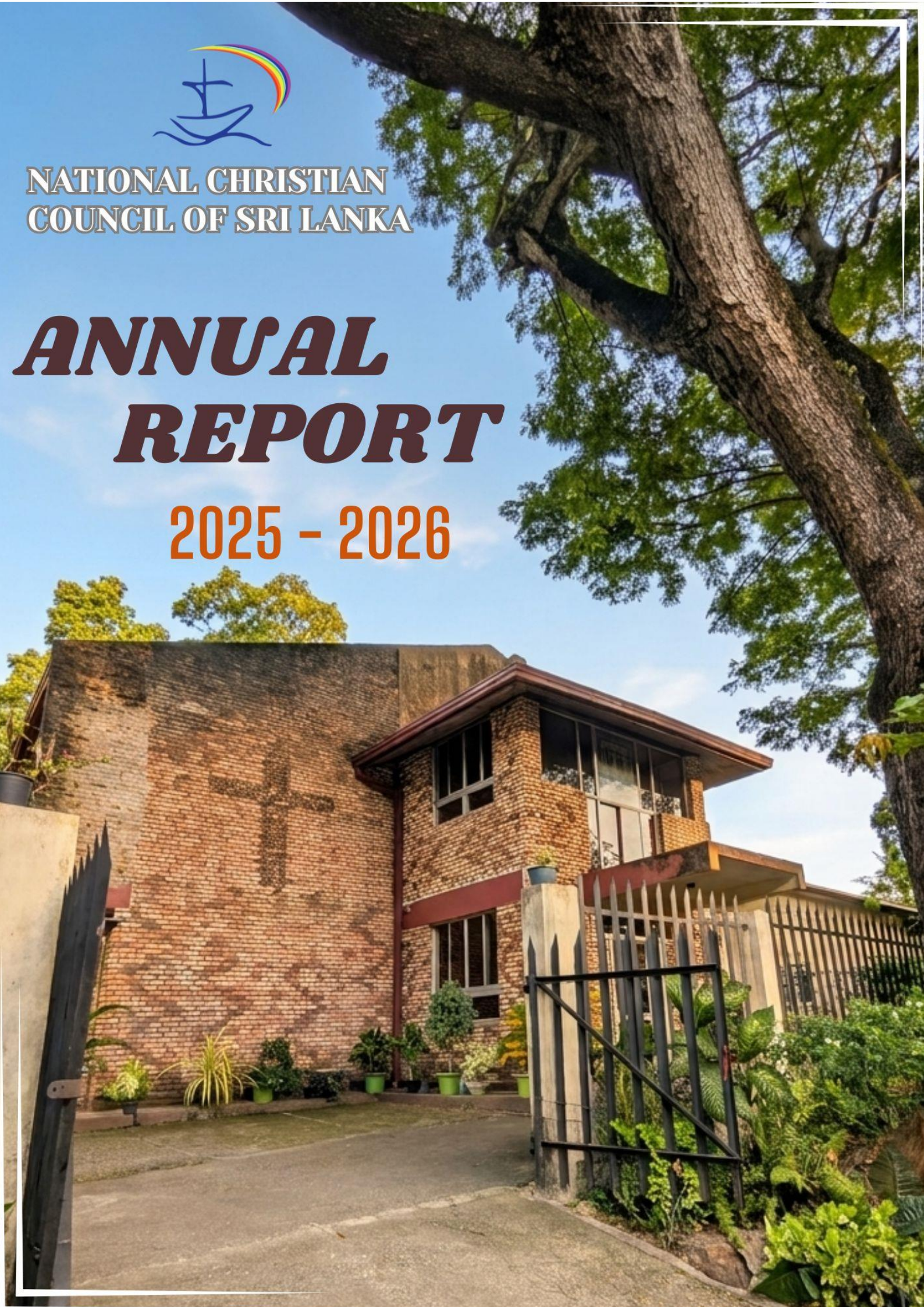




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Our Vision

**To promote Ecumenical
witness,
seeking the unity that our
Lord
Jesus Christ prayed for in
realizing the fullness of
God's
reign here on earth.**

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Message from General Secretary

Annual General Meeting of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka – 2026

Dear Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, Heads of Denominations, Members of the Executive Committee, Representatives of Member Churches and Ecumenical Organizations, my dear staff in Christ,

It is with profound gratitude to God that I present this report as we gather for the Annual General Meeting of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka. We come together not merely to review another year of activities but to celebrate God's faithfulness and reaffirm our common calling to participate in God's mission in our beloved nation.



The words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28–29, **"Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."** Here Jesus invites those who are weary and burdened to "take my yoke upon you and learn from me." The Greek word translated as "yoke" is *sugos*, a word that also conveys the meaning of balance. A yoke joins two together and distributes the burden equally so that the load can be carried with strength, harmony, and purpose.

This image beautifully reflects the ministry of Jesus. Throughout His earthly life, Christ consistently restored balance wherever society had created imbalance. He stood with the poor while challenging the complacency of the rich. He welcomed those who had been excluded because of caste, ethnicity, gender, disability, illness, occupation, or social status. He confronted systems of oppression and proclaimed the Kingdom of God as a community where justice, compassion, dignity, and reconciliation prevail.

Sri Lanka today continues to experience many painful imbalances. Economic inequality continues to widen. Many families still struggle under the burden of poverty and unemployment. Communities affected by war continue to search for truth, justice, and healing. Ethnic and religious mistrust persists in many places. Environmental degradation threatens the livelihoods of vulnerable communities, while social and political polarization continues to weaken the common good.

In such a context, Christ's invitation to take His *sugos* becomes an invitation to the Church itself. We are called to become people who restore balance where injustice prevails, who build bridges where divisions exist, and who become instruments of God's peace where communities remain wounded. The mission of the Church is therefore not confined to worship alone but extends into every sphere of public life, participating faithfully in the *Missio Dei*—God's mission of reconciliation, justice, healing, and transformation.

This has always been the vocation of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka. Throughout its long history, the NCCSL has sought to be an ecumenical movement that bears witness to Christ by serving the Church and the nation together. The past year has once again tested our faith, resilience, and commitment.

The year 2025–2026 has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging periods in the recent history of the NCCSL. Financial constraints, institutional restructuring, increasing demands upon our ministry, and the many challenges facing our nation required difficult decisions and renewed commitment. Yet, throughout these challenges, God's mercy never failed us. God's wisdom guided us, and His providence sustained us. We therefore gather today not with a spirit of discouragement but with thanksgiving, recognising that it is God who has carried this institution through another challenging year.

One of the most significant developments during the year was the restructuring process undertaken under the guidance of the Executive Committee. I wish to place on record my sincere appreciation to every member of the Executive Committee for the courage, patience, wisdom, and prayerful discernment shown throughout this process. Difficult decisions were made not merely for institutional survival but to strengthen the Council's capacity to participate more effectively in God's mission.

Today, the NCCSL functions through three integrated core divisions:

- State and Ecumenical Relations;
- Education and Communication; and
- Development.

The Commission for Justice and Peace continues to function directly under the Secretariat, ensuring that our prophetic witness remains central to our ministry. Through this restructuring, our dedicated staff have embraced multiple responsibilities with remarkable commitment, enabling the Council to continue serving efficiently despite limited resources.

Another encouraging milestone has been our continued journey towards institutional self-sufficiency. With the generous support of our partners and donors, two additional guest rooms were completed at the NCCSL premises. These facilities have already begun generating income to strengthen the financial sustainability of the Council. While much remains to be accomplished, this marks an important step toward building a more resilient institution for future generations.

Our Regional Ecumenical Councils have also shown encouraging signs of renewal. Several regions have become active once again, strengthening ecumenical fellowship and local witness. Particularly noteworthy has been the ministry of our Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) teams operating across thirteen regions of the country. These committed teams became the backbone of our humanitarian response during the devastating Ditwah disaster. Working closely with churches and local communities, they delivered emergency relief with dedication and compassion. Beyond emergency response, post-Ditwah livelihood support programmes have now begun in several regions, helping affected families rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.

The Commission for Justice and Peace has continued its prophetic ministry by engaging issues that challenge the conscience of our nation. During the year, the Commission issued important public statements concerning the Chemmani mass grave investigations and the tragic Negombo Prison riots. These statements reflected our unwavering commitment to truth, justice, accountability, human dignity, and national reconciliation.

One particularly significant moment of our ecumenical witness was the solidarity visit undertaken by the Heads of Member Churches to the North. The visit to the Chemmani mass grave site and the dialogue with the Catholic Bishop of Jaffna became a profound expression of Christian solidarity with grieving communities. This pilgrimage strengthened relationships across ecclesial traditions and paved the way for the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka and the Catholic Church to issue a joint statement on the Chemmani mass grave and its victims. Together we affirmed our common Christian responsibility to stand alongside victims and their families while calling for truth, justice, healing, and reconciliation.

During the year, we also renewed our commitment to observing NCCSL Sunday throughout the island on the fourth Sunday of July each year. This annual observance is intended to strengthen awareness of the ministry and witness of the NCCSL while deepening the sense of ownership among our member churches and ecumenical organizations. Each year, the staff of the NCCSL will travel together to a selected region of the country, joining local congregations in worship while sharing the vision and ministry of the Council.

This year, NCCSL Sunday was joyfully celebrated at the Koddaimunai Methodist Church. Representatives of member churches, ecumenical organizations, clergy, and lay leaders gathered together in worship,

fellowship, and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness throughout the ministry of the NCCSL. It was a powerful reminder that Christian unity is not merely an idea but a lived experience.

The National Christian Council does not belong to its Secretariat or its staff alone. It belongs to its member churches and ecumenical organizations. They are the owners and custodians of this historic ecumenical movement. Therefore, I humbly appeal to the Heads of Denominations and leaders of our member organizations to continue giving greater attention to strengthening, promoting, and participating in the life and ministry of the NCCSL. The challenges before our nation require a united, visible, and courageous ecumenical witness. Together we can continue to strengthen this Council as an effective instrument of God's mission in Sri Lanka.

As I conclude, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who have faithfully journeyed with the NCCSL during this challenging year.

Our deepest appreciation goes to our Chairperson, whose leadership, wisdom, and unwavering commitment throughout his two-year tenure have left an unforgettable legacy. His guidance during one of the most difficult periods in the recent history of the NCCSL has strengthened this institution immeasurably.

I also extend my sincere thanks to our Vice Chairpersons, whose faithful support, encouragement, and wise counsel have enriched the work of the Executive Committee.

My special appreciation goes to our Treasurer, whose professional expertise, financial stewardship, and exceptional commitment have been instrumental in bringing greater order, accountability, and stability to the financial life of the NCCSL. Her dedication has been a tremendous blessing to the Council.

I express my sincere gratitude to all our donors and ecumenical partners. During a period of financial uncertainty, your unwavering solidarity, generosity, confidence, and continued partnership enabled the NCCSL to continue its ministry and remain faithful to God's mission. Your support has given us hope during difficult times.

I also wish to express my heartfelt thanks to Ms. Christine Peter and every member of our staff. Your remarkable commitment, sacrifices, flexibility, and willingness to carry multiple responsibilities have enabled the Council to continue its ministry with excellence despite our limited resources. Today, we may be a much smaller family than before, but we have become a stronger, more resilient, and more committed family. Together we continue to move forward with courage, hope, and faith.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Ralston, Lalinda, Yogeshwary, Chathura, Dinesh, Trudy, and Vinosha for their faithful and dedicated service to our institution. Their commitment and valuable contributions have been deeply appreciated. As they embark on new career paths, we pray that God will richly bless them, guide them, and grant them every success in their future endeavors.

As we continue to take upon ourselves the *sugos*—the balanced yoke of Christ—may we learn from Him to restore balance where there is injustice, hope where there is despair, reconciliation where there is division, and dignity where there is exclusion. May our churches become living signs of God's Kingdom, faithfully participating in the *Missio Dei* for the transformation of Sri Lanka.

May the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka continue to be a prophetic, compassionate, and united ecumenical witness, serving both Church and nation with humility, courage, and hope.

Rev. Sujithar Sivanayagam
General Secretary
National Christian Council of Sri Lanka

15, August 2026

Preface

The Annual Report of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) for the year 2025–2026 presents a comprehensive record of our collective ministry, witness, and service across the nation. As an ecumenical body representing diverse Christian traditions, the NCCSL remains committed to promoting Christian unity, advancing social justice, empowering communities through Christian education, and responding to environmental and humanitarian challenges.

This period has been marked by both profound opportunities and significant trials. The devastating impact of Cyclone 'Ditwah' brought widespread disruption, testing the physical resilience of our infrastructure and the social fabric of the communities we serve. Yet, in the face of natural disaster and economic hardship, the Council, through its commissions, regional structures, member churches, and dedicated volunteers, demonstrated unwavering faith and active solidarity.

The report is structured around three primary pillars of the Council's work: State and Ecumenical Relations, Education and Communication, and Development. Each section highlights the strategic initiatives, field operations, educational milestones, and spiritual gatherings that defined our mission over the past twelve months.

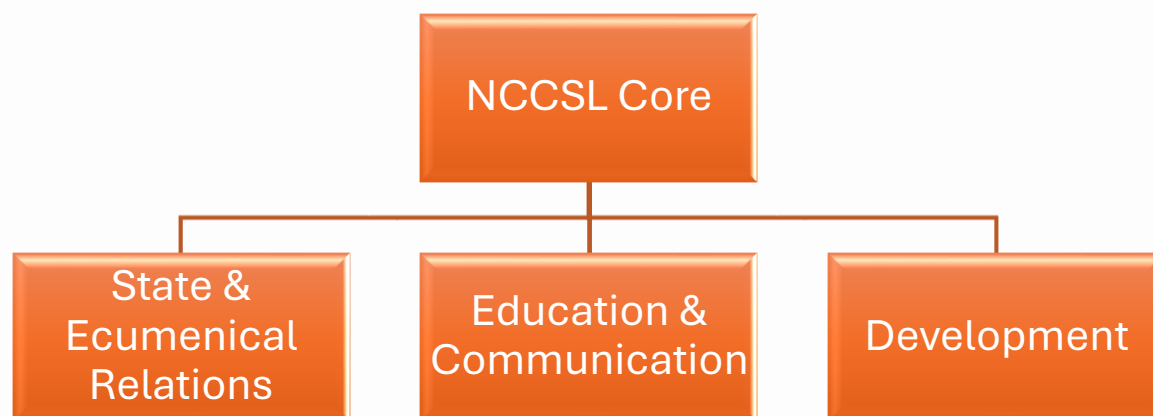
We extend our deep gratitude to the heads of member churches, commission members, regional coordinators, volunteer teachers, and external partners whose commitment sustains the ministry of the NCCSL. As you review these pages, may you be encouraged by the testimony of God's faithfulness and inspired to continue walking together in unity, service, and hope.

