



# PROGRAM FOR HYDRO-METEOROLOGICAL DISASTER MITIGATION IN SECONDARY CITIES IN ASIA (PROMISE)

Demonstration Project:

**Kalutara City, Sri Lanka**

**LANKA JATHIKA SARVODAYA SHRAMADHANA MOVEMENT**





## **Lead partner - Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Sangamaya**

Voluntary service organization founded by Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne in 1958 and was incorporated by a Parliamentary Act No. 16 of 1972

The single largest people's movement in the country with linkage at global level

Operating with 34 District Centers, 325 Divisional Centers and 4607 registered village organizations known as Sarvodaya Shramadana Societies, serving around 15,000 village communities across the country

The scope and breadth of Sarvodaya's outreach cannot be measured only in terms of numbers but they can help to visualize its sheer size and complexity



## **City Demonstration Project - Kalutara Urban Council**

Kalutara is a medium size urban coastal city in Sri Lanka with a population of over 100,000 with annual growth rate of 1.2%.

Kalutara has a prominent administrative role as the district capital and has shown a tremendous growth and development potential as a rapidly developing satellite town due to its proximity to the capital city, tourism and fisheries industry as well as being the site for many export oriented industries and related investment.

The city is prone to frequent events of riverine floods, (most recent was in May 2003), health hazards, rain-induced landslides etc. The coastline of Kalutara city was heavily impacted by the recent tsunami of December 2004.



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## Component: 3

# Information and Networking



## Information & Networking Activities

- ADPC has provided text books and information material to the newly established library in the Sarvodaya Community Disaster Risk Management Center
- Sarvodaya has translated the CBDRM material into local language and made it available to Sarvodaya staff and others
- Project brochure has been printed and distributed to other stakeholders
- Networks formed with INGOs, NGOs, Private Sector (CSR programs) and government (Ministries, DMC, Irrigation dept, Central Environmental Authority, etc.)
- Sarvodaya invited to important programs on Disaster Management conducted by government and non-government sector



## Information & Networking - Future Activities

- Development of a database/disaster profile for the Kalutara Urban council area
- Translation of ADPC publications (*Urban disaster mitigation & preparedness guide books*) into local languages
- Development of two case studies on project experience in collaboration with ADPC
- Development of information material (mobile kit) for community awareness
- Dissemination of all information material within the Sarvodaya network
- Sarvodaya regional officers forming and maintaining close contact with district DMC



## Information & Networking - Future Activities

- NGO forum for Disaster Management to promote networking and collaboration – Use already present systems
- Working more closely with local USAID
- Participation at international, regional and local forums, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, etc. to share experiences and develop networks
- Organizing activities for National Disaster Safety Day with 12 schools and Sarvodaya communities
- Information to be shared with the mass media (Print and electronic)
- Information to be shared through website
- Public awareness campaign to present project outcomes - good practices





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**Thank you very much!**