

# National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC)

## Performance Report – 2011 (As at 31/08/2011)

### **Introduction**

National Disaster Management Centre was established in 1996 under the Ministry of Social Services and Social Welfare. It came under the Ministry of Disaster Relief Services by the extra ordinary gazette notification No: 1422/22, dated 08/12/2005, in order to plan and implement relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities. It was transferred to the Ministry of Resettlement and Disaster Relief Services with renaming as National Disaster Relief Services Center, by the Gazette Notification No: 1482/9 dated 09/01/2007. It functions under the Ministry of Disaster Management with effect from 30/04/2010 with the gazette notification No: 1651/20.

It is located at 498, R.A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo -03, and function under the policy guidance provided by the Hon. Minister and Secretary of the Ministry of Disaster Management. Projects and programmes are carried out through the respective District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats with the policy guidance given by the Ministry of Disaster Management. Further, Development Disaster Relief Coordinators function at the district level under the supervision of respective District Secretaries.

#### Vision

Towards safer Sri Lanka through disaster relief services

#### Mission

To protect human life, properties, and environment from both natural and man-made disasters through disaster relief activities.

#### Objective

To contribute the national objective of sustainable development through minimized human suffering and loss and strengthening national capacities for disaster Relief

### **Key programmes and Activities**

Provide short-term relief measures for affected peoples

Support for implement programmes to rescue people from both natural and man-made disasters

Plan and implement projects to minimize disaster impacts (construction of rain water harvesting, etc)

Implement rehabilitation programmes to restore livelihoods and economy of people who were affected by both natural and man-made disasters.

Collect process and disseminate information on disaster situations

Conduct awareness programmes for public officers and people on how to face disaster situations and relief mechanism

Coordinate relief operation during emergency

Provide logistic services

### Present Staff

S.No	Category	Approved Carder	Existing Carder	Vacancies
1	Director	01	01	-
2	Deputy Director	01	-	01
3	Assistant Director	02	01	01
4	Development Assistant (Disaster Management)	32	29	03
5	ICT Officer	02	-	02
6	Management Assistant	08	04	04
7	Project Officer	01	-	01
8	Data Entry Operator	01	01	-
9	Driver	07	02	05
10	KKS	04	02	02
11	Lorry Driver Assistant	05	-	05
	<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>

### Undertake Staff Training and Capacity Development Programmes

Name	Designation	Foreign Training Obtained	Venue & Duration
A. Lakkathas	Director	1. ICT for Disaster Risk Direction and ICT and Climate change, Green Growth and Sustainable Development 2. Table top Exercise on (TTX) on Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance	22- 26 February 2011, South Korea  06 – 09 September 2011, Thailand
A.W.M. Rifa Wadood	Assistant Director	SAARC Training Programme on “Techniques of Water Conservation & Rainwater Harvesting for Drought Management”	18-29 July2011, Hyderabad, India

## Disaster Relief Services Provided by NDRSC (until end of August, 2011)

### Implementation of relief programmes

NDRSC plan, implement and monitor disaster relief activities. NDRSC followed the NDRSC circular 2007/10 issued on 01/10/2007 as guidelines for disaster relief rehabilitation and reconstruction. After the National Budget circular No: 152 issued on 14/05/2011 previous circular was cancelled and NDRSC was assigned the immediate relief activities. Housing reconstruction and compensation for cultivation damage were transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development.



Sri Lanka experienced a major flood situation during January and February in 2011. Batticaloa, Ampara, Trincomalee, Polonnaruwa, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts were affected seriously. Further, landslides occurred in Badulla, Nuwara-Eliya, Kandy, and Matale during the same period. As a result 493,325 families consist of 1,838,940 people were affected, and 74,456 houses were damaged where 20,627 houses damaged completely and 53,829 were affected partially.

In May 2011 floods occurred in Kegalle, Gampaha, Colombo, and Galle districts. As a result 8,479 families consisting of 33,201 peoples were affected, 5 people dead, 6 injured, and 341 houses were affected including 71 fully damaged and 270 partially damaged.

As a proactive approach Ministry of Disaster Management released allocation based on the information on disaster incidence reported. Rs. 463,738,830.15 have been released to the following disaster affected districts and Rs. 6,513,646.85/= expended for the relief materials distribution for the flood victims during January – August 2011.

