



**Address: No. 49, School Road, Amirthakaly,  
Batticaloa, Sri Lanka.**

**Contact No: +94 65 205 9066 /  
+94 71 421 0551**

**Fax No: +94 65 205 9066**

**Email: [palmamp@yahoo.co.in](mailto:palmamp@yahoo.co.in)**

**Website: [palmsrilanka.org](http://palmsrilanka.org)**

**AM/GA/NGO/RC/16/2008/82/07**

# CONTENTS



Path of PALM..... 1

Executive Summary ..... 2

Our Sectors .....3

CDLG .....4

DRR.....6

SCORE .....7

CRIWMP ..... 10

Livelihood Support for Women Headed Households ..... 15

ICRC ..... 16

Community Based Livelihood Support Program .....17

We Partners With ..... 19

Board of Directors.....20

PALM Structure..... 21

Audit Report .....23

Financial Performance ..... 26

## VISION

Unity in  
Diversity

## MISSION

To work with diverse multi ethnic communities through a community governance approach to strength coexistence and reduce poverty by focusing on entrepreneurial and social business approaches

## VALUES

- Action oriented
- ⇒ Dedication
- ⇒ Risk taking
- Entrepreneurial oriented
- ⇒ Result oriented
- ⇒ Gender sensitized
- Community governance
- ⇒ Do No harm
- ⇒ Eco friendly

## Path of PALM

The mother organization of the company was initiated in the 1985, by **Ms. Natasha Sennema, Mr. Maarten Van Woerden, Mr. Oppewal Sjoerd and a group of Dutch volunteers** who were moved by the poor and isolated living conditions of the plantation workers in the Central Province.

Activities such as construction of houses, dispensaries and schools, were combined with health and educational programs. Funding was received from numerous individual donors of the Netherlands where by a small partner NGO called stitching was formed. The organization was supported with funding for ten years. However, in 1989, PALM was registered under the NGO registration act in Sri Lanka.

A **Technical Coordinator Mr. Saman Wijebandara was appointed in 1991** to coordinate and assist in the design and construction of the water supply schemes. Basically, this appointment became the corner stone for the rapid development of the organization in the years to come.

A Community Mobilization Coordinator **Mr. Sunil Dombepola** was appointed in 1994 to initiate Community Mobilization activities which evolved as an added mechanism to unite and strengthen community capacity to handle and manage diverse community-based project interventions. Mr. Dombepola brought in partici-

patory planning and monitoring concepts so as to engage communities in development aspects in a more meaningful manner. The process of mobilization further promoted multi stakeholder engagement.



**Caring for the Environment - igned from the school going age**

An external evaluation was carried out in 1998 to assess the outcome of the first long – term plan. Based on this evaluation and learning of the five – years plan, a second phase plan was formulated for 2000 – 2003. However, a major change came into place with the founder member cum Team Leader, Ms. Natasha Sennema stepping down from her post in the year 2000, thus creating the path for a local member to become her successor. Hence, the Deputy Team Leader took the chair as Team Leader.

The gigantic deadly tsunami waves which swept through most parts of the coastal belt of Sri Lanka on Boxing Day, 2004 saw the influx of various community development organizations walking into the devastated north and

east of the island nation. PALM Foundation too, was gifted with the momentum of expanding its wings to the Eastern Province in April, 2005. Possessing immense experience in community development, answering to catastrophic calling etc, PALM Foundation (Eastern Wing) was so apt and capacitated to ground post tsunami relief and recovery programs in 03 districts in the province, headed by the community mobilization veteran, Mr. Sunil Dombepola. PALM Foundation further diversifying its program strategies, created a company named the PALM Community Development Services (Guarantee) limited in 2009 under a resolution passed by the PALM Board of Directors. Since then, PALM in the East has been operational independently under a unique governing body.

**PALM** has emerged about 16 years ago by imitating an alternative effort to contribute for possible improvement of life style of 30 years' war and disaster effected Marginalized people by considering their vulnerability. This initiative matured into a major community development program in the sector, which has a national level recognition today. According to the learning's of initial stage of PALM, it realized that project-based approaches are not sustainable and needs the aspects of integrity and long term-based planning.

# Executive Summary

*“Diversity” through unity at all levels (inter-intra communities, community vs. stakeholders, stakeholders vs. stakeholders, public private integration etc.) is achieved through Strategic maneuvering and mentoring; not by rule of law or Force”*

PALM CDSC (Gte) Ltd operating in the eastern and northern provinces of Sri Lanka has always made a benchmark in aligning all its interventions with the organizational Vision and Mission. It geared the year of 2022/2023 mainly towards inculcating the syndrome of “Diversity” through unity at all levels (inter-intra communities, community vs stakeholders, stakeholders vs stakeholders, public private integration etc). The task has of course had its upheavals but strategic approaches brought down the line through years of community development experience of PALM bore fruit of success. Notwithstanding, the Mission of PALM has also been achieved in the year by working with multi ethnic communities and also creating space for livelihood opportunities through the good governance mechanism. A total sum of LKR 81,370,679.37 was burnt in all its project site interventions. 38,178 families were benefitted in this year.

As a result, the fiscal year of 2022-2023 was packed with programs gearing towards Good Governance, which in reality is not a topic popularly spoken of or absorbed by the development sector for implementations in the field level. However, keeping with the long term strategic plan of PALM Foundation, the challenge of creating wider awareness on exhibiting the Do No Harm principles of Good Governance for minimizing the dividers and increasing the connectors between communities, organizations and institutions was driven through major funding agencies which selected PALM as their trusted partner with 21 Male and 13 Female staffs.

