Muslim Hands Sri Lanka (MHSL)

HIPD Highlights-2022



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Muslim Hands International - MHI is a United Kingdom (UK) based relief and development agency established in 1993 and working over 30 countries with country offices including Sri Lanka. In 2008 Muslim Hands has been officially started its country office and programs in Sri Lanka. Objecting to help those who affected by natural and manmade disasters and poverty. MHSL work with all in need, regardless of their race, religion, gender, nationality or political opinion and specialize in providing: emergency relief including food aid, shelter and medical support; capacity building through water, sanitation and health program; education and skills training and income generation; in addition, providing special program such as orphan care. Muslim Hands assists communities in examining the causes of poverty and underdevelopment, and in advocating for a more just society and a sustainable future.



MHSL has obtain official registration from Sri Lanka Ministry of Social Service (Registration Number - Pu/San/08/24) and under the Companies act. of Sri Lanka as a nonprofit company (Registration No.GA 3213)

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HUMANITARIAN AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS DEPARTMENT (HIPD)

Goal:

To strengthen and build strategic partnerships and enhance organizational positioning efforts

In accordance with Organizational Strategic objective:

"To capitalize on MH existing strategic partnerships and explore institutional alliances by pooling resources"

HIPD Sri Lanka Highlights in 2022

CSOs & Networks

No	CSOs and Networks	Status/Progress
1	The Network of Civil Society Organizations in Sri Lanka	Applied and Received membership - An active member
2	All Island Civil Societies Forum	Applied for membership and participating all CSO meetings
3	Civil Society Organizations Forum - Anuradhapura District	District wise Civil Organizations' Forum - Applied for Membership
4	Civil Society Organizations Forum - Puttalam District	District wise Civil Organizations' Forum - Obtained Membership
5	NGO Consortium Anuradhapura	District wise NGOs and INGOs Consortium
6	Asian Health Institute AHI	Approached for membership and receiving invitation for forum discussion and meetings





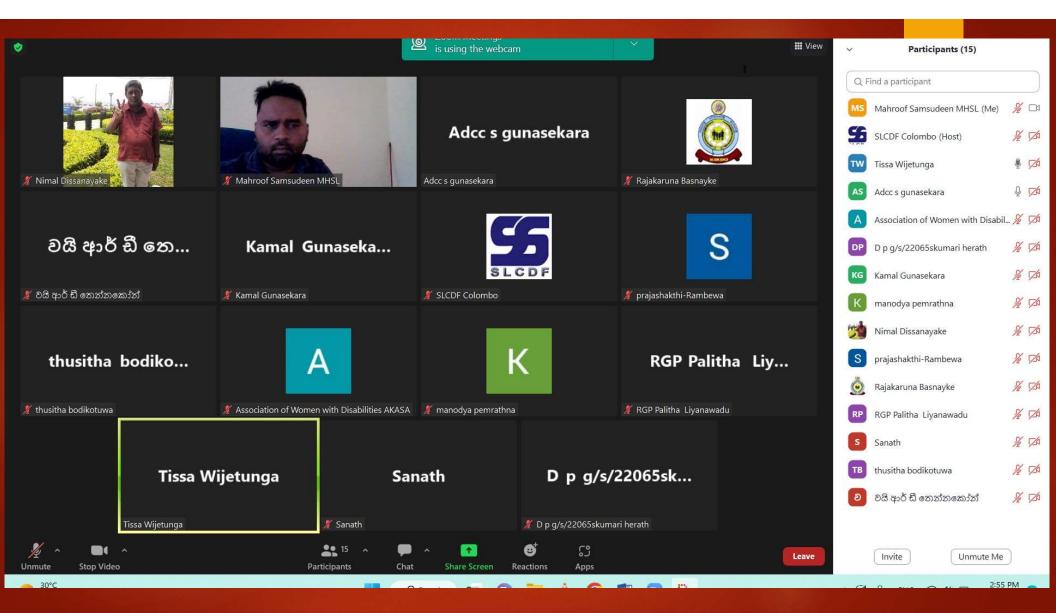












Government Stakeholders (Ministries and Departments)

