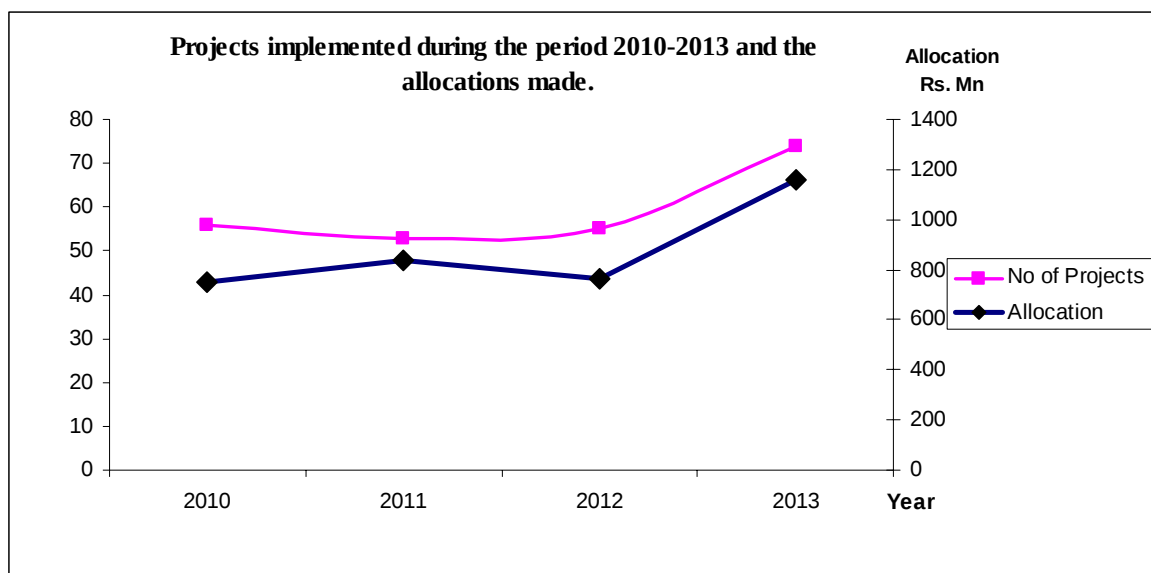
✓ Monitoring Development Projects

The Development and Planning Division co-ordinates and monitors the development programmes / projects implemented by the Ministry and the institutions affiliated to it namely the Department of Meteorology, the Disaster Management Centre, the National Building Research Organization and the National Disaster Relief Services Centre utilizing local and foreign funds.

The activities such as the presentation of projects with necessary recommendations to the National Planning Department for obtaining its approval for them, co-ordination for getting the required funds and cash imprest released from the treasury on the due time, reviewing the progress of the development programmes / projects and obtaining the intended aim/objectives through it were carried out. Also necessary instructions and guidance were provided to resolve the problems which have arisen and it contributed to the mitigation of the disasters in the relevant areas.

The Project Monitoring and working Group which is comprised of the officers named by each institution met 10 times in the year 2013 and made arrangements for successfully completing the projects which had been commenced.

Due to the fact that the Planning Division implemented an effective and productive project monitoring mechanism during the last few years, the intended objectives of the projects which had been commenced by each institution could be achieved. This resulted in making the public be vigilant regarding disasters all the time and their responses for it are at an optimum level. Allocations made for disaster management have been increased in comparison to the previous years and the disaster mitigation programmes implemented using the aforesaid allocations have indicated a growth as well.



Source : Ministry of Disaster Management

The following projects were monitored in a systematic manner during the year 2013 and the disasters which occur in the relevant areas could be minimized. This contributed to improving the social and economic condition of the people who live in those areas.

- The Project for mapping landslide disaster areas.
- Flood mitigation projects in Panadura, Jaffna and Dambulla areas.
- Small and Medium Scale Disaster Mitigation Projects implemented at District level.
- Establishing a doplar radar system in Gongala in Deniyaya.
- Garandiella landslide mitigation project
- Establishing a Early-warning system under UNHABITAT and
- Provision of relief in sudden disaster situations.

✓ **Mid Term Investment Plan 2013 - 2015**

The Midterm Investment Plan (2013 – 2015) was prepared in accordance with the Corporate Plan in order to plan and implement the Disaster Management activities in an expeditious and systematic manner. The Mid Term Investment Plan which was prepared based on objectives, performance indicators and strategic activities identified within the ambit of this Ministry in order to achieve the objectives of the Ministry in accordance with the national objectives and priorities incorporated in the Mahinda Chinthana Policy document devised the required plans for the mitigation of disasters.

The contribution of all the relevant stakeholders is an essential factor for disaster management and the Ministry undertakes the activities such as making required policy decisions, providing guidance, supervision, monitoring and evaluation activities.

✓ **Corporate Plan 2013 - 2015**

The Corporate Plan of the Ministry was prepared in all three languages for a period of three years in order to plan objectives, performance indices strategies and intended outcomes based on the three main thrust areas to implement the activities assigned to the Ministry as per national policies as priorities.

Accordingly, short – term, mid – term and long term plans have been prepared in regard to disaster management. This has clarified the access for building a safer Sri Lanka maintaining a sustainable development in the country through the identification and evaluation of disaster risks in order to mitigate disaster risks and get away from the mentality of depending on post disaster relief. This corporate plan was prepared with strategies and activities for the next three years, which were devised in comparison to the existing year, paying consideration to the higher tendency of climatic changes experienced in the recent past and the disaster situations which have occurred as a result of it.