In doing so, the European Union and the World Bank supported PALM in grounding the Local Development Support Project of UNDP Sri Lanka through developing the capacities of the Local Government authorities. In general, the decision making had always been a top-down approach. However, this intervention took a reverse note where a bottom-top mechanism was adhered to, through participatory planning, feedback through public engagement in the local decision making towards service delivery as well as local economic infrastructure.

The year also experienced catastrophic disasters with major flooding. The normal practice had been for the government or humanitarian organizations to totally involve in material and service delivery but, PALM, while looking at the situation through a humanitarian eye, creed an atmosphere for the devastated communities to involve themselves in understanding the scenario and reacting to bring life to normal so that “Accountability” was exhibited.

Living in harmony with multi ethnic, multi religious communities brings about social cohesion and creating togetherness and belonging of all human races. USAID supposed PALM in bringing out the responsibility/accountability through involvement of youth, ethnic/religious leaders whereby all communities were able to establish social well being and develop reconciliation strategies in the Ampara District.

Sri Lanka has been hard hit by an economic crisis. Food shortages, fuel queues and even loss of employment created major drawbacks in the day to day life of most of the communities. Reading the need of the hour, PALM saw the potentials of women headed households and developed their hidden skills so as to make them string and involve in income generation activities. The organization only gave them a boost from where they picked and have gone forward to self sustain their families, thus showing the outer world that women headed households are not vulnerable anymore.

As the Executive Director, it is my pleasure to appreciate all our trusted donors, government institutions and its officers, private partnerships for being there with PALM in making a difference in the lives of those who really have been in dire need of an extra throttle to make their own households thrive and prosper in all aspects. Furthermore, it has been the staff of the organization who has been the real drivers who made the end results successful by gearing the project vehicles in the right path.

**Sunil Dombepola**  
Executive Director - PALM



# OUR SECTORS

- Livelihood assistant for women headed families.
- Reconciliation and Co-existence.
- Promoting traditional agriculture, Climate resilience interventions and Climate Smart agriculture.
- Disaster Risk Reduction by Providing Safe Drinking Water for marginalizes communities.
- Social Business and Private Sector Partnership.



## CDLG



The Capacity Development of Local Governments (CDLG) Project of UNDP Sri Lanka is part of a larger effort by the Government of Sri Lanka to strengthen the local governance system in the country. This effort is supported by the European Union and the World Bank. The Government of Sri Lanka has implemented the Local Development Support Project

(LDSP) in four provinces (North, North Central, Eastern and Uva) to strengthen local service delivery and local economic infrastructure in order to enhance bottom-top approaches. This mechanism has supported public engagement in the local decision making process for delivery of services through participatory planning and feedback mechanisms.



PALM partnered with UNDP, CDLG Project to promote the citizen participation in the North through “Enhance Community Empowerment for Meaningful Engagement Project” to capacitate the society through ensuring accountability of local authorities. The Project clustered 50 selected “Prajā Mandala” into three clusters; Cluster 1 and Cluster 2 in the Anuradhapura district and Cluster 3 in the Polonnaruwa District.



Camps: 232 Youths including 83 young girls and total of 369 participants (Officers and Youths - 149 females) participated in five youth camp programs which provided an opportunity to improve the theoretical and practical knowledge thus creating awareness of the youth on leadership development. In addition, further awareness and understanding was created pertaining to the roles and responsibilities of youth leaders in local development aspects. The contribution of youth leaders in more informed decision making at national, subnational and local levels were also enhanced. Following the learning obtained through the youth camps, youth developed their leadership

Skills and competencies. The active contribution of the youth for local development, creation of a conducive environment for youth shadow council formation and network establishment, development of a social media platform to share the ideas, views, suggestions experiences and raising their voices were visible as key milestones of participating in these youth camps.

Initiation of the Street Drama Program: 20 eligible youth (out of which 7 members were females) were identified in formation of a street drama campaign as one of the key results of conducting 5 youth camps in NCP with the participation of 232 youths. These youth were capacitated in street drama performance for out-reaching and educating public on social and to address and educate the public (school children and youth) on the use of narcotics and its social influence, positive and negative impacts of social media, gender and women empowerment, youth voice and local development. A total of 8 street drama programs were performed in public places such as in front of schools, bus stops youth centers, community centers etc.

### Praja Mandala trainings:

61 Praja Mandala training programs conducted in 10 CCs in 06 LAs in NCP  
 Conducted 06 Communication and collaboration trainings – 06 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Conducted 06 Sustainability of CSOs trainings - 07 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Completed 06 CSO management trainings - 06 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Completed 06 Household Management trainings - 06 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Conducted 06 Micro Finance trainings - 06 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Conducted 06 Project & Event Management trainings - 06 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Completed 05 Social Audit trainings - 05 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Completed 05 Planning & Budgeting trainings - 05 CCs in 04 LAs.  
 Completed 07 Accounting & Auditing trainings - 07 CCs in 05 LAs.  
 Completed 08 Disaster Management trainings - 08 CCs in 05 LAs.

1028 Praja Mandala Officers (711 female – 70%) participated in the aforesaid training programs out of which 1009 were Sinhalese whereas 19 were Muslims.

**Forming Youth forum / Shadow Council program:** The National Youth Services Council (NYSC) offices in the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts were briefed regarding the program. It is anticipated to ground the program in April 2023 with the support of the NYSC.  
**Learning and exchange visits:** 91 officials (including 39 female) from 32 community centers, community development officers of the Las, DLG, UNDP and PALM officers participated in 02 learning and exchange visits conducted in the Northern and Eastern Provinces respectively in order to create an opportunity to share the experiences of the CDLG project implemented in the North Central Province and the Northern and Eastern Provinces. The objective was to develop social cohesion and peace building between the Sinhalese, Tamil, and Muslim communities.

