

**GTC : INTERLECTUAL DISABILITY IN COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES**

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RATHNAPURA

SRI LANKA

Country : Sri Lanka

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Name of Participant's Organization: Ministry of Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare,
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1. General Information

- 1) Name of the Country : Sri Lanka
- 2) Area (in 1,000 sq.km) : 65610 in 2011
- 3) Life expectancy at birth : Total 72.0
Male 68.8 in 2001
Female 77.2 in 2011
- 4) Infant Mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) : 11.8 in 2007
- 5) Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000 population) : 11.9 in 2005
- 6) Literacy rate : 96 in 2011
- 7) Population

Estimated Middle Annual Population – 2012 – By Gender and District

District	Male	Female	Total
Colombo	1,321	1,263	2584
Gampaha	1070	1121	2191
Kalutara	566	578	1144
Kandy	706	741	1447
Matale	251	253	504
NuwaraEliya	382	386	768
Galle	533	563	1096
Matara	411	436	847
Hambantota	288	288	576
Jaffna	292	325	617
Killinochchi	81	79	160
Mannar	55	50	105
Vavuniya	86	91	177
Mullativu	70	74	144
Batticaloa	265	285	550
Ampara	321	333	654

Trincomalle	189	191	380
Kurunegala	781	796	1577
Puttalam	392	397	789
Anuradhapura	429	411	840
Polonnaruwa	217	198	415
Badulla	446	451	897
Moneragala	227	218	445
Ratnapura	575	564	1139
Kegalle	403	420	823

**Estimated Middle Annual Population – 2011
By Gender and Age groups**

Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Sri Lanka	10,357	10,512	20,869
0-4	901	873	1774
5-9	932	904	1836
10-14	953	925	1878
15-19	1025	999	2024
20-24	984	978	1962
25-29	808	841	1649
30-34	787	809	1596
35-39	766	788	1554
40-44	715	725	1440
45-49	622	641	1263
50-54	559	578	1137
55-59	394	431	825
60-64	300	315	615
65-69	228	263	491
70-74	176	200	376
75+	207	242	449

9. Health System

District	Teaching Hospitals	Base Hospitals	District Hospitals	Peripheral Hospitals	Rural Hospitals	Central Dispensaries & Maternity Homes	Other Hospitals	Central Dispensaries	MOH Areas
Colombo	7	2	4	5	1		8	27	13
Gampaha	1	3	6	3	5		6	24	15
Kalutara		3	8	4	5		2	23	11
Kandy	2	2	15	6	26		5	56	21
Matale		2	3	4	12	1	3	25	10
NuwaraEliya		1	15	1	8	3		28	7
Galle	2	1	8	8	5	3	4	31	17
Matara		1	4	4	6	2	1	19	15
Hambantota		3	4	4	7	4		23	11
Jaffna	1	1	6	6	3	8	3	28	11
Killinochchi			5			3		9	4
Mannar		1	3	1	1	2		8	4
Vavuniya			1	1		5		8	4
Mullativu			1	1	1	3		6	2
Batticaloa	1	2	5	1	4	3	2	18	11
Ampara		1	1	1	3	3	1	11	7
Trincomalle		2	9	7	5	8	2	37	24
Kurunegala	1	2	16	12	15	1		47	18
Puttalam		2	4	3	5	6	1	22	9
Anuradhapur a		2	5	7	23		1	39	19
Polonnaruwa		1	1	4	4			11	8
Badulla		2	13	1	16	1	1	35	15
Moneragala		1	9	1	7		1	19	10
Ratnapura		3	10	9	11			34	15
Kegalle	1	3	5	1	9	3	5	27	10
	16	44	161	95	182	59	46	615	291

10. Major Industry (Number of people working for each industry)

Employment statistics by Gender – 2010

	Sri Lanka	Male	Female
Labour Force	8107739	531753	2790186
Employed population	7706593	5131986	2574608
Employment rate	95.1	96.5	92.3