S.No	Name of the District	Allocation Provided (Rs.)
01	Ampara	75,399,155.50
02	Anuradhapura	34,637,759.83
03	Badulla	11,892,388.74
04	Batticaloa	91,127,192.74
05	Colombo	3,902,116.00
06	Galle	540,050.00
07	Gampaha	3,500,000.00
08	Hambantota	8,683,136.81
09	Jaffna	879,275.50
10	Kalutara	322,544.50
12	Kandy	12,190,761.50
12	Kegalle	4,356,879.05
13	Killinochchi	739,550.00

S.No	Name of the District	Allocation Provided (Rs.)
14	Kurunegala	15,608,977.67
15	Mannar	27,428,485.61
16	Matale	9,345,919.51
17	Matara	6,549,078.62
18	Monaragala	2,934,772.81
19	Mullaitivu	4,796,302.00
20	Nuwaraeliya	4,104,299.18
21	Polonnaruwa	16,082,932.33
22	Puttlam	655,705.00
23	Ratnapura	4,451,415.07
24	Trincomalee	90,611,909.38
25	Vavuniya	32,998,222.80
	<b>Total (Rs.)</b>	<b>463,738,830.15</b>

### **Provide cooked meals**

In case of an widespread disaster situation, cooked meal is provided to those who stay in temporary welfare centres away from their residence irrespective of limitations such as income, age and permanent residency based on the National Budget Circular No. 152 dated 14.06.2011. Allowance Rs. 150/= per person is provided for a maximum period of seven days. 925,500 people were provided with cooked meals and Rs. 212,459,321/= was paid for the same during January – August 2011.

### **Dry rations**

When a situation demands the dry rations are provided immediately. It is provided for an equal period of time in respect of families staying at homes or houses of their friends and relatives without coming to welfare centres and families staying in temporary welfare centres due to the disaster after they back to their houses. Fund allocation for dry ration (per week) as based on the National Budget Circular No. 152 is as follows:

- Per individual Rs. 385/=
- Two member family Rs. 490/=
- Three member family Rs. 595/=
- Four member family Rs. 700/=
- Five member family Rs. 805/=

1,057,463 peoples were provided with dry rations and expenditure Rs. 159,347,414/= incurred for the same during January - August 2011.

### **Support for funeral expenses**

Funeral assistance is provided to the spouse or the immediate next of skin of the deceased due to the disaster with confirmation of relationship with the diseased. Rs. 15,000/= is paid for a person's funeral. 36 people lost their lives during January – August in 2011 and Rs. 555,000/= was provided as funeral expense.

### **Aids for self employment**

Aids for self employment was provided under the maximum ceiling of Rs 20,000/= based on the requirement. 30 people were assisted and Rs. 98,750/= have been paid up to May 2011. This activity has been transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development after May 2010 based on the National Budget Circular No. 152.

### **Assistance for housing rehabilitation and reconstruction**

Housing subsidies was paid to repair or reconstruct residential house damaged by the disaster. This subsidy was paid only in instances where the monthly income of the applicant is Rs. 3,000/= or less. Rs. 50,000/= for a fully damaged house and Rs. 25,000/= for partially damaged house was paid until May 2011, according to NDRSC circular No: 2007/10 dated 01/10/2007. 30,569 houses were rehabilitated / reconstructed in 2011 until May 2011 and Rs 53,045,194/= have been paid for the same. With the implementation of the National Budget circular No 152, this activity was transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development with effect from 14/05/2011.

## **Crop subsidy**

Crop subsidy was provided considering the nature of the cultivation and value of anticipated crop, and limited to a maximum of one acre. Rs. 20,000/= was paid per acre. In case land less than one acre that in extent the subsidy will be paid proportionately. Cultivation in certain locations in Anuradhapura, Monaragala, Matale, Kurunegala, Polonnaruwa Districts have been damaged due to wild elephant attack. NRDSC distributed Rs 35,000/= to the respective district secretariats to pay compensation for the victims. With the implementation of the National Budget circular No 152, this activity was transferred to the Ministry of Economic Development with effect from 14/05/2011.