### Success Story



In 2014, the Abhimani Community Centre in the Wahamalgollawa GN of Anuradhapura district embarked on a journey that would transform the lives of its members and the community at large. Initially thriving with 20 members, including 15 females, the center faced challenges and became inactive due to internal and political issues. The turning point came in 2022 when Abhimani CC was selected as one of the 26 Participatory Mechanisms (PM) within the Rambewa Pradeshya Sabha area. Through a collaborative effort involving the Department of Local Government of North Central Province, UNDP and PALM, the Community Centre received a renewed focus.

Under the CDLG Project, Abhimani CC underwent a revival, receiving comprehensive capacity-building training on various thematic areas. Notably, the Project and Event Management training proved instrumental in empowering the members with knowledge and skills. This initiative aimed to provide healthy and nutritious food for the younger generation while addressing the community's economic needs.

The inauguration of the program received support and guidance from government and non-government officials as well as the members of the Participatory Mechanism. The local rice production and sale were officially registered on August 31, 2022. Since its inception, the organic rice project has thrived, with Abhimani CC selling 700 kg of organic rice packets, yielding a profit of LKR 28,000/- for the season. The once dormant Community Centre now boasts 34 members, including 22 females, showcasing a remarkable increase in engagement and participation.

More than just a success in economic terms, the organic rice cultivation initiative has had a profound impact on the health of the community's children. With parents prioritizing a chemical-free, nutritious diet, the younger generation has been growing up in a healthier environment, protected from non-communicable diseases.

The success story of Abhimani Community Centre stands as a testament to the power of community-driven initiatives and collaborative efforts. Gratitude is extended to the Local Government body, UNDP and PALM for their interventions and capacity-building trainings which played a pivotal role in propelling the Community Centre to new heights. Abhimani CC is not just cultivating rice; it is sowing the seeds of positive change, fostering a healthier and more prosperous community for generations to come.

## DRR



Batticaloa district has a long history for flooding catastrophes; not only affected by manmade disaster but also by the flood disaster. Flooding in the years of 1957, 1978, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 created havoc and mayhem. In fact, the flooding 2014 devastated all 14 DS Divisions in the Batticaloa District whereby affecting a sum of 138,406 families. PALM embedded on answering to the call of the hour by identify-

ing the necessity of developing a mechanism for sustainable drinking water and to develop livelihood. Furthermore, the initiative was also to integrate the affected communities in DRR interventions in the Chenkalady DS division of Batticaloa district in Sri Lanka. The Project on Flood Recovery and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) was funded by USAID in the year 2015.

The staff of the Disaster Management Centers (DMC) at the divisional and district level played a key role during the entire project cycle with the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Fisheries participating during the implementation process as well. District Medical Officers and PHIs also played key roles in the project especially in hygiene promotion and clearing of drinking water wells.

Labor, materials and community

Participation for training workshops and meetings were collected via Project Implementation Committees. Relevant materials and machinery inputs for the water project were provided by the National Water Supply & Drainage Board.

*“FRDRR project led to shared responsibilities through building relationship among Government, NGO and community under one umbrella with the activities carried out of providing sustainable drinking water and hygiene promotion, livelihood support, engaging with the active participation of the community in DRR interventions, hygiene promotion and well cleaning in the Batticaloa District”*



## This Year

**564**

water connections were provided during the period.

**1984**

Beneficiaries obtained well service and benefits through our project.

**564**

Trees were planted to save the environment

## Provided awareness program to the community

Host workshops led by local environmental experts to educate community members about the importance of trees, their role in ecosystem balance, and the environmental benefits they provide.

Include sessions on selecting the right tree species for local conditions, proper planting techniques and ongoing tree care.

As a result of the "DRR" program, Batticaloa now stands as a shining example of how a united community can make a lasting impact on the environment; one tree at a time.



## SCORE

The Social Cohesion and Reconciliation Project (SCORE) funded by the USAID and technical support of Global Communities was initiated and implemented by PALM to enhance social cohesion and reconciliation among different ethnic and religious entities in the Ampara district. The project intervention was aimed towards building social cohesion and reconciliation in five Grama Niladhari Divisions, belonging to three Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Ampara District.

The target areas were selected representing multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural communities who live

in tightly knitted environment or side by side and therefore, social cohesion and reconciliation had to be categorized as prime for harmonious existence on a day by day scenario. This is the foremost reason to select the areas to implement the SCORE project.

- To raise awareness on reconciliation and social cohesion among youth, religious leaders and the business Community through reconciliation champions.
- Capacity building of co-existence societies in the target GNs.

#	Name of DS Division
01	Ampara DS Division
02	Irakkamam DS Division
03	Navithanveli DS Division

#	Name of GNs
01	Saddathisapura and Indrasarapura
02	Varipathanchenai-01 and Varipathanchenai-02
03	Central Camp-3



# Achievement through SCORE

## This Year

**Established**  
**03**  
divisional based networks at Padaviya, Seruwila and Muttur DS divisions on social cohesive Forum (SCF) initiatives to promote community interaction

**Increased**  
**60%**  
government's participation at divisional level social cohesive forums (SCF)

**10**  
community meetings were conducted to complete 05 community-driven activities for the coexistence society.

Trained **30** community leaders and government officials on democratic societies, its fundamental rights and engagement.  
  
