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List of abbreviation

ADS	Additional Divisional Secretary
CBO	Community Based Organization
CSO	Civil Society Organization
DO	Development Officer
DS	Divisional Secretary
DSD	Divisional Secretariat Division
DVTC	District Vocational Training Centre
EDO	Economic Development Officer
EMS	Environmental Management System
EORE	Explosive Ordinance Risk Education
FO	Farmer Organization
FPA	Family Planning Association
FS	Fisheries Society
GN	Grama Niladhari
HDO	Humanitarian Development Organization
HRDs	Human Rights Defenders
LKR	Lankan Rupees
MHM	Menstrual Health Management
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PHI	Public Health Inspector
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
RDO	Rural Development Officer
RDS	Rural Development Society
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SGBV	Sexual & Gender Based Violence
SGP	Small Grants Program
UNDP/ GEF	United Nations Development Program/Global Environment Facility
UNOP	United Nations Office for Project Services
VTA	Vocational Training Authority
WDO	Woman Development Officer
WRDS	Women's Rural Development Society

Message from the HDO's Chairperson



The year 2025 marked a significant phase in the growth of the Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO), characterized by strengthened partnerships and expanded program impact across Northern Sri Lanka. With the support of key development partners, HDO implemented a range of interventions addressing the complex needs of post-conflict communities.

Our work focused on priority areas including peace building, environmental restoration, livelihood development, menstrual health, human rights, and gender equality. Through community-driven approaches and strong stakeholder engagement, these initiatives contributed to improved resilience, social inclusion, and sustainable development outcomes.

Key achievements included mangrove restoration efforts, strengthening community healthcare services, and targeted empowerment programs for youth, women, and persons with disabilities. These efforts reflect our continued commitment to inclusive, evidence-based, and community-centered development.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our staff, partners, and stakeholders for their dedication and collaboration. Moving forward, HDO remains committed to expanding its impact through innovative and sustainable solutions that promote long-term peace and human dignity.

Mr. Krishnapillai Kanthavel,
Chairperson,
Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO).

Message from the Secretary of HDO

In 2025, the Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) continued supporting war- and crisis-affected communities across Northern Sri Lanka, with a strong focus on improving livelihoods and promoting women-led enterprises. Our work targeted vulnerable groups, including women, persons with disabilities, youth, and marginalized communities.



We adopted a holistic approach, integrating environmental restoration, peace building, social cohesion, and human rights, while also addressing key issues such as menstrual poverty and women's economic empowerment. A major milestone was supporting the construction of a new in-patient ward at Palai Base Hospital, improving access to essential healthcare services for local communities.

All our interventions are designed to deliver sustainable, long-term impact and are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. We remain committed to working with our partners to build resilient, inclusive, and empowered community.

Mr. Jesurasa Amirtharaj,
Secretary,
Humanitarian Development Organization – HDO.

Message from the Honorable Governor of the Northern Province



The Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) is a dedicated national NGO that plays a pivotal role in the rehabilitation and development of the Northern Province. Their commitment to uplifting the living standards of war-affected communities in our region is both vital and deeply valued. Operating

under the Ministry of Coexistence, Dialogue, and official Languages, HDO has successfully fostered strong partnerships with a prestigious array of international and local partners, we acknowledge and appreciate the continued support from: **International Partners:** GIZ, UNDP, The Asia Foundation and The Embassies of Japan, Switzerland, and France, **Organizational Partners:** The HALO Trust, NCEASL, the SAMBOL Foundation, and the Ministry of Crab. HDO's achievements throughout 2025 have been truly remarkable. Their initiatives in socio-economic empowerment for vulnerable woman, youth, persons with disabilities (PWDs), and minority groups have created lasting impact. Furthermore, their work in biodiversity conservation, human rights advocacy, healthcare, and gender inclusion continues to strengthen the social fabric of our province. A hallmark of HDO's success is the high level of coordination and transparency they maintain with civil societies and government authorities, in particular, the Governor's Office recalls the exemplary collaboration that led to the successful construction of a new medical ward at the Palai Divisional Hospital, funded by the Embassy of Japan. This project stands as a testament to what can be achieved through disciplined partnership. I wish to extend my profound gratitude and best wishes to the donor agencies and the team at HDO. Your unwavering commitment to the well-being and resettlement of our communities is a significant contribution to the prosperity of the Northern Province.

Mr.N. Vethanayahan,
Governor,
Northern Province.

Message from the Government Agent of Kilinochchi District



I am pleased to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) for its significant contributions to the development of Kilinochchi District during 2025. HDO has consistently demonstrated professionalism,

dedication, and a strong commitment to supporting the priorities of the District secretariat while improving the wellbeing of our resettled communities.

During the year, with the support of the UNDP/GEF, HDO implemented a coastal conservation initiative in Poonakary, constructing three regulators that protect 1,500 hectares of paddy lands, while strengthening community-based waste management systems and promoting women's empowerment by providing steel milk collection cans alongside capacity-building programs to enhance dairy-based livelihoods. In collaboration with the HALO Trust and relevant line departments, palmyrah, coconut, and mangrove planting initiatives were carried out in Pachchilaipalli DSD. Alongside biodiversity conservation awareness programs for youth, CSOs, and government officials in partnership with the University Of Jaffna and University Of Vavuniya. With the support of NCEASL, youth and CSOs were trained on youth leadership, unity and peace-building. The construction of a new medical ward (3000 square feet) at Palai Divisional Hospital, funded by the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, is a valuable asset for the resettled community in the division.

I commend HDO for its strong partnership with government institutions and its holistic approach to sustainable, inclusive, and environmentally responsible development. I wish the organization continued success in its future endeavors for the benefit of the people of Kilinochchi District and assure our fullest support and continued collaboration to ensure the success of its initiatives.

Mr.S. Muralitharan,

District Secretary/Government Agent,

Kilinochchi District.

Message from Mr.Matthieu Guillier, The Senior Programme Officer, The HALO Trust, Kilinochchi District

At The HALO Trust Sri Lanka, we have spent the last 22 years doing humanitarian demining in the Northern Province. We have started working with Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) in 2022, for an environmental conservation and restoration project called "The Blue Forest Project in Sri Lanka".

Thanks to the success of this first project, we have the pleasure of working again with HDO on “Coastal Ecosystem Restoration”, a project funded by a private philanthropic donor, implemented at Kilaly and Muhamalai Villages in Kilinochchi District. It consists of coastal conservation through the replanting of mangroves on coastal areas, which HALO has cleared of landmines. The mangroves were damaged during wartime and mine clearance.



Thanks to our longstanding partnership, HDO was a clear choice to support our project with technical advice and implementation. This new project is unique because of the addition of sustainable livelihood components, which support residents in communities cleared by HALO to sustainably cultivate and market palmyrah and coconut. HDO established a very close relationship with the local community members and local administration. Moreover, HDO mobilized school students, youth, fishers, farmers, women, and CSO leaders. These groups were empowered with environmental conservation knowledge and received the technical knowledge for community monitoring. Now, the community has the skills and capacity to manage the long-term impact of the project. Together, we planted 3800 mangrove seedlings on the coast of Kilaly with the fullest support of community members, and will be planting over 10,000 more as a part of this project. We are very grateful for HDO’s professionalism and enthusiasm. It is always a pleasure to work with HDO.