✓ **Reporting Quarterly Progress Pertaining to the Human Rights Action Plan**

A national action plan has been formulated by the Ministry of Plantation Industries with the objective of promoting and protecting human rights. For this purpose, certain tasks have been assigned to this Ministry as well and the quarterly progress of the aforesaid activities was reported to the Ministry of Plantation Industries.

✓ **Forwarding Projects Proposed to be Implemented in the Year 2014 for Approval**

With special attention of the government being focused on minimizing disasters in the country, there is a great increase in the number of disaster mitigation project proposals received through the District Secretaries. Out of the 478 projects identified in the year 2014 to be implemented under foreign and local funding and support, 156 feasible projects were referred to the Ministry of Finance and Planning for approval.

✓ **Preparation of the Sri Lanka Comprehensive Disaster Management Programme (2014 – 2018)**

Implementing a decision taken at the National Council for Disaster Management headed by His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa, the formulation of a Sri Lanka Comprehensive disaster management programme (2014-2018) was initiated in the year 2013. The Sri Lanka Comprehensive disaster management programme prepared after obtaining ideas and comments from government institutions and departments, non governmental institutions and organizations, universities and experts in the field of disaster management was submitted to the Department of National Planning for approval. Furthermore, it is planned to implement certain activities identified by this plan in the year 2014



04. Accounting

✓ Expenditure Estimates - 2013

	Ministry Office 106-01-1		Administrative and establishment Services 106-01-2		Disaster Relief Operations 106-02-4	
	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
1. Estimated provisions	44,350,000.00	2,500,000.00	56,500,000.00	51,450,000.00	244,600,000.00	13,325,000.00
2. Transfers under FR 66 and supplementary provisions	7,777,600.00	25,420,304.00	2,707,500.00	58,400,000.00	45,366,197.00	447,727,822.00
3. Net provisions	52,127,600.00	27,920,304.00	59,207,500.00	109,850,000.00	289,966,197.00	461,052,822.00
4. Expenditure	51,580,042.51	27,824,260.63	53,701,531.00	88,673,862.00	216,659,017.87	368,226,780.24
5. Expenditure percentage	98.95 %	99.66 %	90.70 %	80.72 %	74.72 %	79.87%

✓ Financing for Expenditure

Code	Financing	Net provisions	Actual expenditure
11	Local funds	210,105,404.00	202,330,096.14
12	Foreign aid- loans	-	-
13	Foreign aid- grants	39,000,000.00	18,708,860.00
17	Local funds related to foreign aid	-	-

✓ **Advance Account of Public Servants**

	Maximum expenditure limit	Minimum receivable limit	Maximum debit balance limit
Limit mandated by the appropriation bill	4,000,000.00	2,500,000.00	16,000,000.00
Actual value as at 31.12.2013	2,850,000.00	2,796,807.00	9,270,146.50

✓ **Loans/ advances as at 31.12.2013**

Type of Loan	Extent of loan	number of loans
01. Festival advances	415,000.00	83
02. Special advances	42,500.00	17
03. Disaster loan	2,392,500.00	23
04. Bicycle loan	-	-

Appropriation account for 2013 and the advance account “B” of the public servants have been prepared as at 31.12.2013 and have been submitted to the Auditor General by now.

✓ **Other**

Five audit queries pertaining to the year 2013 have been received and responses have been submitted for all five queries. Necessary steps have been taken to rectify the matters pointed out by the Committee of Public Accounts and the audit meeting minutes.

05. Procurement

✓ Details of the procurement expenditure of the Ministry in 2013 (Rs. mn)

Ministry Office

1201 - Stationery	
Provisions	- 1.15
Expenditure	- 1.14
Financial progress	- 99.67%
2102 - Furniture and Office Equipment	
Provisions	- 1.15
Expenditure	- 1.15
Financial progress	- 99.70%
2103 - Machinery	
Provisions	- 1.0
Expenditure	- 0.99
Financial progress	- 99.77%

Ministry Office

1201 - Stationery	
Provisions	- 1.60
Expenditure	- 1.58
Financial progress	- 99.14 %
2102 - Furniture and Office Equipment	
Provisions	- 1.0
Expenditure	- 0.99
Financial progress	- 99.91 %
2103 - Machinery	
Provisions	- 1.0
Expenditure	- 0.98
Financial progress	- 98.03 %

All procurement activities have been completed as per the procurement plan of 2013.

06. Internal Audit

Four audit inquiries have been carried out in the Ministry of Disaster Management and the National Disaster Relief Services Center in the year 2013 and no special investigation was carried out in the year under review.

Three meetings have been held by the audit management committee in the year 2013. Seven audit queries were received in the year 2013 and responses have been submitted regarding all seven queries.

✓ Details of the audit queries received in the year 2013 and the responses submitted

Date of the Audit Query	Audit Query Number	Subject	Date of Response
2013.05.17	ඩීඊ/පී/එම්ඩීඑම්/වී.ගී/2011	Appropriation Account - 2012	2013.05.23
2013.06.03	ඩීඊ/පී/එම්ඩීඑම්/වී.ගී/2012	Appropriation Account - 2012	2013.06.05
2013.06.12	ඩීඊ/පී/එම්ඩීඑම්/ර.නි.අ.බී/2012	Advance B account of the public servants - 2012 account number - 106011	2013.06.19
2013/02/06	ඩීඊ/පී/එන්ඩීආර්එස්සී/වී.ගී 01/2012	Examining leave obtained by officers	2013.03.08
2013.02.28	ඩීඊ/පී/එන්ඩීආර්එස්සී/වී.ගී 02/2012	Examining the provision of relief at a time of emergency situation of disaster	2013.04.08
2013.08.21	ඩීඊ/පී/එම්ඩීඑම්/ක.වී.එ/2011	Appropriation Head - 106 - Management audit report of the Ministry of Disaster Management 2012	2013.08.29
2013.09.10	ඩීඊ/පී/එම්ඩීඑම්/154(6)/2012	Appropriation Head 106 - Ministry of Disaster Management, Report of the Auditor General for the year 2012 as per the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	2013.09.17