No	Ministries and Departments	Status
1	State Ministry of Rural Economic Development	Established a Flatform formed to support people who suffering by the ongoing economic crisis in Sri Lanka
2	Ministry of Health	Medical Supplies and Cataract Surgeries
3	Ministry of Education	School of Excellence and Other School Buildings
4	National NGO Secretariat	General Guidance
5	National Child Protection Authority	Protection and Safe Guarding
6	National Water Board	WASH projects of MHSL
7	National Institute of Social Development	Social Work and Volunteerism
8	District Secretariats	General Guidance and Approvals













Potential Partnerships / Open Calls / Concept Notes / Proposals /Emergency Appeals

No	Agencies	Progress / Status
1	Zakat House - Kuwait through Islamic Relief Committee (ISRC) Partnership	Orphans Sponsorship; already 64 children are under sponsorship and another 50 promised. We are trying to get direct partnership with them for other humanitarian and Development projects
2	Shiekh Abdullah Al Nouri Charity Society – Kuwait (Nouri) through Islamic Relief Committee (ISRC) Partnership	The discussion is underway to get funds for educational building construction projects. We are trying to get direct partnership with them. Nouri already instructed us to submit 03 years plan 2023-2025 for humanitarian and development projects.
3	International Islamic Charity Organization IICO - Kuwait through Islamic Relief Committee (ISRC) Partnership	IICO through ISRC have requested us to submit a proposal to build a Class Room Block consisting 15 class rooms with furniture for School of Excellence
4	Sri Lanka Red Cross Society	Partnership discussion is going on possible partnership and some Health and First Aid trainings too started.
5	Austrian Development Agency	Partnership discussion to support the ongoing economic crisis underway
6	British Council of Sri Lanka	Discussions underway towards possible partnership on youth development
7	Save the Children- Sri Lanka	Communicated for possible partnership on children development
8	RRDC -Canada	Discussions underway towards possible partnership on humanitarian and development consultancy
9	USAID – Sri Lanka	Concept Paper to Climate Adaptation Project
10	USAID- Sri Lanka (Safe Foundation)	The Empowering CSOs to Combat Human Trafficking in Sri Lanka project (ECCT)
11	Australian High Commission	Direct Aid Program (DAP)



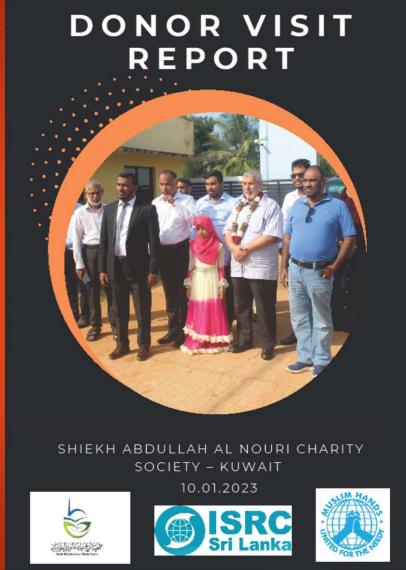








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Consultants / Consultancy Firms

As per the nature of calls, we have hired and kept communication with few potential consultants and also MH- Pakistan too supported us to develop a Concept Paper

Mr. P.B. Tennakoon – Community Development Consultant

Mr. Rohan Senarath, Project Management Consultant (Socio-Economic Development)

RRDC- Canada - Project Management Consultancy

UN Agencies –Clusters

We were invited to participate the following sectoral meetings and submit our concept papers and respond the calls;

Sectoral Coordination Meeting-Agriculture and Livelihood

Sectoral Coordination Meeting - Nutrition

Sectoral Coordinationn Meeting - Health

Sectoral Coordinationn Meeting - Protection and Education

Local Fundraising

- ▶ Planned to conduct a fundraising dinner on March 2023
- Initial meeting conducted with potential personals
- Fund raising materials preparation underway



MHSL have got membership and registered with ENSANY HUMANITARIAN Crowdfunding Platform



Ensany Malaysia is a foundation based in Malaysia, dedicated to developing and enhancing a technology-based Crowdfunding platform

"Humanitarian and Development Partnership Platform"

This "Humanitarian and Development Partnership Platform", created in October 2022, brings together humanitarian organizations such as Islamic Relief Committee (ISRC), Muslim Hands Sri Lanka (MHSL) and the State Ministry of Rural Economy of the Government of Sri Lanka on an equal footing to support the people who affected by the current economic crisis in Sri Lanka to rebuild the economy in Sri Lanka trough enhancing the rural economy.