11. Employment rate

Percentage of employed population by major industry group

District	Total	Agri.	Ind.	Serv.
Colombo	100.0	3.6	28.6	67.8
Gampaha		6.6	37.8	55.6
Kalutara		17.5	32.2	50.3
Kandy		23.1	22.2	54.7
Matale		46.5	19.6	33.9
NuwaraEliya		68.2	8.4	23.4
Galle		33.3	27.4	39.3
Matara		36.9	24.8	38.3
Hambantota		43.6	23.3	33.2
Batticaloa		27.5	22.1	50.3
Ampara		39.2	20.0	40.8
Trincomalle		37.5	12.5	50.0
Kurunegala		38.5	23.2	38.3
Puttalam		33.3	31.3	35.4
Anuradhapura		64.2	9.8	26.0
Polonnaruwa		47.4	17.4	35.2
Badulla		61.6	11.0	27.4
Moneragala		55.0	11.6	33.4
Ratnapura		47.0	23.6	29.4
Kegalle		32.6	27.9	39.5

2. Intellectual Disabilities

1) Laws concerned with persons with Intellectual Disabilities

PWDs.

- Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka – 1978
- Act No. 28 of 1996 – Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act
- Act No. 33 of 2003-Amended Act of Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- National Policy on Disability for Sri Lanka – 2003

- Public Admin. Circular – No.27 of 1998 - 3 % of job opportunities for Persons with Disabilities
- Act No. 9 of 1992- National transport for the visually impaired persons
- Accessibility Regulations of No. 1 of 2006 – Gazette Notification dated 17/10/2006
- Legal Aid Commission

Children

- UNCRPWD – United Nations Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities signed on 30/03/2007
- Children and Young Persons Ordinance Act No.48 of 1939 (1956 Revision) Children in need of care and protection, children in conflict with the law
- Employment of women, young persons and children Act No.47 of 1956, Amendment No. 24 of 2006
- Orphanages Ordinance Act No. 22 of 1941 (1956 Revision)
- Adoption of children’s Ordinance – Act No. 24 of 1941 (1956 Revision) Act No. 15 of 1992 (Amendment)
- Probation of offenders Ordinance – Act No. 42 of 1944
(Rehabilitation of juvenile and young offenders in keeping with them of their own society)
- Youthful offenders (Training schools) Ordinance Act No. 28 of 1939 (1956 Revision)
- Tsunami Special Arrangements Act No.16 of 2005

Elders

- ❖ Protection of the Rights of Elders – Act No. 09 of 2000
- Gazette Notification of 21st September 1947-the Department of Social Services was established on 1st February 1948

Women & Others

- Prevention of Domestic Violence Act No. 34 of 2005
- Social Security Board Act No. 17 of 1996
- National Counseling services Council Bill (to be enacted) 2005
- Convention of prevention and combating trafficking in women and children from prostitution Act No. 30 of 2005
- Employment of women, young persons and children Act No. 8 of 2003

2) Financial Assistance for persons with Intellectual Disabilities

- ❖ Provide livelihood support for PWDs,
- ❖ Provide medical and educational support
- ❖ Provide assistive devices
- ❖ Provide Eye lenses for elders

3) Services including CBR available for persons with Intellectual Disabilities

List of services provided by the provincial council, NGOs, private sector, family groups and other humanitarian agencies for Persons with physical disabilities, intellectual disabilities, and Persons with mental disorders

- ❖ Providing public assistance and Rs. 1000/- per month for visually handicapped people
- ❖ Providing equipments for self-employment
- ❖ Providing allowances for health facilities
- ❖ Providing Assistive devices
- ❖ Conducting Homes for the PWDs

4) Number of services and those beneficiaries in each district (province)

	Province	Vocational training		Pre schools and schools		Day care centres		Homes	
		No.of centers	No.of Persons	No.of centers	No.of Persons	No.of centers	No.of Persons	No.of centers	No.of Persons
01	Western	16	182	12	148	22	428	08	114
02	Sabaragamuwa	02	30	02	50	-	-	02	140
03	Central	04	00	-	-	-	-	04	150
04	Uva	01	50	-	-	-	-	01	50
05	North Central	-	-	01	35	-	-	04	82
06	Eastern	-	-	03	24	-	-	04	84
07	Northern	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	North Western	15	90	18	240	-	-	05	30
09	Southern	03	115	04	320	01	20	-	-
	Total	41	467	40	817	23	448	28	550

3. Outline of your organization

Background

The Ministry of Social welfare in Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council has been established under the provincial Council Act. There are two districts called Rathnapura and Kegalle in the province. Most of the welfare duties are caring out by the ministry for the poor, helpless people.