Total Outreach : total participation 598 (317 females & 281 males)  
  
Religious composition : 177 Hindus, 88 Islamists, 309 Buddhists, 24 Christians)  
  
Implementation period : October to December 2022

Conducted basic project awareness community-led initiatives

**Established**  
**03**  
seed banks for community platforms and connected three community-led initiatives to promote community interaction

Social Cohesive Forum (SCF) linked with the network of community platforms and structures at CESs of Sumethangarapura, Aalimnagar, and Bogaswewa to include new members in a democratic way

**Established**  
**03**  
divisional based networks in the Vavuniya town

Accountability of CES increased the number of women and youths promoted to decision-making positions at CES at Bogaswewa

## Success Stories

Accountability of CES has increased the number of women and youths in the decision-making process in Bogaswewa. New practices and governance reforms has made officials more effective at promoting gender equity in public policy and ensuring its implementation at CES levels. The Social Cohesive Forum (SCF) has specially been linked with the network of community platforms and structures in Sumethangarapura, Aalimnagar, and Bogaswewa CESs to include new members in a democratic way. The civic education program has promoted new practices among community leaders. Community leaders in return, have taken action to strengthen the already existing community forums in order to create awareness, influence duty bearers and build safety nets within civil societies so as to initiate rights-based actions and create a space to promote culturally transformative leaderships for females and youth at appropriate instances.

### **Title: Empowering Communities Through Civic Education: The Success Story of CES Sampoor East**

In the heart of Sampoor East, a transformative journey unfolded under the leadership of Mr. S. Enthiravathanan, the President of Sampoor East CES. The community experienced a profound change after participating in a civic education program, leading to a remarkable success story that showcased the power of knowledge, collaboration, and community engagement.

### **Seeds Bank CES of Sampoor East**

In Sampoor East, the Seeds Bank CES emerged as a beacon of hope for farmers grappling with uncertainties in crop yields and access to quality seeds. Recognizing the need for sustainable agricultural practices, the CES mobilized community resources and engaged local farmers in seed-saving initiatives. By creating a Seeds Bank, they ensured the preservation and exchange of indigenous seeds, safeguarding agricultural biodiversity and promoting resilience in the face of climate change. The success of the project was evident as farmers experienced increased crop diversity, improved yields, and reduced dependence on external seed sources. The CES of Sampoor East had not only addressed a critical need within the community but had also fostered a sense of ownership and cooperation among the farmers.

### **Title: Empowering Communities: Nayani Sureka's Success Story with Bogaswewa CES**

In the rural heartlands of Padaviya, Bogaswewa, Nayani Sureka took on the role of Vice Secretary at the Center for Civic Education and Sustainability (CES) with a vision to enhance the vital functions of civil societies. Her journey unfolded as she navigated the challenges and opportunities of community engagement, ultimately transforming the Bogaswewa CES into a beacon of democratic principles. Upon assuming her role, Nayani recognized the significance of fostering connections with various community platforms. Understanding the power of networking, she initiated collaborations and partnerships that would lay the foundation for the success of the Bogaswewa CES. By bridging gaps and building alliances, Nayani ensured that the CES became an integral part of the local civic fabric.

## CRIWMP

The Government of Sri Lanka secured a grant from the Green Climate Fund (GCF) through United Nations Development Program to implement a seven-year Project titled "Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project" in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka, starting from 2017. The Project was implemented by the Ministry of Irrigation with the technical assistance of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). The key responsible agencies of the project were the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Agrarian Development, the Ministry of Disaster Management, the National Water Supply and Drainage Board and the Department of National Community Water Supply. This Project supported the Government to implement

integrated solutions to Water Management and Agriculture Development, Drinking Water problems, and Weather forecasting and early warning in three river basins (i.e. Mi Oya, Malwathu Oya, and Yan Oya) which cover seven Dry Zone districts namely, Anura-

structure and facilitate sustainable, climate-proof agricultural practices in targeted areas.

**Component 2:** Investments to increase access to and quality of drinking water in remote and rural areas through a multi-pronged partnership approach that seeks to replenish sources, build storage, purify contaminated water and address root causes of water quality issues.

### Component 3:

Improve community access to timely early warning for flood and drought to avoid losses and impacts on key livelihood assets. This includes the generation, coding, modelling, dissemination and access to weather related data/knowledge including advice and early warning.

dhapura, Puttalam, Kurunegala, Vavuniya, Mannar, Polonnaruwa and Trincomalee in order to face climatic change challenges.

### The Project had three components...

**Component 1:** Climate resilient investment to rehabilitate small tank-based cascading systems and related infra-



වැව් ගම් පුවුදුව  
குளங்கள் கிராமங்களின் மறுமலர்ச்சி



දේශගුණික විපර්යාසයේදී අනුයුක්තීම් සඳහා වූ විකාශිත රතු කළමනාකරණ ව්‍යාපෘතිය  
காலநிலை மாற்றத்தினை தாக்குப்பிடிக்கும் ஒருங்கிணைந்த நீர் முகாமைத்துவக் கருத்திட்டம்  
CLIMATE RESILIENT INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT (CRIWMP)





## Component 01 (VIS)



**Training Programs:** Provided 16 practical training sessions to farmers and government officers on water management practices, including alternative wet and dry (AWD) techniques and land preparation.

**Awareness Programs:** Conducted awareness programs in schools and the University of Vavuniya on tank ecosystem development involving the community in sustainable practices. Raised awareness on canal cleaning and conducted programs for Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of 27 tanks.

**Fish Stocking Program:** Implemented a fish stocking program, selecting a supplier through a tender process for fish harvesting. Contributed to the development of fisheries in the region, adding an additional income source for the community.

