

OUR ORIGINS...

The Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (SLCDF) evolved as a non-profit development organization in 2002 from the Sri Lanka Canada Development Fund, which was generously supported by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and Canadian NGOs. The project has been managed by South Asia Partnership since 1987. As a result of working with activists, isolated NGOs, grass-roots organizations and participatory integrated networks at district level, the Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation has started its activities with a rich programme record of 15 years experience.

OUR VISION ...

To become Sri Lanka's dynamic resource centre for the needy and their civil society organizations to achieve sustainable human development

OUR MISSION...

To enhance the capacities and social capital of the needy and their respective organizations by developing skills, resources and technical support to take the responsibilities in programmes and policy for collaborative GO/NGO relationship towards reducing poverty and achieving sustainable human development

OUR GOALS ...

- ✚ to develop the capacity of SLCDF's partners to undertake more effective development programming and resource management
- ✚ to build solidarity among NGOs, public sector and private sector through dialogue and collective action within Sri Lanka and the region
- ✚ to act on social, economic, and cultural needs of the community through collective programming, advocacy and policy formulation to achieve sustainable human development
- ✚ to promote community level informal groups into formal organizations by mobilizing and strengthening their organizational efforts to reduce social and economic vulnerability



OUR VALUES ...

- ✚ human centred
- ✚ participatory development
- ✚ community based resource utilization and management
- ✚ accountability and transparency
- ✚ peace and national harmony
- ✚ gender equality
- ✚ collaboration and partnership among GOs, NGOs and private sector
- ✚ enhanced capacities and social capital between and among stakeholders
- ✚ trusting the creative capacities of poor and disadvantaged
- ✚ strengthened civil society and its organizations

OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES ...

- ✚ Capacity building of community based organizations (CBOs), NGOs and district consortia (DCs)
- ✚ Promote horizontal and vertical networks of NGOs from community to national level
- ✚ Promote GO, NGO and private sector collaboration
- ✚ Promote national integration programmes
- ✚ Promote policy, advocacy and good governance programmes
- ✚ Support sustainable agriculture and rural development
- ✚ Promote health, sanitation, children and elders' programmes
- ✚ Support savings and credit programmes for the poor
- ✚ Promote small scale fisheries development (inland and marine)
- ✚ Provide support for special programmes for disabled, mentally retarded and for prevention of AIDS and drug abuse
- ✚ Facilitate intern and exchange promotion
- ✚ Support pilot and experimental programmes

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS OF LAST 15 YEARS...

- ☞ SLCDF has successfully mounted innovative programmes, built extensive and dynamic organizations and become an effective mechanism across the country to further sustainable development
- ☞ Facilitated a participatory programme process from needs assessment to final evaluation and introduced a self-monitoring system which enabled NGOs to monitor for results with the involvement of the community they support
- ☞ Developed capacity of grassroots organizations to undertake responsibilities at higher level
- ☞ Facilitated the significant change from a number of individual isolated local NGO projects to a collaborative Participatory Integrated District Development Programme
- ☞ Built a vibrant network of 3300 CBOs, 330 NGOs organized into 16 District Consortia, and a national apex body, the NGO National Action Front (NNAF), to extend SLCDF's influential reach
- ☞ Mainstreamed Gender in all development programmes
- ☞ The NGO Management Development Centre: an independent training institute that builds need-based capacities for NGOs in a participatory process
- ☞ Promoted exchange programmes on development in an array of themes: women, communication, youth, human rights & good governance, environment, dry zone development and fisheries
- ☞ Launched an Islandwide Jak-fruit Planting and Promotion programme: a campaign to address predicted food scarcity by planting and processing of jak



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