The Year in Review (2025–2026)

The 2025–2026 operational year for the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka was defined by steadfast service, spiritual renewal, and structural reactivation. Guided by its mandate to foster ecumenical unity and uplift Sri Lankan society, the Council directed its efforts toward building bridges across denominations,

Fostering Spiritual and Ecumenical Fellowship

Ecumenical fellowship remained at the heart of the Council's mission. Through both physical and digital platforms, Christians across traditions gathered to intercede for peace and social cohesion. A major milestone was the joint observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity alongside the Roman Catholic Church, centered on Ephesians 4:4. The published *Ecumenical Lectionary 2026–2028* and the Lenten Reflection booklet provided common ground for liturgical and devotional life across member churches. Furthermore, the strategic reactivation of Regional Councils in Colombo North, Central, South, and East re-established vital local platforms for ecumenical collaboration.



Empowering Youth Through Christian Education

In the educational sector, the NCCSL addressed crucial gaps in religious instruction. The Volunteer Teacher Project supported 80 teachers who reached over 3,500 children in remote schools. In partnership with the Ministry of Education, the Council assisted in reviewing national curricula, distributing term test papers, and training Sunday School teachers. Examination pathways—ranging from school-level revision seminars to the NCRK and Diploma in Religious Education—continued to see strong participation, culminating in national award ceremonies celebrating academic excellence and long-serving volunteer teachers.

Environmental Stewardship and Coastal Action

In response to accelerating climate challenges, the Development Commission expanded its localized environmental stewardship. Decentralized through 13 Regional Disaster Management Committees (RDMCs), the Council engaged local communities in tree planting, home gardening, and river protection. The Blue Carbon Conservation and Restoration Project targeted critical coastal ecosystems, planting mangrove propagules in Jaffna, Mannar, and Gampaha while training youth leaders in coastal resource management. Environmental literacy was further promoted nationally through islandwide online quiz competitions for World Environment Day and World Wetlands Day.

Humanitarian Preparedness and Cyclone 'Ditwah' Response

The resilience of the NCCSL's operational framework was rigorously tested during late 2025 and early 2026 by Cyclone 'Ditwah'. The disaster impacted several planned regional services and educational events, but the Council's RDMC network mobilized an immediate, multi-district emergency response. Relief efforts provided dry rations, cleaning assistance, cash vouchers, and essential goods to thousands of displaced families across 15 districts.

Simultaneously, the nationwide Emergency Messaging Programme drastically improved local early-warning capabilities by equipping remote communities and schools with megaphones, emergency bags, and digital preparedness resources.

Broader Community Wellbeing and Media Witness

Beyond emergency response, the Council actively addressed public health, social justice, and clean living through water and sanitation installations, dengue prevention campaigns, plastic waste reduction projects, and HIV/AIDS awareness workshops. Through its daily and weekly radio and television broadcasts, the NCCSL continued to communicate hope, Gospel values, and timely social guidance to thousands of viewers and listeners across Sri Lanka.

Executive Summary

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) operated during the 2025–2026 administrative year with a firm commitment to fostering Christian fellowship, uplifting vulnerable communities, and driving climate-resilient development. Despite significant operational challenges posed by adverse weather, most notably Cyclone ‘Ditwah’, the Council maintained its core ministries and successfully decentralized its field operations across all provinces.

In the sphere of State and Ecumenical Relations, the Council deepened ties between member churches and the broader Christian community, including strategic joint initiatives with the Roman Catholic Church. Grassroots and national engagement was sustained through quarterly Ecumenical Prayer Services for World Peace held across multiple districts—such as Colombo, Jaffna, Trincomalee, Kandy, and Matara, alongside monthly online prayer gatherings. National and liturgical witness was further demonstrated by co-hosting the 78th Independence Day Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving with the Department of Christian Religious Affairs, as well as holding the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service with the Catholic National Commission at All Saints’ Church, Borella. To support devotional life and strengthen regional coordination, the Council distributed the *Ecumenical Lectionary 2026–2028*, published the digital Lenten Reflection Booklet *"The Women’s Commitment to the Cross"*, and reactivated key Regional Councils in Colombo North, Central, South, and East.

The Commission for Christian Education and the Mass Communication department also expanded their reach to foster spiritual growth, academic development, and public witness. Through the Volunteer Teacher Project, 80 volunteer Christianity teachers were supported to serve over 3,500 students in underserved areas lacking formal Christian instruction. Academic outreach included conducting G.C.E. O/L and A/L Christianity revision seminars for over 760 students islandwide, alongside administering the Sunday School Final Examination, the Christian Knowledge (CSK) Examination, the National Christian Knowledge (NCRK) Examination with 239 registrants, and the Religious Education Diploma Course with 117 registrants. Meanwhile, media outreach flourished through the production and broadcast of 555 radio programmes totalling over 100 hours on state media across Sinhala, Tamil, and English, featuring broadcasts such as *Daily Thoughts*, *Sunday Meditations*, *Children’s Programmes*, *Sinagogaya*, and the bi-monthly TV programme *Sudasuna*.

The Development Commission operated through 13 Regional Disaster Management Committees (RDMCs) alongside partner organizations to guide vulnerable communities toward sustainable adaptation. Ecological restoration efforts included tree plantation drives across 11 districts, home gardening initiatives in 10 regions, and coastal restoration via the Blue Carbon Conservation Project, which planted hundreds of mangrove seedlings across Jaffna, Mannar, and Gampaha. On the disaster preparedness front, an islandwide Emergency Messaging Programme reached over 100,000 direct beneficiaries through megaphone distribution, emergency preparedness bags, educational media, and leaflets. When Cyclone ‘Ditwah’ struck, the Council rapidly deployed emergency humanitarian relief, providing house clearing assistance, dry ration distribution, cash vouchers, and essential household items to affected families across 15 districts.

1. State and Ecumenical Relations

Ecumenical Prayer Service for World Peace

As part of its commitment to fostering Christian unity and collective spiritual engagement, a series of Ecumenical Prayer Services for World Peace was conducted during the year. These quarterly services provided a platform for Christians from diverse denominations to come together in prayer and reflection on pressing global and national issues affecting peace, justice, and human well-being.

The services were conducted at various locations across the country, encouraging ecumenical fellowship, mutual understanding, and a shared witness to the Christian call for peace. Through these gatherings, participants affirmed their solidarity with communities facing conflict, suffering, and social challenges, while strengthening bonds among churches and Christian organizations.

The services were held as follows:

Date	Venue
24th May 2025	Colombo Jaffna Diocese of Church of South India Church, Wellawatte Batticaloa Methodist Church, Valachchanai Jaffna Assemblies of God Church Trincomalee Methodist Church, Dockyard Road Kandy St. Paul's Church Balangoda Holy Emmanuel Church Matara Christian Reformed Church Rambukkana Salvation Army Church Ratnapura Foursquare Gospel Church Puttalam Methodist Church
24th January 2026	Matara Foursquare Church, Hulandawa Tangalle Anglican Church Galle Salvation Army Church Mathugama Methodist Church Hambantota Anglican Church (While regional ecumenical services had been planned in several locations, these could not be held due to the continuing effects of Cyclone 'Ditwah' and the resulting logistical challenges.)
25 April 2026	Kandy Christ Church Colombo Methodist Church, Moor's Road, Wellawatte Hanwella Baptist Church Jaffna Christian Theological Seminary of Sri Lanka, Maruthanarmadam, Chunnakam Trincomalee Methodist Church, Nilaveli Matara Assemblies of God Church, Matara Fort Polonnaruwa Methodist Church Nuwaraeliya Assemblies of God Church

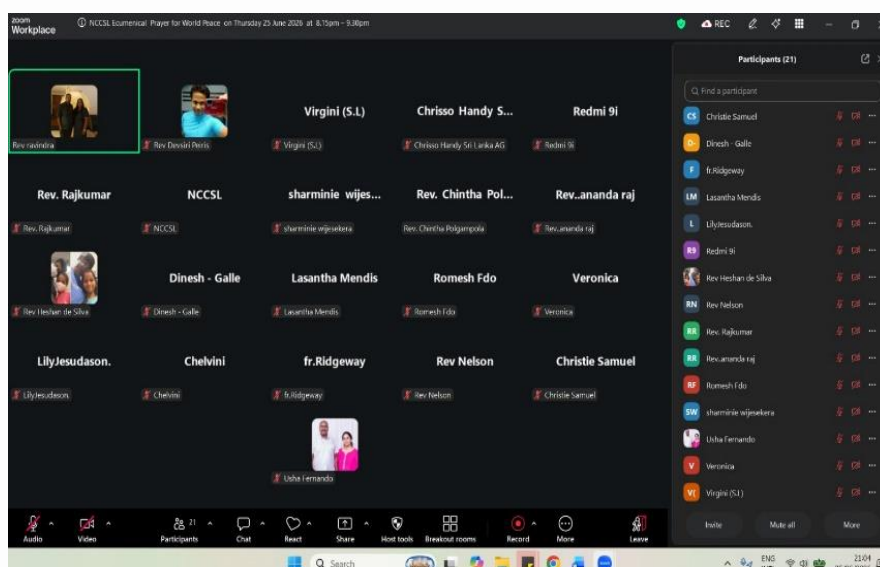
The Ecumenical Prayer Service for World Peace, scheduled for 29 November 2025, was cancelled due to the adverse weather conditions and disruptions caused by Cyclone 'Ditwah'.



Ecumenical Prayer for World Peace via Zoom

The Ecumenical Prayer for World Peace is conducted via Zoom on the last Thursday of each month from 8:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. This initiative provides an opportunity for Christians from diverse traditions to come together in prayer for contemporary global concerns, while fostering wider participation and offering an inclusive platform for collective reflection and intercession.

While the monthly prayer gatherings continue to serve as a meaningful expression of ecumenical solidarity, participation has remained relatively low. This highlights the need for renewed efforts to raise awareness, encourage broader involvement, and strengthen engagement among member churches and individuals.



Ecumenical Lectionary

To promote the systematic study of the Bible and encourage common worship practices among member churches, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) published the Ecumenical Lectionary 2026–

2028. Based on the Revised Common Lectionary (1992) and adopted to the needs of the Sri Lankan churches, the lectionary was produced in Sinhala, Tamil, and English and distributed among constituent churches.

This initiative reflects NCCSL's continued commitment to fostering ecumenical unity and shared liturgical practice among its member churches.

Unity Service

As part of the annual observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, a Unity Service was jointly organized by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) and the Catholic National Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue on 25 January 2026. The service was held at All Saints' Church, Borella, commencing at 3.30 p.m., and was preceded by a procession from St. Luke's Church, Borella, symbolizing the shared journey of Christians towards greater unity and fellowship.

The theme for the service was "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). The message was delivered by Rev. Samuel Ponniah.

Approximately 150 participants representing a broad spectrum of churches and Christian communities attended the service. The event provided an important opportunity for worship, fellowship, and mutual encouragement among Christians of different traditions.

The Unity Service contributed significantly to strengthening ecumenical relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the member churches of the NCCSL, while fostering greater understanding, cooperation, and solidarity among congregations and individuals across denominational boundaries.



National Day Service

In commemoration of the 78th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's Independence, a Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving was held on 4 February 2026 at 6.15 a.m. at the People's Church Assembly of God, Kirimandala Mawatha, Narahenpita. The service was organized by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Department of Christian Religious Affairs.

The service was attended by the Heads of Member Churches of the NCCSL, clergy, church leaders, and other invited guests. More than 500 congregation gathered to offer prayers for the nation, its people, and its future, reflecting the Christian community's commitment to national unity, peace, and reconciliation.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Kingsley Weerasinghe, President of the Methodist Church. The service concluded with the hoisting of the National Flag by Rev. Chrissokumar Handy, General Superintendent and Chairman of the Assemblies of God Ceylon, followed by a fellowship breakfast.

The National Day Service provided a significant opportunity for Christians from diverse traditions to unite in thanksgiving and prayer for the country, while strengthening relationships among churches and affirming their shared commitment to the spiritual and social well-being of Sri Lanka.



Lenten Reflection Booklet – 2026

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka published the 2026 edition of the Lenten Reflections under the theme "The Women's Commitment to the Cross." The booklet was produced in digital format in Sinhala, Tamil, and English and distributed to clergy and church leaders across Sri Lanka. To ensure wider accessibility, the reflections were also made available to the broader Christian community through the NCCSL website and Facebook page.

The publication provided a valuable resource for personal devotion, congregational worship, and theological reflection during the Lenten season. By highlighting the experiences, faith, and commitment of women associated with the passion and crucifixion of Christ, the reflections invited readers to engage more deeply with the spiritual significance of Lent.

Through this initiative, the NCCSL continued its commitment to nurturing the spiritual growth of Christians, promoting shared reflection across denominations, and strengthening ecumenical fellowship during this important season of the Church year.

Sub Themes and Writers:

Sub Theme	Writer - English	Writer - Sinhala	Writer - Tamil
Characteristics of Mary the Mother of Jesus	Rev. Arulampalam Stephen	Rev. Jency Manjuka	Rev. Vathsala Seneviratne
Martha & Mary	Rev. Dixon Thirunavukarasu	Rev. Nishantha Gunasekara	Bro. K. Jerustan

Sub Theme	Writer - English	Writer - Sinhala	Writer - Tamil
Mary Magdalene	Rev. Catherine Nesabai Sivaguru Joseph	Rev. Raveen Caldera	Rev. Biyoora Selvakumar
Mother of James and John	Mrs. Jeyanitha Gnanaruban	Cap. Thushari Peiri	
Jesus with Samaritan Women	Rev. Suthasini Suthakaran	Rev. Malith Andradi	Mrs. Rose Jeyarane
The Wife of Pontius Pilate	Mrs. Christien Prassanna Reginold	Rev. D.G.W. Jayalath	Rev. Sugun S. Nevins
Faith of a Canite Women	Rev. A. Kamalakumaran	Rev. Stanley Nelson	Mrs. Kumuthini Sureshkumar
Women in Contemporary Church	Rev. Vigneshwaran Subramaniyam	Rev. Thanuja Jayasingha	Rev. Fr. V. Daniel Jeyaruban

Ash Wednesday Meditation

As part of its ongoing commitment to nurturing the spiritual well-being of staff and deepening their understanding of the Lenten season, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka conducted an Ash Wednesday Staff Meditation on 18 February 2026 at the NCCSL Board Room.

The meditation was led by Rev. Miranga Peiris, who facilitated a meaningful and inspiring time of reflection centred on themes relevant to both personal faith and the mission of the Church. The sessions focused on:

- Building Community (1 Peter 2:1–12)
- Restoring Relationships (2 Corinthians 5:16–21)
- Confronting Injustice (Isaiah 58:1–12)
- Renewing the Church (Ezekiel 37:1–13)

The meditation provided staff with an opportunity for spiritual renewal and reflection at the beginning of the Lenten journey. It encouraged participants to consider the practical implications of these biblical themes within their personal lives, workplaces, and communities, while reaffirming NCCSL's commitment to Christian witness, reconciliation, justice, and renewal.

In addition, an Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service was held on 18 February 2026 at 4.30 p.m. at the Theological College of Lanka. The service brought together clergy, theological students, and members of various Christian traditions in a spirit of worship and unity. The Holy Communion Liturgy used for the service was prepared by NCCSL.