**Mr.Matthieu Guillier,
Senior Programme Officer,
The HALO Trust,
Kilinochchi District.**

About our organization

Our Board of Directors

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| 1. Mr. Krishnapillai Kanthavel | - Chairperson |
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| 4. Mrs. Abarna Krishnakumar | - Vice Secretary |

Our Team

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Vision

A just, peaceful, and resilient society where every individual especially women, youth, and persons with disabilities can live with



Mission

To empower vulnerable communities in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka through a rights-based and participatory approach that integrates gender equality, sustainable livelihoods, environmental protection, health, and human rights-fostering peace, resilience, and long-term wellbeing.

Objectives

To ensure equitable opportunities for women, girls, persons with disabilities and LGBTQI+ persons, fostering their participation in society while enhancing income, reducing poverty, improving their quality of life, gender equality and preventing SGBV.

To promote sustainable land rehabilitation, coastal conservation, and environmental protection, enhancing biodiversity and ensuring the resilience of coastal ecosystems.

To improve healthcare access and educational facilities by building a medical ward that provides quality care for patients, while promoting WASH facilities, and addressing menstrual poverty in schools for a healthier community.

To empower youth, civil society organizations, community leaders and field level government officials in advocating for and defending human rights, civil and political rights, fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership among young people in promoting justice, equality, and respect for all.

Who are we

HDO is carrying out rehabilitation and development programs in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka from February 2016 and registered with the NGO Secretariat at the National Level - Voluntary Social Services, Ministry of Coexistence Dialogue and Official Languages in Sri Lanka (Reg: No: L – 163104).

HDO has the following as its key principles of engagement:

- ✓ Improved access to vocational and technical skills leading livelihood assets building: Creating self-employment and enterprises development through skilled development training.
- ✓ Improved participation of women and girls: Decision making and education and employment sectors.
- ✓ Building marketable skills, with national qualifications to mainstream collaboration with the private sector: linking micro industries.
- ✓ Increased organizational empowerment and improve the participation in advocacy forums.
- ✓ Public and private sector collaboration: building partnerships.
- ✓ Ensuring the protection of citizens' rights: Gender equality, human rights, religious freedom, social cohesion, peace building and good governance.
- ✓ Identify and address cross-cutting issues: gender, child rights, SGBV, rights of LGBTQI+ persons etc.
- ✓ Prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug use: youth and adults forums.
- ✓ Improved healthcare access that delivers quality care, while promoting health, providing WASH facilities, and addressing menstrual poverty to foster a healthier community.
- ✓ Promotion of sustainable land rehabilitation, coastal conservation, and environmental protection, enhancing biodiversity and ensuring the resilience of coastal ecosystems.
- ✓ Increased self-reliance and reduced dependency: Mobilization and organizational strengthening.

HDO's goal is to enhance the knowledge and skills of women, girls, and persons with disabilities, empowering them for long-term sustainability and economic independence.

Core Principles	Priority Themes	Beneficiaries
• Self-reliance • Participation, • Market-linked skills • Government access • Rights protection • Cross-cutting issue identification (gender, child rights, SGBV, LGBTQI+)	• Sustainable environment • Creating new opportunities for sustainable livelihoods • Promoting overall health • Women's economic empowerment • Human rights and peacebuilding.	• Most vulnerable women • Persons with disabilities • LGBTQI+ persons • Youth • Students • Marginalized households



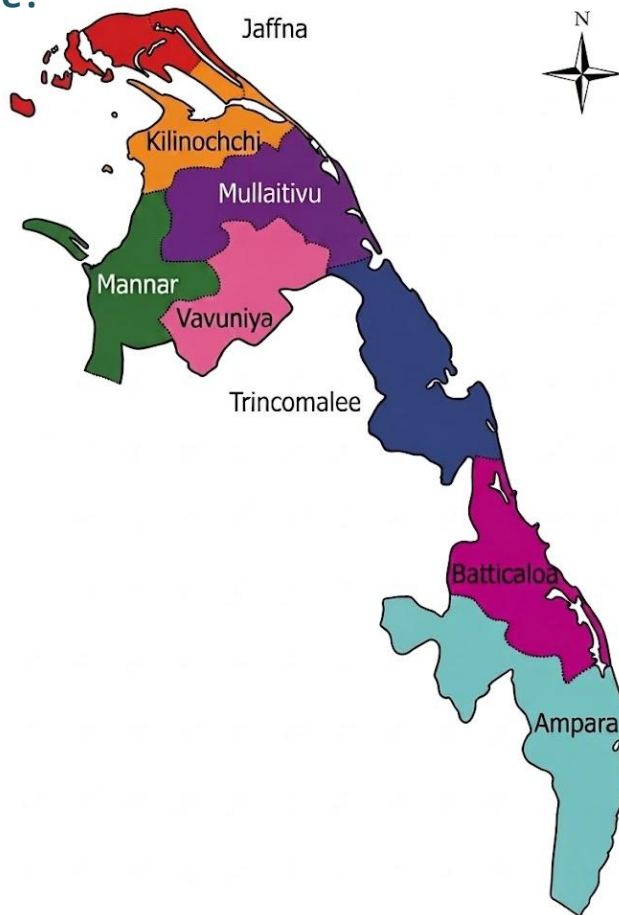
Approaches

HDO is renowned for its participatory approach, which is integrated from the initial stages of the program. This approach starts with active constituent engagement and continues through direct implementation, ensuring meaningful involvement and collaboration with both the community and relevant government authorities. Key components of this approach include participatory needs assessments, village-level resource mapping, beneficiary selection, project implementation, monitoring, evaluation, documentation, and a dignified exit strategy.

Specific strategies, such as project debriefings for the government officials and village-level orientations for community members, enhance stakeholder participation and foster a sense of community ownership. This approach promotes transparency and accountability by keeping stakeholders informed about project activities from start to finish, while also empowering them to effectively take on their roles and responsibilities.

At the village level, the primary point of contact is the Grama Niladhari (GN), who possesses a comprehensive understanding of the local population. The GN serves as the key link between various officers, including the WDO, DO, EDO, RDO, counseling officers, and the Divisional Secretary at the DS office. The involvement of civil society organizations such as WRDS, RDS, FOs, FSs, and youth clubs has proven to be a crucial approach for ensuring the success and sustainability of HDO's programs.

Where we are?



We Focus On



Our Projects in 2025

No	Project Name	Donor	Budget	Status
01	Economically Empower the Women and Disable persons through quality dry fish production and market in Mannar District.	GIZ	35,000.00 EURO	Completed
02	To improve menstrual health, hygiene, sexual and reproductive health and rights among age attended girl students, teachers, young girls, women and parents in Madhu Division at Mannar District	Embassy of France	37,000.00 EURO	Completed
03	Equipping Youth to Promote Freedom of Religion or Belief in Sri Lanka	NCEASL	10,000.00 USD	Completed
04	Rapid response program for ethical and professional political leadership strengthening human and political rights in Sri Lanka	The Asia Foundation	3,500.00 USD	Completed
05	Stepping stone to safeguarding the socio-economic-environmental condition of the war affected coastal population through land rehabilitation & mangrove plantation with community participation including the marginalized women, youth and the disable.	UNDP/GEP	50,000.00 USD	Completed
06	Strengthen the socio-economic-environmental condition of the war affected coastal population through mangrove restoration in Poonakary	Ministry Of Crab	15,000.00 USD	Completed

