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Land Use Policy Planning Department (LUPPD)

01. Introduction

“Land Use Policy Planning Division” was established in 1983, as a unit under the Ministry of Land and Land Development in order to introduce the scientific land use planning to the country. The Division was upgraded to Department in 2010 by considering present significance of the land use planning subject and also considering the expanded role of the Division.

The Land Use Policy Planning Department (LUPPD) has a central administration with a Head Office situated at Narahenpita and 25 district offices net work. The District Land Use Planning Officers were recruited in 1988 for 25 Districts as officer in charge of the District Offices. Since 31st March 2015 fourteen District Land Use Planning Officers who were available at that time were promoted as Assistant Directors (District Land Use) on merit basis. Subsequently, eleven vacancies in the Assistant Director (District Land Use) post were filled on 01st November 2016 by a competitive examination. All together there are 23 Assistant Directors (District Land Use) available now. Sixty two Assistant Land Use Planning Officers were recruited in 1994 and 1999. Later 269 Land Use Planning Assistants were recruited to the Divisional level in 2005 to expand the activities at the divisional level. Since 11 December 2014 two designations named as “Assistant Land Use Planning Officer” and “Land Use Planning Assistant” was changed to one designation as “Land Use Planning Officer”. Thus the total number of Land Use Planning Officers is 294 now. One hundred and seventy six (176) Development Officers under the Graduate Scheme were recruited Island wide in 2013 and 2014 to expand the field activities further. The total number of Development Officers is 193 now. Assistant Director (Agricultural Economics) post at the Head Office was filled from 11th May 2015 by a limited competitive examination.

1.1. VISION

“Optimum and Sustainable Utilization of Land Resources in Sri Lanka”

1.2. MISSION

Formulation of policies , preparation of plans and facilitating their implementation by an efficient and committed staff to achieve the optimum utilization of land resources while maintaining sustainability and environmental balance for the satisfaction of our stakeholders and the land users.

1.3. MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE LUPPD

There are 05 main objectives for the establishment of the LUPPD

1. Establish a legal background for implementing the National Land Use Policy adopted for Sri Lanka.
2. Prepare a National Land Use Plan for Sri Lanka
3. Provide technical guidance so as to utilize the limited land resources for the betterment of the human beings while maintaining environment equilibrium.
4. Issue recommendations and directives to establish the conservation and future existence of Land resource in development plans based on the land resource.
5. Launch programmes so as to expand the knowledge, training and education on scientific land use planning.

1.4 Role of the LUPPD

Land Use planning activities are undertaken by the Department at two levels:

(A) Macro-Level

At this level Land Use Plans are prepared for Province, District and Divisional Secretary Divisions. Priority has been given to Prepare Divisional Land Use plans in all districts and District Land Use plans in Northern and Eastern provinces under the program to implement the recommendations of the report prepared by Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC).

(B) Micro-level

At this level, preparation and implementation of village land use plans, preparation and implementations of plans to rehabilitate the degraded agricultural lands, establishment of land use demonstrations in government office premises & schools and provide land suitability reports for unused state lands based on the requests made by various government institutions are being carried out.

The above land use planning activities are facilitated by;

- (1) Maintain a Land Use Information system as a base for the preparation of land use plans at various levels.
- (2) Update District Level Land Use Maps.
- (3) Conduct awareness programs on Land Use Planning for Land Users, Government officers and for School children.
- (4) Establish and ensure the functioning of District and Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committees to minimize land use issues at District and Divisional levels.

-Organization Chart-
Department of Land Use Policy Planning

3. Human Resource Management

3.1. Carder Positions

Serial No.	Approved Carder	No. Of Posts	No. Of Officers in Last Year	Changes within the Year 2016					Number at present
				Retirements	Transfers		Recruitments	Promotions	
					Out	In			
01	Director General	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
02	Director (Admin.)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
03	Director (Dept.)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
04	Chief Accountant	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
05	Internal Auditor	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
06	Accountant	01	-	-	-	-	01	-	01
07	Assistant Director /Deputy Director (SLAS)	04	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
08	Assistant Director /Deputy Director (IT)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
09	Assistant Director /Deputy Director(Sociology)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
10	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (Agronomy)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
11	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (Agric. Economics)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
12	Assistant Director /Deputy Director (DLU)	25	13	01	-	-	11	-	23
13	System Analyst / Programmer	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
14	Land Use Planning Officer	294	294	-	02	-	-	11	281
15	Management Assistants (Supra Grade)	01	-	01	-	-	01	-	-
16	Development Officers	200	193	-	03	03	-	-	193
17	Budget Assistant	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Public Management Assistant	50	28	-	06	05	-	-	27
19	ICT Assistant	02	02	-	-	-	-	-	02
20	Drivers	34	29	-	02	01	-	-	28
21	K.K.S.	37	36	-	02	02	-	-	36
22	Technical Assistant	25	19	01	-	-	-	-	18
23	Management Assistant (Non Technical)	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
24	Circuit Keeper	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	696	633	03	15	11	13	11	628