Accuracy and timely execution of duties could be ensured through subjecting the vouchers, maintenance of leave registers, stock survey reports, personal files, performance plan and appropriation account, annual estimates and procurement plan of the Ministry to internal audit while efficient use of resources could be ensured through the provision of disaster relief to District Secretariats in times of disaster and implementation of disaster mitigation projects.

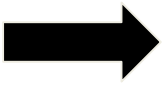
07. National Disaster Relief Service Activities

✓ Introduction

The National Disaster Relief Services Center under the purview of the Ministry, has been providing an efficient service in the provision of relief in disasters. It was established in the year 1996 under the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare. With the Gazette Extraordinary notification 1422/22 dated 08.12.2005, the Center was brought under the purview of the Ministry of Disaster Relief Services in order to plan and implement relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. Under Gazette notification no. 1482/9 dated 09.01.2007, it was named the National Disaster Relief Services Center and brought under the purview of the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services. The Center is currently under the Ministry of Disaster Management with effect from 30.04.2010 under gazette notification no. 1651/220.

Under the policy level guidance provided by the Ministry of Disaster Management, the projects and programmes are implemented through the relevant District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats. Furthermore, the Development Assistants (Disaster Management) and Development Officers (Disaster Relief Services) act as disaster relief coordinators under the supervision of the relevant District Secretaries.

✓ Goals and Activities

Goals		Activities
Implementation of post disaster management activities		Providing disaster relief to suitable beneficiaries through the provision of efficient disaster relief services Reconstructing houses damaged by disasters Empowering disaster relief services officers on post disaster management processes
Strengthening the information communication process		Obtaining information regarding the occurrence of disasters without delay through internet information systems Strengthening the information communication network
Implementation of public awareness programmes		Empowering village level disaster committees to mitigate outcomes of disasters Raising awareness in the community and among students on facing post disaster situations
Establishment of good governance		Operating the provision of relief Adhering to circulars and guidelines

Staff as at 31.12.2013

Index no.	Designation	Service	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	Vacancies
01	Director	SLAS	01	01	-
02	Deputy Director	SLAS	01	-	01
03	Assistant Director	SLAS	02	01	01
04	Development Assistant (Disaster Management)	-	32	31	1
05	Development Officer (Disaster Management)	Programme Officer Service	04	04	-
06	Development Officer (Disaster Relief Services)	Programme Officer Service	332	309	23
07	Public Management Assistant	Public Management Assistant Service	08	03	05
08	Information and Communication Technician (class II)	Information and communication technician service	02	-	02
09	Project Officer	-	01	-	01
10	Information and communication technology assistant (class III) (data entry operator)	Information and communication technician service	01	-	01
11	Driver	Drivers' service	07	04	03
12	Office Assistant	Office Assistants' Service	04	04	-
13	Lorry Driver Assistant	-	05	03	02
Total			400	360	40

Transfers

12 Internal transfers have taken place from January to December 2013 and 04 transfers were done transferring officers from and to other ministries. One transfer has taken place for a post in the Registrar service.

Training Programmes

Local training

7 Officers have been appointed for the year 2013 for conducting local training programmes and workshops related to the fields of Financial control and use of GIS technology, Documentation and Preparation of letters, Pensions related affairs, Time management, Financial control and Accounting.

✓ Foreign training

Representing the National disaster relief service center, two officers have participated in four international workshops namely the International workshop on Disaster risk management held in Indonesia, Disaster Resilience Leadership workshop held in Thailand, "Ozone" training workshop held in Thailand, Disaster relief service activity workshop of Asian Region and workshop on implementing the policy on facing climatic changes.

Financial Progress

Allocations of Rs.751.01 million were provided for the National disaster relief service centre from the budget 2013. It consisted of Rs.289.96 million for recurrent expenditure and Rs.461.05 for capital expenditure. Recurrent expenditure was 75% as at 31 December 2013. It was equal to Rs.216.65 million. The capital expenditure was 79% and it was an amount of Rs.368.44 million. Accordingly, the total expenditure borne was 78% and it is an amount of Rs.585.27 million.

Implementation of relief programmes-2013

The National budget circular number 152 which has been used by the National disaster relief service centre for planning disaster activities, implementation and monitoring of such activities since 14.06.2011 was cancelled and instead National budget circular number 152(l) was issued with effect from 04.07.2013.

There, the tasks related to providing assistance for the housing damages, to cultivations and damages to self employment activities which were entrusted to the Ministry of Economic development as per National Budget circular 152 have been handed over back to the Ministry of Disaster Management .



Immediate Disaster Relief

For the year 2013, the government has made allocations of Rs.203 million on behalf of providing cooked meals, dry rations, kitchen appliances, vocational tools, funeral assistance and medical aid in terms of immediate disaster relief assistance for families which are affected owing to natural disasters .Out of that , allocations with a value of Rs.158.82 million have been released by the end of December 2013 and the total amount of funds spent on behalf of immediate disaster relief in the 25 districts amounted to Rs.143.94 million which is 91% as a percentage.