07	Construction of a Medical Ward for Palai Divisional Hospital	Embassy of Japan	81,900.00 USD	Ongoing
08	Empowering marginalized women and girls in the Estate Communities of Ganeshapuram and Samayapuram rural villages in Vavuniya District	Embassy of Swiss	16,500.00 EURO	Completed
09	Strengthening sustainability mechanisms for the well-established dry fish production groups and Disabilities in Mannar District through structured administration and strong marketing networks	GIZ	38,000.00 EURO	Ongoing
10	Protecting and Restoring Environmental and Human Security in Northern Sri Lanka	The Halo Trust	89,200.00 USD	Ongoing
11	Equipping Youth to Promote Freedom of Religion or Belief in Sri Lanka	NCEASL	19,000.00 USD	Ongoing

ERADICATION OF MENSTRUAL POVERTY IN THE RURAL VILLAGES OF MADHU DS DIVISION

MANNAR DISTRICT | Sep 2023 - June 2025



HDO implemented a comprehensive initiative to address menstrual poverty and promote menstrual health management in six remote villages namely Kaddaiyadampan, Kunchukkulam, Pandivirichan, Thadsanamaruthamadu, Mullikkulam, and Iranaiiluppaikkulam in the Madhu DS Division of Mannar District, with financial support from the Embassy of France in Sri Lanka and in collaboration with FPA Sri Lanka. These communities face significant challenges, including poor infrastructure, limited transportation, and inadequate access to safe water and sanitation facilities. Deep-rooted cultural stigma surrounding menstruation further restricts the participation of women and girls in education and daily life. Many schools lack proper toilets, reliable water access, and appropriate menstrual waste disposal systems, forcing adolescent girls to miss school during their menstrual periods. Financial constraints further limit access to sanitary products.

This project aimed to improve knowledge of menstrual health, challenge harmful social norms, and expand access to safe, affordable, and sustainable menstrual hygiene solutions.

Objectives

- Improve knowledge and practices related to menstrual health, hygiene, and sexual and reproductive health
- Challenge socio-cultural taboos by engaging men, boys, parents, and community leaders
- Strengthen access to gender-sensitive sanitation facilities
- Promote women's economic empowerment through reusable sanitary pad production

Key Achievements & Impacts

1. Capacity Building and Awareness

- 545 community members increased awareness on menstruation and related social issues through street dramas, workshops, trainings, and role-play sessions.
- 28 champions and government officers strengthened capacity on menstrual health promotion through residential trainings.
- 74 CSO leaders improved capacity to deliver community-level trainings to eradicate menstrual poverty and social taboos on menstruation.
- 6 Gender Protection Committees established and functioning to advocate for women's and LGBTQI rights.

Transformed knowledge and attitudes around menstruation. Students, parents, teachers, and community leaders now demonstrate greater understanding and openness, helping to reduce stigma and create a more supportive environment for adolescent girls. Importantly, the active involvement of men and boys has contributed to breaking long-standing cultural taboos.



2. Menstrual Hygiene and Economic Empowerment

Addressed both access and affordability:

- **20 women and girls trained** on eco-friendly reusable sanitary pad production, started marketing the product locally.
- **200 hygiene packs distributed** to vulnerable students.

Strengthened access to affordable menstrual hygiene solutions through the introduction of reusable sanitary pads. Training provided to women and girls not only **improved access to sustainable products** but also **created new livelihood opportunities**, Contributing to household income and economic resilience.



3. School-Based Interventions

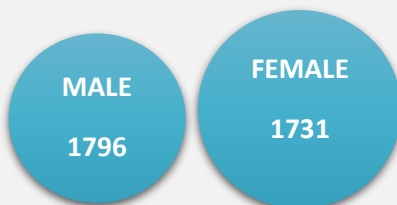
Significant improvements were made to school environments:

- **8 toilets renovated and 6 newly constructed**, ensured privacy, water access, and safe disposal.
- **12 eco-friendly menstrual waste disposal systems installed**
- **6 school hygiene clubs strengthened**, engaging **128 students**
- **Introduced period tracking tools and MHM self-assessments**

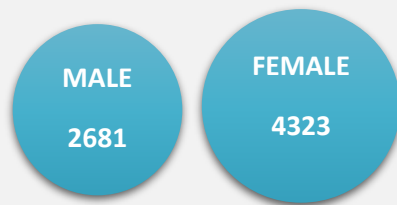
Created **safer and more hygienic learning environments**. As a result, girls are better able to manage menstruation with privacy and dignity, leading to improved school attendance, confidence, and participation.

4. Beneficiaries reached

Direct Beneficiaries



Indirect Beneficiaries



Voices from community

Ms. N. Thadsajini, an Ordinary Level student at Mn/Kaddaiyadampan RCTMS in Mannar, stated: “I think menstruation would be less stigmatized if boys were educated about it as well. Even though they do not experience it, they should still learn about it because, throughout their lives, they will be around people who do. This would help them understand why it happens, how it happens, and what women and girls go through during their periods.”

Mrs. Sinthuja, a 35-year-old mother and treasurer of her village's Women's Rural Development Society in Mannar District, became a local leader in sustainability after receiving training in reusable pad making. Selected for her tailoring skills, she embraced the opportunity and became a peer educator, training other women and girls in her community. Her reusable pads, initially distributed for feedback and then improved, offer an affordable and eco-friendly alternative pad, particularly benefiting vulnerable community members. Mrs. Sinthuja's initiative has created an income stream for herself and contributed significantly to her community's health and environmental well-being, showcasing the power of local leadership and innovation.

Success story -01

Eradication of Menstrual Poverty at St. Lourds Maha Vidyalayam

St. Lourds Maha Vidyalayam, a rural school situated 50km from the main town, faced significant challenges with menstrual health, largely due to poor water and sanitation facilities. Many menstruating students struggled to attend school during their period, either due to lack of sanitary pads or the absence of proper toilet facilities. Some students even refrained from drinking water throughout the school day to avoid using the toilet, leading to health issues and absenteeism.

However, the collaboration between HDO, the Family Planning Association (FPA), the Zonal Department of Education, medical officials, and other government agencies brought about a positive transformation. The project focused on raising awareness, changing attitudes, and improving access to health facilities. Street dramas, involving male and female students, helped break the silence around menstruation, making it a more open and accepted topic.

The school saw the construction of new toilets for menstruating students with pad-changing facilities, and the renovation of existing ones for the male students. This greatly improved attendance and the overall health of students. The distribution of sanitary pads and the introduction of reusable pads provided an affordable, sustainable solution for the most vulnerable families. As Principal Mr. Rajaratnam stated, “Before the project, menstruation was an untouched term, and students would take sick leave. Now, our students and teachers have learned valuable lessons, and we have comprehensive hygiene facilities in the school.”

This initiative has had a lasting impact on the health, education, and empowerment of the students and the community.



EMPOWERING MARGINALIZED WOMEN AND GIRLS AMONG THE ESTATE COMMUNITIES AT GANESHAPURAM AND SAMAYAPURAM RURAL VILLAGES

VAVUNIYA DISTRICT: (Mar 2025 – Sep 2025)



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Ganeshapuram and Samayapuram are among the most disadvantaged villages in the Vavuniya Divisional Secretariat Division. These communities, historically displaced during the riots of the 1950s and 1980s and the final stages of the Sri Lankan Civil War, continue to face multiple challenges, including limited livelihood opportunities, restricted access to essential services, and persistent social stigma. In response, the project aimed to empower 200 community members, focusing on 20 targeted women beneficiaries to establish women-led enterprises, by providing livelihood inputs such as sewing machines for tailoring, poultry units, dairy-related infrastructure, and agricultural tools including sprinkler systems and ploughing machines. Beyond entrepreneurship development & livelihood assistance, the project also conducted orientation meetings, household surveys, leadership and decision-making trainings, market access workshops, and community dialogues on gender equality and social inclusion.