3.2. Transfers

Serial No.	Name and Designation	Transfers Out Going		Transfers in coming		
		Date	Transfer To	Name of the Successor	Date	Transfer From
01	Mrs.Inodani Thabavita, Assistant Director	16.05.2016	Chief Secretary Office, North Western Province	-	-	-
02.	Mrs.W. M.C.K. Ariyaratna, Development Officer	01.02.2016	D.S. Office, Dehiovita	Mrs. M.R.G.R.P.K. Madahapola	05.02.2016	D.S. Office, Naula
03.	Mrs. Ydarshani Ghanarathnam, Development Officer	-	-	-	14.03.2016	Land Commissioner's General Department
04.	Mrs. E.A.U.K. Edirisinghe, Public Management Assistant	01.01.2016	D.S. Office, Kegalle	Mrs. H.K.P. Hewawitharana, Public Management Assistant	01.01.2016	D.S. Office, Kegalle
05.	Mr. W.G. Sena, Public Management Assistant	04.03.2016	National Hospital	Mrs. K.C.Sumanasiri, Public Management Assistant	02.03.2016	Sri Pali Vidyalaya, Horana
06.	Miss. J.W.S.R. Silva, Public Management Assistant	08.03.2016	Office for the Superintendent of Police	Mr. L.V.A.U. Kumara, Public Management Assistant	01.06.2016	Regional Labour Office, Anuradhapura
07.	Mr. A.M.G. Adikari, Public Management Assistant	09.05.2016	Finance Ministry	Mrs. S.M.C.P. Senevirathna, Public Management Assistant	01.06.2016	District Land Registry, Mathale.
08.	Mrs. K.G.S.Maningamuwa, Public Management Assistant	01.06.2016	District Land Registry, Mathale.	Mr. K.H.D.K.C. Senarathna, Public Management Assistant	09.05.2016	Attorney General's Department
09.	Mr. A.W. Rames, KKS	01.07.2016	D.S. Office, Thambalagamuwa	Mr. U.L.T.U. Somapala, KKS	01.07.2016	D.S. Office, Thambalagamuwa
10.	Mr. U.H.M.S. Senevirathna, Driver	01.07.2016	D.S.Office, Walioya	Mr. P.L.N. Liyange, Driver	01.07.2016	D.S.Office, Walioya
11.	-	-	-	Mr. M.A. Sankalpa, KKS	12.10.2016	D.S. Office, Thimbirigasyaya
12.	Mr. H.M.B. Jayasiri, Development Officer	-	-	-	13.07.2016	D.S. Office, Waligepola

3.3. Administration

Serial No.	Description	Last Year (2015)			Current Year (2016)		
		Number	Number Approved	Balance	Number	Number Approved	Balance
01	Recruitments	09	-	-	11	-	-
02	Examinations Held	03	-	-	01	-	-
03	Interviews Held	04	-	-	02	-	-
04	Confirmation in posts	03	-	-	02	-	-
05	Promotions	01	-	-	126	-	-
06	Payment of Increment	All	All	-	All	All	-
07	Extension of Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	Preparation of Schemes of recruitment	-	-	-	05	-	-
09	Vacation of Post	01	01	-	01	-	-
10	Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Re - Instatement	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Disciplinary Inquires	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	Leave Abroad	13	-	-	03	-	-
14	Foreign Scholarships	07	-	-	-	-	-
15	Cabinet Memorandum	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Signing Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Release of Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Loan Approved	151	151	-	127	127	-
19	Property Loan approved	09	09	-	05	05	-
20	Vehicle Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Other Loans (Distress)	142	142	-	122	122	
22.	Released from post	05	-	-	07	-	-