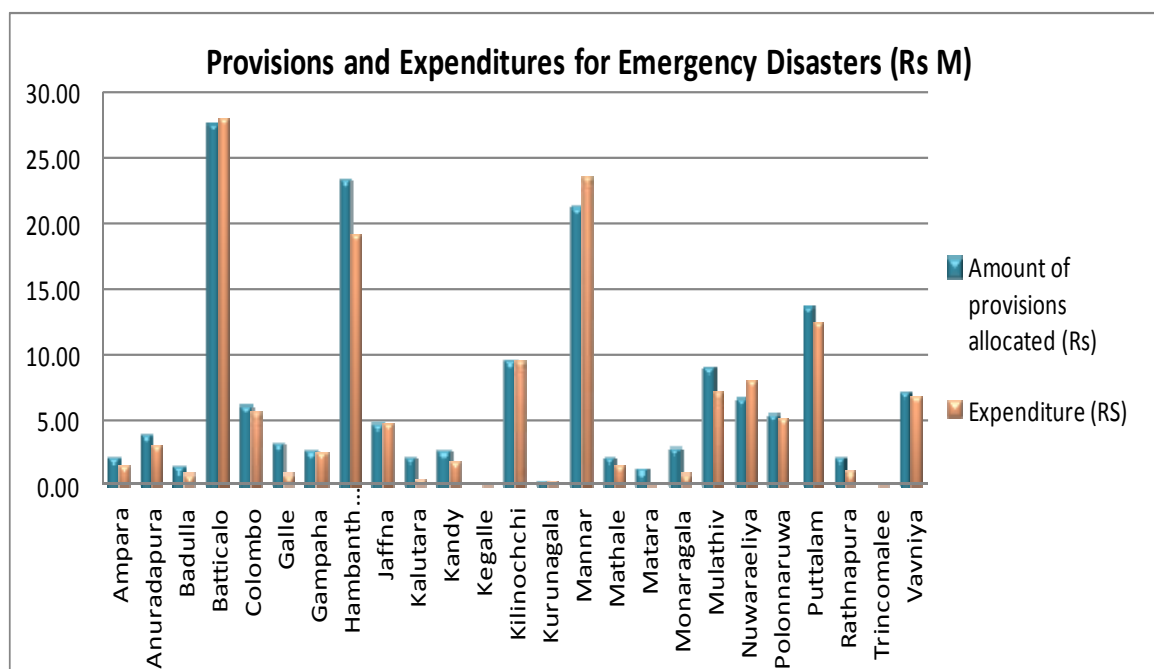
Allocations made to districts as immediate disaster relief 2013 (Rs.mn)

District	Allocations provided (Rs. M)	Expenditure Rs. million
Ampara	2.00	1.43
Anuradhapura	3.68	2.93
Badulla	1.30	0.85
Batticalo	27.57	*27.97
Colombo	6.01	5.55
Galle	3.00	0.80
Gampaha	2.57	2.40
Hambantota	23.21	19.02
Jaffna	4.70	4.70
Kalutara	2.02	0.47
Kandy	2.53	1.75
Kegalle	0.06	0.06
Kilinochchi	9.50	9.50

District	Allocations provided (Rs. M)	Expenditure Rs. million
Kurunegala	0.45	0.40
Mannar	21.00	*23.50
Matale	1.96	1.43
Matara	1.09	0.16
Moneragala	2.73	0.84
Mulativ	9.02	7.08
Nuwaraeliya	6.49	*7.90
Polonnaruwa	5.32	5.00
Puttalam	13.55	12.47
Rathnapura	2.04	1.03
Trincomalee	0.02	0.02
Yavuniya	7.00	6.68
Total	158.82	143.94

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre

***The expenses have exceeded the allocations provided**



2013/12/31 Immediate Expenditure on emergency disasters as at 31/12/2013

Details	No of Families	Expenditure Rs. Million
Cooked meals(individuals)	200904	45.64
Dry rations(family)	278562	72.27
Death allowances(individuals)	138	2.07
Medical assistance(individuals)	13	0.10
Self-Employment aid (individuals)	9	0.041
Vocational tools(individuals)	1	0.003
Kitchen Appliances (family)	8646	12.98

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre

The expenditure borne in the year 2013 on the provision of relief services for the victims of floods that occurred in December 2012 is included here.

Provision of drinking water to the people affected by the drought.

As per the instructions of the Department of National Budget, an allocation of Rs. million 12.4 has been made for the Districts of Ampara, Badulla, Batticaloa, Gampaha, Jaffna, Kandy, Killinochchi, Kurunegala, Matale, Monaragala, Mulativ, Polonnaruwa and Puttalam for providing drinking water on behalf of the people affected by the dry climatic conditions which occurred since August 2013. By providing drinking water to support the lives of the ordinary people, it has been possible to protect the lives of 201,985 individuals. The total cost borne in this regard was Rs. 6.26 million.

By the provision of immediate disaster relief, it has been able to minimize the influence of post disaster conditions on the civilian life. Accordingly, the provisions made by the government on behalf of the smooth flow of the lives of the ordinary people affected by the disasters have been provided to specific beneficiaries. Assistance extended to people until their ordinary life styles are restored after the disaster, has been instrumental in obtaining their continuous contribution towards the development of the country and it has also contributed to the development of their mental status.