These Ash Wednesday Services marked the beginning of the Lenten journey and provided opportunities for spiritual reflection, repentance, and renewed commitment to the mission of Christ and the unity of the Church.

Revising and Re-printing Existing Sinhala/Tamil Lyric Book

Following the launch of the digital version of the Sinhala/Tamil Lyric Book at the 2024 Annual General Meeting, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka undertook the printing of 1,000 copies to facilitate wider use among member churches and congregations.

The publication continues to serve as a valuable resource for ecumenical worship and fellowship, providing a collection of lyrics in both Sinhala and Tamil. This will be encouraged greater participation in shared worship experiences across denominational and linguistic communities.

Reactivation of the Regional Councils

As part of its commitment to strengthening ecumenical engagement at the grassroots level, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka continued the process of reactivating its Regional Councils. These councils serve as important local forums for coordinating NCCSL programmes and activities, while promoting greater participation among member churches and congregations at the regional level.

Regional Councils play a vital role in fostering Christian unity through Bible studies, fellowship gatherings, prayer meetings, and collaborative initiatives that bring together churches from different traditions. They also provide opportunities for local congregations to engage in ecumenical witness and respond collectively to issues affecting their communities.

During the months of May and June, several Regional Councils were reactivated and office bearers/coordinators were appointed to provide leadership and facilitate the ongoing work of the councils.

The following Regional Councils were reactivated during the year:

Regional Council	Geographical area	Office Bearers
Colombo North Regional Council	Fort, Colombo 10 to Colombo 15	President: Rev. Kusum Kumarasiri Secretary: Cap. Nilanthi Sriyamkrishnan
Colombo Central Regional Council	Colombo 2, Colombo 3, Colombo 4, Colombo 5, Colombo 7, Colombo 8, Colombo 9 and some churches in Colombo 10	President: Rev. Rajiv Paliawadana Secretary: Rev. Lakmal Wejeratne
Colombo South Regional Council	Colombo 6, Dehiwala and Mount Lavinia	President: Rev. Jerome Kandeepan Secretary: Pas. M. Farzan
Colombo East Regional Council	Nugogoda, Maharagama, Rajagiriya and Kotte	Coordinator: Rev. Nishantha Gunasekara



NCCSL Sunday

NCCSL Sunday will be observed across the island on the 26 July 2026 of July as a special occasion for member churches to celebrate and give thanks for the ministry and witness of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka.

On this day, member churches are encouraged to join in prayer and thanksgiving for the work of the Council and to seek God's continued guidance, blessings, and empowerment for its future ministry in promoting Christian unity, ecumenical witness, justice, peace, and reconciliation.

Main NCCSL Sunday Service, was held at Koddaimunai Methodist Church, Batticaloa. Resource materials, including a special leaflet and a video presentation highlighting the work and ministry of the NCCSL, were distributed to clergy and church leaders for use within their respective congregations.

The annual observance of NCCSL Sunday provides an important opportunity to raise awareness of the Council's mission and activities, strengthen the partnership between member churches, and encourage greater participation in the ecumenical movement throughout Sri Lanka.



2. Commission for Justice and Peace

Statements Issued

During the reporting period, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) released the following statements addressing significant national issues and developments in Sri Lanka.

- Statement on Prison Reform Following the Negombo Prison Tragedy
- Statement by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka on the Chemmani Mass Grave...
- Joint Statement by the Diocese of Jaffna of the Roman Catholic Church and the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka On the Chemmani Mass Grave: Truth Must Rise from the Soil

Ecumenical Service of Lament in Solidarity with the Palestinian People (Commemorating Nakba Day)

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with Global Kairos for Justice – Sri Lanka, organized an **Ecumenical Service of Lament in Solidarity with the Palestinian People** to commemorate **Nakba Day** on **16 May 2026**. The service was held at **Ss. Mary and John Church, Nugegoda**, bringing together clergy, church leaders, and members of the Christian community in prayer, reflection, and solidarity with the Palestinian people. The event reaffirmed the churches' commitment to justice, peace, human dignity, and compassion for communities affected by conflict and displacement.



NCCSL Church Leaders' Solidarity visit to Chemmani

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) organized a two-day solidarity visit to the Chemmani mass grave site in Siththupaththi, Jaffna, on 29–30 October 2025. The visit was undertaken to stand in solidarity with the victims of enforced disappearances and their families, who continue to seek truth, justice, and accountability.

As an ecumenical body committed to justice and reconciliation, NCCSL reaffirmed its call for the truth surrounding the Chemmani mass graves to be fully revealed and for justice to be ensured for the affected communities. The Council reiterated its appeal to the Government of Sri Lanka to pursue meaningful processes that promote truth, accountability, healing, and lasting reconciliation.

During the visit, the delegation participated in a discussion at Oppuravillam, facilitated by Ven. S. P. D. Selvan. Mr. Sundareswaran, a former Human Resources Manager in the banking sector and now a natural farmer, shared reflections on the socio-economic, political, and religious challenges confronting Sri Lanka. He highlighted the importance of fostering resilient communities rooted in compassion, mutual care, and solidarity.

The delegation, comprising church leaders, clergy, laity, and representatives of civil society organizations, offered prayers at the entrance to the Chemmani mass grave site, remembering the victims and expressing hope for truth and healing. A tribute was also paid at the Anayatheepam Memorial in honour of those who were disappeared and lost during the conflict. A press statement was issued at the site, reaffirming the churches' commitment to justice, human dignity, and reconciliation.

The Chairperson of NCCSL, Rt. Rev. Nishantha Fernando (Bishop of Kurunegala), the General Secretary, Rev. Sujithar Sivanayagam, and Rt. Rev. Pathmathayalan, representing the Jaffna Church Unity (JCU), addressed the gathering and jointly released the statement to the media.

The visit concluded with a meeting with the Bishop of Jaffna, Rt. Rev. Dr. Justin Gnanapragasam, during which participants discussed the prevailing situation in the country, with particular attention to the challenges facing communities in the Northern Province. A key outcome of the meeting was the agreement to issue a joint statement by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka and the Diocese of Jaffna, reaffirming their shared commitment to truth, justice, peace, and national reconciliation.



Christian - Muslim Conversation | Interfaith Dialogue

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka organized a Christian Muslim Interfaith Dialogue on 12 August 2025 at the NCCSL Janakala Conference Hall. The dialogue was convened to strengthen mutual understanding, foster respect, and promote peaceful coexistence between Christian and Muslim communities through open and meaningful engagement.

The keynote address was delivered by Professor Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud-Din Qadri, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors of Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan. Drawing on his expertise in Islamic economics, spirituality, and interreligious engagement, Dr. Qadri shared valuable perspectives on the importance of dialogue, coexistence, peacebuilding, and the constructive role of faith communities in addressing contemporary social challenges.

The session was moderated by Dr. Shanthikumar Hettiarachchi. Participants from Christian and Muslim communities actively contributed to the dialogue, exchanging experiences and perspectives while reaffirming their shared commitment to religious harmony, mutual respect, and collaborative efforts for peace and social cohesion in Sri Lanka.



One Day Symposium

The Commission for Justice and Peace of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka conducted a one day symposium on 30th July 2026 at the NCCSL Janakala Conference Hall, under the theme *"Responding to Emerging Challenges in Sri Lanka: Shaping the Future Direction of the Commission for Justice and Peace."* The symposium brought together approximately **35–40 participants**, representing NCCSL member churches and organizations, as well as the Roman Catholic Church..

The symposium was organized with the following objectives:

- To analyse emerging social, political, economic, environmental, and religious challenges affecting Sri Lankan society.
- To strengthen ecumenical understanding and collaboration in promoting justice, peace, and reconciliation.
- To identify priority thematic areas that will guide the future work of the Commission for Justice and Peace.
- To formulate practical recommendations and develop an action framework for the Commission's engagement over the coming years.

The programme featured presentations and interactive discussions on several critical thematic areas, including:

- **Economic and Social Justice,**
- **Transitional Justice Challenges in Sri Lanka,.**
- **Climate Justice and Vulnerable Communities,**

Recommendations and the Way Forward for the Commission for Justice and Peace, during which participants collectively identified strategic priorities and proposed practical interventions to strengthen the Commission's future ministry and public engagement.



3. Education and Communication

Commission for Christian Education

Volunteer Teachers Project

At present, NCCSL supports 80 dedicated volunteer teachers Island wide, serving more than 3,500 students. These teachers travel to schools and communities where Christian education would otherwise be unavailable. Their commitment and sacrifice have made this ministry a vibrant and meaningful witness to the Christian faith across Sri Lanka.

The work of the volunteer teachers is closely monitored by NCCSL through monthly reports, the supervision of Regional Coordinators, and ongoing coordination with the relevant authorities of the Department of Education.

Each volunteer teacher receives a modest allowance of Rs. 10,000 per month to cover travel and incidental expenses. However, due to the financial challenges currently faced by NCCSL, it has become increasingly difficult to sustain this support solely through our existing resources.



Volunteer Teacher Training Programme

A Residential Teacher Training programme for Christianity volunteer teachers was held on 27th & 28th November 2025 at Ecumenical Institute for Study & Dialog (EISD), Havelock Road, Colobo 06. The purpose of the programme was to train Christianity teachers under the theme of New Revised Curriculum.

Resource Persons :

- Rev.Samantha Senevirathna
- Rev.Wilee Ranasinghe
- Ms.Nilanthi De Silva
- Ms.Kumudini Prabachandran
- Ms.Jeyaruba Jeewaraja
- Ms.Prabagini Nishanthan



Total of 36 teachers from various schools were trained through the programme. Specially the teachers gained a broad understanding on New Curriculum introduced by the Ministry of Education. Unfortunately we couldn't continue the programme on the 2nd day due to Ditwa cyclone.



Overall the programme was presented very appropriately and creatively by the resourced persons. The sessions were greatly appreciated by the participants.

Christianity Revision Seminar G.C.E Ordinary Level

There were 09 Christianity revision seminars of the subject of Christianity conducted for ordinary level students in Sinhala, Tamil & English mediums. A total of 611 students participated.

Place	Date	No of participation
Colombo	06.02.2026	120
Hatton	09.02.2026	80
Kotagala	31.01.2026	60
Maskeliya	07.02.2026	50
Thirukkivil	31.01.2026	60
Kalmunai	07.02.2026	50
Jaffna	07.02.2026	35
Uduvil	07.02.2026	40
Katunayake	07.02.2026	116



- Totally 611 O/L Christianity students benefited.
- Students gained more knowledge on Christianity syllabus.
- Students got the chance to revise what they studied through the year.

Christianity Revision Seminar G.C.E Advance Level

There were 05 A/L Christianity seminar conducted in Tamil & Sinhala mediums. Totally 155 students participated.

Place	Date	No of participation
Colombo	28 & 29 October 2025	40
Valaichchenai	17.10.2025	45
Kalmunai	31.10.2025 & 01.10.2025	43
Thirukkivil	24 & 25th October 2025	19
Matara	27.10.2025	08



Coordination with Ministry of Education

Coordination work with Ministry of Education is coordinated by Rev.Samantha Seneviratne. Grade 06 module in Sinhala & Tamil medium reviewed & finalized by the committee appointed by the Christian Advisory committee. There was a review meeting for Grade 01 activity book (1st term) held on 30th June 2026 at Pannipitiya, Devram Vehera temple premises.



There are two Advisory committee meetings held on 01st October 2025 and 31st March 2026 at the Ministry of Education, Isurupaya.

Term test papers Distributions

The second and third term examination question papers for grade 1 to 11 have been prepared and sent to those who are requested.

Sunday School Teacher Training Programme

A Sunday School Teachers Training programme was held on 15th November 2025 at Methodist Church, Maradana. The purpose of the programme was to train Sunday School teachers to teach according to the syllabus in an innovative manner at the Sunday schools. Teachers were trained under different topics related to the teaching of Sunday Schools.



- Bible Study
- Introduction to the Sunday School Syllabus of NCCSL
- Teaching Methods
- Class level Teaching (Grade 1-5, 6-8 & 9- 11)
- Action Songs
- Hand Work Session

Total of 77 teachers from various churches in Colombo area were trained through the programme. Specially the teachers gained a broad understanding on Sunday School Curriculum of NCCSL And also they expressed their willingness to implement same in their respective Sunday schools.

Resource Persons :

- Rev.D.K.Balakrishnan
- Ms.Vanaja Rajkumar
- Ms.Jebakany Sundarsing
- Ms.Lifniya Ruben
- Ms.Flora Philip
- Ms.Nilanka Fernando
- Ms.Champika De Silva
- Ms.Hansini Perera
- Child Evangelism Fellowship (Ms. Melani, Bro.Livingston)



Overall the the programme was presented very appropriately and creatively by the resourced persons. The sessions were greatly appreciated by the participants.



Sunday School Final Examination 2025

Sunday School Final Examination was held on 17th January 2026. (9.00- 12.00pm)

The Following Sunday schools registered for the Examination

1. St, Petters & St, Paule Church, Hewadiwala
2. Methodist church, dalupotha
3. Sri Nishshankamallapura, Polonnaruwa
4. St' Mathews church, Thalagama
5. Christ church – kotte
6. Baptist church – Nugegoda
7. Lving voice of life –Moratuwa
8. St, John's church – Gatabe
9. St. Paul's church, Kandy
10. Baptist church, Moratuwa
11. Gonawala Baptist church
12. Christ Church- Mahadowa

Results

Distinction	12
Credit	18
Simple	01
Weak	01

- A total of **42** Candidates registered for the examination. And 32 participated.
- The Closing Date for the examination will be 30th of September each year.

CSK Examination 2026

The examination was held on 31st January 2026 (From 9.00am to 12.30pm).

Exam Center	Sinhala	Tamil
Polonnaruwa	03	
Kaluthara	01	
Monaragala	01	03
Sembukattiya	01	
kamaragoda	06	
Thangalla	09	01
Anuradapura	01	
Gampaha	06	
Rathnapura	01	02
Passara	02	04
Colombo	24	09
Jaffna		04
Batticaloa		01
Hatton		03
Trincomalee		01

Results

Distinction	19
Credit	34
Simple	03
Weak	00



- A total of **86** Candidates registered for the examination. Sat for the Examination – 56
- The closing date for the registration is 30th November each year.

Those who obtain 'Credit Pass' through this examination with O/L qualifications can apply for the NCRK examination.

NCRK Examination 2025

The examination for this year was held on 11th October 2025 (9.00am to 12.pm) in 21 exam centers.

Seminar center	Sinhala	Tamil	Seminar center	Tamil
Colombo	46	14	Vavuniya	7
Kaluthara	2	2	Hatton	13
Ampara	3			
Rathanapura	1			
Kurunegala	26		Batticaloa	42
Anuradapura	5		Kalmunai	19
Galle	4		Trincomalee	07
Matara	3			
Kandy	5		Kegalle	01
Gampaha	13		Matale	02
Kurana	6		Passara	01
Polonnaruwa	9	1		
Jaffna		4	Deniyaya	
Kilinochchi		3		01
Mannar		5		

- Altogether 239 candidates registered for the examination.
Tamil -120
Sinhala – 119

- Sat for the examination 184

Results

Distinction	53
Credit	102
Simple	23
Weak	06

- The closing date for the application for NCRK Examination is 31st July each year.