People with Intellectual disabilities as well as people with disabilities live in rural areas in the province from low income families. From the Ministry of Social Welfare provides many kinds of helping hands for enhancement of their lives. Some of the main functions of the ministry are provide self employment equipments, apparatus for the people with disables to avoid their disabilities, allowance for the education and health clinics ,etc..

Vision: To become the best Provincial Ministry in Sri Lanka through providing Social infrastructure.

Strategies :

- By providing the vocational training and instruments for the People with disabilities and uplifting the living condition of them.
- By giving the apparatus for the people with disabilities improving the daily activities of them. Eg : Wheel Chairs , spectacles, clutches, hearing aids,etc.

2) Major Programmes

- Assistances for the poor elders and disables.
- Vocational training
- Child guidance center
- Providing apparatus for disables
- Counseling
- Medical assistance for the low income families
- Elders committees
- Skill Development competition for disables (ABILYMPIC)
- Medical camps for homes and elders' societies
- Physiotherapy programmes

Covered areas - Sabaragamuwa Province

Covered population – Total population in the province

No. of beneficiaries - 55% of the population - viz. PWDs, Elders, persons with psycho-social problems

3) Your position and Duty –

Social Service Officer (Head Quarters)

- Preparation of the annual action plan, monthly and annual evaluation reports
- Coordination of CBR training programmes and activities
- Conducting training programmes for social service officers and volunteers
- Working as a Provincial resource person
- Evaluation and Implement the functions of Provincial Social Welfare action plan
- Counseling programs
- Provide administrative support for the Child guidance center and homes for the PWIDs.
- Rehabilitate the PWIDs through providing equipments for self employments, Physiotherapy services and other assistances.

4. Community development programme which include Intellectual Disability issues as one of the activities (if you know any)

Formation and empowerment of parental organizations which consist of parents of children with disabilities is done under the CBR programme. Knowledge on training of children with disabilities is given to these parents under the CBR programme. Education for All and Vocational training for children over 18 years are given and those who complete the vocational training courses, are awarded with tool kits enabling them to start self employment. They are assisted with financial facilities to commence self employment. Action has been taken to educate children with intellectual disabilities under 5 years, but there are no sufficient Child Guidance centers. Short term training for Child Guidance teachers is given on how to deal with such ID children. Inclusive education has been identified as a very popular and successful method of learning for children with ID

5. Situation of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

1) The primary institution for the health services is the unit of medical officer of health. Deputy Director of health also works there. There is Family Health Nurses working under the Divisional Director/Health Services where Health clinics are conducted in most units. Early identification and medication of children with disabilities is done in this Unit. After identification, the children are referred to District hospitals where DMO is housed. They also work for PWDs and special cases are referred to teaching hospitals where more facilities and specialist's services can be obtained.

2) Education

There are special education units in some schools. Specially trained teachers and more facilities are available in these units. The new education policy in Sri Lanka is inclusive education. Children with disabilities and normal children learn together in the same class room. This method is implementing successfully. Please refer to the following data.

3) Vocational training –

There are 3 vocational training institutes under the purview of Ministry of Social Services where children with ID, over 18 years can get vocational training. Also there are about 8 vocational training centers run by NGOs pending support by the Department of Social Services.

In vocational training institutes located in Seeduwa, Amunukumbura and Thelambuyaya, there are courses for 1 year and two years for ID children. Training on Agriculture, food processing and handicrafts are conducted and toolkits are supplied for children with IDs to commence self employment.

In Sabaragamuwa Province There are two vocational training centers. They are Batugamma vocational training center and 'Vibhavi' development center for PWIDs. They have two years fulltime training programs. Provincial ministry of social welfare provides the infrastructure facilities for these centers. At the end of the training they are given a set of vocational equipments.

4) Support organizations

a) Government agencies

- Ministry of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Labour
- Ministry of Vocational training
- Ministry of Local Government
- Chamber of Commerce

b) Number of organizations concerned with persons with intellectual disabilities less than 5 organizations

6. Based on the information above, what are the issues to solve to conduct effective support for persons with intellectual disabilities –

- Lack of technical knowledge
- Negative attitudes
- Lack of understanding
- Lack of funds
- Poverty
- Inadequate private sector involvement