Provision of Housing Assistance

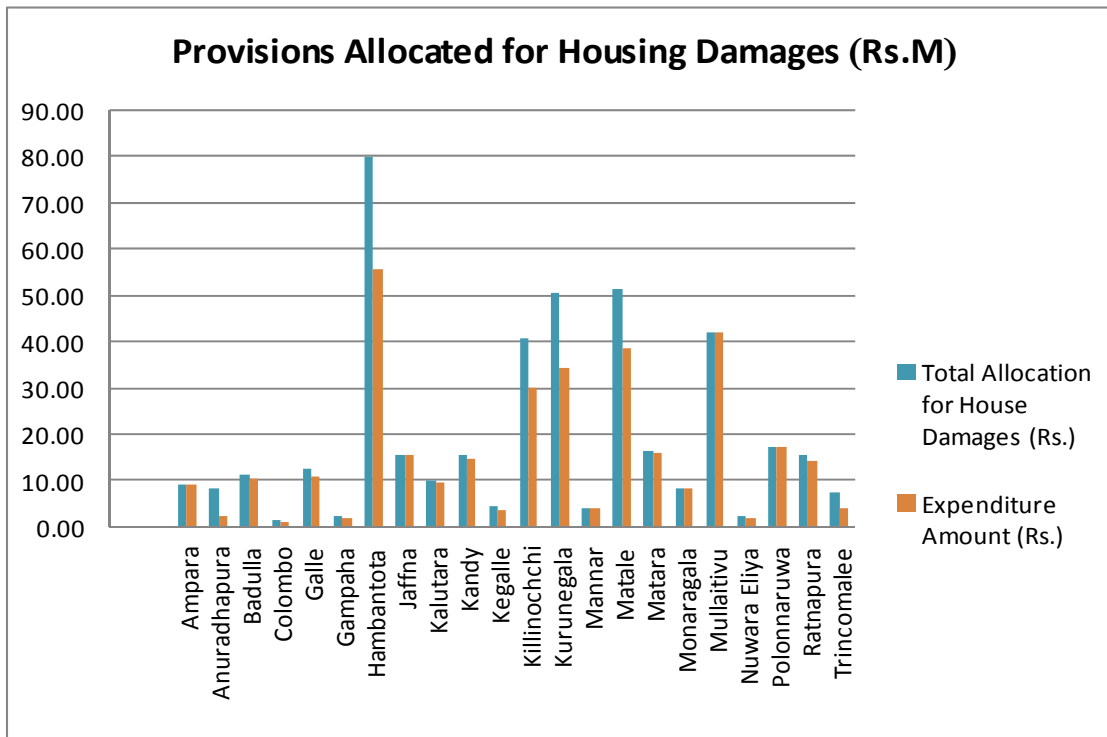
As per the National Budget Circular no. 152(I) issued on 04.07.2013, an allocation of Rs. 425 million was made by the Department of National Budget to be paid for the damaged houses in the year 2012. Out of the aforesaid allocations an amount of Rs. 344 million was spent for the reconstruction of completely and partly damaged houses in 22 districts. This assistance is provided for reconstructing or re-building the houses affected by a disaster and here it is required that the recipient's monthly income should be Rs. 3000/= or below. An amount of Rs. 100,000 and Rs. 50,000 is paid on behalf of a completely damaged house and a partly damaged house respectively.

The financial Value of Housing Assistance (Rs. Million)– 2013

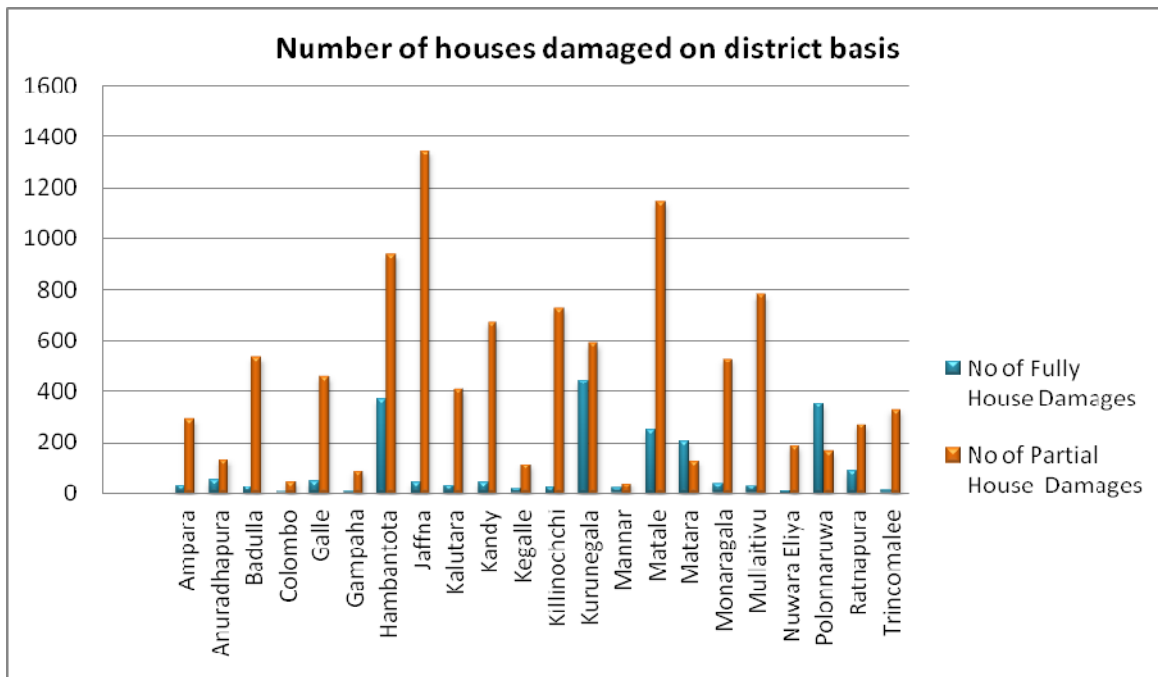
District	Allocatons provided (Rs, million)	Number of houses completely damaged	Number of houses partly damaged	Cost Rs. million
Ampara	9.21	32	295	8.98
Anuradapura	8.19	53	135	2.35
Badulla	11.09	26	536	10.24
Colombo	1.24	3	48	0.94
Galle	12.42	49	462	10.74
Gampaha	2.10	7	87	2.04
Hambantota	79.88	373	940	55.67
Jaffna	15.47	46	1346	15.44
Kalutara	9.80	32	412	9.60
Kandy	15.57	45	673	14.58
Kegalle	4.21	16	115	3.74
Kilinochchi	40.69	22	730	29.97
Kurunegala	50.72	440	594	34.22
Mannar	3.90	18	42	3.90
Matale	51.40	248	1147	38.46
Matara	16.43	205	129	15.75
Moneragala	8.22	42	530	8.16
Mulative	41.95	28	783	41.95
Nuwara eliya	2.35	8	186	1.98
Polonnaruwa	17.36	352	166	17.27
Rathnapura	15.54	88	271	14.19
Trincomalee	7.26	9	329	4.00
Total	425.00	2142	9956	344.19