**Cultivation Results:** Extended cultivation across 624 acres, involving 315 farmers. Achieved a successful harvest of 543,390 Kg, generating revenue of LKR 89,002,870.00 under downstream water management in 13 tanks. Successfully integrated traditional paddy production with downstream water management in 01 tank, resulting in 1379 Kg in 05 acres. Improved seed utilization, returning 225 Kg of traditional paddy harvest instead of the 150 Kg of seeds used in the previous year.

**Tank Survey and Design:** Completed the survey and design for 16 VIS tanks in collaboration with technical engineers, officers, management officers, farmer organization leaders and community members with a total participation of around 750 community members.

**Community Assessment:** Successfully conducted Participatory Climate Risk and Vulnerabilities Community Assessment (PCR – VCA) incorporating community input and ensuring the sustainability of water management practices.

The above initiatives highlighted the comprehensive approach to water management involving training, awareness, infrastructure development and community engagement resulting in increased agricultural productivity and income for farmers in the Vavuniya district.



## Component 01 (CSA)



**Increased Yala Cultivation Season:** Successfully completed the Yala cultivation in 1379 acres, covering 44% of commanding areas totalling 3127.5 acres. Promoted an additional 35 acres for downstream cultivation contributing to the expansion of agricultural activities.

**Economic Empowerment through Paddy Sales:** Facilitated the sale of 24,750 kg of paddy to the Parabowa farmer organization generating a total income of Rs. 3,517,000.00 for the farmers. This not only demonstrated successful cultivation but also significantly contributed to the economic well-being of the farming community. Under the CITI fund OFC cultivation program, planned to establish 18 community seed banks from which a total of 6,656.25 kg of seeds were expected to be collected for the community seed banks.

**Jumbo Peanuts Cultivation and Training:** Successfully completed Jumbo peanut cultivation in 7.5 acres, showcasing diversification in crops. Conducted a training program for Jumbo peanut cultivation, enhancing the knowledge and skills of farmers in this specific crop.

**Community Engagement and Education:** Monitored 35 producer groups involving 245 farmers, developing production plans for 198 individual farmers. Conducted education trainings for 35 households fostering community awareness and engagement in sustainable agricultural practices. Provided education trainings to farmer communities pertaining to integrated approach to manage landscapes, addressing food security and climatic change challenges.

**Soil Drainage Classes Mapping:** Conducted awareness and inductive mobilization for 13 tank farmer leaders regarding soil drainage classes mapping, thus, improving the understanding of soil management practices.

**Dissemination of Agricultural Advisory:** Overcame the paper crisis by disseminating monthly and seasonal Agro-meteorological advisory soft copies via WhatsApp group, reaching 12,522 farmers. 21,744 beneficiaries were benefitted through this component indicating a successful utilization of technology for information dissemination.

This highlights a comprehensive approach to agricultural development, economic empowerment and community engagement demonstrating positive impacts on both individual farmers and the broader community



## Component 02



The community of Aandiyapuliyankulam has achieved significant milestones in water resource management and community development. With a total community contribution of Rs.2, 874,000.00 (65% of the target), the community has actively been participating in improving water infrastructure and ensuring sustainable practices.

A noteworthy achievement is the completion of a 20 km of pipeline washout out of a total length of 25 km. This initiative has contributed to ensuring a reliable and clean water supply for the community. Additionally, the successful collection of Rs. 224,764.00 from water sales by the Periyakomarasankkulm CBO and Rs. 33,233.00 by the Rasapuram society highlights the economic viability of community water resource projects.

The distribution of water storage systems to 233 beneficiaries in three GNDs for RWHS implementation demonstrates a commitment to expanding access to water resources. The completion of baseline surveys, project orientation, and mobilization in these GNDs has laid the groundwork for sustained success.

The emphasis on education and training has been evident in the 16 O&M trainings provided to 399 beneficiaries. In addition, the seven awareness training sessions have been conducted for 100 selected farmers focusing on PGS/GAP technologies. The fact that 70% of the beneficiaries have been practicing PGS/GAP technologies and using organic fertilizer, showcases the impact of these initiatives on sustainable agricultural practices.

The community has not only focused on water infrastructure but also prioritized the well-being of its members. Eight WASH programs conducted for schools and the education of 389 children on safe drinking water and basic sanitation has demonstrated a holistic approach to community development.

The success story has further been highlighted by the completion of 30 pits for water connection in Pudukkulam village, with 26 connectivity works already completed. This infrastructure development has directly benefitted the community and enhanced the overall quality of life. In summary, the achievements of Aandiyapuliyankulam in water resource management, community contribution and sustainable agriculture has showcased a commendable commitment to holistic development. The active participation of community members, successful initiatives and positive outcomes has contributed to a success story that could serve as an inspiration for other communities and development projects.





## Component 03



**Seasonal Weather Forecasting and Advisory Dissemination:** Disseminated seasonal weather forecasting and 9-day forecasts for 7 OFC cultivations. Distributed 2500 Maha season cultivation weather forecasting and agro-met advisory flyers.

**Farmers' Empowerment and Crop Planning:**

Farmers received valuable inputs through flyers for effective crop planning. Conducted awareness meetings to enhance knowledge about disaster preparedness at a divisional level.

**Knowledge Transfer and Beneficiary Impact:** Samurthi officers, Grama Nilatharis and DOs gained knowledge pertaining to disaster mitigation activities. 133 staff members benefited from the awareness meetings

**Cascade Level Programs:** Conducted three programs at cascade level focusing on weather forecasting, water management and climate-smart agriculture. 95 farmers acquired knowledge in these areas through the meetings

**Upper Catchment Cultivation Programs:** Completed three mobilizations programs for 144 families in upper catchment cultivation. Continuous mobilization and monitoring were conducted benefiting 144 families in upper catchment home gardens.