## **Maintain Warehouse at Orugodawata to keep stocks for managing disaster situations**

A warehouse was set up under the Ministry Social Service in 2005 to maintain relief items for Tsunami. It has been maintained continuously by this Institution and relief equipments such as Tents, Dry Food, Kitchen Utensils, Boat Engine, Cloths are stored to manage emergency situations. Further, water pumps, Water Tanks, and water purification equipments, etc., were stored and distributed among the drought places. Annexure - 01 shows the relief materials which were distributed among the districts for the disaster relief measures in 2011.

## **Maintain and disseminate Disaster Information**

A National Disaster Data Bank was set up under the United Nations Development Project (UNDP) assistance. Computer software of DesInveter and Desconsulter is used for this purpose. Information on floods, Landslides, Fire, and Tsunami are collected and stored. Analytical reports, graphics and maps can be generated by using this Software. Disaster information from 1974 has been stored in this data bank. Data entered by district and divisional level officers. Internet access will be provided to these districts and divisional secretariats to connect and maintain data bank and to update data.

## **SAHANA Disaster Management System for NDRSC**

Networking of the National Disaster Relief Services Centre with District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats with the Sahana Disaster Management System with the sponsorship of ICTA under Reengineering Government Project is underway and expected to be completed by the end of December 2011. Objective of this Network is to develop an effective communication system for gathering disaster information through District and Divisional Secretariat during emergency situations. This information can be used to plan, implement and monitor relief and rehabilitation programmes. Training programmes were conducted for all 25 administrative districts for the District secretaries, Divisional Secretaries and Social Service Officers as to implement the system successfully island wide.

## **Implementing drought mitigation programmes**

Assistance is provided to ensure drinking water needs are fulfilled during drought period in affected people. Water transportation cost and administrative cost related to the water supply is provided as a short term disaster relief. Allocation Rs. 3,235,038.86 was given to Monaragala, Kilinochchi, Ampara, Jaffna, Mannar, Puttalam, Kandy, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, and Kegalla districts to provide drinking water for drought affected families.

NDRSC implemented construction of rain water harvesting programme to mitigate drought impacts in selected three divisional secretariat divisions in Monaragala District as a part of Dayata Kirulla - 2011. Rs. 4 Mn., have been spent for this project and 80 families were benefitted. Another 80 rain water harvesting tanks will be provided for 80 beneficiaries in selected 4 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Anuradhapura District as a part of the Dayata Kirulla – 2012 with the investment of Rs. 4 Mn. Beneficiaries have been selected and construction is in progress which will be commissioned in February 2012.



NDRSC distributes Sprinkler and Drip Irrigation Systems donated by the Chinese Government for the benefit of drought prone farmers and 138 systems had been distributed to the farmer Organizations in Ampara, Ratnapura, Hambantota, Matara, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Badulla, Trincomalee, Vavuniya and Mannar districts. NDRSC provided training to utilize the facilities provided and farmers from 138 farmer organizations benefitted.

### **Coordinate Disaster Relief Programmes**

National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC) coordinates with various Government and Non government Organizations to collect and facilitate donations such as dry food, water tanks, tents, sanitary items, water bottles, clothes, etc. UNICEF, Red Cross, LION, SL Navy, Air force, Fire Brigade, IOM and various ministries were coordinated at national level during past disasters. Soon after the major flood situation in January – February, Ministry of Disaster Management made appeal for assistance from nationally as well as internationally.

As a result of the request local as well as foreign donations were arrived. Government of India, Republic of China, Republic of Korea, Government of Pakistan, and Government of Oman was among the donated countries. Further, Sri Lankan community lives in Italy, collected relief materials and dispatched. Besides from the foreign governments, international non government organizations extended their support for relief measures of the Government of Sri Lanka.

Local and foreign assistance also arrived in cash and kinds. Rs. 34,834,902.96/= was received. The money was utilized to procure immediate relief items and distributed among the flood victims.

### **Budget allocation and expenditure**

Rs. 264.9 Million was allocated for disaster relief in budget 2011. However, after the flash flood in the Eastern, North, Central, and North Central part of Sri Lanka, the fund allocation was increased to Rs. 850 Million to meet the increased relief needs. Total allocation for NDRSC in 2011 was Rs. 1,311,920,971/= which included Rs. 874,500,000/= for recurrence expenditure and Rs. 437,420,971/= capital expenditure. As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 total expenditure incurred was Rs. 488,847,234/= which included Rs. 485,211,529/= recurrent expenditure representing 55.48% and capital expenditure Rs. 3,635,705/= representing 0.83% of the total expenditure.