Advocacy activities addressing LGBTQI+ issues - including a public awareness campaign in Vavuniya - challenged harmful gender norms and promoted acceptance of marginalized groups. The participation of government officers, civil society organizations, and community volunteers ensured transparency, strengthened accountability, and supported the long-term sustainability of the project outcomes.

<i>Project Activities</i>	<i>Impact of the project</i>
<i>1. Economic Empowerment Trained 20 women entrepreneurs and provided inputs</i>	Strengthened the economic capacity of marginalized women, enabling them to start or expand small income-generating activities.
<i>2. Gender Equality & Inclusion 57 beneficiaries trained on leadership, gender and decision- making</i>	Increased awareness of women's rights and enhanced women's participation in community decision-making and development processes.
<i>3. Human Rights Awareness 45 beneficiaries received training on human rights and gender equality.</i>	Improved community understanding of equality, dignity, and social inclusion, helping to reduce discrimination and improve community relationships.
<i>4. Sustainable Livelihoods 39 beneficiaries participated in Skills development & market access training.</i>	Supported women in developing sustainable livelihood activities and improved their ability to access local markets and generate stable income.
<i>5. Social Cohesion & Governance 12 government officials including ADS & 26 CSO members took lead.</i>	Engagement with government officers, CSOs, and community members promoted collaboration, transparency, and inclusive participation.





The Story of Mrs. K. Paththima – A Tailoring Entrepreneur

Mrs. Paththima's journey is a powerful reminder of how targeted support and determination can transform lives. What started with a single sewing machine and training has grown into a thriving business that not only sustains her family but also creates jobs for other vulnerable women in her community. By mentoring and empowering others, she has shown that true success is measured not only by personal gain but by the ability to inspire and uplift those around us. Her story captures the essence of sustainable development—where knowledge, opportunity, and compassion come together to build lasting change.

“With the right support, I found not only income, but the confidence to uplift others in my community.

“Stitching Dreams, Building Futures”

Mrs. K. Paththima, a devoted mother of one, faced immense challenges as her husband struggles with heart disease. Yet, with resilience and determination, she has turned her life around—becoming a successful entrepreneur and a beacon of hope in her village.

Through a fair and inclusive selection process, Paththima received a high-quality sewing machine, mentoring, and entrepreneurship training. These programs strengthened her knowledge in customer service, pricing strategies, and digital marketing. With renewed confidence, she revived her tailoring business, now earning LKR 50,000–60,000 per month.

Her success soon multiplied. Recognizing the needs of others in her community, she employed two young vulnerable women, providing each with a stable monthly income of LKR 15,000 along with personal mentoring. She is now a role model for inclusive growth, combining livelihood with compassion.

The awareness sessions also deepened her understanding of gender equality and community empowerment, values she now actively practices by mentoring others. Her small enterprise has grown into a local model of sustainable development.



Empowering Rural Women Through Sustainable Agriculture: The Story of Ms. Sivakumar Yoheswary

HDO provided a mini hand tractor, which reduced her labour costs, improved timeliness in cultivation, and enabled efficient use of both her owned and leased land. Guidance from her father-in-law also strengthened her skills in crop planning and land management. Economy, yet women farmers often struggle due to limited resources and social responsibilities. This case highlights Ms. Sivakumar Yoheswary from Vavuniya, who overcame hardship with community and NGO support, achieving both economic empowerment and sustainable farming.



Born in 1992 in Galle, Ms. Yoheswary moved to Vavuniya after marriage. She has three children and became the main provider when her husband fell ill with chronic kidney failure. Using both family-owned and leased farmland, she took up farming despite financial and personal challenges. Managing her household and farm simultaneously, Ms. Yoheswary faced labour shortages, high costs, and lack of machinery. Without proper equipment, she relied on manual methods that were time-consuming and unsustainable. Limited access to credit and training further hindered her progress, reflecting the wider struggles of rural women farmers.



Ms. Yoheswary now saves LKR 15,000–20,000 monthly from reduced costs, aiming to purchase a full tractor worth about LKR 1 million within 5–8 years. She also hopes to explore loans or government schemes to reach this goal sooner. Ms. Yoheswary's journey shows how determination, community support, and access to appropriate tools can transform rural women's lives. Her story is an inspiring example of resilience and sustainable farming for women across Sri Lanka.

STEPPING STONE TO SAFEGUARDING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC-ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF WAR-AFFECTED COASTAL COMMUNITIES

KILINNOCHCHI DISTRICT (Aug 2024 - Dec 2025)



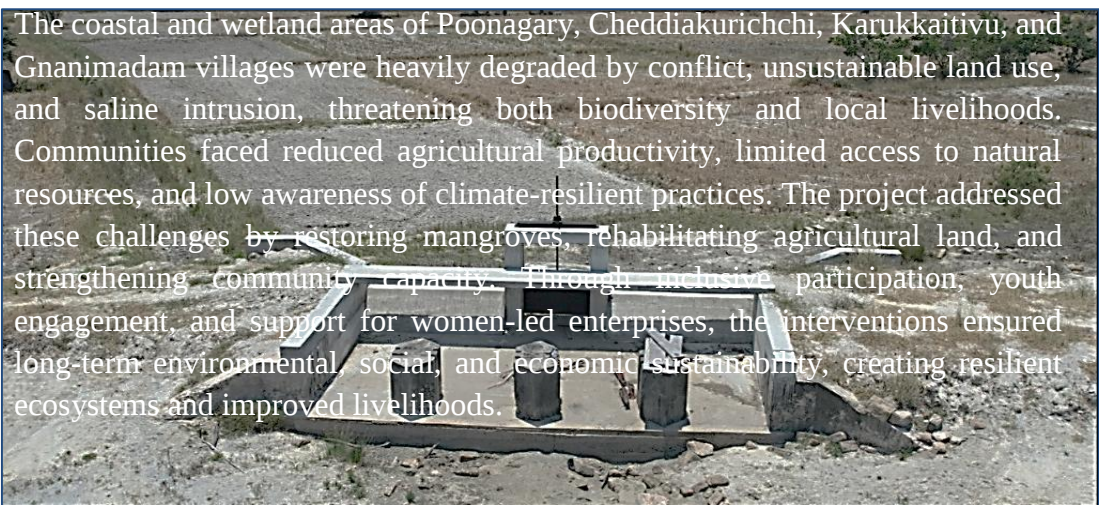
Introduction

Under the funding support of UNDP, HDO implemented the project in the Poonakary DS Division, Kilinochchi, working closely with local communities, youth groups, CSOs, the Divisional Secretariat, Pradeshiya Sabha, Agrarian Department, and Forest Department. The project focused on restoring degraded coastal and agricultural landscapes, enhancing biodiversity, and promoting sustainable livelihoods. In addition, comprehensive waste management interventions including awareness programs, public waste collection points, and removal of plastics and polythene from wetlands strengthened environmental stewardship and community engagement. By combining ecological restoration, waste management, and socio-economic development, HDO fostered a resilient and sustainable environment for the region's communities.