The organizations participating in the "Humanitarian and Development Partnership Platform", agreed to follow on the following partnership principles: Equality, Transparency, Result-oriented approach, Responsibility and Complementarity.



Program Sector Updates Muslim Hands Sri Lanka



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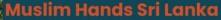
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Types of Water Points

- 1. Open dug Well
- 2. Tube Well
- 3. Agrarian Well
- 4. Deep Well with water supply
- 5. Water filtration system (RO plant)



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MHSL provides clean water to every community that it work with. We seek to minimize environmental impact through innovations. MHSL is implementing Dug a Well (DAW) project, Tube Wells with electric motor system, Community Wells, Water Supply Systems through constructing deep wells and water filtration system by installing RO plants for the poor and needy families from Mannar, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Kurunegala, Trincomalee and Batticaloa districts in order to provide access to clean drinking water for all communities.

Hygiene practice becomes vital concern where the usage of water from the dug well. Normally MHSL conduct awareness on hygiene promotion to the identified families with the support of Public Health Inspector from Health Sector. MHSL has constructed latrines for the needy families.

In 2022, MHSL have reached 90,000 beneficiaries from 15,000 families. Nearly 1,000 various type of safe water points we have installed. The project has been implemented by MHSL with support of MHUK and MHFR.

We (MHSL) are expecting more WASH projects to cover needier around Sri Lanka.





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- After the civil war ended in 2009, then regime took out massive foreign loans to pay for war expenses and, more importantly, to start flashy infrastructure projects to attract tourism and reward associates. The 2019 Easter bombings and the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged tourism, Sri Lanka's main source of foreign revenue.

These days Sri Lanka is struggling to pay for crucial imports like food, fuel and medicine for its 23 million people as it battles a foreign exchange crisis. Inflation has soared about 50% and more, with food prices 80% higher than a year ago. The Sri Lankan rupee has slumped in value against the US dollar and other major global currencies this year.

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To responding the situation, Muslim Hands Sri Lanka has come forward to distribute dry food packs to the people who have greatly affected by the economic downturn. For these, 1200 vulnerable marginalized families selected from Puttalam and Kinniya areas with guidance of the government officials. 6000 direct beneficiaries have reached through emergency food aid program.

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SEASONAL PROGRAM

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SEASONAL (FOOD AID) PROGRAM

IN 2022 WE HAVE
REACHED 16FAMILES BY
RAMADAN ACTIVIES &
ALSO WE HAVE REACHED
15,000 FAMILIES BY
QUBANI FRESH MEAT

With ongoing economic crisis, Sri
Lankan people are hardly suffering
for thier daily food. Some are having
one time food for a day. Therfore
we are expecting more and more
support from generous donors.

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As usual this year too MHSL has distributed 1433 dry food packs among the marginalized vulnerable families (consisting 7165 individual beneficiaries) who are living below the poverty line. The families were selected from Kinniya, Mannar and Puttalam districts of Sri Lanka. Through the Ramadan Dry Foods and Qurbani Meat Distributions thousands of poorest and needy families including widows and orphans annually have been benefited.







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This year's Qurbani program was held with much critical acclaim. Mannar, Anuradhapura, Mullaithivu, Puttalam and Kinniya regions were selected for this year Qurbani distribution. An about 15,000 poorest and needy families including widows and orphans have been benefited. 450 bulls were slaughtered and distributed in Mannar area as a change from the usual practice with the support of MHUK. Also, arrangements were made to distribute Qurbani parcels among School of Excellence orphan children.







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WHAT WE DO ...

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There are hundreds of poor orphans children are waiting for love and care. A sponsorship effort will charge thier direction...Let's be the part of it.