NCRK Seminars 2025

Seminars for preparing NCRK candidates were held in the months of August to October 2025



Seminar center	Resource Person	Seminar center	Resource Person
Colombo	Rev. Niraj Perera	Colombo	Rev. Balakrishnan
Kaluthara Ampara, Rathanapura	Rev. Brian Fernando ZOOM	Jaffna Kilinochchi	Rev. Daniel Jeyaruben
Kurunegala	Rev. Renuka Damayanthi	Mannar	Rev. A. Pavakaran
Anuradapura	Rev. Amila	Vavuniya	Rev. Sathies Crispus
Galle, Matara	Rev Surein Fernando	Hatton	Rev. Amos Sam
Kandy	Rev. Mahesh Hemachandra	Batticaloa	Rev. P. Thayalan
Gampaha	Ms. Indika Senaratne	Kalmunai	Mr. Sivaseelan
Kurana	Rev. Don	Trincomalee	Rev. Daisy Thevakumar
Polonnaruwa	Rev. Indrajith	Rathnapura, Matale, Kegalla, Polonnaruwa, Passara, Deniyaya	Rev. Nishanthikumary



Religious Education Diploma Examination 2024/2025

Examination was held on 12th July 2025 (9.00am to 12.00pm Paper I & 1.00pm to 4.00pm Paper II)

Centers	Sinhala	Tamil
Colombo	14	03
Kandy	05	04
Jaffna		03
Batticaloa		12
Thirukkivil		07
Passara		07
Ratnapura		03
Bandarawela	02	

A total of 60 candidates registered for 2024/25

Sinhala 21

Tamil 39

Sat for the examination

Sinhala 17

Tamil 30



Results	
Distinction	03
Credit	38
Simple	05
Weak	01

Religious Education Diploma Course for 2025/2026 batch

A total of 117 candidates registered for 2025/26

Sinhala 64

Tamil 53

Seminars- Sinhala & Tamil medium

Seminar Center	Resource person	Center	Resource Person
Rambukkana /Anuradhapura	Rev. Ranjana	Colombo	Rev. D.K. Balakrishnan
Colombo	Rev. Brian Fernando	Kandy	Ms. Glory Hebziba
Online	Rev. Mahesh. H	Jaffna	Rev. Daniel Jeyaruban
Galle Hambanthota	Rev. Surein Fernando	Mannar	Rev. Pavakaran
Kalmunai	Mr. Siva Seelan	Hatton Deniyaya Badulla Rathnapura	Rev. Nishanthi Kumary (online)
Batticaloa	Rev. P. Thayalan		



NCRK Certificate Awarding Ceremony

	Date, Time & Venue	Guests	Participation	Remarks
NCRK Certificate Awarding Ceremony 2025	26 th June 2026 at 10.00am at Cathedral of Christ the Living Savior, Colombo 07.	Rev. Mal Fernando – The Deputy Director (RC), Religions & Value Education, Isurupaya Chaired by Rev. Priyantha Wijegoonawardane (Vice Chairperson -NCCSL),	-Nearly 250 participants participated. -Totally 130 students received Certificates.	-The event was really appreciated by participants. -Those who got pass with Distinction received Medals. In addition, a felicitation event was held at the ceremony to honor teachers who have served and are serving in our project for over 25 years as volunteers. 11 teachers participated and received awards.
NCRK Certificate Awarding Ceremony 2026	11 th May 2026 at 9.45am at St. Luke's Church Hall, Borella.	The Chief Guest for the event was Rev. Leslie Dareeju (The Principal, Theological College of Lanka, Pilimalalawa) and the special guest was Dr. Ivor Poobalan (Former Principal of Colombo Theological Seminary, Kohuwala)	Nearly 260 participants participated. Totally 135 students received Certificates	



Commission for Mass Communication

The Council's strategy to witness God, to express His calling and renewal through His Spirit to spread Good News to humanity and to live by the values of God's Reign, is achieved by using available mass communication methods of regular and special radio and television programmes produced by the Council and aired on State Media. These programmes are produced with the aim of communicating the Gospel and its values with current and timely topics to support the 'witness and call' of the Christian Community.

The programmes are mainly produced in all three languages and consist of 'Daily Thoughts, Sunday Meditations, Children's programmes, Sinagogaya, Kithunu Hamuwa, Christian Half Hour', Workshops, Carol Competition and special TV programmes.

Radio Programmes

As a key 'medium' of activity in achieving the above strategic objective, the Council produces radio programmes on a regular basis. Radio programmes for the spiritual enrichment and edification of listeners continue with a total of 555 programmes recorded and produced over the last 12 months, covering over 100 hours of airtime throughout the year. There is a minimum of one programme a day and two programmes on a Sunday. NCCSL produces Daily Thoughts, Sunday Meditations, Children's programmes, 'Sinagogaya', and Christian Half Hour on a regular basis. We value the responses we receive and use them to help measure our impact. We strive our best to meet with the requirements of the listeners and we continually make efforts to increase our listenership. We give special thanks to over 150 people who helped us voluntarily to produce programmes and for their sacrificial commitment to travel, rehearse, write and record. This year there was considerable interest and enthusiasm from the Churches towards the production of these programmes.

Christian Half Hour

The Christian Half Hour, is a 30-minute programme aired fortnightly on Sundays. The programmes are usually based on contemporary themes. The majority of our listeners are those who are unable to attend Sunday Services in person due to ill health, immobility, distance of travel or other personal reasons. The programme serves as their 'Worship Service' on a Sunday evening. We are continually inspired by the feedback we receive. The calls and emails that we receive, prove that there are many out there who regularly listen and are nourished by the quality of the programming. Callers often request that we have at least one familiar / popular hymn or lyric on the programme so that they too could join in the singing.

Children's Programmes

Bible stories, some even dramatized, along with attractive Christian songs for children, adorn the 15-minute children's programmes which are produced. While NCCSL produces the English and Tamil programmes while the Sinhala programmes are produced by Back to the Bible Broadcast for the NCCSL. Whilst we appreciate the support extended by the Back to the Bible Broadcast, we also wish to thank Mrs. Pathmini Joseph, Mrs. Caushika Fernando and Ms. Roheen Jayawardena for their tireless efforts of producing these programmes year after year.



Daily Thoughts / Sunday Meditation

Inspirational Thoughts, aired in the early hours of the day, identified as 'Thoughts for the Day', are aired fortnightly over a period of one week, in Sinhala and Tamil, while the English Thought is aired only on a Sunday Morning, as 'Sunday Meditation.' These thoughts / meditations are aired along with similar thoughts / meditations from other religious sectors.



Sinagogaya

Sinagogaya is a 30-minute programme in Sinhala which creates opportunities to discuss the Biblical and historical traditions of the Christian faith and relate them to the contemporary issues of the day. This programme is aired every Friday and produced every other quarter by the NCCSL.

Quite a few responses were received on the information shared through this programme, which is moderated by Mr. Givantha Arthasad.



Special Radio Programmes – Christmas 2025

25 special radio programmes were produced for the Christmas Season of 2025, in Sinhala, Tamil and English, covering approximately 14 hours. They were aired between 20th December and 1st January.

Special Radio Programmes – Easter 2026

The Lenten / Easter 2026 programmes were pre-recorded with special ‘Lenten Reflections’ aired on Fridays during the said season in all three languages and in the Holy Week, emphasizing the importance of the significant days and traditions.

We also produced special 30-minute programmes for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, emphasizing the importance, significance and traditions of the respective days.

Television Programmes

NCCSL’s bi-monthly TV programme, “Sudasuna”



March		
Date	Programme	Preacher
15.03.2026	Sunday Meditation	Rev. Conrad
22.03.2026	Christian Half Hour Sinhala	Rev. Lakpriya De Silva
15_03_2026	Calling All Children	Sis. Rohin
13.03.2026	Thought For The Day 6 Cuts	Rev. Don Appuhami
13.03.2026	Christian Half Hour	Bro. Premkumar
15.03.2026	Children Programme Tamil	Sis. Padmini Joshep

April		
01.04.2026	Christian Half Hour	Rev. Shirly Faber
01.04.2026	Thought For The Day	Rev. Shirly Faber
05.04.2026	Sunday Meditation	Rev. Suresh Dias
19.04.2026	Christian Half Hour	Mr. Givantha Arthasad
19.04.2026	Thought For The Day 6 Cuts	Mr. Givantha Arthasad
10.04.2026	Calling All Children	Sis. Padmini Joshep
17.04.2026	Sunday Meditation	Rev. Heshan De Silva
23.04.2026	Calling All Children	NCC Production
24.04.2026	Christian Half Hour	Lieutenant Colonel Felix Kumaravel
29.04.2026	Christian Half Hour	Mr. Oscar Sheron And Givantha Arthasad
29.04.2026	Thought For The Day 6 Cuts	Mr. Givantha Arthasad
29.04.2026	Calling All Children	Sis. Padmini Joshep
30.04.2026	Christian Half Hour	Rev Suresh Dias
30.04.2026	Sinnagogaya 2 Episodes	Givantha Arthasad

May		
08.05.2026	Calling all children	NCC Production
08.05.2026	Christian Half hour	Rev. S. Balasundaram
08.05.2027	Christian Half hour	Bro. Niles
08.05.2027	Christian Half hour T	Rev. S. Balasundaram
12.05.2026	Calling all children T 2cuts	Sis. Padmini Joshep
14.05.2026	Christian Half hour S	Rev. Ashoka
14.05.2026	Christian Half hour	Rev. Suresh Dias
22.05.2026	Calling all children	NCC Production

June		
02.06.2026	Sinnagogaya 2 Episodes	Mr. Givantha Arthasad
03.06.2026	Christian Half Hour T	Rev. S.S. Gnanarajah
04.06.2026	Thought For The Day 6 Cuts	Rev. Sam
10.06.2026	Christian Half Hour T	Bro. Lakshan Joseph
10.06.2026	Calling All Children	Sis. Padmini Joshep
18.06.2026	Christian Half Hour S	Rev. Ashoka
18.06.2026	Thought For The Day 6 Cuts	Rev. Ashoka

July		
03.07.2026	Sinnagogaya	Mr. Givantha Arthasad
03.07.2026	Christian Half Hour S	Sis. Nainamale Theepamary
07.07.2026	Christian Half Hour T	Rev. Joseph
09.07.2026	Calling All Children T	Sis. Padmini Joshep
10.07.2026	Christian Half Hour S	Rev. Farzaan Farook
10.07.2026	Thought For The Day 6 Cuts	Rev. Farzaan Farook

Month	Category	Description
April 2026	Documentary	Major Anura Withana
June2026	Methodist,day(special programme)	Mr. Givantha Arthasad / Mr. Oskar Sheron

4. Development

The Development arm functions as a proactive force for community transformation, bridging immediate emergency response with long-term climate adaptation and social empowerment. Grounded in a commitment to human dignity and environmental stewardship, these integrated programs address systemic vulnerabilities, build local capacity, and foster resilient ecosystems and societies.

To mitigate the accelerating threats of environmental degradation and extreme weather, strategic initiatives center on grassroots risk reduction and climate resilience. Through regional disaster management frameworks, programs implement localized adaptation projects, including widespread tree planting drives, home gardening for food security, and coastal ecosystem restoration via mangrove conservation in vulnerable shorelines. In tandem with ecological action, proactive disaster preparedness equips communities and schools with early-warning messaging tools, emergency resources, and risk assessment strategies to strengthen disaster readiness before crises occur.

When natural disasters or socio-economic shocks strike, such as severe flooding, landslides, or cyclonic events, rapid-response emergency relief operations deploy immediate assistance to impacted regions. Humanitarian efforts prioritize basic needs through dry ration distribution, household clearing, essential non-food item kits, and direct financial vouchers, ensuring vulnerable families receive timely support to stabilize and recover.

Sustainable development relies equally on inclusive social empowerment, prioritizing targeted initiatives for children, youth, and women. Efforts for children focus on educational access, health and hygiene campaigns, and environmental literacy, particularly through volunteer teacher projects in underserved regions and educational competitions that cultivate early awareness of ecological protection. Concurrently, young people are engaged as active agents of change through climate leadership training, coastal management projects, and community awareness drives. Underpinning these efforts is a strong emphasis on women's central role in household resilience, peacebuilding, and community leadership, supporting women-led home gardening, livelihood restoration, and targeted advocacy programs highlighting their contributions to emergency recovery and social transformation. Together, these interconnected pillars form a holistic development approach, moving communities from immediate relief to lasting self-reliance, climate security, and equity.

The Development Commission of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) continued to expand its strategic footprint across the island, transitioning communities from basic vulnerability reduction to long-term climate adaptation and self-reliance. Driven by its network of 13 Regional Disaster Management Committees (RDMCs) and sustained through vital partnerships with the Diocese of Colombo (DOC) and Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD), the Commission has successfully decentralized climate action. Rather than relying on top-down interventions, the RDMCs now operate as localized hubs of ecological and social stewardship, tailoring national resilience strategies to the unique ecological realities of Sri Lanka's diverse provinces.

Tree Plantation Program

The Tree Plantation Program continued to strengthen community participation in environmental restoration and climate resilience throughout 2025/2026. Expanding beyond previous years, the initiative reached

several districts across the country, encouraging local communities, schools, faith groups, and volunteers to actively contribute to ecosystem restoration through the planting of fruit-bearing and indigenous tree



species. The programme sought to improve biodiversity, enhance green cover, promote sustainable livelihoods through fruit production, and strengthen community ownership of environmental conservation.

Tree planting campaigns were successfully conducted in:

- Akkurassa
- Kandy
- Kurunegala
- Baddegama
- Anuradhapura
- Polonnaruwa
- Nuwara Eliya
- Kilinochchi
- Jaffna
- Ratnapura
- Balangoda

The activities involved the distribution and planting of a wide range of fruit-bearing and other suitable tree species selected according to local environmental conditions. Community members, youth groups, school students, religious institutions, and Regional Disaster Management Committees (RDMCs) actively participated in the plantation drives, while awareness sessions highlighted the importance of trees in climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation, soil protection, and sustainable livelihoods.

Impact and Reflection

The programme contributed to expanding green spaces across multiple districts while encouraging communities to become active custodians of their local environment. The inclusion of fruit-bearing trees provides long-term nutritional and economic benefits to households, while increasing vegetation cover



supports climate resilience and ecosystem restoration. Strong community participation demonstrated growing public commitment towards environmental stewardship and sustainable development.

Home Gardening Program

The Home Gardening Program continued to promote household food security and sustainable living by encouraging families to establish productive home gardens using environmentally friendly cultivation practices. Implemented across both rural and urban communities, the programme helped households improve access to nutritious food while strengthening resilience against economic and climate-related challenges.