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre





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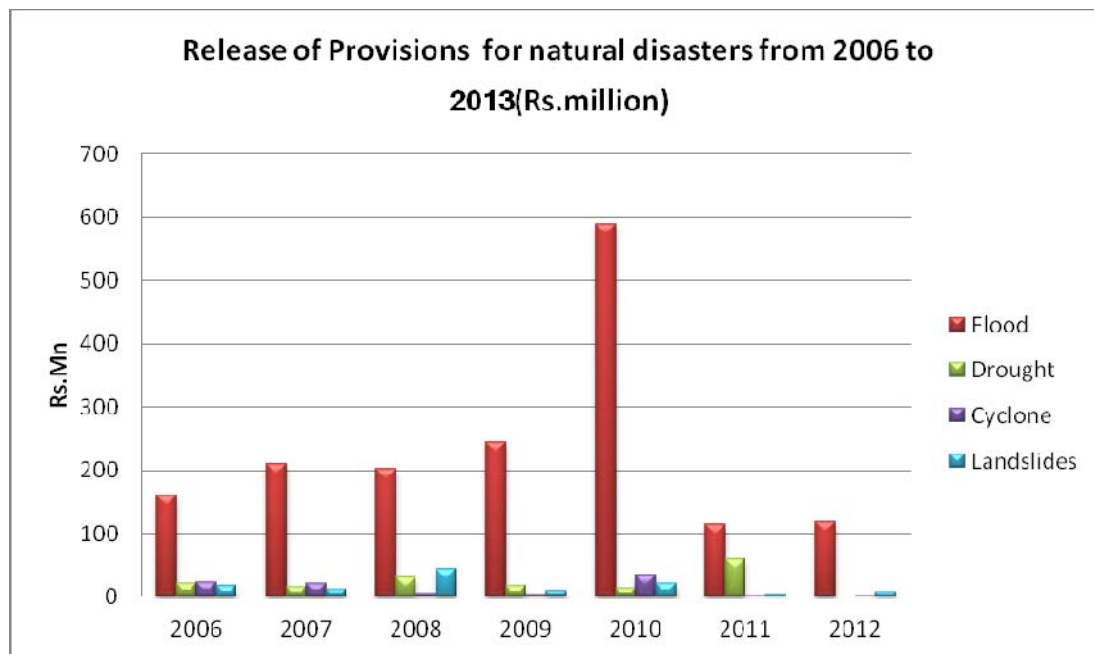
In the year 2013, the National disaster Relief Services Center has spent Rs.344.19 million for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of 2142 fully damaged houses and 9956 partly damaged houses in 22 Districts.

Provisions for Natural Disasters

Information of individuals victimized by Natural disasters from the year 2006 to 2013

Year	Flood	Drought	Cyclone	Landslides
*2006	112947	47925	827	2053
2007	211318	93316	6647	10902
2008	1018080	106912	356790	2068
2009	217935	226835	15736	508
2010	533713	131168	9422	140
2011	1514666	69507	2345	1430
2012	558063	920684	2387	277
2013	132646	-	16466	36

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre
(*2006 data as family units)



Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre

Release of Provisions for natural disasters from 2006 to 2013(Rs.million)

Year	Floods	Drought	Landslides	Cyclones
2006	143.3	15.1	4.6	10.2
2007	159.1	19.9	22.5	17.6
2008	210.3	15.2	20.5	11.6
2009	202.6	31.1	4.9	43.8
2010	244.0	16.3	3.25	8.6
2011	589.8	12.8	34.3	20.9
2012	113.9	58.5	0.67	3.8
	118.4	-	0.18	8.2

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre

A massive allocation of Rs.658 million has been released in the year 2011 for natural disasters. The threat of floods which affected 23 districts was the contributory factor for this massive allocation. As a result, 69 loses of lives were recorded and 1514666 individuals had to face the thread of floods alone. The allocations on natural disasters were declined during the past two years due to the minimum number of natural disasters which occurred owing to climatic changes and also as a result of the implementation of mitigation projects and programmes, ministry preparedness and awareness of people. Number the proper monitoring of Ministry.