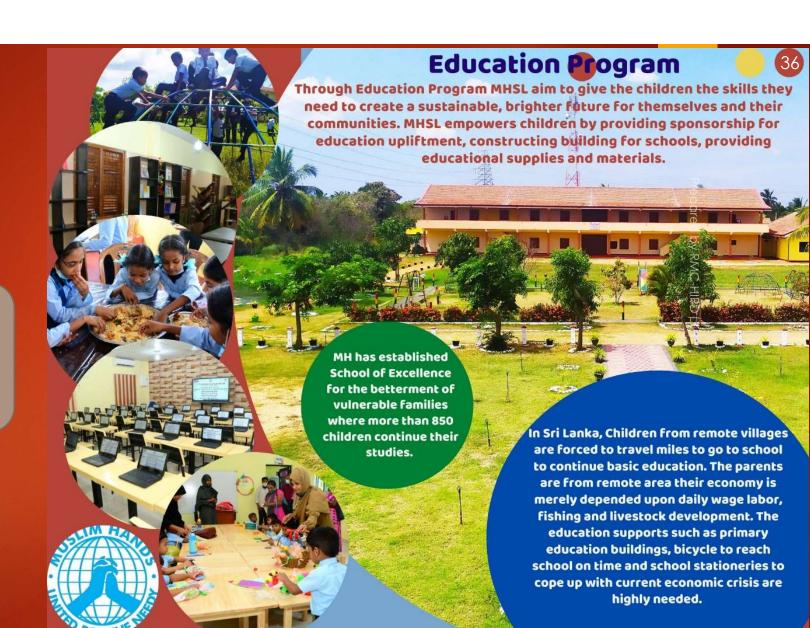
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During the year (2022) MHFR's orphans' children has received stationary items such as school bag, exercise books, school uniforms and shoes in addition to the monthly sponsorship amount. As the good practice and support the children, MHFR has announced to enrolled needy non-Muslim orphans children to the program.





EDUCATION PROGRAM

Education Program

Through Education Program MHSL aim to give the children the skills they need to create a sustainable, brighter future for themselves and their communities. MHSL empowers children by providing sponsorship for education upliftment, constructing building for schools, providing educational supplies and materials.

MHSL is running an English medium school named "School of Excellence" which started in the year 2010 with two primary classes. Alhamdulillah, after the establishment of School of Excellence, the people of this area are very much delighted to see their children learning in English medium. From far area (45KM) also students attend School. MHSL, with the support of the benevolent Donors, has eradicated a major problem and fulfilled a vital need of the orphans, poor and needy children of the area. Though there is free education in Government schools the parents of the fee-paying students prefer the teaching of English medium education at SOE. At the moment it has almost 850 student population and classes up to General Certificate of Education Advanced Level (GCE AL) from LKG.

In Sri Lanka, Children from remote villages are forced to travel miles to go to school to continue basic education. The parents are from remote area their economy is merely depended upon daily wage labor, fishing and livestock development. The education supports such as primary education buildings, bicycle to reach school on time and school stationeries to cope up with current economic crisis are highly needed.

Also, MH has established School of Excellence for the betterment of vulnerable families where more than 850 children continue their studies.



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Cattle, Poultry farming, Fishing, home gardening, Small Businesses & self-employments

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The livelihood program is a part of MHSL's efforts to combat poverty levels and raise living standards among the poverty-stricken rural village folk. MHSL's past interventions were focused needy families from Mannar, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Puttalam and Anuradhapura districts in order to make them self-sustained.

MHSL implements different kinds of livelihood activities depending on the capacity, capabilities and the experiences of the beneficiaries. Those activities include cattle farming, poultry farming, home gardening, fishing, grocery shops and many other self-employments. MHSL also provides skills training which will be useful in developing the businesses which they are engaged in.

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THERE ARE HUGE NEED FOR SHELTERS AND RURAL MASJIDS . WE ARE WAITING FOR DONORS SUPPORT TO FULFILL THE BASIC SHELTER NEED.

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RURAL MASJIDS

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