Home gardening activities were implemented in:

- Dickoya
- Puttalam
- Mannar
- Moratuwa
- Kilinochchi
- Kandy
- Matale
- Ratnapura
- Akkurassa
- Kalmunai

Participants received vegetable seeds, planting materials, and technical guidance on home garden establishment, organic cultivation methods, compost preparation, efficient water use, and environmentally sustainable farming practices. Practical demonstrations and follow-up visits further supported participants in maintaining productive gardens throughout the growing season.

Impact and Reflection

The initiative enabled many households to produce fresh vegetables for daily consumption while reducing household expenditure on food. Participants also gained practical knowledge on sustainable agriculture and organic cultivation techniques that can be maintained over the long term. Beyond improving food security, the programme strengthened community resilience by promoting self-sufficiency and environmentally responsible lifestyles.



Blue Carbon Conservation and Restoration Project

Recognising the critical role of coastal ecosystems in climate change mitigation and biodiversity conservation, the Development Commission expanded its Blue Carbon Conservation and Restoration Project during 2025/2026. The initiative focused on restoring degraded mangrove ecosystems while strengthening local capacity in mangrove conservation through community participation, youth engagement, and technical training.

The project implemented several restoration and capacity-building activities across coastal districts.

Mangrove Restoration:

- Karainagar, Jaffna: Planted 100 Rhizophora, Ceriops tagal, and Avicennia mangrove seedlings in July 2025. Monitoring conducted during 2026 recorded an overall survival rate of approximately 45%, providing valuable lessons for future restoration planning.
- Karainagar, Jaffna: A second restoration phase was undertaken in April 2026 with the planting of 300 Avicennia seedlings to strengthen ecosystem recovery.
- Mannar: Planted 100 Avicennia seedlings in selected coastal areas.
- Gampaha: Established 400 mangrove seedlings to support coastal ecosystem restoration and improve blue carbon storage.



Capacity Building:

- Mandaitheevu: Conducted a seed collection training programme introducing participants to appropriate mangrove propagule collection, handling, and nursery establishment techniques.
- Mannar: Implemented a series of four youth training programmes involving 30 young participants, focusing on blue carbon ecosystems, mangrove restoration methods, climate change, biodiversity conservation, and community-based coastal resource management.

- Mullaitivu: Conducted field visit to observe the ecological function of mangrove ecosystems.



Impact and Reflection

The project strengthened local participation in coastal ecosystem restoration while promoting greater understanding of the ecological and climate benefits provided by mangrove forests. Regular monitoring of planted sites generated important information for improving future restoration efforts, particularly regarding species selection and site suitability. Through youth engagement and technical training, the initiative has laid a strong foundation for long-term community stewardship of Sri Lanka's valuable blue carbon ecosystems.

World Environment Day Online Quiz Competition

To commemorate World Environment Day, the Development Commission organised an islandwide online environmental quiz competition aimed at increasing public awareness and encouraging greater understanding of environmental conservation and climate change.

The competition attracted more than 400 participants from across Sri Lanka, representing students, youth, professionals, and members of the public. The online format enabled broad national participation regardless of geographical location.

Participants were assessed on topics including biodiversity conservation, climate change, pollution, sustainable development, waste management, and environmental protection. Winners were recognised with prizes, while all participants who successfully achieved the required pass mark received certificates acknowledging their participation and environmental knowledge.

Impact and Reflection

The online competition successfully engaged participants from across the country and demonstrated growing public interest in environmental education. By combining learning with healthy competition, the initiative promoted environmental literacy while encouraging participants to become more informed advocates for sustainable environmental management within their communities.

World Wetlands Day Online Quiz Competition

As part of the World Wetlands Day celebrations, the Development Commission organised a nationwide online quiz competition to increase awareness among school students about the ecological importance of wetlands and their role in biodiversity conservation, climate regulation, and disaster risk reduction. The competition attracted approximately 500 school students from different parts of Sri Lanka, providing an opportunity for young learners to enhance their understanding of wetland ecosystems through an interactive educational platform.

Following the competition, a prize-giving ceremony was organised in Jaffna, where outstanding performers were recognised for their achievements. The event celebrated student participation while further promoting appreciation for the conservation of wetlands and other valuable ecosystems.

Impact and Reflection

The programme successfully encouraged environmental learning among school children and strengthened awareness of the importance of protecting wetlands for future generations. The enthusiastic participation from students across the island highlighted increasing interest in environmental conservation and demonstrated the value of digital platforms in reaching young audiences with meaningful environmental education.



School-Based Safe Environmental Awareness Programme

The School-Based Safe Environmental Awareness Programme was continued during 2025/2026 with the aim of strengthening environmental responsibility among school communities and promoting safer, cleaner, and more sustainable school environments. The programme focused on engaging students, teachers, and school administrations through participatory learning approaches that encourage behavioural change.

Awareness sessions were conducted in:

- Jaffna
- Ingiriya
- Passara

The programme included interactive discussions, visual learning tools, and participatory activities designed to help students better understand environmental protection, waste management, hygiene practices, and their role in maintaining safe school surroundings. Emphasis was placed on linking environmental care with personal responsibility and community wellbeing.

Impact and Reflection

The programme strengthened environmental awareness among school children and encouraged them to actively participate in maintaining clean and safe school environments.

Teachers reported improved student engagement in environmental activities, while students demonstrated increased interest in protecting their surroundings. The initiative continues to contribute to nurturing environmentally responsible behaviour from an early age.



Dengue Prevention Programme

The Dengue Prevention Programme was implemented across multiple districts using diverse community engagement strategies to address the ongoing public health challenge posed by dengue outbreaks. The programme combined awareness creation with practical behavioural interventions and was carried out in close collaboration with Public Health Inspectors (PHIs), municipal councils, and local authorities.

Programme activities were conducted in:

- Colombo
- Matara
- Ja-Ela
- Seeduwa
- Moratuwa
- Ratnapura
- Gampaha
- Sembukattiya
- Puttalam
- Chilaw
- Batticaloa



Different communication approaches were used based on community context, including:

- Street drama performances to communicate key prevention messages in an engaging format
- Door-to-door awareness campaigns to reach households directly and promote household-level mosquito control practices
- School-based awareness sessions targeting students and teachers
- Public awareness programmes conducted in collaboration with PHIs and municipal councils, focusing on waste management and environmental cleanliness

Impact and Reflection

The multi-approach strategy improved community understanding of dengue prevention and encouraged active participation in eliminating mosquito breeding sites. Collaboration with government stakeholders strengthened outreach and ensured technical accuracy in messaging. The programme contributed to improved community responsiveness and reinforced the importance of collective action in controlling dengue transmission.



Ferry Distribution Programme

The Ferry Distribution Programme was implemented to strengthen disaster response capacity in flood-prone areas by improving mobility and emergency evacuation support during climate-related disasters. The initiative aimed to enhance the operational readiness of Regional Disaster Management Committees (RDMCs) in vulnerable regions.

Ferries were distributed to:

- Akkurassa
- Baddegama
- Hulandawa

These resources were allocated to support emergency evacuation, rescue operations, and rapid response activities during flooding events and other water-related emergencies. Training and guidance were also provided to local teams to ensure safe and effective use of the equipment.

Impact and Reflection

The distribution of ferries significantly enhanced the preparedness of local communities in responding to flood emergencies. RDMCs were able to improve response times and assist affected households more effectively during disaster situations. The initiative strengthened local disaster response capacity and contributed to safer and more coordinated emergency management at the grassroots level.



Water and Sanitation Projects

The Water and Sanitation Programme continued to address critical gaps in access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation facilities in both rural and semi-urban communities. The initiative focused on improving public health outcomes, reducing waterborne diseases, and ensuring sustainable access to clean water resources.

Projects were implemented in:

- Jaffna
- Ingiriya
- Trincomalee
- Kandy
- Deniyaya
- Bandarawela
- Nuwara Eliya
- Matugama

The interventions included the installation and rehabilitation of water supply systems, improvement of water distribution infrastructure, and strengthening of sanitation facilities in selected communities, schools, and public institutions. In several locations, multiple phases of water support were implemented in coordination with local stakeholders to ensure long-term sustainability.

Impact and Reflection

The programme improved access to safe drinking water for underserved communities and contributed to better hygiene and health conditions, particularly among school children and vulnerable households. Strengthened infrastructure reduced dependency on unsafe water sources and enhanced community wellbeing. The initiative highlighted the importance of integrated water management solutions in building resilient communities.



Plastic to Green Solution Project

The Plastic to Green Solution Project was implemented in Kilinochchi to address plastic pollution through behaviour change, community awareness, and practical alternatives to single-use plastics. The programme aimed to promote sustainable consumption patterns and encourage environmentally responsible habits among local communities.

Key activities included:

- Community awareness campaign conducted in local markets focusing on the environmental impacts of plastic waste and the importance of waste reduction
- Engagement sessions with vendors and consumers to promote responsible plastic use
- Distribution of reusable bags to encourage the replacement of single-use plastic carry bags
- Promotion of sustainable shopping practices through direct community interaction

Impact and Reflection

The project contributed to increased awareness of plastic pollution and encouraged behavioural change among both consumers and traders. The introduction of reusable bags helped reduce reliance on single-use plastics in daily market activities. The initiative demonstrated the effectiveness of simple, community-driven solutions in addressing environmental pollution and promoting sustainable lifestyles.



Food Protection Programme

The Food Protection Programme was implemented to strengthen household food security and reduce post-harvest losses by promoting simple, sustainable food preservation techniques. The initiative focused on improving community capacity to manage seasonal surplus production and reduce food waste, particularly in rural farming areas.

The programme was conducted in:

- Kurunegala
- Anuradhapura

Awareness sessions were organised in both districts to educate communities on food preservation methods, post-harvest handling, and sustainable consumption practices. In Kurunegala, practical support was provided through the distribution of food dryers to selected households and community groups. These devices enabled communities to dry vegetables and other food items effectively, extending shelf life and reducing seasonal wastage.

Impact and Reflection

The intervention improved community knowledge on reducing post-harvest losses and encouraged more efficient use of agricultural produce. The introduction of food dryers in Kurunegala provided a practical solution for preserving surplus vegetables, supporting both food security and income stability. The programme demonstrated how low-cost technologies can significantly enhance household resilience and reduce food waste.



Disaster Risk Reduction Toolkits Provision

The Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Toolkit Provision initiative was implemented to strengthen emergency preparedness and response capacity at the community level. The programme aimed to equip local disaster management structures with essential tools to respond effectively to climate-induced hazards, particularly flooding events.

Toolkits were distributed to RDMCs in:

- Colombo
- Kalutara

The distributed equipment included essential emergency response items designed to support evacuation, rescue operations, and immediate disaster response activities. Local teams were also oriented on the proper use and maintenance of the provided resources to ensure effective deployment during emergencies.

Impact and Reflection

The provision of DRR toolkits significantly improved the operational readiness of recipient RDMCs. Communities in Colombo and Kalutara are now better equipped to respond to flood-related emergencies, reducing response time and enhancing coordination during crisis situations. The initiative reinforced the importance of preparedness infrastructure in strengthening community resilience.

DRR and Climate Resilience Training & Awareness Programme

The DRR and Climate Resilience Training and Awareness Programme continued to build community capacity in disaster preparedness, risk reduction, and climate adaptation. The programme targeted both community members and school groups, strengthening knowledge and skills required to respond effectively to climate-related hazards.



Training and awareness sessions were conducted in:

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|----------------|----------------|
| ● Trincomalee | ● Kurunegala |
| ● Bandarawela | ● Minneriya |
| ● Ratnapura | ● Anuradhapura |
| ● Sembukattiya | ● Matara |
| ● Colombo | ● Balangoda |
| ● Ja-Ela | ● Matugama |

The programme included interactive training sessions, simulations, discussions, and school-based awareness activities. Topics covered disaster preparedness, early warning systems, evacuation planning, climate change impacts, and community-based response mechanisms.

Impact and Reflection

The programme enhanced awareness and preparedness levels across diverse communities and school populations. Participants gained practical knowledge on disaster risk reduction and demonstrated increased readiness to respond to emergencies. The combined approach of school and community engagement strengthened local resilience and promoted a culture of preparedness across multiple districts.



Waste Management Programme

The Waste Management Programme was implemented through a multi-faceted approach focusing on awareness creation, infrastructure support, and behavioural change to promote sustainable waste practices. The initiative aimed to reduce plastic pollution, improve waste segregation, and strengthen local waste management systems.



The programme was implemented in:

- Kandy
- Matara
- Kilinochchi
- Chilaw
- Puttalam
- Batticaloa
- Akkurassa

Key interventions included:

- Community and school-based awareness sessions on waste segregation and responsible disposal
- Distribution of segregation bins to households and institutions
- Installation of plastic waste collection bins in public spaces such as bus stands, markets, and beaches
- Provision of compost bins to encourage organic waste management at the household level

Impact and Reflection

The programme contributed to improved waste handling practices and increased public awareness of environmental pollution. The installation of public collection bins and the provision of segregation and composting systems encouraged communities to adopt more responsible waste management behaviours. These efforts supported cleaner public spaces and promoted a shift towards sustainable waste practices.



Life Saving Training Programme

The Life Saving Training Programme was conducted in Kandy to enhance emergency response skills among school students, with a focus on water safety and survival techniques. The initiative aimed to reduce risks associated with water-related accidents and strengthen basic life-saving capacities at the community level.

Training sessions were conducted for school students in Kandy, focusing on:

- Basic swimming skills
- Water safety awareness
- Rescue techniques and emergency response in aquatic environments

The programme combined practical demonstrations with hands-on training to ensure participants gained essential survival skills and confidence in water-related situations.

Impact and Reflection

The training significantly improved students' awareness of water safety and equipped them with essential life-saving skills. Participants demonstrated increased confidence in handling emergency situations in aquatic environments. The programme highlighted the importance of practical safety education in reducing preventable accidents among youth.



Cluster Restructuring and Capacity Building – Uva RDMC

In 2025, a structural strengthening initiative was implemented within the Uva Regional Disaster Management Committee (RDMC) framework to improve programme efficiency and decentralised implementation. As part of this process, the Uva RDMC region was reorganised into two separate clusters: Uva RDMC and Nuwara Eliya RDMC.

To support this transition, a targeted capacity-building programme was conducted for RDMC members from both clusters. A three-day training programme was organised focusing on:

- Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilience concepts
- Project planning and implementation
- Coordination mechanisms and reporting systems
- Community engagement strategies

Impact and Reflection

The restructuring process improved operational efficiency by enabling more focused and context-specific programme implementation. The capacity-building training strengthened the skills of RDMC members, enhancing coordination and effectiveness across both newly defined clusters. This initiative contributed to more streamlined and responsive disaster risk management structures.



Rights of Rivers Programme – Dickoya

The Rights of Rivers Programme was implemented in Dickoya as part of broader environmental advocacy and ecosystem protection efforts. The initiative aimed to promote awareness on the ecological, cultural, and social importance of river systems while encouraging community stewardship in protecting freshwater ecosystems.

