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SRI LANKA

GOVERNANCE AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

To strengthen democratic governance, USAID partners with the people of Sri Lanka to improve the responsiveness of government institutions and increases informed public participation in governance processes. Responding to good governance and vulnerable population needs, USAID activities build a robust civil society; increase access to balanced, accurate information through the media; promote dialogue, conflict mitigation, and social cohesion among multi-ethnic communities; and build local capacity for disaster response and risk reduction.

ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL COHESION AND RECONCILIATION (SCORE): USAID strengthens Sri Lankan-led efforts to advance social cohesion and reconciliation. Through a mix of quick impact and longer-term sustainable interventions, SCORE promotes a cohesive Sri Lankan identity; reduces socio-economic disparities and exclusion; and enhances community resilience. Implementing Partner: Global Communities; Total Estimated Cost: \$20.5 million; Performance Period: July 2018 – December 2024

EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT JUSTICE (EEJ): USAID partners with Sri Lankan justice sector institutions, including the Ministry of Justice and the Attorney General, to increase the effectiveness of justice sector institutions and modernize their delivery of services to promote the rule of law. To improve transparency, citizen engagement and strengthen governance, USAID builds the skills and diversity of the

Sri Lankan legal professionals. Implementing Partner: Chemonics International Inc.; Total Estimated Cost: \$15 million; Performance Period: September 2021 – September 2026

INCLUSIVE POLITICAL PROCESSES (IPP): The IPP activity works with parliament and other government institutions to strengthen their capacity to respond to the democratic aspirations of the Sri Lankan people. It supports civil society institutions to increase the inclusion of youth, women, and other underrepresented groups in leadership roles. The activity also supports the Election Commission to conduct elections that are in line with democratic principles. Implementing Partner: National Democratic Institute, International Republican Institute, International Foundation for Electoral Systems; Total Estimated Cost: \$17 million; Performance Period: July 2020 – June 2024

INCREASED DEMAND AND ENGAGEMENT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY (IDEA): USAID's IDEA activity encourages a vibrant Sri Lankan civil society, which empowers citizens to engage the government in the democratic process and improves government accountability. IDEA works with civil society organizations to strengthen their organizational capacity, improve the enabling environment, and support their ability to advocate for good governance reforms. Implementing Partner: Management Systems International; Total Estimated Cost: \$14 million; Performance Period: February 2018 – August 2024

SAFE, DISASTER RESILIENT DRINKING WATER TO FLOOD AND DROUGHT PRONE AREAS: Through this activity, USAID supports local organizations to provide clean drinking water and improve community resilience to changing climate conditions. This practical disaster resilient system for harvesting rainwater supports communities that regularly experience floods and droughts to recover quickly. Implementing Partner: Lanka Rainwater Harvesting Forum; Total Estimated Cost: \$2.2 million; Performance Period: October 2016 – March 2025

EMPOWERING CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TO COMBAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN SRI LANKA (ECCT): USAID seeks to combat human trafficking and promote safe labor migration by building the capacity of civil society organizations in Sri Lanka. The activity will bridge policy gaps and legal frameworks and increase the capacity of government and civil society partners and facilitate the creation of networks and spaces for effective collaboration among government, civil society, and the public to address trafficking. Implementing Partner: SAFE Foundation; Total Estimated Cost: \$3.9 million; Performance Period: October 2021 - September 2026

WIN AGAINST VIOLENCE (WAV): Through WAV, USAID fosters collaboration and networking among government and non-government institutions to advance gender equality and address the needs and rights of people experiencing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV). The activity promotes citizen and government engagement; supports civil society capacity building and networking for collective action; and addresses critical gaps in clinical, legal and psychosocial services for SGBV victims. Implementing Partner: Women in Need; Total Estimated Cost: \$1.6 million; Performance Period: October 2021 - September 2026

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS (CSOs) AND COMMUNITY COLLECTIVES FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE (CCCDG): USAID's CCCDG activity aims to strengthen civil society organizations (CSOs) in the marginalized plantation sector to address legal, policy, developmental and governance issues that affect people in the plantations and neighboring villages through collective actions and advocacy. Interventions have been designed to make impact at all levels through strong CSO networking and collective action for reforms on common issues including laws and

policies. Implementing Partner: Institute of Social Development; Total Estimated Cost: \$3.6 million; Performance Period: June 2022 - June 2027

BOLSTERING CIVIL SOCIETY (BCS): Through the BCS activity, USAID supports Sri Lanka to maintain a vibrant civil society that empowers citizens to advance democratic values. Interventions link CSOs across communities, districts, and regions to have a voice in local governance and national reform processes and strengthen their relevance and continued participation in the country's democratic governance. Implementing Partner: Private Agencies Collaborating Together (PACT); Total Estimated Cost: \$19 million; September 2022 - August 2027

PROMOTING POSITIVE INFORMATION (PRO-INFO): PRO-INFO builds on existing momentum to create a more responsive and democratic space, with a focus on ensuring that vital information reaches and reflects Sri Lanka's communities in all their diversity. The activity equips citizens to engage with media and information critically, and to demand credible, fact-based information to make decisions, building societal resilience to disinformation. Implementing Partner: Private Agencies Collaborating Together (PACT), Inc. and International Research and Exchanges Board, Inc.; Total Estimated Cost: \$15 million; Performance Period: July 2023 - July 2028