



2,110,000

CHF Funding Requirement

164,000

People to be reached

25

Local branches Sri Lanka Red Cross Society

11,300

Volunteers country-wide

82

Years of experience reaching the most vulnerable



## SRI LANKA

### IFRC Country Cluster Support Team Delhi

Sri Lanka is a post-conflict lower middle-income country with a population of 21.4 million people and considerable GDP per capita of USD4,065. While the country has made significant progress in its socio-economic and human development indicators and poverty is rare, a relatively large share of the population subsists on slightly more than the extreme poverty line.

Sri Lanka is also ranked fourth in the 2018 Global Climate Risk Index indicating a high level of exposure and vulnerability to extreme weather events. The ranking serves as a red flag for existing vulnerabilities that may further increase in the event of extreme weather will become more frequent or more severe due to climate change. From 2000 to 2016, a total of 47 disaster events (including tsunami, drought, floods, landslides, tropical cyclones) affected 14 million people and caused 37,200 fatalities (mostly from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami).

The Sri Lanka Red Cross Society (SLRCS) is a voluntary humanitarian organization with a strong network of branches in all the 25 districts of the country; capable of providing relief in times of disasters and emergencies, with over 500 staff and 11,000 volunteers trained to be on-standby for disaster response.

This plan outlines the work to be implemented and achieved by SLRCS in 2019, with the technical support and guidance of International Federation of Red Cross Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

In line with identified climate risks, IFRC will support SLRCS in implementing a Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) program focusing on reducing and adopting to climate risks. Other activities and projects planned in-country include the expansion of a successful housing program in Central and Uva provinces, a health program to eradicate dengue through community-based action and awareness raising, and a protection and humanitarian diplomacy dialogue in the context of migration. Holistically, IFRC will support SLRCS in strengthening its structure and systems, volunteers engagement and youth development program and and its overall preparedness and capacity to disaster response.

## NEEDS ASSESSMENT



### SRI LANKA RAPID POST DISASTER NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2017

In May 2017, Sri Lanka was affected by severe floods and landslides, triggered by heavy rain and high winds. Close to a million people were affected. The effects of the floods and landslides confirmed the increasing impact of climate related disasters in Sri Lanka coupled with haphazard human development activities. Estimated cost of damage and losses in five of its most affected districts alone were more than 40 million USD.

The disaster event also affected the provision of services such as health, education and water and sanitation. This amply demonstrated the urgency for mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction into development planning and implementation.

## STATISTICS

**4.1%**

of the country's population live below the poverty line.

**4.2%**

unemployment rate in 2017

**186,000**

cases of Dengue in 2017 which is the highest figure recorded in Sri Lanka

## AREA OF FOCUS

### DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

**CHF 260,000 REQUIRED**

To be managed as a bilateral venture with the IFRC, implementation will be done through respective relevant branches of SRLCS and technical support from IFRC. The programmatic objectives under this area of focus are; to promote community-based water management practices, to promote climate-resilient and eco-friendly practices, and to increase the income of beneficiaries and lead to sustainable livelihood culture.

- 10 communities will be reached
- 10 tanks will be renovated

### SHELTER

**CHF 810,000 REQUIRED**

On-going permanent housing assistance already reaching 1,610 plantation workers will be expanded to reach another 4,000 families in 2019.

- 5,610 families to be reached via permanent shelter

### HEALTH

**CHF 180,000 REQUIRED**

A dengue eradication program is planned, as part of a bigger multi-country multi-year initiative with a long-term programmatic approach. Proposed activities in Sri Lanka were designed to align with the Ministry of Health's dengue control strategies. The objectives of this project are; risk communication to the general public and advocacy, community-based vector control and promotion of good solid waste management practices, school based surveillance, by empowering children as agents of change, and setting up mechanisms to retain volunteers trained in dengue prevention at branch level

- 150 volunteers to be trained
- Over 4,000 volunteers hours to be involved in cleaning campaigns
- Program will be implemented in 6 communities and 6 schools

### MIGRATION

**CHF 50,000 REQUIRED**

The National Strategic Dialogue (on Migration) is intended to provide a platform for Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, IFRC and ICRC alongside civil society representatives, United Nations agencies, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and government representatives to discuss the humanitarian trends, dynamics and contemporary challenges related to migration from and to Sri Lanka. The dialogue will focus on the role of the Sri Lanka Red Cross Society in undertaking assistance, protection and humanitarian diplomacy in the context of migration.

- 1 strategic dialogue to be organised
- 25 awareness raising programs across country targeting 10,000 people

### STRENGTHEN NATIONAL SOCIETY CAPACITIES

**CHF 290,000 REQUIRED**

This strategy will take forward the SLRCS strategic plan, branch development, process, accountability framework, legislation base, finance sustainability, potential public/private partnership for warehouse premises, NS costing policy, and volunteers and youth development:

- 6,000 community volunteers to be empowered
- 950 people to be trained

### STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

#### ENSURE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT

**CHF 390,000 REQUIRED**

This area of work will focus on country-level readiness plan, attending relevant and strategic coordination pre-disaster meetings and taking forward the cash preparedness activities:

- 185 people to be trained on disaster response
- All 25 branches to be well prepared to respond in the event of disasters

#### ENSURE A STRONG IFRC

**CHF 130,000 REQUIRED**

IFRC reinforces its commitment to compliance of highest accountability standards, amenability to key management performance indicators, full adherence to IFRC's Fraud and Corruption Prevention and Control policy, strict concession to IFRC's Prevention and Response of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse policy, and highest commitment to ensuring a safe and inclusive working environment towards greater diversity and gender equality.

## CONTACTS

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