



Situation Report 3 Multi-dimensional Crisis in Sri Lanka

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SITUATION UPDATE AND RESPONSE


Situation in Sri Lanka

- Sri Lanka continues to experience an unprecedented economic crisis with high inflation, rising commodity prices, power shortages and lack of fuel.
- The loss in income reflects on food intake practices, where 74 per cent of households had to adjust their normal food intake practices.
- Incidents of sexual and gender-based violence (GBV) are reportedly increasing, while the capacity of government services to respond is severely affected.
- The HNP Plan calls for US\$47.2 million to implement responses to lifesaving priorities between June and September 2022, with a particular emphasis on averting a further deterioration of needs in lifesaving sectors and thus prevent a full-scale humanitarian crisis.
- Sri Lankan pumps started accepting the national fuel pass or QR code system from August 1, Over 5.5 million vehicles have been registered with Sri Lanka's national fuel pass or QR code system.
- Food security situation is worse in the estate sector. While urban households are depleting savings to cope for now, estate populations are already turning to credit in order to purchase food and other essentials.
- India's Lanka Indian Oil Corporation (LIOC) has announced that they will be opening around 50 new fuel stations in the country in order to boost the fuel supply.
- The Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) has approved a US\$5 million rapid response allocation to address urgent needs on food assistance, basic agricultural and livelihoods support, vital and essential medicines and supplies, child protection, nutrition, safe water and education in priority districts.
- With the significantly low agricultural production unable to cover domestic requirements, imported staples like wheat flour, canned fish, milk powder and lentils are either unavailable or exorbitantly priced.
- Sri Lanka's newly-elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe invited the political parties to form an all-party government to overcome the current economic crisis

Situation Updates

 People need assistance - 5.7M

 People who need essential medicine- 1.97M


 People who need food - 4.9M including 238000 pregnant and lactating women

 People who need protection - 960000

 Students who need support for education - 1.2M

 People who need nutrition- 2.43M

 People who need drinking water - 2.6M

 People who need agricultural and livelihood support - 3.45M

Humanitarian Response

NGO Preparedness and Response

Response:

- Sri Lanka Red Cross teams have been providing first aid and ambulance support to people affected by the violence
- Sri Lankan Red Cross conducted a survey to see how many people would be in the most vulnerable category
- UNICEF Sri Lanka donates study materials to Golkonda Estate Tamil Primary School students.
- OCHA is responding education, Protection, Health, Water & Sanitation, nutrition, Food security and agriculture sectors effectively.
- UNICEF Sri Lanka and the local government are working round the clock for child nutrition and development.
- An Early childhood education program was launched by the provincial ECD authority, for the children in Uva, who are unable to access preschools due to the issues of transport and insufficient meals
- UNFPA appeals for USD 10.7 million to meet urgent needs of women and girls in Sri Lanka
- ChildFund Sri Lanka (CFSL), partnered with the Ministry of Health (MOH) for the “Global RECAP: Promoting Healthy Diets and Physical Activity in Sri Lanka” project.
- ChildFund Sri Lanka continues its efforts to strengthen government health services in Sri Lanka's journey to recovery from COVID-19.
- FPA Sri Lanka conducted a 2 day Comprehensive Sexuality Education Programme for students of BT/BC/Valaichenai/ Ayisha Girls Maha Vidyalaya, Valaichenai.



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