Context

The coastal and wetland areas of Poonagary, Cheddiakurichchi, Karukkaitivu, and Gnanimadam villages were heavily degraded by conflict, unsustainable land use, and saline intrusion, threatening both biodiversity and local livelihoods. Communities faced reduced agricultural productivity, limited access to natural resources, and low awareness of climate-resilient practices. The project addressed these challenges by restoring mangroves, rehabilitating agricultural land, and strengthening community capacity. Through inclusive participation, youth engagement, and support for women-led enterprises, the interventions ensured long-term environmental, social, and economic sustainability, creating resilient ecosystems and improved livelihoods.



Achievements & Impact

Construction of Control Regulators

1,500 ha of paddy land (90% of target achieved) are now under paddy cultivation with high yield.



Livelihood support

20 women-led enterprises strengthened through capacity improvement, market linkage and distribution of steel milk cans.

Installation of waste collection bins

5 waste collection bins installed in schools, market, and public places. The collected waste is handed over to Pradeshiya Sabha for recycling on a rotational basis.



Beach clean-up Program

3,500 kg polythene and plastic waste collected, then handed over to Pradeshiya Sabha for recycling purposes. It reduced polythene threats to cattle.

Direct beneficiaries

855 (433 women / 422 men), gained knowledge on sustainable agricultural activities and proper waste management and youth contribution for the mangrove plantation.



Success story

“Seawater Intrusion Bunds Safeguard Paddy Lands and Strengthen Livelihoods in Karukkaithivu”



For many years, farming families in the coastal villages of Karukkaithivu in Poonakary, Kilinochchi struggled to protect their paddy lands from the persistent threat of seawater intrusion and seasonal flooding. The community, still recovering from the long-term impacts of conflict, depended heavily on agriculture as their primary

livelihood. However, their efforts were often undermined by unpredictable weather patterns and the gradual intrusion of seawater into fertile agricultural lands.

Mr. S. Joharasa, the President of the local Farmer Organization, has witnessed these challenges firsthand. As a farmer and community leader, he understands how deeply the success of each cultivation season affects the well-being of families in the area. According to him, farmers in Karukkaithivu have repeatedly faced the loss of crops due to floods and seawater entering their paddy fields, leaving many households vulnerable to economic hardship. This situation began to change with the construction of seawater intrusion bunds equipped with three regulators, implemented by HDO with funding support from UNDP/GEF. These structures were designed to control the flow of water and prevent seawater from entering the paddy fields, while still allowing farmers to manage irrigation effectively.

Their value became especially clear during the recent floods caused by the Ditwah cyclone. While heavy rains and rising water levels threatened agricultural lands across the region, the bunds and regulators acted as a critical protective barrier. They successfully prevented seawater from entering the paddy fields and protected nearly 1,500 hectares of cultivated land. As farmers, our greatest fear during the rainy season is the intrusion of seawater into our fields, Mr. Joharasa explains. “This year, when the cyclone brought heavy flooding, the seawater intrusion bunds and regulators played a crucial role in protecting our paddy lands. Because of these structures, our cultivation was safeguarded and we were able to achieve a good harvest.” The intervention significantly improved farmers’ confidence and stability by protecting their fields and enabling uninterrupted cultivation. As a result, successful harvests boosted household incomes and enhanced overall food security in the community.

STRENGTHEN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC- ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITION OF THE WAR AFFECTED COASTAL POPULATION THROUGH MANGROVE RESTORATION

KILINCHCHI DISTRICT | Aug 2024 – Dec 2025



Humanitarian Development Organization, with support from Ministry of Crab through UNDP, implemented a transformative mangrove restoration initiative in the Cheddiakurichchi and Gnanimadam Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Poonakary DS Division, Kilinochchi District. The project addressed the intertwined challenges of environmental degradation and socio-economic vulnerability among war-affected coastal communities.

Restoring Ecosystems and Natural Protection Systems

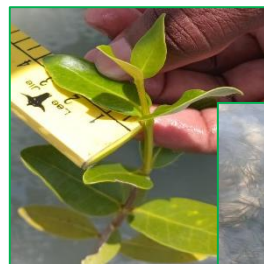
Restored **1.5** hectares of degraded
coastal wetlands

Planted **9,500** mangrove
seedlings

With **80%**
survival rate

Field observations,

- Confirm the healthy establishment of *Rhizophora* species, with strong root systems and effective sediment stabilization.
- The return of mollusks, juvenile fish, crabs, shrimp, and birdlife highlights early signs of ecological recovery.
- The re-establishment of functioning coastal ecosystems.



Rebuilding Livelihoods and Community Resilience

The project has improved local livelihoods by supporting the return of small-scale fisheries and increasing access to income from fish and other mangrove resources. Restored mangroves also act as natural barriers, reducing tidal surges and flooding, and strengthening the resilience of vulnerable coastal communities.

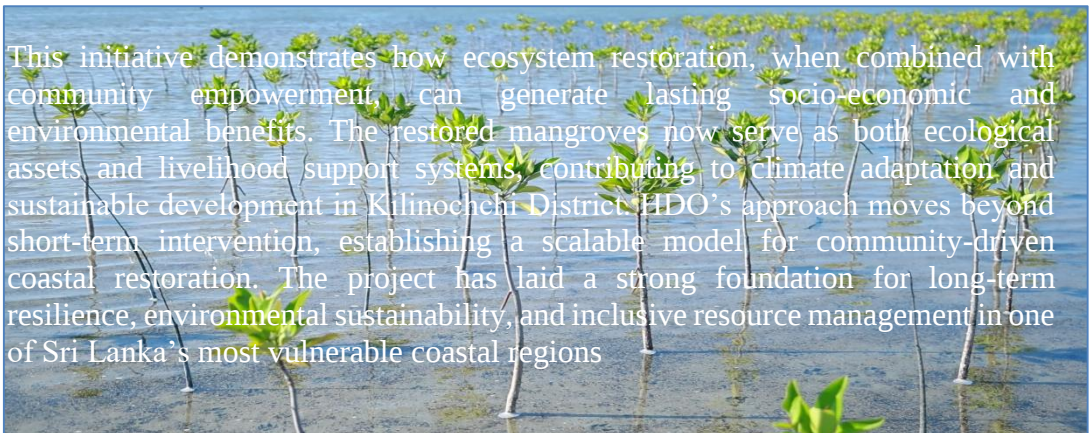
Key achievements:

- ✚ **45 stakeholders engaged**, including CSO representatives, community leaders, and government officials
- ✚ **83 youth and community members trained** on environmental protection and coastal conservation, with balanced gender participation
- ✚ **3 Mangrove Protection Groups** formed comprising **81 youth**
- ✚ **Community-managed mangrove nursery Established** in Moonnrampitty
- ✚ **Billboards installed** to promote environmental stewardship



Future leadership has emerged as a powerful driver of sustainability. Mangrove Protection Groups are actively involved in monitoring plantation sites, raising awareness, and promoting environmentally responsible practices such as zero-plastic use and soil conservation.

This initiative demonstrates how ecosystem restoration, when combined with community empowerment, can generate lasting socio-economic and environmental benefits. The restored mangroves now serve as both ecological assets and livelihood support systems, contributing to climate adaptation and sustainable development in Kilinochchi District. HDO's approach moves beyond short-term intervention, establishing a scalable model for community-driven coastal restoration. The project has laid a strong foundation for long-term resilience, environmental sustainability, and inclusive resource management in one of Sri Lanka's most vulnerable coastal regions.



STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABILITY MECHANISMS FOR THE WELL-ESTABLISHED DRY FISH PRODUCTION GROUPS AND DISABILITIES IN MANNAR DISTRICT THROUGH STRUCTURED ADMINISTRATION AND STRONG MARKETING NETWORKS

MANNAR DISTRICT | Aug 2025 – July 2026



Introduction

The project **“Socioeconomic Empowerment of the Most Vulnerable Women and Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Mannar District”**, implemented by the Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) with the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

It supports 60 vulnerable women engaged in dry fish production and 15 Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) in Thalaimannar and Pesalai. The project focuses on skill development, business training, digital marketing, and improving market access to enhance income and self-reliance.



Despite challenges such as Cyclone Ditwah and flooding, the project made steady progress in improving beneficiaries’ skills, income levels, and resilience. By addressing economic vulnerability and promoting social inclusion, the initiative contributes to building sustainable livelihoods among women and PWDs in Mannar District.

Achievements through Training programs and Exposure Visit

The trainings covered key areas including,

- ✓ Food quality improvement and hygienic production.
- ✓ Financial management and bookkeeping.
- ✓ Leadership and team management.
- ✓ Organizational development and strategic business planning.
- ✓ Communication and conflict resolution
- ✓ Awareness sessions on personal health and alcohol prevention for youth.
- ✓ Customer relationship management, brand positioning, and digital marketing, including Facebook page creation and online promotion.



Exposure Visit to Colombo

Exposure visits were organized for women entrepreneurs engaged in dry fish production, providing opportunities to explore market linkages and business promotion strategies.

During these visits, beneficiaries received positive feedback on the quality, aroma, and hygienic processing of their products. They also observed best practices in processing, packaging, branding, and labeling, and interacted with key market stakeholders.

Exposure Visit to Batticaloa

HDO conducted training on Marketing, Business Management, and Environmental Management Systems (EMS) for 20 participants, including beneficiaries, officials, and staff, with certificates awarded upon completion.

The EMS session covered environmental laws, risk identification, and implementation practices, while the marketing session focused on entrepreneurship, market analysis, digital marketing, and value chain development to enhance the business skills and environmental awareness of women-led dry fish enterprises, promoting sustainable and responsible livelihoods.

- ✓ **60** women were successfully trained, enhancing their technical and digital business, and social skills to support sustainable livelihood development.
- ✓ Monthly income before the project LKR 8,000 to 10,000.00 but now LKR 35,000.00 – 40,000.00
- ✓ Strengthened their confidence and leadership.
- ✓ High quality, value-added and vacuum-packaged dry fish products, supporting their progress toward sustainable entrepreneurship.
- ✓ Market access expanded to supermarkets, grocery stores, online platforms, and some international markets.
- ✓ Popular through digital marketing; WhatsApp, Facebook, Tiktok, YouTube, Daraz online market etc.



Special Features of our sun

On Sunny days:

- Better hygiene (protected from dust, insects, animals)
- Improved quality (better color, taste, and aroma)
- Reduced spoilage and contamination
- Higher market value due to consistent quality

On rainy days:

- Allows drying even with limited sunlight
- Protects fish from rain and excess moisture
- Reduces risk of fungal growth and spoilage
- Ensures continuous production despite bad weather
- Maintains product safety and shelf life

Skill Development for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

In collaboration with the Vocational Training Authority (VTA), HDO conducted a 100-hour Home Electrical Wiring and Appliance Repair Course for 15 Persons with Disabilities. Accessibility was ensured through the construction of a wheelchair ramp by the Divisional Secretariat.



Trainings

- Electrical tools identification
- Safety regulations, electrical repair and fault-finding,
- Repair of fans, heaters, lights, iron boxes, TVs, and motors, along with practical hands-on sessions.

Results

- All 15 PWDs completed the training.
- 14 engaged in On-the-Job Training (OJT).
- Trainees earned income during the training period itself.
- Government and institutional linkages were also initiated to support sustainable employment opportunities.
- While PWD trainees earned around LKR 30,000 per month through home-based repairs.



Success story - 01

My name is Anton Joy. I am 51 years old and I live in the Pallimunai area with my wife. Due to the civil war, I am affected by lower hip paralysis, which has made physical work difficult for me over the years.



Before attending the Home Electrical Appliance course, my main source of income was three-wheel driving. Along with that, I was doing small electrical repair work at home as a part-time activity. My wife and I worked together whenever possible to manage our daily expenses. After I joined the Home Electrical Appliance Training Course provided by HDO, my life changed in a positive way. Through this course, I gained new technical knowledge, learned the proper use of electrical tools, and especially improved my fan repairing skills. Now, I am able to repair electric bulbs, fans, televisions, water motors, and heater jugs with confidence.

At present, I am facing health issues and the doctors have advised me to take bed rest. Because of this, I am unable to continue three-wheel driving. During this very difficult period, the skills I gained from the home electrical course became my main source of income. I now repair electrical items from my home, and my neighbors regularly bring their appliances to me for repair. Earlier, the table I used for my work was too high and uncomfortable due to my physical condition. This made working painful and difficult. Recently, a suitable-sized working table was provided, which has made a big difference. I can now work comfortably and effectively, even with my physical limitations.

At present, I earn around LKR 3,000 per week and approximately 10,000 per month through home electrical repair work. This income helps me and my wife manage our daily needs with dignity. I am very thankful to the HDO Home Electrical Appliance Training Program for giving me the opportunity to build a safe and sustainable livelihood from home. This support has given me hope, confidence, and independence, especially during a challenging stage of my life.

Success story – 02

My name is Klency, and I live in Thalaimannar Pier. Life was simple and happy until January 1st, 2025, when my husband, a fisherman, passed away suddenly. I was left to support my three sons and daughter, and I knew I had to find a way to provide for my family.

I decided to use my skill in making dry fish and joined HDO's program. Through the training, I learned how to produce high-quality dry fish, improve hygiene using palm and coconut leaves, and use attractive packaging. I also gained skills in marketing, labeling, communication, and branding, which transformed my work into a professional business.

Starting out was tough. Shops often rejected our products, so we sold directly at markets in Mannar and Vavuniya. To stand out, we introduced innovative products like Nethali sampal. At first, some shops doubted it, but once they tasted it, orders and positive feedback started pouring in.

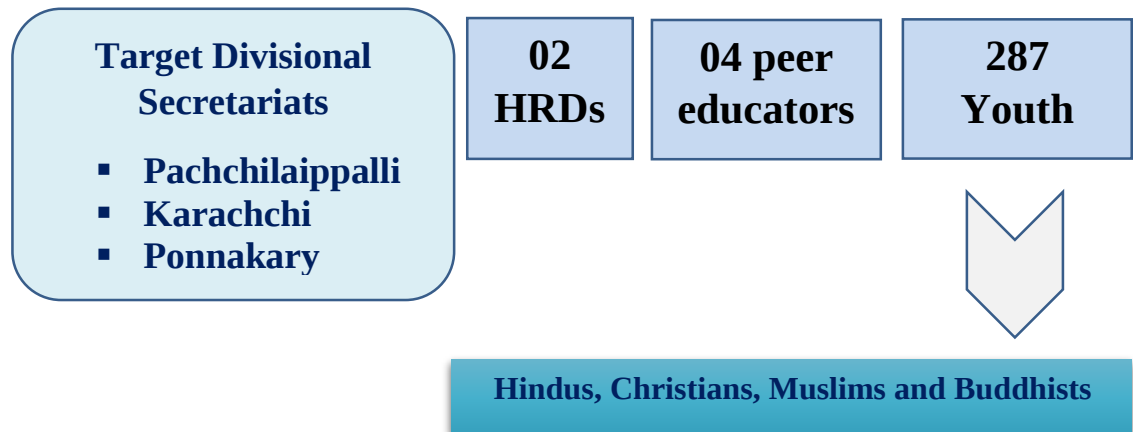
With the support of my daughters-in-law and, later, my sons, we scaled our production and reached new customers. HDO also helped us access affordable packaging and professional labels, making our products more appealing and boosting sales. Today, my business thrives, supporting my entire family, and my daughters-in-law have launched their own dry fish brands, "Ocean Taste" and "Sea to Taste."