3.4. Human Resource Development

Foreign Training - 2016

Serial No.	Course/Training/Program	Name of the Officer	Designation	Country	Period
01.	Higher Certificate Course at Indian Technical Institute under Colombo Plan	Mr. K.D.Nilantha	Land Use Planning Officer	India	Two Months
02.	Exchange the land management experience with Australia.	Mrs. P.M. Shanthi Fernando	Director General	Australia	One Month
03.	Workshop on Land Use Planning in Developing Countries	Mr. I.L. Mohomad Sahir	Land Use Planning Officer	China	Two Weeks
04.	Post Graduate Course	Mrs. K.A.T.S. Kahandawala	Land Use Planning Officer	Australia	Two Years
05.	“Mental balance for higher productivity”	Mr. S.D. Nandana Mr. B.A. Jayananda Miss V. Vasantha Kumari Mrs. Ruchira Wichchramarathna Mrs. Chandra Senevirathna Mr. I.G. Tikiri Bandara Mr. M.A. Najeeb Mrs. N.A.L. Samrathunga	Chief Accountant D. Director(LUP) D. Director (Admin) (Actg.) Asst. Director (LUP) Asst. Director (LUP) Asst. Director (LUP) Asst. Director (LUP) Asst. Director (LUP)	India	Ten Days
06.	Higher Certificate Course on Spatial Information Technology for Urban Management Plans	Mr. A.N.J. Fernando	Land Use Planning Officer	India	Two Months
07.	Course on Natural Resource Management for sustainable rural development	Mr. T. Jegatheesvaran	Land Use Planning Officer	India	One Month
08.	Management of Land Development Policies	Miss. P.S. Ediriwickckrama	Land Use Planning Officer	Korea	Three weeks

Local Training

Serial No.	Course	Number of Officers	Designations	Institute	Period
01	Training on Productivity	02	Land Use Planning Officer Public Management Assistant	District Secretariat, Jaffna	01 Day
02	Multi Criteria Analysis	15	D. Director (LUP), Asst. Directors and Land Use Planning Officers	UNREDD Programme	01 Day
03	Short training on GIS	17	Land Use Planning Officers and Development Officers	Post Graduate Institute, Peradeniya	05 Days
04	Training on GIS and GPS	23	Land Use Planning Officers and Development Officers	Land Use Planning Office, Monaragala	01 Day
05	Training on Green Productivity	04	Land Use Planning Officers, Development Officers and Public Management Asst.	Productivity Secretariat	01 Day
06	Training on Speaking English	01	D. Director (Admin) (Actg.)	Department of Official Languages	06 Months
07	Training on the use of fire extinguishers		All officers in the H.O.	Fire Service Department	01 Day
08	Post Graduate Course	03	Land Use Planning Officers and Development Officers	University of Kelaniya and University of Peradeniya	02 Years
09	Workshop on Basic Productivity Concepts	02	Accountant and D. Director (Admin) (Actg.)	Productivity Secretariat	01 Day
10	Training on updating of land use maps by using QGIS	13	Asst. Director, Land Use Planning Officers and Development Officers	District Land Use Planning Office, Batticaloa	03 Days
11	Training on PRA	30	Asst. Director, Land Use Planning Officers and Development Officers	District Land Use Planning Office, Badulla	02 Days
12	Writing of Project Reports	05	Asst. Director (DLU)	SLIDA	05 Days
13	Higher Certificate Course	01	D. Director (Admin) (Actg.)	Open University of Sri Lanka	06 Months

04. Financial Management - 2016

4.1. Budget Estimate

	Previous Year (2015)			% of Expenses	Current Year (2016)			% of Expenses
	Allocation	Expenditure	Balance		Allocation	Expenditure	Balance	
1 Project 1					2 Project1			
Salaries & Wages	281,210,000	281,652,192	740,746	100.16	300,565,000	299,934,674	630,326	99.79
Other Recurrent	41,757,000	39,013,938	1,560,124	93.43	48,500,000	45,381,142	3,118,858	93.57
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	20,000,000	18,611,099	1,388,901	93.06	28,862,000	24,221,911	4,640,089	83.92
2002	1,800,000	528,103	1,271,897	29.34	1,900,000	1,862,971	37,029	98.05
2003	4,200,000	2,718,049	1,481,951	64.72	4,350,000	3,557,098	792,902	81.77
2102	3,000,000	2,489,252	510,748	82.98	2,500,000	2,180,223	319,777	87.21
2103	2,000,000	1,965,833	34,167	98.29	2,000,000	1,947,886	52,114	97.39
2105	32,000,000	27,698,096	4,301,904	86.56	28,400,000	27,891,979	508,021	98.21
2401	2,000,000	1,981,741	18,259	99.09	2,000,000	1,971,004	28,996	98.55
2 Project 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries & Wages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other recurrent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	387,967,000	376,658,303	11,308,697		419,077,000	408,948,888	10,128,112	