**Crop Cultivation Achievements:** Cultivated a total of 125 acres of groundnuts, 17.75 acres of black gram and 4.05 acres of green gram.

**Awareness Programs for Maha Season Cultivation:** Conducted two awareness programs specifically focusing on weather forecasting and agro-met advisory dissemination for Maha season cultivation.

Overall, the success story showcases a comprehensive approach to agricultural development, encompassing weather forecasting, disaster preparedness, knowledge transfer and the cultivation of diverse crops. The impact on farmers and communities has been evident through increased awareness, improved planning and the successful cultivation of crops in the specified region.



## Livelihood Support for Women Headed Households

The project on livelihood assistance for creation of a source of income among women headed households (WHH) was implemented in the Chenkalady and Paddipalai DS Divisions in the Batticaloa District to uplift their living standards, to be strong and bold, to support their dependents appropriately and to lead a dignified life. An assessment was conducted to analyse the specific livelihoods. Prioritized

WHH were eventually provided with an interest free loan scheme for procurement of their livelihood materials/equipment, The loan had to be reimbursed to the organization on a weekly basis. PALM Foundation further capacitated the WHH on record keeping and financial management which was an additional moral support for involving in their endeavours productively.

The organization drew up the

following criteria for selection of beneficiaries who would be entitled for the program. They were:

- Women Headed Households
- Households living under the Poverty Stricken Line
- Households receiving Samurdhi benefit
- Households with more members in the families (extended families living in the same house)
- Households possessing



- school going children
- Self-employed females

24 such households were prioritized for involvement in the project and these households were from Arasaditheevu and Arasaditheevu North villages

where a start up capital ranging between LKR 25,000/- to LKR 30,000/- was provided to each household to commence their livelihood activities.

The success story unfolds in the Paddipalai division, where the Divisional Secretary highlighted the transformative impact of PALM Netherlands' livelihood support which had effectively been implemented by PALM Batticaloa. Women-headed households, once

grappling with critical economic challenges, had started to experience a positive improvement in their lives.

The project not only alleviated their financial

struggles but also instilled a savings habit among beneficiaries. The community expressed gratitude to PALM Netherlands for their generosity and commended PALM Batticaloa for successfully executing the livelihood project, marking a significant positive change in the lives of these families.

## ICRC

As part of the operational strategy of the ICRC Economic Security (EcoSec) Department for 2023, the EcoSec was planning to support economically vulnerable Families of Missing (FoM) households in Sri Lanka, through the Community Based Livelihood Support (CBLSP), Cash For Work (CFW) and assistance to Destitute Families to improve their access to income, social inclusion within their communities and immediate response to cover the essential expenses in Sri Lanka in coordination with relevant government authorities at District and Divisional levels.

Four such programs were designed for Pulmodai in the Kuchchavelly area in the

Trincomalee District. A total of 132 individuals (29 females; 103 males) were directly benefitted as part of assisting farmers through resource and capacity building programs. This was duplicated for the Thaddumunai community as well in the Batticaloa District involving a total of 60 farmers (19 females; 41 males). In addition, a separate initiative was implemented targeting the fisheries sector as well where 30 community members (09 females; 21 males) were engaged.

Overall, seven programs were executed across both districts, benefitting a total of 222 individuals. The emphasis on gender inclusivity highlighted

the commitment to ensuring equal opportunities for men and women. These programs not only provided immediate assistance but also laid the groundwork for sustainable development and prosperity. The passage concluded with an optimistic outlook for the future, symbolizing a promise of progress as the sun set over the lush landscapes of Trincomalee and Batticaloa Districts.



## Community Based Livelihood Support Program

The Community Based Livelihood Support Program (CBLSP) was aimed at fostering economic empowerment and sustainability in various districts and divisions within Sri Lanka. Implementation details furnished below:

### 1. Ampara District:

- DS Division: Lahugala
- GN Division: Pansalgoda
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 180
- Amount: LKR 6,220,825.00

### 2. Ampara District:

- DS Division: Pottuvil
- GN Division: Manalchenai
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 130
- Amount: LKR 6,201,650.00

### 3. Ampara District:

- DS Division: Thirukkivil
- GN Division: Thangavelayuthapuram
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 125
- Amount: LKR 5,352,800.00

### 4. Batticaloa District:

- DS Division: Eravur Pattu-Chenakalady
- GN Division: Kaluvankeny
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs)
- Amount: LKR 6,500,000.00

### 5. Batticaloa District:

- DS Division: Koralaipattu South-Kiran
- GN Division: Kudumpimalai
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 150
- Amount: LKR 6,473,100.00

### 6. Polonnaruwa District:

- DS Division: Welikantha
- GN Division: Kudapokkuna
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 150
- Amount: LKR 6,054,000.00

## Community Based Livelihood Support Program

### 7. Polonnaruwa District:

- DS Division: Dimpulagala
- GN Division: Dalukana
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 150
- Amount: LKR 6,159,000.00

### 8. Trincomalee District:

- DS Division: Kuchchavelly
- GN Division: Kumpurupitty South
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 150
- Amount: LKR 4,267,000.00

### 9. Trincomalee District:

- GN Division: Illupaikulam
- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 100
- Amount: LKR 6,605,000.00

### Total:

- Direct Beneficiary Micro-Finance (BMFs): 1335
- Total Amount: LKR 53,833,375.00