Despite occasional disagreements on new ideas, these challenges push us to innovate. My dream is to continue growing, creating quality products, and inspiring others in my community.



PROMOTING FREEDOM OF RELIGIOUS OR BELIEFS

KILINOCHCHI DISTRICT : (Aug 2025- Aug 2026)



- The project focuses on youth empowerment to promote long-term social harmony. By improving young participants' knowledge, leadership skills, and confidence, it has built a strong foundation for grassroots advocacy and interfaith dialogue.
- Through awareness sessions, evaluations, advocacy preparation, and incident reporting, the project has enhanced understanding of religious rights, fostered positive attitudes toward religious diversity, and increased participants' willingness to actively promote FoRB and community peacebuilding.

Project progress

During the project implementation, the Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) trained four peer educators through a comprehensive Training of Trainers (ToT) program. These peer educators subsequently delivered a series of training sessions to 287 youth, supported by additional capacity-building workshops and awareness programs.



As a result, youth actively participated in the 07 FoRBs programs. The group represented different religious, cultural, and social backgrounds from the local community. Using participatory methods such as group discussions, role plays, case studies, and team-building activities, the program strengthened understanding of advocacy, peacebuilding, freedom

of religion or belief (FoRB), and social cohesion. The awareness program successfully achieved its objectives, motivating youth to actively engage in peacebuilding and fostering inter-religious harmony within the community. The project successfully established a strong youth forum in Kilinochchi, comprising 4 peer educators, 2 HRDs, and 287 youth members committed to supporting HDO's volunteer initiatives. Trust-building and collaborative activities fostered mutual respect, reduced stereotypes, and enhanced relationships among youth, CSO leaders, and government officials.

Feedback from Youth,

Today, we gained a clearer understanding of issues related to religious discrimination, including religious rights, freedom of religion, and the lack of equal rights among different faiths. We sincerely thank you for your guidance and valuable explanations. The question-and-answer session helped clarify legal perspectives and addressed our concerns thoughtfully. Your respectful and patient approach, even when sensitive topics arose, reduced misunderstandings and fostered mutual respect and unity among participants.

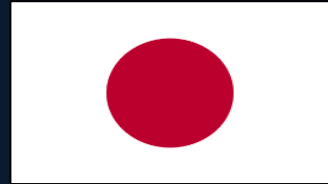
–Mr.Prathab, Youth Participant, Karachchi DS Division

“This program is very important for our district, especially for our youth. Many conflicts start because of misunderstandings. The FoRB training helps them learn their rights and responsibilities I appreciate HDO and NCEASL for taking this initiative”.

- Mr. T. Muhunthan , Karachchi Divisional secretary

CONSTRUCTION OF A MEDICAL WARD FOR PALAI DIVISIONAL HOSPITAL

KILINCHCHI DISTRICT: (Feb 2025 - Jan 2026)

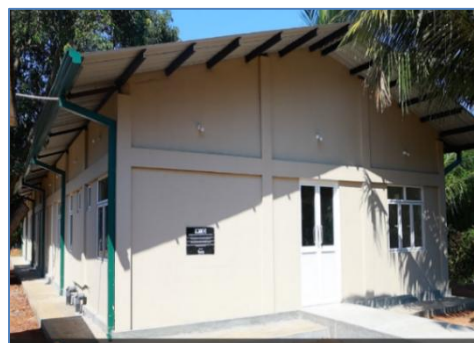


In 2025, the Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO), with support from the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka, constructed a new in-patient ward at Palai Hospital in Kilinochchi District, improving access to safe and timely healthcare for vulnerable groups. Previously, the hospital heavily affected by the civil war had only six beds despite high patient demand, forcing many to travel long distances for care. The new ward addresses this gap, enhancing healthcare access, safety, and service quality for the local community.



The newly constructed 3,000-square-foot in-patient ward at Palai Base Hospital has improved healthcare delivery by increasing bed capacity and enabling timely local treatment for emergency, maternal, and vulnerable patients. Its design enhances infection control with proper ventilation and mosquito protection, while providing a safe and dignified environment, especially for women and children. Overall, it has reduced the need for long-distance transfers, increased community confidence in local health services, and been recognized as a significant milestone in post-conflict healthcare development.

The in-patient ward reflects HDO's commitment to restoring essential infrastructure and improving access to life-saving healthcare. It strengthens community resilience, reduces vulnerabilities, and supports post-war recovery in the Northern Province, with appreciation extended to the Government authorities and the Embassy of Japan for their support.



PROTECTING AND RESTORING ENVIRONMENTAL AND HUMAN SECURITY IN NORTHERN SRI LANKA: KILINOCHCHI DISTRICT (Aug 2025 -July 2027)



Muhamalai village in Kilinochchi District was heavily impacted during the civil war, resulting in the destruction of homes, livelihoods, and key ecosystems such as coconut, Palmyrah, and mangroves. Post-war demining further damaged coastal mangroves, affecting fisheries and local incomes. With support from The HALO Trust, HDO launched a two-year initiative in 2025 to restore ecosystems, rebuild livelihoods, and strengthen community resilience in the area.

Restoring the Land through Strategic Partnerships

The Humanitarian Development Organization (HDO) implemented ecological restoration across 15.91 hectares in the Muhamalai Lagoon with official approval and technical guidance. In collaboration with the Palmyrah Development Board, 2,000 Palmyrah seeds were planted, promoting biodiversity, strengthening coastal ecosystems, supporting livelihoods, and enhancing community climate resilience.



Strengthening livelihoods with government support



HDO supported 50 families in Muhamalai and Iththavil by providing 250 coconut seedlings, fertilizers, and technical guidance in collaboration with relevant authorities, promoting sustainable cultivation and long-term livelihoods.

Engaging communities and institutions

HDO engaged 488 community members, including women, youth, CSO leaders, and government officers, in environmental awareness and technical training on ecosystem restoration. Supported by university partnerships, the program strengthened knowledge on biodiversity and climate resilience, with over 60% women's participation promoting inclusive engagement and leadership.

Building Youth Environmental Leadership

Nearly 370 youth participated in restoration and awareness programs in collaboration with the Vocational Training Authority and the Open University of Sri Lanka. Their engagement led to the formation of a youth mangrove protection group and an HDO volunteer WhatsApp platform, promoting coordination, learning, and long-term environmental stewardship.

Replanting of coastal plants to strengthen coastal ecosystems

HDO, in collaboration with the Pachilappalli Divisional Secretariat, local youth, and community members with support from The HALO Trust, initiated the replanting of 5,000 mangrove saplings in the Kilaly coastal area. The initiative aims to restore coastal ecosystems, reduce erosion, enhance biodiversity, and strengthen climate resilience while promoting community awareness, youth participation, and local ownership for long-term environmental conservation.



Success Story of Mr.Subramaniyam Kunaraththinam: From Struggle to Sustainable Livelihood



Mr.S.Kunaraththinam, an injured ex-combatant from Moonrampiddy village, Kilinochchi, faced severe health challenges, including two kidney failures, while supporting his wife and three children. Financial pressures forced his elder son to pause medical studies to work as a daily laborer, putting the family's future at risk.