Government officers advance "B" Account

Limits	Previous Year (2015)		Current Year (2016)	
	Estimate	Actual	Estimate	Actual
Maximum limits of Expenditure	20,920,000	22,205,301	21,000,000	20,906,777
Minimum limits of credit balance	10,920,000	15,029,000	11,000,000	17,107,683
Maximum Limits of Debit balance	65,000,000	55,149,226	67,000,000	58,948,321

4.2. Physical Resource Management

Movable Assets

Serial No.	Type Of Assets	As at the beginning of the Year	Changes within the year 2016				As at end of the year
			Acquisitions	Purchasing	Auction	Destroy	
1	Heavy Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Cabs	20	-	-	-	-	20
3	Cars	01	-	-	-	-	01
4	Vans	03	-	-	-	-	03
5	Jeeps	12	-	-	-	-	12
6	Motorbikes	0	-	-	-	-	0
7	Foot Cycles	01	-	-	-	-	01
8	Duplicator	01	-	-	-	-	01
9	Photocopier	31	-	-	01	-	30
10	Key Board	173	-	08	05	04	172
11	Mouse	173	-	08	01	12	168
12	Speaker System	-	-	-	-	-	0
13	UPS	173	-	16	09	14	166
14	CPU	173	-	8	05	01	175
15	CD Writer	-	-	-	-	02	-
16	Monitor	173	-	13	07	05	174
17	Computer Printers	48	-	08	02	01	53
18	Laptop Computer	62	-	06	-	-	68
19	Fax Machine	32	-	02	03	-	31
20	Type Writer	01	-	-	-	01	0
21	Safe	01	-	-	-	-	01
22	Digital Camera	25	-	02	02	-	25
23	Television	02	-	-	-	-	02
24	Radio	0	-	-	-	-	0
25	Refrigerators	01	-	01	-	-	02
26	Computer Printers (Colour)	24	-	-	01	-	23
27	Scanner	27	-	-	01	-	26
28	Multimedia	30	-	03	-	-	33
29	G.P.S.	113	-	41	03	02	149
30	Internet Facilities(ADSL)	03	-	-	-	01	02
31	Slide Projector	01	-	-	-	01	0
32	Racks	03	-	07	01	02	07
33	Hard Disk	01	-	01	-	01	01
34	Writing Table	10	-	39	07	03	39
35	Computer Table	-	-	17	-	-	17
36	Cupboard	09	-	25	08	01	25
37	Chairs	72	-	116	66	06	116
38	Water Filter	-	-	03	-	-	03
39	Print & Scanner Machine	-	-	01	-	-	01
40	Sofa Set	-	01	-	-	-	01
41	Soil Reciprocating	-	-	01	-	-	01
42	Electric Kettle	05	-	02	04	01	02
43	Rice Cooker/Gas Cooker	-	-	02	-	-	02
44	Motor	-	-	01	-	-	01
45	Gas Cylinder	-	-	01	-	-	01
46	Beds	03	-	01	03	-	01
47	Dining Table	-	-	01	-	-	01
48	Pen Drive	05	-	-	-	05	0
49	Map Cabinet	05	-	04	03	02	04
50	Time Machine	01	-	-	01	-	0
51	Fans	06	-	02	06	-	02

05. Development Activities

5.1 Preparation of Divisional Land Use Plans

Priority has mainly been given to prepare Divisional Level Land Use Plans in every district. Land use issues of the division are identified, analyze and formulate recommendations to minimize these issues by this plan. The objective of this activity is to guide the sustainable utilization of land resource in the country. However it is noted that most of the lands in the Divisional Secretariat Division have already been utilized. Hence, this plan helps to improve the existing land use and conserve the areas that have to be protected.

Under this activity 262 Divisional Plans had been received by the Head Office at the end of December 2016. Funds were allocated for 330 projects to implement the recommendations given in the Divisional Land Use Plans. The progress of the implementation of recommendations was 100% at the end of December 2016.

