

Gram Shakti Housing Project in Southern Province of Sri Lanka



Scope of the Project : Responding to a specific request from Govt. of Sri Lanka, Govt. of India has agreed to construct 600 houses in Southern Province of Sri Lanka to rehabilitate homeless-landless low-income families. The project will be executed under Owner driven model wherein the Govt. of India will provide technical support and financial assistance to owner beneficiaries to undertake the construction themselves. A cash grant of SLR 5 lakh will be granted to each beneficiary/ relevant NHDA account in five stages.

Project Cost : SLR 300 million

Project Duration : 12- 18 months

Implementing Partners : Ministry of Housing and Construction, Govt. of Sri Lanka (b) National Housing Development Authority

Modalities of Implementation : The project is being implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP) model. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has been signed on 26 October, 2017 by H. E. Mr. Taranjit Singh Sandhu, High Commissioner of India and Mrs. W.K.K. Athukorala, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and



Construction in the presence of Hon'ble Sajith Premadasa, Minister of Housing and Construction, during a special ceremony in Hambantota for dedicating to the beneficiaries the Santhosagama model village , completed under the Gram Shakti Model Village Housing Project. To monitor the implementation of the project, a Project Steering Committee (PSC), co- chaired by Deputy High Commissioner of India and

Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Construction including Representatives from the Department of External Resources, the Department of Project Management & Monitoring, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Chairman, National Housing Development Authority, Consul General of India, Hambantota and Head of the Development Cooperation Wing, High Commission of India, Colombo has been constituted.

Beneficiaries : After completion of the project, 600 low income landless and homeless families in the Southern Province will have their own home.