# We Partner with



## Board of Directors



**Mr. Sunil Dombepola**

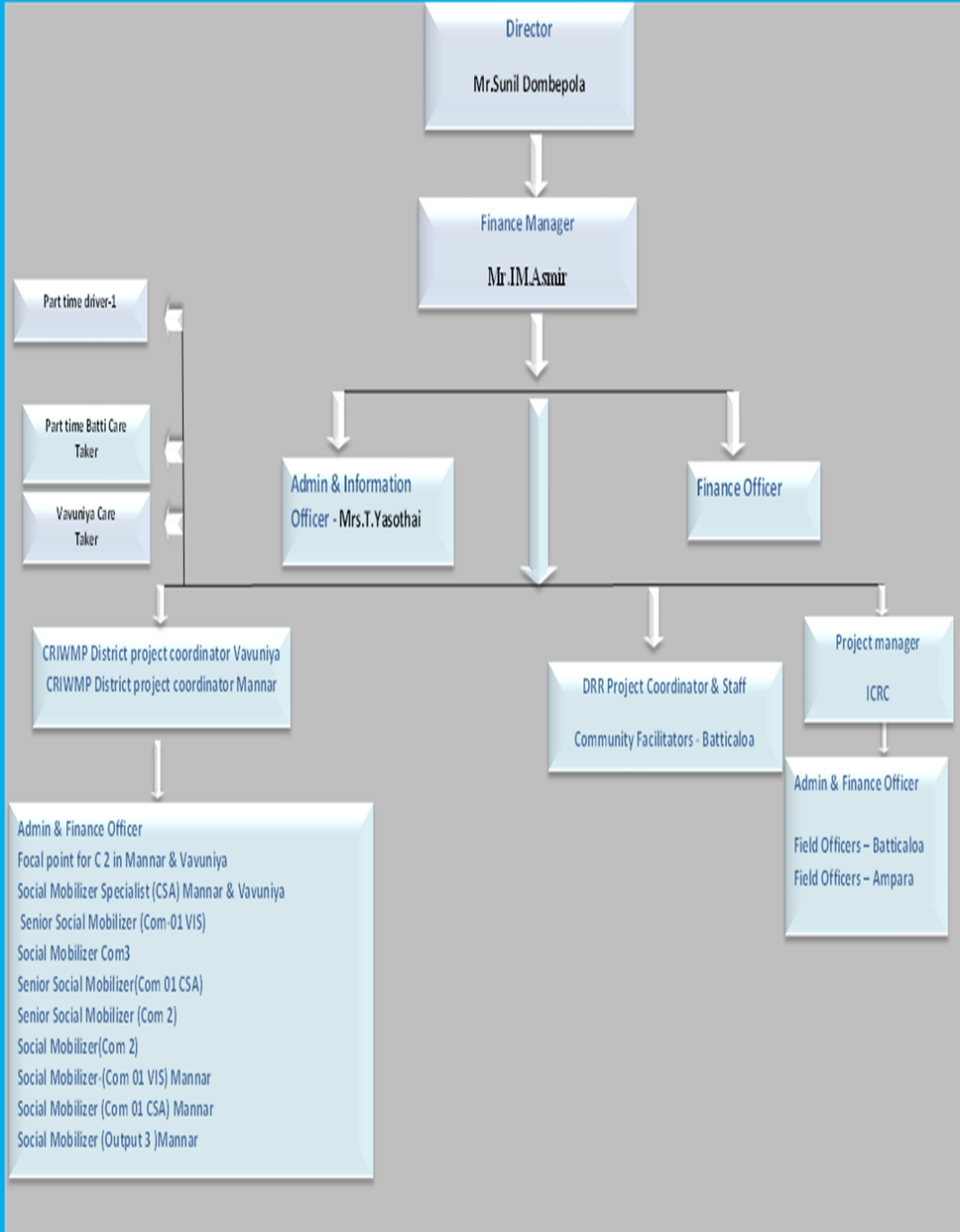


**Mr. D.S.K. Wijebandara**



**Professor S. Vijesandiran**

# PALM STRUCTURE- NORTH and EASTERN PROVINCE- STAFF





# DIAMONDS OF PALM – 2022/23







## **JAWAAMIL ASSOCIATES**

### **CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

No. 11, St. Alban's Place, Colombo-04.  
Tel : +94 (11) 2596000, 2596001  
Fax : +94 (11) 2596001, E-mail: ja@amjawaamil.com  
Web: www.jawaamilassociates.com

A.M.Jawaamil FCA, FCMA, B.Com (Hons)  
S.Nithiyavani ACA, ACMA  
J.F. Zahara, ACA, BBA (FINANCE)

### **REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

**To the Members of  
Palm Community Development Services Company (Guarantee) Ltd.,  
No. 49, School Road, Amithakali, Batticaloa**

We have audited the Financial Statements of **Palm Community Development Services Company (Guarantee) Ltd** for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, which is exhibited in the pages 2 - 12.