Awareness sessions were conducted with community members and school groups in Dickoya, focusing on:

- The ecological importance of river systems
- Human impacts on river health
- The concept of river rights and environmental responsibility
- Practical steps for river conservation and protection

Participants were engaged through interactive discussions and educational activities designed to strengthen their connection with local water resources.

Impact and Reflection

The programme enhanced community understanding of river ecosystems and promoted a sense of shared responsibility for their protection. School students and local residents demonstrated increased awareness of environmental conservation practices related to water resources. The initiative contributed to fostering long-term environmental stewardship at the community level.



Emergency Messaging Programme

The Emergency Messaging Programme was implemented as a nationwide initiative to strengthen early warning communication, disaster preparedness awareness, and community response capacity across disaster-prone regions of Sri Lanka. The programme focused on improving last-mile communication systems and ensuring that vulnerable communities receive timely, clear, and accessible emergency information during disasters.

The intervention combined communication equipment distribution, awareness materials, digital media dissemination, and community-based training to build a more resilient and informed population.

The programme was implemented through multiple coordinated activities across all Regional Disaster Management Committees (RDMCs), schools, universities, and vulnerable communities.

1. Distribution of Megaphones

Megaphones were distributed across multiple districts including:

- Mullaitivu
- Trincomalee
- Jaffna
- Batticaloa
- Kalutara
- Puttalam
- 22 schools across vulnerable regions
- Hambantota
- Matara
- Galle
- Ratnapura
- Mannar

This intervention reached over 10,000 direct participants, including both female and male community members and students. The equipment was strategically allocated to support early warning dissemination, evacuation instructions, and community-level coordination during emergencies.

2. Emergency Preparedness Bags Distribution

Emergency preparedness bags were distributed through all RDMCs covering Northern, Eastern, Southern, Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa, Western, North Western, and other regional divisions. These kits were provided to vulnerable households and community members, with priority given to high-risk and disaster-prone locations.

Each preparedness bag included essential items to support immediate response during floods and other emergencies. The initiative reached over 3000 beneficiaries directly, strengthening household-level readiness and survival capacity during crisis situations.

3. Distribution of Educational Media (CDs & Pen Drives)

Educational materials in digital format were distributed to 150 schools islandwide, reaching approximately:

- 34,000 female students
- 26,000 male students

These materials included disaster preparedness guidelines, emergency response instructions, and climate resilience awareness content designed for school-based learning and reinforcement.

4. Distribution of Awareness Leaflets

Printed emergency awareness leaflets were distributed across all RDMC regions, targeting vulnerable communities. The materials provided simplified guidance on:

- Early warning interpretation
- Evacuation procedures
- Household preparedness
- Disaster safety measures

This component reached over 8,000 direct participants and an estimated 15,000+ indirect beneficiaries, strengthening community-level understanding of disaster response actions.

5. Media-Based Awareness Programme (TV, Radio & YouTube)

Islandwide emergency messaging was further strengthened through television, radio, and digital platforms, reaching an estimated audience of:

- 7,500 female viewers/listeners
- 7,500 male viewers/listeners

The programme focused on real-time disaster awareness, preparedness messaging, and public education on emergency response procedures, ensuring broad outreach beyond physical training activities.

6. School-Based Awareness Sessions

Structured awareness programmes were conducted in:

- Mullaitivu (3 schools)
- Southern Province (5 schools)
- North Western Province (2 schools)
- Trincomalee (2 schools)
- Mannar (2 schools)

A total of 14 schools were engaged, reaching over 700 students and teachers. Sessions focused on disaster preparedness, emergency communication, evacuation drills, and the importance of early warning systems in saving lives.



7. University-Based Awareness Programme

An awareness session was conducted at IES Campus, Ampara, engaging university students in disaster risk communication and climate resilience concepts. The programme reached:

- 32 female students
- 33 male students

The session strengthened youth engagement in emergency preparedness and promoted their role as community-level disaster communication volunteers.

8. Community-Based Awareness Programme

Targeted community awareness sessions were conducted in:

- Puttalam (Rehabilitation Centre communities)
- Kandy (local communities)
- Ampara (vulnerable settlements)

These sessions focused on high-risk groups and emphasized practical preparedness actions, emergency communication methods, and household safety planning.



Total Reach and Coverage

Across all components of the Emergency Messaging Programme, the initiative reached approximately:

- 55,911 direct beneficiaries (female)
- 45,066 direct beneficiaries (male)
- Approx. 29,905 indirect beneficiaries

Impact and Reflection

The Emergency Messaging Programme significantly strengthened early warning dissemination and disaster preparedness communication systems across Sri Lanka. The integration of megaphone distribution, printed materials, digital media, and community engagement ensured that emergency messages reached both remote and high-risk populations effectively.

The programme enhanced the capacity of RDMCs, schools, and community leaders to communicate timely warnings during disasters, thereby reducing response delays and improving evacuation efficiency. The inclusion of multiple communication platforms also ensured inclusivity, reaching diverse groups including women, children, and vulnerable households.

Ditwah Cyclone Emergency Response

Following the impact of Cyclone Ditwah, emergency response operations were rapidly mobilised across affected districts including: Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Batticaloa, Anuradhapura, Mannar, Polonnaruwa, Kalmunai, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, and Puttalam.

Key Response Activities:

- Emergency cleaning and clearing of affected households and public spaces
- Distribution of dry ration packs to affected families
- Cash voucher assistance for urgent household needs
- Provision of essential household items for displaced and affected communities

In addition to these emergency relief activities, the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka (NCC) extended its support towards children's education in the Puttalam District, which was one of the areas severely affected by Cyclone Ditwah. During a period when many families facing economic hardships had lost their daily livelihoods, NCC provided educational equipment kits to support and encourage children to continue their educational activities.

The educational support was provided to students of the following schools:

- Pahala Puliyankulama Primary School
- Nilabemma Primary School

These activities were implemented in close coordination with local authorities, RDMCs, and disaster response partners to ensure rapid and efficient delivery of assistance.





Impact and Reflection

The response operation provided immediate relief to thousands of families affected by severe flooding and cyclone-related damage. The combination of material support, cash-based assistance, and educational support enabled affected communities to address urgent needs while also supporting the continuity of children's education.

The coordinated multi-district response demonstrated the strong preparedness of RDMC networks and highlighted the importance of pre-established community structures in enabling rapid humanitarian action during large-scale disasters.



Psychosocial and Capacity Development Programme

The Psychosocial and Capacity Development Programme was implemented to strengthen the emotional wellbeing, resilience, and practical skills of vulnerable communities, with a focus on supporting individuals affected by socio-economic challenges and disaster-related stress. The initiative combined psychosocial support with capacity-building activities to promote holistic community development.

The programme was conducted in:

- Thabbowa
- Hambantota (in collaboration with Smile Lanka)

Activities included psychosocial support sessions, group discussions, and interactive capacity-building exercises aimed at improving emotional resilience, coping mechanisms, and community cohesion. Special attention was given to vulnerable groups, encouraging open dialogue and peer support systems. The collaboration with Smile Lanka in Hambantota strengthened outreach and ensured community-friendly delivery of services.



Impact and Reflection

The programme contributed to improved emotional wellbeing and strengthened social support networks within participating communities. Beneficiaries demonstrated increased confidence in managing stress and challenges, while community-level engagement helped foster a more supportive and connected environment. The initiative reinforced the importance of integrating psychosocial care into community development and resilience-building efforts.

HIV and AIDS Awareness Programme

The HIV and AIDS Awareness Programme was implemented to enhance knowledge, reduce stigma, and promote preventive behaviours among urban and semi-urban populations. The initiative focused on increasing awareness of transmission routes, prevention methods, and available healthcare services, particularly among youth and community groups.

Awareness sessions were conducted in:

- Wattala
- Thalangama
- Moratuwa

The programme included interactive discussions, awareness presentations, and myth-busting sessions designed to correct misconceptions surrounding HIV and AIDS. Participants were encouraged to engage in open dialogue on prevention, testing, and responsible health practices, while also promoting compassion and non-discrimination towards affected individuals.

Impact and Reflection

The programme successfully improved awareness levels and encouraged more informed attitudes towards HIV and AIDS within targeted communities. Participants demonstrated increased understanding of prevention methods and the importance of early testing and treatment. The initiative also contributed to reducing stigma and promoting a more supportive social environment for affected individuals.

Our Facilities

➤ Arunodhaya Retreat Center (Athurugiriya)

- Facilities for residential or non- residential programmes. Ideal for retreats, residential conferences, church camps and other training programmes.



➤ Janakala Recording Studio

- Digital recording facilities in fully equipped, air conditioned, spacious studio, available for voicing, mixing, editing and other in house recording needs.



➤ Guest Room

- Situated in the city Colombo, maintaining its tranquility, accommodation available for local and foreign visitors. complete with air conditioning, Wi-Fi, hot and cold water and other facilities. Common pantry facilities. Meals, airport pick- up and other details can be arranged. The ideal place where you can enjoy a comfortable stay in a cozy atmosphere.



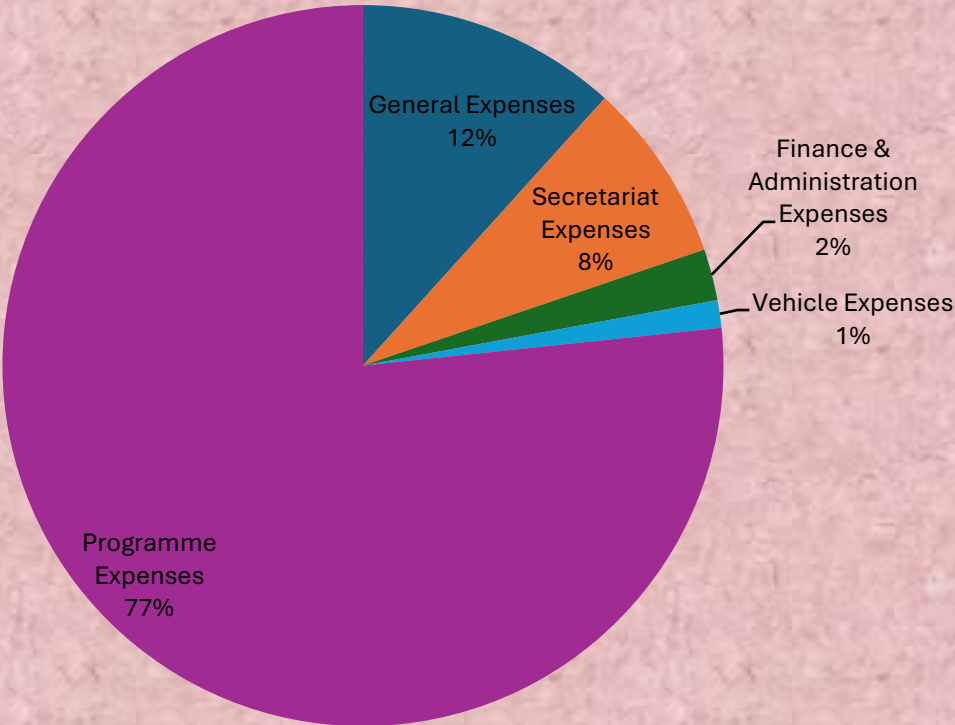
➤ Janakala Conference Hall

- A fully air-conditioned Janakala conference hall, is specially designed for conferences and seminars equipped with public address and sound systems multi- media, and Wi-Fi. Seating for 75 persons. Separate pantry facilities.