Some of the photographs to show the progress of the implementation programmes in 2016.

Kegalle District – Kegalle DS Division



Ruvanwella DS Division



Kalutara District – Agalawatta DS Division



Kalutara DS Division



Kurunegala District – Mallavapitiya DS Division**Kuliyapitiya West DS Division****5.2. District Land Use Planning Committees (DLUPC)**

District Land Use Planning Committees function according to the guidance of the Department and are coordinated by District Offices. District Land Use Planning Committee is functioned in every District. The committee is chaired by District Secretary/GA. Assistant Director (District Land Use) is the secretary of the committee. The coordination of the committee is done by the District Land Use Planning Office. The committee usually gathers minimum of once in three months. However, GA can call upon additional committee meetings when it is necessary.

When the committee has to take a decision on a critical issue GA can appoint a subcommittee consisted of relevant committee members and assistance could be obtained to the subcommittee from experts of relevant discipline in order to undertake detailed study.

Role of the DLUPC:-

1. Identify and report the availability of unused lands that can be used for development activities in the District.
2. Determine the priorities of the proposed development activities of the field of land use planning.
3. Identification of areas for future developments in urban and rural sectors.
4. Identification of lands and make recommendations to release them for various development activities in the District.

In addition to the above major roles the secondary roles of DLUPC are given below

1. Convey the information about district level major land use issues to the National level Land Use Planning Committee.
2. Give guidance to prepare land use plans at divisional and village levels.
3. Establish a land use information system at the district level for land use planning
4. Monitoring the implementation of land use plans.
5. Coordinate land use activities of the relevant institutions.
6. Discuss and approve the recommendations of the divisional land use plans.

District Land Use Planning Committees in 2016

Ampara District



Kilinochchi District



Mathale District



Badulla District



Composition of the DLUPC:

1. District Secretary/GA (Chair person)
2. Divisional Secretaries
3. Assistant Director (D. L.U.) (Secretary)
4. Provincial Land Commissioner/ Assistant Commissioner
5. Deputy Director (Agriculture Extension)
6. District Forest Officer
7. Survey Superintendent
8. Assistant Commissioner - Agrarian Services
9. Irrigation Deputy Director
10. Assistant Commissioner Local Government
11. Assistant Director – Export Agriculture
12. Manager, Tea Small Holding Development Authority
13. Deputy Director, Rubber Development Department
14. Regional Manager, Coconut Development Board
15. Assistant Director, Central Environment Authority

GA can nominate additional members from other Departments/Institutions when it is necessary.

The target in year 2016 was 55 committees and 64 committees were held. For each committee meeting Rs.3000/- was allocated.

5.3. Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committee

Divisional level land use planning committees have been functioned with directions of District level land use planning committee of the respective district. Land use planning activities in the division are undertaken with the coordination of the divisional level committee. Divisional Secretary of the division chair the committee and Land Use Planning Officer at the DS Office carry out the secretarial and coordination work of the committee.

Role of the Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committee.

- 1) Assist the preparation of divisional level land use plans and implementation process.
- 2) Identification of priority areas of land utilization.
- 3) Identification of land use issues, provide recommendations and forward to the district committee if necessary.
- 4) Prepare an Action Plan based on the land use planning recommendations for short term and long term basis. This plan should be included to the Divisional level annual plan.
- 5) Make recommendations to the National and district level committees when it is necessary
- 6) Make recommendations for land alienation
- 7) Make recommendations for land acquisition
- 8) Provide guidelines and directions to village level land use planning committees.
- 9) Identification of lands in the division for future development activities.
- 10) Provide recommendations for allocation o lands for various uses based on the land suitability.
- 11) Establish land data base at divisional level and link with district data base.

Composition of the Divisional Level Land Use Planning Committee

1. Divisional Secretary (Chairperson)
2. Land Use Planning Officer (Secretary)
3. Land Officer/ Colonization officer
4. Agriculture Instructor
5. Divisional officer - Agrarian Service
6. Range Forest Officer
7. Assistant Superintendent of Survey
8. Extension officer (Tea/Coconut/Rubber/Perennial crops)
9. Livestock Development Instructor
10. Environment Officer
11. Representative of the Farmer Organizations
12. Representatives from plantation sector
13. Representatives of relevant NGOs

The target in year 2016 was 331 committees and 392 committees were held. For each committee Rs. 1500/- was allocated for the refreshments. In some divisions this committee was held along with Divisional Agricultural committee. Therefore, total allocation had not been fully utilized.

