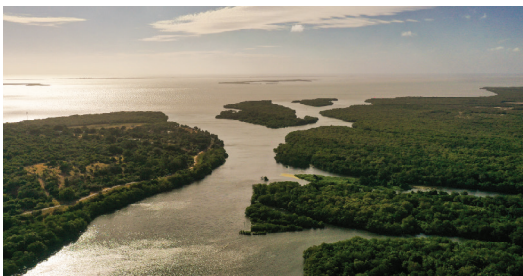




UNDP IN SRI LANKA COUNTRY PROGRAMME 2023-2027

The new country programme for UNDP in Sri Lanka is informed by the overarching UNDP Strategic Framework (2022-2025) and is directly aligned to the 2023-2027 UN Sustainable Development Framework (UNSDCF). It aims to address the ongoing socio-political and economic crisis in the country, particularly for vulnerable groups. Guided by the principle of 'leaving no one behind', UNDP supports resilient recovery and sustainable human development.



WHAT IS THE DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT WE OPERATE IN?



25% Poverty

estimated to remain in next few years due to current economic crisis
(The World Bank, 2022)



Around 5.5M

informal sector workers without safety nets
(IMF, 2022)



Among Top 10

countries on Climate Risk Index
(Germanwatch, 2018-2020)



5.3%

Women Parliamentarians
(Parliament of Sri Lanka, 2020)



60%

External debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
(IMF, 2022)



30%

of the population food insecure
(WFP, 2022)

WHAT ARE THE KEY PRIORITIES FOR UNDP SRI LANKA IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS?



INCLUSIVE GREEN-LED GROWTH AND MACROECONOMIC STABILITY

- Structural transformation towards inclusive and green growth
- Capacity development for SDGs aligned public planning, financing and implementation
- Strengthening social protection systems
- Skills development and livelihoods with a focus on women led Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)
- Economic inclusion of women, youth, persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups
- Digital transformation and innovation





GREEN DEVELOPMENT: NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT, CLIMATE RESILIENCE & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Promote pro-poor and inclusive green growth, and blue and green investments
- Water and food security: Implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCS) towards the Paris Agreement
- Natural resource management, biodiversity conservation and sustainable tourism
- Gender-responsive climate change policies; innovative partnerships and platforms for climate action and green transition



INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE, JUSTICE, PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION

- Improve accountability, efficiency, inclusivity and responsiveness of governance systems and institutions
- SDG-driven national and sub-national policy planning, implementation and monitoring
- Justice sector reform and protection against Sexual and Gender Based Violence
- Post-conflict recovery, resettlement and social cohesion (national and sub-national level)
- Collaboration with the public sector and civil society in addressing social tensions and spread of hate speech
- Promoting women leadership in political and civic spaces

HOW WILL WE GOVERN AND MONITOR OUR WORK?

The Country Programme will be administered through a governance mechanism, co-chaired by UNDP and the Government, along with relevant stakeholders and a civil society advisory board. This ensures transparency and accountability to our partners and the people of Sri Lanka, whom we serve.





WHY UNDP AND WHAT IS OUR COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE?

UNDP is the largest development agency within the UN system, present in 170 countries. In Sri Lanka, UNDP has been the partner of choice for over 55 years, collaborating with many Government institutions, development partners (Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund, European Union), bilateral partners (Canada, Japan, Korea, Norway, UK), CSOs, UN agencies and the private sector. Sri Lanka's first innovation facility, 'Citra Social Innovation Lab', established in collaboration with UNDP and the Government of Sri Lanka, works to strengthen innovation readiness and capacities to spark transformational change.

Unique value additions include:



Partnerships and
convening power



Integrated solutions to Sustainable
Development Goals acceleration



Policy and thought
leadership



Innovation and digital-led
approaches



Agile development partner, able to pilot solutions and take them to scale

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