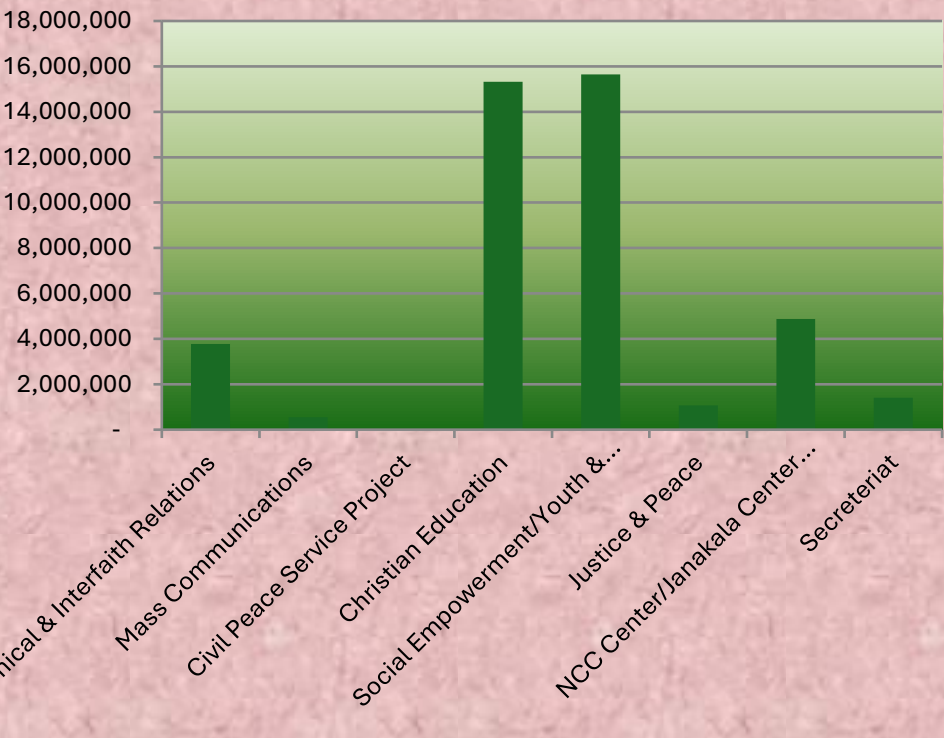


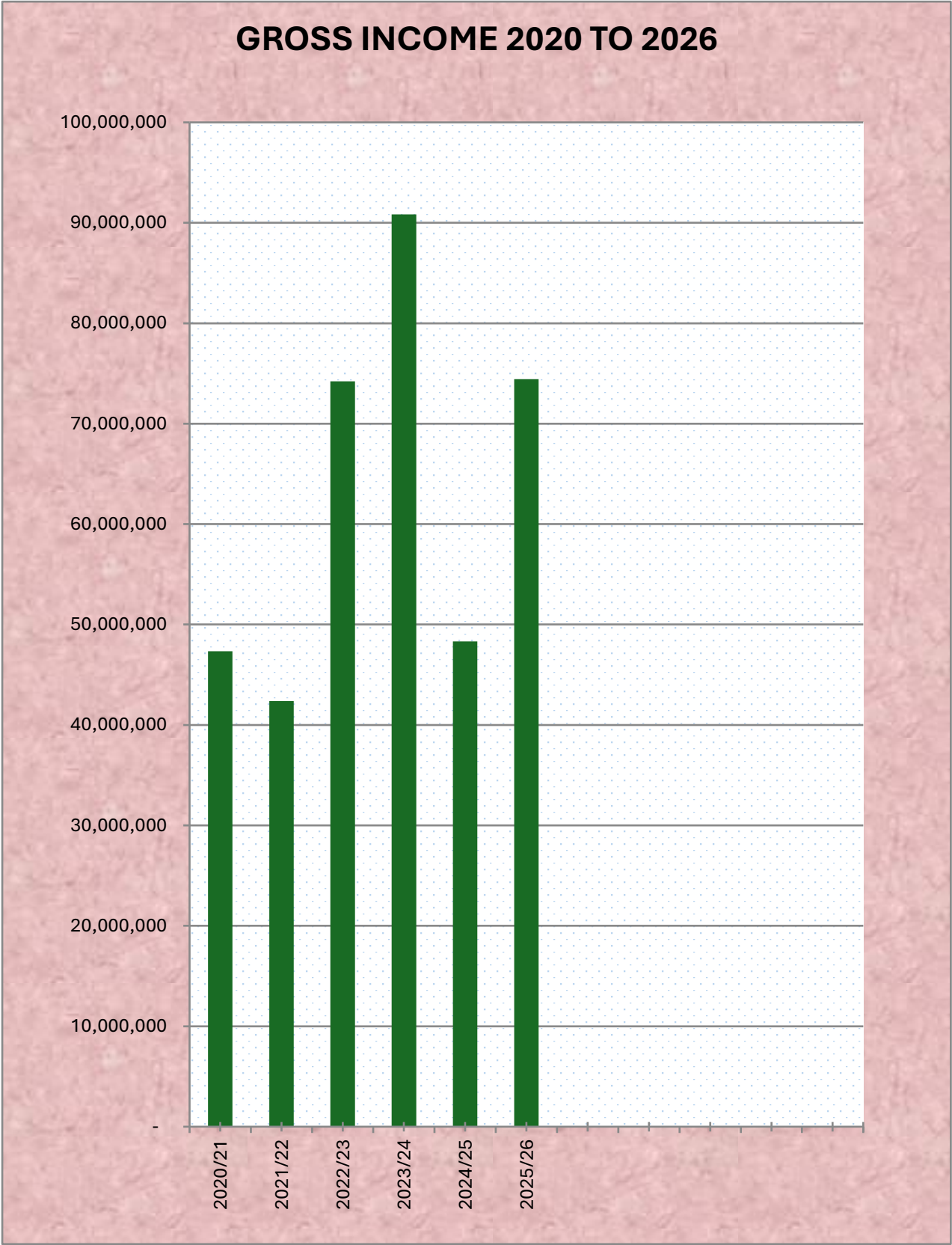
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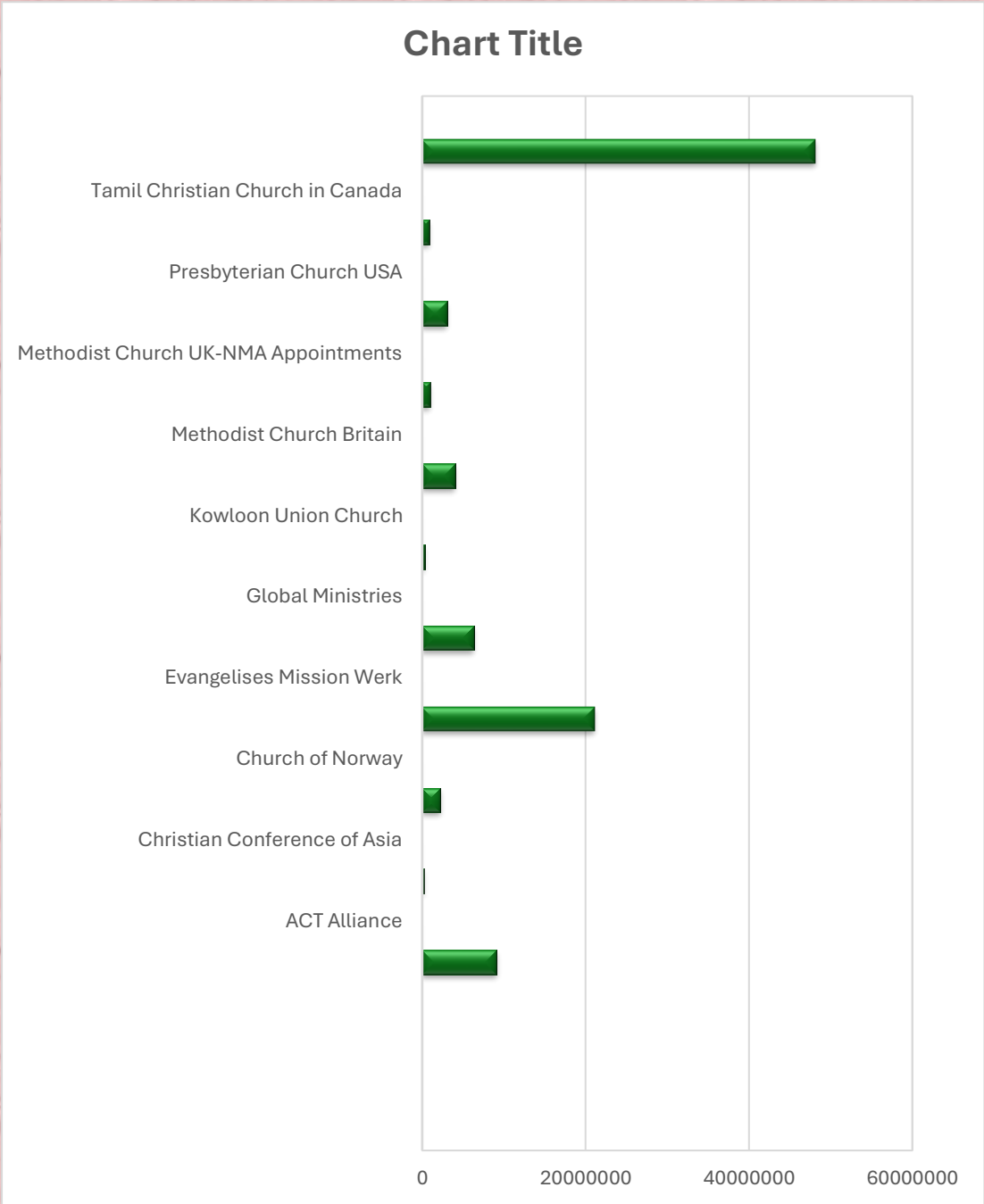


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 March 2026

ASSETS	Notes	2026 Rs.	2025 Rs.
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	11	13,114,187	14,001,012
		<u>13,114,187</u>	<u>14,001,012</u>
Current Assets			
Receivables	12	2,117,749	2,630,379
Short Term Investments	13	47,288,054	27,634,640
Cash and Cash Equivalents	17.1	8,037,443	7,933,851
		<u>57,443,246</u>	<u>38,198,870</u>
		<u>70,557,433</u>	<u>52,199,882</u>
FUNDING AND LIABILITIES			
Restricted Funds		21,199,209	6,868,297
Accumulated Fund		21,693,640	17,248,003
Other Funds	16	23,059,754	23,059,754
General Reserves		407,738	407,738
		<u>66,360,341</u>	<u>47,583,792</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation - Gratuity	14	2,176,455	2,805,150
		<u>2,176,455</u>	<u>2,805,150</u>
Current Liabilities			
Payables	15	1,315,153	847,793
Bank Overdraft	17.2	705,484	963,147
		<u>2,020,637</u>	<u>1,810,940</u>
		<u>70,557,433</u>	<u>52,199,882</u>

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	2026 Rs.	2025 Rs.
Incoming Resources			
Foreign Grants	3	48,146,513	21,669,010
Local Grants	4	11,593,176	12,050,659
Other Income	5	8,612,846	7,777,537
Income from Programmes	6	6,071,635	6,823,537
Total Income		74,424,170	48,320,743
General Expenses	7	(5,769,764)	(6,995,764)
Administration Expenses	8	(6,217,964)	(7,449,497)
Programme Expenses	9	(42,666,771)	(43,141,590)
Depreciation	10	(993,125)	(1,132,390)
Total Expenses		(55,647,624)	(58,719,241)
Total Surplus/(Deficit) During the Year		18,776,546	(10,398,498)



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Statement by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka on Prison Reform Following the Negombo Prison Tragedy

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka expresses its profound sorrow and deep concern over the tragic loss of life during the recent unrest at Negombo Prison. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of those who died and pray for all who have been affected by this tragedy, including prison officers, inmates, and their loved ones.

This latest incident is not an isolated event. Sri Lanka's prisons have, for decades, been sites of recurring violence, reflecting deep structural failures within our criminal justice system. From the horrific Welikada Prison massacre of 1983, in which 53 Tamil prisoners lost their lives amid grave allegations of state complicity, to the 2012 Welikada prison riot that claimed 27 lives, and now the deaths at Negombo Prison, our nation is confronted with a painful pattern that cannot be ignored. These repeated tragedies call not for temporary or reactive measures but for comprehensive, courageous, and lasting reform.

As churches committed to the Gospel of justice, reconciliation, and the inherent dignity of every human being, we affirm that every person, including those deprived of their liberty, bears the image of God and is entitled to humane treatment, protection, and the opportunity for restoration. The measure of a society is seen in how it treats its most vulnerable and marginalized.

One of the greatest contributors to the present crisis is the severe overcrowding of our prisons. Facilities designed to accommodate approximately 10,500 inmates now hold nearly 40,000 people, operating at well over three times their intended capacity. Particularly alarming is the fact that nearly three-quarters of those incarcerated are remand prisoners who have not been convicted of any offence. Many remain in custody because of lengthy delays in judicial proceedings and restrictive bail provisions, especially in relation to drug-related offences.

We therefore welcome the Government's indication that it is considering reforms to bail legislation. We urge that such reforms be guided by the spirit of the Bail Act of 1997, which established that the granting of bail should be the norm and its refusal the carefully justified exception. We also call for a comprehensive review of legal provisions that impose mandatory periods without bail, particularly where they unnecessarily contribute to prolonged remand detention of individuals who are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Meaningful prison reform must go beyond legislative amendments. While proposals to relocate prisons to larger sites outside congested urban centers may help address overcrowding, they should form only one part of a broader national strategy. We urge the Government to invest in modern, humane correctional facilities that provide adequate living conditions, sanitation, healthcare, and security. Prison conditions must uphold the dignity and safety of both inmates and prison staff.

Furthermore, we believe that Sri Lanka must move away from a punitive model of incarceration towards one centered on rehabilitation and restoration. Effective correctional institutions should equip inmates with vocational skills, educational opportunities, mental health support, addiction treatment, and comprehensive reintegration programmes that enable them to return to society as productive and responsible citizens.

In addressing prison overcrowding, Sri Lanka can also learn from international best practices. Portugal's approach to drug policy, introduced in 2001, demonstrates that treating drug dependency primarily as a public health issue rather than solely as a criminal matter can significantly reduce incarceration, improve public health

outcomes, and strengthen communities. Given that drug-related offences account for a substantial proportion of Sri Lanka's prison population, we encourage serious national dialogue on adopting evidence-based alternatives that distinguish between those who profit from trafficking and those whose primary need is treatment and rehabilitation.

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The churches of Sri Lanka believe that justice must always be accompanied by mercy, accountability by compassion, and punishment by the possibility of redemption. Our prisons should not become places where despair and violence flourish, but institutions that protect society while fostering transformation and hope.

The tragedy at Negombo Prison must become a turning point rather than another chapter in a long history of preventable loss. We call upon the Government and all stakeholders to work together in implementing comprehensive reforms that promote both public safety and genuine rehabilitation.

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka stands ready to support initiatives that advance justice, human dignity, reconciliation, and lasting peace for all our people.

Signed

- Rt. Rev. Nishantha Fernando - Chairperson of the NCCSL, Bishop of Kurunagala - Church of Ceylon,
- Rt. Rev. Dushantha Rodrigo - Bishop of Colombo - Church of Ceylon,
- Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Pathmathayalan - Bishop of Jaffna Diocese - The Church of South India (C.S.I.),
- Rev. Kingsley Weerasinghe - President of Methodist Church Sri Lanka,
- Associate Pastor Lakmal Wijeratne - President of Christian Reformed Church,
- Rev. Wilee Ranasinghe - President of Sri Lanka Baptist Church,
- Rev. Saman Perera - Moderator, Presbytery of Sri Lanka,
- Col. Nihal Hettiarachchi - Territorial Commander of the Salvation Army Sri Lanka,
- Rev. Dr. Romesh Bulathsinghala - President of the Church of Four-Square Gospel,
- Rev. Dr. Chrisso Handy - Superintendent/Chair - Assemblies of God
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- The Ceylon Bible Society,
- Christian Literature Society,
- Student Christian Movement,
- Young Men Christian Association,
- Young Women Christian Association,
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**Joint Statement by the Diocese of Jaffna of the Roman Catholic Church and the National
Christian Council of Sri Lanka
On the Chemmani Mass Grave: Truth Must Rise from the Soil**

The Diocese of Jaffna and the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka jointly express deep sorrow and righteous indignation over the continuing revelations from the Chemmani mass grave. Denominational leaders from NCCSL member churches made a solidarity visit to the site on the 29th and 30th of October 2025, to listen to the cries of the victims and their families, and to affirm the Church's accompaniment of their long struggle for truth and justice. During this visit, the delegation also met and held a meaningful discussion with the Bishop of Jaffna on the collective role of the Church in addressing these moral and spiritual wounds in our nation.

We cannot deny the reality that what unfolded in this land bears the marks of brutal killings. The truth buried in Chemmani is not only a matter of bones and soil but of a nation's moral integrity. The truth must be revealed to the world.

We recognize the Government's recent willingness to permit excavation at the site and to move forward with investigations. Yet we urge and demand that the Government of Sri Lanka seek international technical assistance and oversight to ensure that the process meets global standards of truth-seeking and justice. Our nation's limited technology and facilities must not become an excuse to obscure the truth or delay accountability.

A 2017 Amnesty International report estimated that between 60,000 and 100,000 people have disappeared in Sri Lanka since the late 1980s, with over 21,000 complaints received by the Office on Missing Persons. The Chemmani grave is a painful reminder of this national wound. A public mechanism through which the individual stories and circumstances of the disappeared can be told would bring healing, justice, and reconciliation.

As we mark All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, we remember that the God of life hears the cry of the innocent. We believe that these buried souls — the children, women, and men whose lives were cut short — also belong to the communion of saints. Their memory will rise, for as the Gospel proclaims, *"Nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not come to light."* (Luke 8:17)

In this sacred moment of remembrance, we call upon the Government of Sri Lanka, civil society, and international community to stand on the side of truth. Justice delayed is not only justice denied; it is also a sin against humanity and against God.

Let the soil of Chemmani speak — and may its truth set our nation free.



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Statement by the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka on the Chemmani Mass Grave

The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka is deeply concerned by the ongoing revelations surrounding the Chemmani mass grave, which has once again come into the spotlight through Tamil and some English media reports. It is troubling, however, that this issue receives little attention in the mainstream Sinhala media.