Divisional Land Use Planning Committees in 2016

Jaffna District – Nallur DS Division



Kilinochchi District- Pachchilayipalli DS Division



5.4. National Land Use Survey

Unavailability of updated land use information in Sri Lanka is one of the basic problems in preparing land use plans. Therefore, LUPPD has started the updating of land use maps of the entire country as a special activity by using common guidelines. Lack of updated land use information is a major issue faced by Departments, Institutions, Government Agents and Divisional Secretaries for their decision making. It is expected to address this issue and improve the land use planning activities by providing updated information through this programme.

It is proposed to carry out the updating process once in five years. There are 1830 map sheets (scale of 1:10,000) available to cover the entire Island. At the end of December 2016, number of map sheets updated at the field was 1519 and out of that 739 maps were digitized.

5.5 Identification of Water Sources and Water Spouts

One of the main natural resources of Sri Lanka is the water and it is one of the main factors contributes to the economic development of the country since ancient time. The contribution to the agricultural economy in the country by various irrigation works is particular from the ancient time to now a day. In addition, water resource in Sri Lanka is significant for industries, services, drinking purposes, recreation activities, tourism, and for hydro power generation. Therefore, protection, conservation and sustainable existence of water sources, their catchments and reservations is significant not only for socio-economic development of the country but also for the protection of biodiversity and environmental balance.

To achieve this need a national policy on the conservation of water sources and water spouts was prepared with the directions of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee on Lands and it was approved by the Cabinet of Ministers. The Policy was published in the Government Extraordinary Gazette number 1894/3 dated 22nd December 2014.

Necessary actions have been taken to protect the water sources that were identified in 18 Districts during the year 2105 by submitting a detailed report to Government Agents. Based on this report field inspections were carried out by District Land Use Planning Committee to identify the water sources that need to be protected. Based on these reports necessary information was provided to the Central Environmental Authority to declare the Environmental Protected Areas (EPAs) under the provisions of the National Environmental Act. To prepare an Action Plan to implement the National Policy a one day workshop was held on 24th November 2015 with the participation of stakeholder institutions.

By implementing this policy, locations of the water sources and stream reservations will be mapped and boundaries of the reservations will be identified and also actions will be taken to declare the reservations.

The 25 programs were targeted to conserve the water sources and water spouts in 2016 and it was successfully completed.

Badulla District – Rideemaliyadda DS Division

Before the conservation



After the conservation



**Kurunagala District –
Mawathagama DS Division**



Alawwa DS Division



Awareness on soil conservation

5.6 Implementation of Village level land use planning demonstrations

Depend on the number of Land use issues present in the GN divisions or village selected number of families has been identified to guide them for use of lands in scientific manner. By establishing a village land use planning committee, land use issues will be identified with the help of land users. These issues will be addressed by implementing programmes to maximize the productivity of the lands with the help of stakeholder institutions. Through this programme, soil conservation and use of organic fertilizer will be encouraged and crop diversification will be introduced to food and cash crops. The programme will be aimed to develop the economic status of the rural land users and also improve the nutritional status of the families. This will ensure the sustainability of the land resource and also personal development.

The project report for the village level plan will be prepared by Land Use Planning Officer at the divisional level and forwarded to Head Office through the District Office for the approval. After approval, the programme will be implemented with the supervision of Assistant Director (DLU). In 2016, fifty programmes were targeted and all programmes were implemented successfully at the end of December 2016. The allocation for each programme was Rs. 50,000/=

Village level land use planning demonstrations implemented in 2016

Colombo District – Seethawaka DS Division



Kaluthara District – Palinda Nuwara DS Division.



**Kurunegala District –
Udubaddawa DS Division**



Maspotha DS Division



5.7 Rehabilitation Programmers for Degraded Lands

Agricultural lands are degraded or permanently reduce their productivity due to misuse or due to poor management. Therefore, under this program strategies will be introduced to develop the degraded agricultural lands and improve the living standards of the agricultural families.

Land, soil, vegetation, and water will be protected and yield of the cultivated crops will be increased and sustainability will be maintained by optimum utilization of underutilized lands. This will create favorable environment to the farmers.