#### **Respective Responsibilities of the Management and Auditors**

The Management of the Organization is responsible for preparing and presenting these financial statements in accordance with the Accounting Standards of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statements, based on our audit.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, which require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the said financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the said financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by Management, evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements, and determining whether the said financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. We have obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit. We therefore believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion, so far as appears from our examination, the Organization maintained proper Accounting Records for the year ended March 31, 2023 and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) as at March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Statement of Financial Activities (Income & Expenditure) and the Statement of Cash Flow together with the Accounting policies and Notes to the accounts for the year then ended are in agreement with the said Accounting Records and **give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the above said Organization.**

**JAWAAMIL ASSOCIATES**  
Chartered Accountants

Signed: A.M.Jawaamil (2034)  
Colombo, Sri Lanka  
Dated: 20/09/2023

Branches: (1) No. 156 1/1, Green Road, Trincomalee. Tel: 026 2221160, 0776155367 Email: trinco@amjawaamil.com  
(2) No. 45-1/2, Valvuthayam Complex, Main Street, Mannar. Tel/Fax : 023 2223338 E-mail: mannar@amjawaamil.com  
(3) No. D27, Bus Stand Shopping Complex, Kurunegala Road, Puttalam. Contact Mr. Shifan 077 5264804

**M/S. PALM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMPANY ( GUARANTEE ) LTD.**
  
**NO: 49, SCHOOL ROAD, AMIRTHAKALI, BATTICALOA.**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**
  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023.**

	Note	2022/2023 Rs	2021/2022 Rs
<b>Funders' Project Activates:</b>			
Incoming Sources	3	84,684,083.96	37,492,060.03
Project expenses	4	(81,370,679.37)	(32,469,614.30)
<b>Surplus Income /(Expenditure), Transferred to Restricted Fund</b>		<b><u>3,313,404.59</u></b>	<b><u>5,022,445.73</u></b>
<b>Organizational Activates</b>			
Income received	5	6,056,588.74	3,078,166.07
Organization's Project Activities	6	(8,260,684.30)	(5,471,281.79)
General Administration Expenses	7	(2,482,817.76)	(1,662,200.43)
<b>Surplus Income /(Expenditure), Transferred to Un-restricted Fund</b>		<b><u>(4,686,913.32)</u></b>	<b><u>(4,055,316.15)</u></b>
<b>Net Surplus/(deficit) before taxation</b>		<b><u>(1,373,508.73)</u></b>	<b><u>967,129.58</u></b>
Taxation		-	-
<b>Net Surplus/(deficit) after taxation</b>		<b><u>(1,373,508.73)</u></b>	<b><u>967,129.58</u></b>



**M/S PALM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMPANY ( GUARANTEE ) LTD.**  
**NO: 49, SCHOOL ROAD, AMIRTHAKALI, BATTICALOA.**

**FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST MARCH 2023.**

	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>2022/2023</u> <u>Rs</u>	<u>2021/2022</u> <u>Rs</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
<b><u>Non Current Assets</u></b>			
Property, Plant & Equipments	8	7,232,275.33	7,462,585.63
		<u>7,232,275.33</u>	<u>7,462,585.63</u>
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
Prepayment & Advances	9	5,976,635.44	6,202,230.97
Cash and Cash equivalents	10	21,626,110.46	20,533,446.84
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>27,602,745.90</u>	<u>26,735,677.81</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>34,835,021.23</u>	<u>34,198,263.44</u>
<b><u>Funds and Liabilities</u></b>			
<b><u>Accumulated Funds</u></b>			
Unrestricted (Organization's) Fund		17,965,757.87	23,056,755.01
Restricted (Donors') Fund		5,855,551.66	2,542,147.07
		<u>23,821,309.53</u>	<u>25,598,902.08</u>
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>			
Payable Account	11	415,709.62	502,846.29
Accrued Expenses	12	10,598,002.08	8,096,515.07
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>11,013,711.70</u>	<u>8,599,361.36</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Funds</b>		<u>34,835,021.23</u>	<u>34,198,263.44</u>

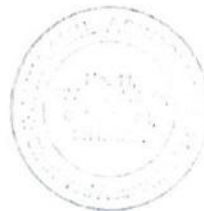
I certify that the above financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007

.....  
Chief Accountant

*The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements  
Signed for and on behalf of the Board.*

.....  
Director

Date: **SUNIL DOMBEPOLA**  
Executive Director  
PALM Community Development Services  
Company (Guarantee)Ltd



## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Project	Organization	Funds			Total Amount Expensed				Total	deficit on Project
		BF From 2022/2023	Received Funds ( Including Receivable)	Total Fund	Personnel and Other Benefits	Other direct		Disbursements to Community Projects		
						Consumable Equipments				
Enhance Community Empowerment for meaningful Engagement in North Central Province.	United Nations Development Programme	1,663,818.00	16,081,061.00	17,744,879.00	1,812,505.60	-	-	14,553,467.38	16,365,972.98	1,378,906.02
PALM NETHERLANDS Projects	PALM NETHERLANDS	878,329.07	7,367,834.74	8,246,163.81	318,722.74			5,657,850.70	5,976,573.44	2,269,590.37
Help to Srilankan food shortage	A Greater World Organization-US	-	2,487,813.23	2,487,813.23	81,030.23			2,406,783.00	2,487,813.23	-
City Funded Project	UNDP - City Foundation	-	4,512,126.47	4,512,126.47	604,282.40			1,994,968.00	2,599,250.40	1,912,876.07
Climate Resilient Integrated Water Management Project (CRIWMP) in Vavuniya & Mannar Districts	United Nations Development Programme	-	38,244,457.46	38,244,457.46	23,092,085.67			15,192,270.65	38,284,356.32	(39,898.86)
LAND Prepration - Berendix	UNDP - Berendix	-	304,000.00	304,000.00	-			304,000.00	304,000.00	-
SCORE VAV/ANU/TRI - 2022-23	USAID - GLOBAL COMMUNITY Sri Lanka	-	15,686,791.06	15,686,791.06	7,205,762.63			8,146,950.37	15,352,713.00	334,078.06
<b>TOTAL</b>										