Distribution of relief items

Distribution of major relief items for disasters -2006 to 2013

Item	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
Sets of kitchen appliances	1000	1144	288	6	1030	-	615	1735	5818
Roofing sheets	-	-	-	-	280	315	1318	5577	7490
Electricity generators	4	-	-	15	55	6	33	51	164
Gas cylinders (kg12)/cookers	-	-	10	-	-	-	786	36	996
Water supply systems	-	-	-	-	28	338	-	-	366
Water motors	-	-	15	-	22	34	272	-	343
Tents	1791	631	428	106	462	1337	608	923	6286
Kerosene oil cookers								440	440

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre

Nineteen Districts , namely Gampaha, Puttalam, Colombo, Hambantota, Kandy, Badulla, Anuradhapura, Batticalo, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Kurunegala, Mannar, Matale, Moneragala, Mulativ, Nuwaraeliya, Polonnaruwa, wawuniya and Rathnapura were considered as the beneficiary districts when the distribution of main relief items for disasters such as sets of kitchen appliances, roofing sheets, Considering electricity generators, tents, gas cookers ,gas cylinders and kerosene oil cookers in 2013. Considering distribution of major relief items of the period of last 4 years, a large proportion of sets of kitchen appliances, roofing sheets, and other items have been distributed in the year 2013.

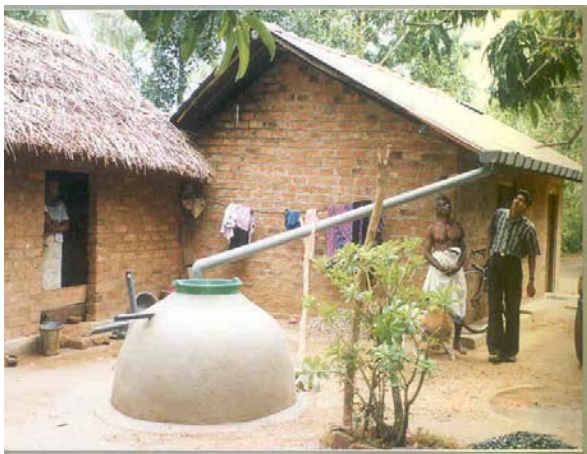
During the period of last eight years, this ministry received relief items and equipment as donations from the Republic of China, Korea, Japan ,Pakistan, Italy, Russia and Saudi Arabia and they were distributed among the districts on the basis of the requirements. In addition to these items, arrangements have been made by the National Disaster Relief Centre to provide dry rations, drinking water, bed spreads, mattresses, life jackets, fowels cloths for children and adults, plastic items, stationary for schools to the people affected by disasters in each of the districts as per the in requirements.

Other projects and programmes implemented

Rain water harvesting tank project

Rain water harvesting tank project was implemented in the year 2006 using the allocations provided by the National Disaster Relief Centre with a view to enabling people to collect rain water during rainy season to be used it during the period with less rains with the objective of accomplishing the drinking water requirements of the people who are affected by droughts.

Construction of rain water harvesting tanks was implemented in the districts of Polonnaruwa, Trincomalee and Batticalo in line with the Deyata kirula development programme in 2013 by the National Disaster Relief Centre. Through this , the people of the said areas were enabled towards rain water management and obtaining clean drinking water. Owing to this, a certain contribution has been made to minimize the Renal disease which is rapidly spreading in the aforesaid areas.



Polonnaruwa District

Serial Number	Divisional secretariat division	number of rain water harvesting tanks constructed	Amount of allocation provided (Rs mn)	Amount spent on the constructions (Rs,mn)	Financial Progress %	physical progress %
1	Welikanda	12	0.72	0.67	100%	100%
2	Dimbulagala	12	0.72	0.71	100%	100%
3	Higurakgoda	12	0.72	0.71	100%	100%
4	Elahera	12	0.72	0.71	100%	100%
Total		48	2.87	2.80	100%	100%

Trincomalee District

Serial Number	Divisional secretariat division	number of rain water harvesting tanks constructed	Amount of allocation provided (Rs mn)	Amount spent on the constructions (Rs,mn)	Financial Progress %	physical progress %
1	Padawi sripura	11	0.74	0.74	100%	100%
2	Gomarankadawala	11	0.74	0.74	100%	100%
3	Morawewa	11	0.74	0.74	100%	100%
Total		33	2.23	2.23	100%	100%

Source-National Disaster Relief Service Centre

In addition, 45 rain water harvesting tanks were constructed in Batticoloa district. Allocation of Rs.3.15 million was made in this regard and the Divisional secretariat divisions of Manmunei/Wawunathiv west, Nawakkadu, Koraleipattu north, Wakarei, Koraleipattu and Thiran South were benefited by this. Rain water harvesting tanks to benefit around 100 families were constructed with a cost of Rs.6.72 million as a solution for the drinking water problem covering the divisional secretariat divisions of Damana, Uhana, Irakkamam, Padiyatalawa, Kirindaweli, Ampara and Mahaoya in Ampara district in the year 2013.

Construction of rain water harvesting tanks answering the drinking water problem was initiated in the year 2006. During the period from 2006 to 2013, approximately 300 rain water harvesting tanks were constructed in the year 2012. Districts of Badulla, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa and Batticalo were the beneficiary districts from this. As a result, it has been able to solve the drinking water problem of the people living in the divisional secretariat divisions of Rideemeliyadda, Kandaketiya, Meegahakiwula, Uwaparanagama, Damana Uhana, Ampara, Mahaoya Tirappane, Rambewa, Mihintale, Dibulagala and Wakarai who faced immense difficulties owing to droughts.