The target in year 2016 was 25 and 95 all were successfully completed.

Implementation of Programs to Rehabilitate the Degraded Lands in 2016

Badulla District- Meegahakiula DS Division

Before conservation



Awareness programmes



At the time of alimentation



After conservation



Matara District – Matara DS Division



Kalutara District – Agalawatta DS Division



5.8 Conducting School and community awareness Programmers on land use planning

The objective of the program is to create awareness among the school children on the use of land resource in sustainable manner for future generations. It is an investment for the present and future by creation awareness among school children on sustainable land use to penetrate the message into the village. Since land use planning has been included to the Advance Level Geography stream this program is more appropriate and useful to the school children. It help to minimize the misuses, utilize the unused lands, improve the underutilized lands, conserve the soil, vegetation, and water and also help to change the attitudes of the people by conducting community awareness programmes.

Target of the year 2016 was 331 and 333 programmers were completed. Allocation for each program was Rs. 3000.00.

Awareness program for school children and for Land Users - 2016

Kaluthara District – Dombagoda Seelarathna M.V. Batticaloa District – Korale Paththu DS Division



Kandy District – Doluwa, Udadelthota M.V.

Hambanthota District – Katuwana D.S. Division



5.9. Special Projects

Special studies were conducted to address the particular land use planning issue at any level i.e. District, Divisional, Village. The proposals for the special studies were approved by the Head Office by considering creativity of the project. The target was 25 in the year 2016 and 24 studies were completed.

Kurunegala District – Bingiriya D.S. Division



5.10 Other Projects

(1). Preparation of land use plans based on the **LLRC** recommendations.

Based on the recommendations given in the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC),(Para 9.152) preparation of district land use plans for the districts of North & East had been started by appointing a National and District level expert groups. The planning process has been carried out in 2013 and 2014 and continues in 2015.

According to the recommendations given in para 9.152 of the LLRC report District land use plans for 08 districts had prepared by having an objective to guide the district administration in land conservation and alienation to ensure the protection of environment and bio-diversity, sustainable economic development, leisure and recreational standards religious, cultural and archeological sites with a view to improving the quality of life of the present and future generation.

All field level activities were completed in 2015 and final plans for the 08 districts were handed over to District Secretaries of the respective districts.

(ii) “Punarudaya” National Environment Conservation Program.

“Punarudaya” National Environment Conservation Program is implemented from the funds provided by President Secretariat and with the involvement of the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment. Funds were received to implement 44 programs in 44 DS Divisions in 11 Districts to conserve & protect the land and improve the land use. In addition, rupees 05 million was provided for Rathnapura district under this program.

Nuwara Eliya District –



Nuwara Eliya D.S. Division



Rehabilitation of Isuru Wewa

Rathnapura District – Opanayaka D.S. Division, Arabeoya**Rathnapura District – Kolonna D.S. Division, Athuruliyadda stream**

(iii) Preparation of land use plans for selected 06 D.S. Divisions in the Kala Oya basin to conserve the bio-diversity and ensure the sustenance of the eco-system services are being carried out with the financial support from the UNDP and the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.

(iv) Land use classification and preparation of land capability maps in Weli Oya catchment covering the parts of Badulla, Monaragala and Rathnapura districts with the financial assistance from the Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment.

(v) Reengineering of processes with the help of Information Communication Technological Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) using treasury funds.

5.11 Conduct Workshops to discuss the Annual Action Plan.

Nine workshops at Provincial level were held in the last quarter of the 2016 with the participation of all the officers (District Assistant Directors, Land Use Planning Officers, Development Officers and Technical Assistants) to discuss the 2017 annual action plan.

Provincial Level Workshops – 2016

Workshop at the Eastern Province



Workshop at the North Central Province



5.12 Progress of the programs implemented at District level

Progress of the programs implemented at District level is given in the following Table and it is illustrated further by the graph given below.

Progress of the Programmes conducted at the District Level

Summary of the progress of the implementation of the District programs-2016

Program	Target	Progress
District Level Land Use Planning Committees	55	64
Divisional Land Use Planning Committees	331	392
Village Level Land Use Plans	50	50
Rehabilitation of Degraded Lands	25	25
School Awareness programmes	331	333
Special Projects	25	24
National Land Use Survey	1830	1519
Conservation of Water Sources and Water Spouts	25	25
Implementation of Divisional Land Use Plans	330	330

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