As a nation, we cannot turn away from such painful truths. A 2017 report by Amnesty International estimated that between 60,000 and 100,000 people have disappeared in Sri Lanka since the late 1980s. Further, the Office on Missing Persons, established in 2017, has received over 21,000 complaints, including from families of security forces personnel. These figures remind us that the tragedy of enforced disappearances touches every community on this island. A mechanism for the individual stories and circumstances of the disappearances to be known publicly would be of great benefit in the pursuit of healing, justice and reconciliation.

We also recognize the grave limitations in our capacity to conduct proper exhumations in line with international standards. The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) has emphasized the need for international technical support, and we call on the Government of Sri Lanka to seek such assistance without delay. Truth cannot be compromised by lack of resources.

The Chemmani site in particular carries a deep poignancy. Unlike other mass graves where skeletal remains of both young and old have been unearthed, here, the haunting images of a schoolbag and children's toys have surfaced. These artifacts testify not only to lives lost but also to the racial dimensions of violence that have torn our country apart. The silence surrounding these findings risks deepening mistrust among communities and prolonging the wounds of war.

The full investigation and transparent conclusion of the Chemmani mass grave inquiry would not only provide a measure of justice to families still searching for answers but also offer our people a glimmer of hope that justice, though delayed, will not be denied.

As churches and as citizens, we affirm that we owe this to the victims and their families. Justice is not only a human right—it is a biblical mandate. **The prophet Micah reminds us: “What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”**

We therefore call on the Government, civil society, and religious communities to stand together in seeking the truth, however painful it may be. Healing and reconciliation can only take root when justice is pursued with integrity and courage.

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ජාතියක් ලෙස, අපට මෙවන් වේදනාකාරී සත්‍ය සිද්ධීන් වලින් අහක බැලීමට නොහැක. 2017 වසරේ 'ඇමිනෙස්ටි ඉන්ටර්නැෂනල් (Amnesty International)' සංවිධානයේ වාර්තාවෙන්, 1980 දශකයේ අගභාගයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පුද්ගලයන් 60,000 සිට 100,000 දක්වා ගණනක් අතුරුදන්වී ඇති බව පෙන්වා දී ඇත. තවද, 2017 දී පිහිටුවන ලද අතුරුදන්වූ අය පිළිබඳ කාර්යාලය වෙත 21,000කට වඩා පැමිණිලි ප්‍රමාණයක් ලැබී ඇත. මේ අතර ආරක්ෂක අංශ යේ පවුල් වලින් ද පැමිණිලි ලැබී තිබේ. මෙම සංඛ්‍යා වලින් අතුරුදන්වීමේ මහත් ව්‍යසනය, සියලුම සමාජයන්ට බලපා ඇති ජාතික විපත්තියක් බව පිළිබිඹු කර ඇත. අතුරුදන්වීම් පිළිබඳ පුද්ගලික තොරතුරු සහ ඒවායේ විස්තර මහජනතාවට දැනගැනීමට හැකි ආකාරයක යාන්ත්‍රණයක් පෙන්වා දීම තුළින්, යුක්තිය හා සාමයට මහත් ආධාරයක් වනු ඇත.

මෙම සමූහ සුසාන භූමිය විවෘත කර පරීක්ෂා කිරීමේ ජාත්‍යන්තර තලයේ තාක්ෂණයක් අප සතුව නොමැති බව ද අප හඳුනා ගතිමු. 'ද ඉන්ටර්නැෂනල් කමිෂන් ඔෆ් ජූරිස්ට්ස් (ICJ)', අවධාරණය කරන්නේ, මෙම සමූහ සුසාන භූමිය විවෘත කර පරීක්ෂා කිරීමට ජාත්‍යන්තර තලයේ තාක්ෂණයක් අවශ්‍ය බවය. එබැවින්, අප ශ්‍රී ලංකා රජයෙන් ඉල්ලා සිටින්නේ එම පහසුකම් ලබාගෙන මෙම කටයුත්ත සම්පූර්ණ කර දෙන ලෙසය. තාක්ෂණය නොමැති කමෙන්, සත්‍යය සැඟවිය නොහැකිය.

විශේෂයෙන් වෙමීමානි සමූහ සුසාන භූමිය අතීතය වේදනාකාරී ස්ථනයකි. වෙනත් සමූහ සුසාන භූමියන් නොව, මෙහි තරුණ, මහජන අයගේ අස්ථිකයන් සොයාගත් අතර, මෙහිදී පාසල් බැග් හා දරුවන්ගේ සෙල්ලම් බඩු ද මතු වීම කෙතරම් ඕලේවිඳු බව පෙන්වුම් කරයි. මේ අතිම වී ඇත්තේ හුදෙක් ජීවිත පමණක් නොව, අප රට තුළ ජාතිවාදී හිංසාවන් වලටද සාක්ෂියක් ය. මෙම සොයාගැනීම් පිළිබඳ නිහඬතාවයට සිටීම, යුද්ධයෙන් ඇති වූ තුවාල දිගටම සිටේ තබාගනිමින් සමාජ අතර විශ්වාසය නැති කර ඇත.

වෙමීමානි සමූහ සුසාන භූමිය පිළිබඳ සම්පූර්ණ පරීක්ෂණයක් සහ විවෘත නිගමනයක් ලබා දීම තුළින්, තවමත් පිළිතුරු සොයන පවුල් සඳහා නීතිය ලබාදීම පමණක් නොව, දීර්ඝ කාලයකට පසුවත්, යුක්තිය හා සාමය ඇතුළු අප ජනතාවට අස්වැසිල්ලක් ලැබෙනු ඇත.

ක්‍රිස්තියානි සභාවන් මෙන් සහ අප රටේ පුරවැසියන් ලෙස, මෙම පවුල්වලට අපගේ වගකීමක් ඇති බව අප ප්‍රකාශ කරමු. යුක්තිය යනු මානව හිමිකමක් පමණක් නොව, ශුද්ධවූ බයිබලයේ වගකීමකි. මීකා පොතේ අපට මතක් කරවන්නේ: "ඔබගෙන් ස්වාමීන්වහන්සේ ඉල්ලා සිටින්නේ යුක්තිය සිදුකිරීම, කරුණාවට ඇදුරය කිරීම සහ ඔබගේ දෙවියන්වහන්සේ සමග නිහඬතාවක් බව විතරයි" යනුවෙනි.

එබැවින්, අප රජයට, පුරවැසියන්ට" සමාජය සහ ආගමික සමාජයන්ට, අතිවේදනාත්මක වුවද සත්‍යය සොයාගැනීමට එක්වන්නැයි ආරාධනා කරමු. යුක්තිය හා සාමය තුළින් ගැටුම් නැති කර සුඛය ඇති කිරීමට ශක්තිය ලබා දෙනු ඇත.

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- අති ගෞරවණීය දුෂාන්ත රොඩ්‍රිගෝ රදගුරුහිමි, කොළඹ රදගුරුතුමා ලංකා සභාව කොළඹ දියෝකිසිය
- අති ගෞරවණීය ආචාර්ය වි. පද්මදාලත් රදගුරුහිමි යාපනය දියෝකිසිය, දකුණු ඉන්දියානු සභාව
- ගෞරවණීය කිංග්ස්ලි විරසිංහ දේවගැතිතුමා, සභාපති, ශ්‍රී ලංකා මෙතොදිස්ත සභාව
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- ගෞරවණීය විලි රණසිංහ දේවගැතිතුමා, සභාපති, ශ්‍රී ලංකා බැප්ටිස්ට් සභාව
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- කර්නල් නිහාල් හෙට්ටිආරච්චි, ප්‍රාදේශීය මූලිකතුමා, ශ්‍රී ලංකා ගැලවීමේ හමුදාව
- ගෞරවණීය ක්‍රිෂේකුමාර් හැන්ඩි දේවගැතිතුමා, සභාපති, ලංකා දේවසභාව
- ගෞරවණීය ආචාර්ය රොමේෂ් බුලත්සිංහල දේවගැතිතුමා, සභාපති, සිවුවතුරපු දේවසභාව
- තරුණ පිරිමි ක්‍රිස්තියානි සංගමය,
- තරුණ කාන්තා ක්‍රිස්තියානි සංගමය,
- ශ්‍රී ලංකා ශිෂ්‍ය ක්‍රිස්තියානි ව්‍යාපාරය,
- ශ්‍රී ලංකා බයිබල් සංගමය,
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- පිවිතාලෝකය,
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செம்மணி மனித புதைகுழி தொடர்பான இலங்கை தேசிய கிறிஸ்தவ மன்றத்தின் அறிக்கை

செம்மணி மனித புதைகுழி தொடர்பான தகவல்கள் மீண்டும் பல தமிழ் மற்றும் சில ஆங்கில ஊடகங்களின் வழியாக வெளிக்காணரப்பட்டிருப்பதைக் குறித்து இலங்கை தேசிய கிறிஸ்தவ மன்றம் அதன் ஆழ்ந்த கவனத்தை ஈர்த்துள்ளது. இருப்பினும் இது தொடர்பான செய்திகள் குறித்து பிரதான சிங்கள ஊடகங்களின் கவனம் குறைவாக இருப்பது மிகவும் கவலைக்குரிய விடயமாகும்.

ஒரு நாடாக, இவ்விதமான வலிமிகுந்த உண்மைகளிலிருந்து நாம் பின்வாங்க முடியாது. அம்னஸ்டி இன்டர்நேஷனல் (Amnesty International) 2017ஆம் ஆண்டு வெளியிட்ட அறிக்கையில், 1980களின் இறுதியிலிருந்து இலங்கையில் 60,000 முதல் 100,000 பேர் வரை காணாமல் போயுள்ளனர் என மதிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ளது. மேலும், 2017இல் நிறுவப்பட்ட காணாமல் போனவர்கள் தொடர்பான அலுவலகம், பாதுகாப்பு படையினரின் குடும்ப உறுப்பினர்கள் உள்ளடங்கலாக சுமார் 21,000க்கும் அதிகமான முறையீடுகளைப் பெற்றுள்ளது.

இத்தகைய புள்ளிவிவரங்கள், வலிந்து காணாமல் ஆக்கப்படுதல் குறித்த துயரம் எமது நாட்டில் ஒவ்வொரு சமூகத்தையும் பாதித்திருக்கிறது என்பதை நமக்கு நினைவுபடுத்துகின்றது.

அதே வேளையில் சர்வதேச தரநிலைகளுக்கு ஏற்ப முறையாக புதைகுழிகளைத் அகழ்வதில் எங்கள் திறன்களில் உள்ள கடுமையான எல்லைகளை நாங்கள் ஏற்றுக்கொள்கிறோம். சர்வதேச தொழில்நுட்ப ஆதரவின் அவசியத்தை சர்வதேச சட்ட வல்லுநர்கள் ஆணையம் (ICJ) வலியுறுத்தியுள்ளது, மேலும் அத்தகைய உதவியை தாமதமின்றி நாடுமாறு இலங்கை அரசாங்கத்தை நாங்கள் கேட்டுக்கொள்கிறோம். வளங்கள் பற்றாக்குறையால் உண்மையை சமரசம் செய்ய முடியாது என்பதை நாம் புரிந்து கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

செம்மணி மனித புதைகுழி தனித்துவமான வேதனையை வெளிப்படுத்துகிறது. மற்றைய மனித புதைகுழிகளில் இளையோர் மற்றும் முதியோர் எலும்புக்கூடுகள் கண்டுபிடிக்கப்பட்டுள்ள போதும், இங்கு பாடசாலைப் பைகள் மற்றும் குழந்தைகளின் விளையாட்டு பொருட்கள் அகழ்ந்தெடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவை உயிர்கள் அழிந்ததையும், மேலும் எமது நாட்டைச் சிதைத்த இன-அரசியல் பரிமாணங்களையும் சாட்சியப்படுத்துகின்றன. இவ் அகழ்வுகள் மீதான மௌனம், சமூகங்களுக்கு இடையிலான அவநம்பிக்கையை மேலும் ஆழப்படுத்துவதோடு, போரின் காயங்களை நீடிக்கச் செய்யும் ஆபத்தும் இதில் உள்ளது.

செம்மணி மனித புதைகுழி விசாரணை முழுமையாகவும் வெளிப்படையாகவும் நிறைவுக்குக் கொண்டுவரப்படும் பட்சத்தில், அது தமது காணாமல் போன உறவுகளுக்கான பதில்களை இன்றும் தேடி அலையும் குடும்பங்களுக்கு ஓரளவு நீதியை வழங்குவதோடு மட்டுமல்லாமல், நீதி தாமதிக்கப்பட்டாலும் அது மறுக்கப்படமாட்டாது என்ற நம்பிக்கையை எம் மக்களுக்கு தரக்கூடிய ஒளிக்கீற்றாக இருக்கும் என்பதில் ஐயமில்லை.

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திரு அவைகளாகவும் இந்நாட்டின் மக்களாகவும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டவர்களோடும் அவர்களின் குடும்பத்தினரோடும் நாங்கள் எங்களை அடையாளப்படுத்துகிறோம் என்பதை வலியுறுத்துகிறோம். நீதி என்பது மனித உரிமை மட்டுமல்ல அது வேதாகமக் கட்டளையாகும். இதையே இறைவாக்கினர் மீக்கா நமக்கு நினைவுபடுத்துகிறார், “நேர்மையைக் கடைப்பிடித்தலையும் இரக்கம் கொள்வதில் நாட்டத்தையும் உன் கடவுளுக்கு முன்பாக தாழ்ச்சியோடு நடந்து கொள்வதையும் தவிர வேறு எதை ஆண்டவர் உன்னிடம் கேட்கின்றார்?”

எனவே, எத்தகைய வேதனையானதாயிருந்தாலும், உண்மையைத் தேடும் முயற்சியில் அரசு, சிவில் சமூகம் மற்றும் மத சமூகங்கள் ஒன்றிணைய வேண்டுமென நாங்கள் அழைக்கிறோம். நேர்மையும் தைரியமும் கொண்டு நீதி நாடப்பட்டால் மட்டுமே குணமடையும் நிலையும் நல்லிணக்கமும் சமூகத்தில் வேருன்றும்.

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- Presbytery of Lanka
- Christian Reformed Church of Sri Lanka
- The Salvation Army
- Assemblies of God of Ceylon
- Church of the Foursquare Gospel in Sri Lanka

Churches



- Young Men's Christian Association
- Young Women's Christian Association
- The Ceylon Bible Society
- Christian Literature Society
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- Back to the Bible Broadcast
- Theological College of Lanka
- Colombo Theological Seminary
- Youth for Christ

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Our Mission

The Council shall initiate, promote and encourage its constituent churches and ecumenical organizations to:

- **Witness and share the good news of God in Jesus Christ**
- **Promote unity and fellowship in Christ**
- **Strengthen Christian spirituality and renewal of the Holy Spirit in family Church and society**
- **Enhance Christian discipleship and commitment**
- **Empower the next generation towards an active involvement in Church and society. ➤ Engage in the prophetic ministry of the Church.**
- **Extend service and development to all in need and particularly the poor and marginalized.**
- **Pursue the cause of justice and peace and to respect, protect and nourish all creation.**
- **Celebrate the diversity of all persons and promote reconciliation among diverse communities.**



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