Construction of Agro wells - 2013

Mannar District

Serial Number	Mannar divisional Secretarial division	Number of agro wells constructed	Amount of allocations provided (Rs, million)	Amount of allocations utilized for the construction	Financial progress%	physical progress%
1	Manthai west	32	3.24	3.24	100%	100%



The agro wells constructed using the funds provided by the National Disaster Relief Centre.

These wells have contributed towards the upliftment of the social and economic conditions of the displaced people since they have been used to obtain water to accomplish the drinking water requirement and also the agricultural purposes day to day activities.

Agricultural activities using agro wells



As the Mannar district is situated in the dry zone, it has been able to accomplish the drinking water requirement of the people through the construction of agro wells

Accordingly, it has been able to improve the agricultural activities of the people in Mannar. Their economic status has been strengthened through that and they have been able to accomplish their daily nutritional needs as well. This programme has been instrumental in the success of the Divineguma programme which is implemented by the government.



Through strengthening the economy of the community it will be increased the per capita income level. Through the development of the home gardens which is one objective of the present government, this programme was able to create the possibility to obtain the food requirements of the people from the home garden itself and to obtain the fullest contribution of the village community towards strengthening the local economy.

✓ **Information communication process**

Obtaining information on disasters within a very short time from the disaster occurrence using the internet information system.

“Sahana”-Disaster management system

National disaster relief centre is entering into network with the district and divisional secretariat offices through “Sahana” Disaster management system under the government restructuring process with the sponsorship of the Sri Lanka Information Technology and Communication Agency. The objective of this network is to create a productive communication system which will enable obtaining disaster information through district and divisional secretariat offices during emergency disaster situations. This information can be utilized for the planning, implementation and observation of relief and rehabilitation programmes. Training programmes have been conducted for 25 district development officers in the 25 administrative districts and for development officers in divisional secretariat offices with a view to implement this system islandwide successfully. At the moment arrangements are underway to expand this network islandwide.

Accordingly, National Disaster Relief Service centre has conducted training for all the development assistant officers (Disaster Management) and development officers (disaster relief services) serving in the districts of Puttalam, Nuwaraeliya, Batticaloa, Moneragala, Kilinochchi, Mullativu, Mannar, Wawuniya, Matale, Polonnaruwa, Galle, Kalutara, Gampaha, Colombo, Anuradhapuraya, Ampara, Jaffna, Matara, Rathnapura and Képalle. Disaster relief information report procedure via ‘sahana’ software and information report using format have been included for one day training programme.

One day workshop



Implementation of awareness programmes for community

awareness Programmes among the rural community were conducted at district level to successfully face the post disaster situations. Rural Community is enlightened of the way in which they should act in a disaster situation through this.

Awareness programmes implemented in 2013

Serial number	District	Number of programmes implemented
1	Ampara	4
2	Anuradapura	4
3	Galle	5
4	Jaffna	10
5	Kegalle	2
6	Rathnapura	4
7	Puttalam	1
8	Matara	4
9	Nuwaraeliya	1
Total		35



Through enlightening people on post disaster management their ability is developed to face disasters with a strong mental status minimizing damage to their lives and property and it has been able to create the environment required to create the background required for them to restore in social, economic and environmental aspects within a short period of time.

Here specially through enlightening the school children ,future generation is made aware of disaster management and they are physically and mentally prepared to face disasters. Similarly they will play the role of messengers who carry the message of post disaster management in the society. Small children can be considered as a specific group that should be specially cared and protected during a post disaster situation without affecting their mental status. Accordingly, the knowledge of school children on disasters is really important. Through that they will be able to face post disasters better and it will be possible to avoid them becoming victims of post disasters.



Challenges

- ✓ In sufficient allocations to provide infrastructure facilities needed for the officers recruited for the divisional secretariat divisions
- ✓ Duplication of disaster relief activities in different institutions.

Future Plans (2014)

- Providing allocations as per National Budget circular number 152(I) using the provisions granted for the National disaster relief service centre for the year 2014 for the provision of immediate relief ,reconstruction of damaged houses and upliftment of the livelihoods that have been destroyed.
- Conducting awareness programmes for the new graduates recruited for the provision of relief services in Divisional Secretariates on disaster management processes and provision of effective services in the districts where such programmes have not yet been conducted.
- Establishing village disaster relief service committees, raising awareness of the village community and the school children on facing post disaster situations successfully and implementing various programmes in that regard using the disaster relief service officers who have been attached to divisional secretariat divisions.
- Activating the Sahana software which has been installed for reporting correct data and information within a short period of time from the occurrence of the disaster with a view to productively and effectively implementing the relief services in a post disaster situation and on district level establishing the infrastructure facilities required in that regard .
- Implementation of the projects to construct rain water harvesting tanks with a view to minimizing the difficulties faced by the people who suffer owing to droughts and scarcity of drinking water.
- Conducting supervision and evaluation activities in a more effective and transparent manner, through mapping the beneficiaries to whom assistance has been provided using GPS and GIS technology in view of ensuring whether the disaster relief assistance reaches the intended beneficiary.

Obstacles

- As the disaster relief activities have been directed to different institutions same task is carried out by a particular institution
- Training of newly recruited development officers
- Developing infrastructure facilities for them

Strategies to minimize obstacles

- Handing over disaster relief activities to one institution
- Establishing an active mechanism for coordinating the institutions that contribute to the disaster relief activities.
- Conducting training programmes by providing financial assistance and providing infrastructure facilities.