HDO recognized Mr.S.Kunaraththinam's traditional knowledge of mangroves and motivated him to establish a community-owned mangrove nursery with technical guidance and support from his second son. Starting with 1,500 seedlings, the nursery provided sustainable income while protecting local ecosystems. HDO began purchasing seedlings from Mr. Mr.S.Kunaraththinam for a UNDP project. With this income, his elder son was able to resume medical studies, and the family's well-being improved significantly.

Today, he manages the nursery safely, mentors other fishers to collect and sell seeds, and continues to strengthen livelihoods and education in his community. Notably, this is the only mangrove nursery in the District and second nursery in the Northern Province, addressing the challenge of low survival rates from seedlings brought from the South. The nursery presents a growing opportunity to support similar environmental projects in the region, creating gradual economic benefits for Mr. Mr.S.Kunaraththinam and his community.

Through innovation, resilience, and environmental stewardship, Mr.S.Kunaraththinam's life and the lives of those around him have been transformed.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO DITWAH FLOOD VICTIMS

KILINOCHCHI DISTRICT : 2025

SAMBOL FOUNDATION
supporting women and children in need

As part of the emergency response, essential relief items including bed sheets, towels, mosquito nets, soap, mats, detox bottles, sanitary napkins, and milk powder were distributed to support the immediate needs of the affected families. This intervention aimed to provide timely humanitarian assistance and help vulnerable households recover from the impacts of the recent floods.



RELIEF SUPPORT TO DITWAH FLOOD VICTIMS

MULLAITIVU DISTRICT : 2026



Immediate early flood response is a critical part of the emergency response to Cyclone Diwath in Sri Lanka, helping to improve the safety and wellbeing of affected communities. NFI and Food Security actors play an important role in reducing protection risks by ensuring safe, dignified, and non-discriminatory access to assistance, while prioritizing vulnerable groups and maintaining accountability through community participation.

Under the UNOPS–VRIDDHI Programme, with support from UK Aid and Australian Aid, the Humanitarian Development Organization distributed 100 household clean-up kits to cyclone-affected families in Ampalavanpokkanai, Mulliwaikal West, and Mulliwaikal East in Mullaitivu District. The assistance focused on vulnerable households, enabling them to clean and restore their homes after the cyclone.



ENGAGEMENT WITH HUMAN RIGHTS MECHANISMS

During the visit of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Turk, HDO contributed to efforts aimed at strengthening accountability, building trust, and ensuring that all community voices were heard. Through this collaboration, HDO supported platforms that enabled the meaningful participation of affected and marginalized communities.

HDO also actively engaged with United Nations Sri Lanka to advocate for addressing critical land and human rights issues in the Northern Province. The organization highlighted challenges related to land occupation, access to resources, and the protection of fundamental rights, emphasizing the need for timely and inclusive actions to uphold the rights and wellbeing of affected communities.



Donor visits

Donor visits strengthened collaboration between HDO and partners, allowing donors to directly observe project impacts and reinforcing their commitment. They helped HDO showcase progress, ensure accountability, and motivate staff, while also improving coordination with government priorities. For communities, the visits boosted confidence, encouraged participation, and promoted a sense of ownership for long-term sustainability.

Visit of Embassy of Swiss for Sri Lanka

Representatives Ms.Armida Mathivanan from the Swiss Embassy visited the project sites in Samayapuram and Ganeshapuram on the 28th of August 2025 and participated in the review meeting and observed the progress of the project in the field. Also, she provided inputs to start the business for enhancing livelihoods.



Visit of Ministry of Crab

Ministry of Crab, the funding partner of HDO for the mangrove restoration project in Poonakary, paid a visit to the Ganimadam, mangrove restoration site and expressed their satisfaction and happiness with the progress achieved. The team commended the high survival rate of mangroves and the strong engagement of local communities. The project is making a meaningful impact by enhancing biodiversity, strengthening coastal conservation, and supporting sustainable livelihoods in the area. Through collaborative efforts and continued community participation, the initiative contributes to the long-term protection of coastal ecosystems while improving the well-being of local residents.



Visit of UNDP

The UNDP team visited the Poonagari project site to monitor mangrove plantation and regulator construction activities. They met with community leaders and HDO staff and appreciated the strong community engagement and ownership. Overall progress in restoration, awareness, and construction was satisfactory, and HDO's efforts were highly praised.



Visit of Halo Trust

The HALO Trust team visited the HDO field office and Muhamalai coastal area to assess the potential for restoring mangroves. The team conducted a thorough review of the coastal ecosystem, identifying key areas where restoration efforts could be implemented to improve biodiversity and support local livelihoods. The visit highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts for successful environmental rehabilitation and sustainable development in the region.

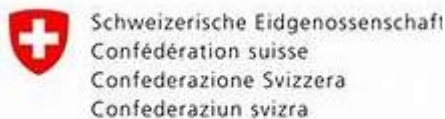
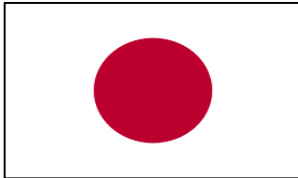


Financial Status

HUMANITARIAN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026			
		31.03.2026	2025
	Note	Budget Rs	Actual Rs
Incoming Resources			
France Embassy	1.1		3,576,385.70
GIZ - 01	1.2	1,660,000.00	8,012,000.00
GIZ - 02	1.3	9,012,000.00	-
HDO Program Funds	1.4	950,000.00	1,802,685.00
Japan Embassy	1.5	24,180,975.00	-
NCEASL	1.6	2,835,000.00	4,000,000.00
NCPF	1.7	356,000.00	494,251.89
Swiss Embassy	1.8	1,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
TAF - 02	1.9	200,000.00	800,000.00
UNDP/SGP	1.10	4,525,200.00	10,413,405.05
Ministry of Crab	1.11	2,777,800.00	-
SAMBOL Foundation	1.12	300,000.00	-
The Halo Trust	1.13	8,015,200.00	-
		55,812,175.00	55,810,493.19
Note 2 Programme Expenditure			
France Embassy	2.10	780,000.00	8,546,006.03
GIZ	2.20	1,718,000.00	8,004,616.91
GIZ - 02	2.30	6,846,800.00	-
HDO Program Cost	2.40	-	267,029.65
Japan Embassy	2.50	24,329,500.00	-
NCEA	2.60	-	23,147.60
NCEASL	2.70	2,470,850.00	4,011,344.92
NCPF	2.80	361,000.00	441,140.06
Swiss Embassy	2.90	4,956,100.00	48,000.00
TAF - 02	2.10	-	997,248.75
UNDP/SGP	2.11	10,207,400.00	5,170,183.34
Ministry of Crab	2.12	2,976,400.00	749,620.00
Sambol Foundation	2.13	297,700.00	-
The Halo Trust	2.14	7,301,400.00	-
		62,245,150.00	62,243,160.28
Programme Administration Expenditure	2.15		3,187,295.37
Net Surplus on Programs			(9,619,962.46)
Interest income			29,648.39
Net Surplus before tax			(9,590,314.07)
Provision for gratuity			-
Provision for tax			57,025.40
Net Surplus after tax and gratuity			(9,590,314.07)
Surplus / Deficit / Restricted Fund & Unrestricted B/F			10,441,214.38
Surplus / Deficit C/F			850,900.31
			10,441,214.38



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