

Project to support livelihood of fishing and farming community in Hambantota District

Scope of the Project : Based on the request from Government of Sri Lanka, Government of India has agreed to provide assistance to support livelihood of fishing and farming communities in Hambantota District. The project will improve household income of fishermen and farmers through the development of alternative livelihoods, provide essential safety equipment for fishermen and empower fisherwomen by providing access to alternative livelihood equipment.



Cost of the Project : LKR 300 million

Duration: 18 months

Implementing Partners :

- (a) Ministry of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development,
- (b) Ceylon Fisheries Harbour Corporation
- (c) External Resources Department

Modality of Implementation : The project is being implemented under the Small Development Projects. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Government of India and Government of Sri Lanka on 15 September, 2016. Under this project, grub hoes, bicycles, life jackets and sewing machines will be provided. To monitor the progress of the project, a Project Steering Committee, co-chaired by Deputy High Commissioner of India and by Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Development has been constituted which includes one representative each from the Ceylon Fishery Harbours Corporation, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs and Consul General of India, Hambantota.

Beneficiaries : Fishing and farming community in Hambantota District

Impact : The project will have a direct impact on the livelihood of the fishing community including the women empowerment. It will develop fisheries cottage industries, improve productivity and will provide alternate livelihood options during off fishing season.
