Construction of surgical unit and supply of medical equipment at Teaching Hospital in Batticaloa

Scope of the Project: In response to the request made by the Government of Sri Lanka and recognizing the need for assistance in the field of health, Government of India has agreed to grant assistance for construction of a surgical unit and to supply of medical equipment at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa. The surgical unit will consist of 360 patient beds, 10 surgical intensive care beds, and 3 operation theatres.

Project Cost: Maximum of SLR 275 million (INR 13 Crore)

Project Duration: 2016-2017

Implementing Partners:

a. Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine, Colombo
b. Department of External Resources, Ministry of Finance

Modalities of Implementation: The project is being implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP) model. MoU for the construction of surgical unit and supply of medical equipment was signed on February 5, 2016 during the visit of Hon’ble Minister for External Affairs, Mrs. Sushma Swaraj. The Project Steering Committee to monitor the progress of the project has been constituted. PSC is co-chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine and the Deputy High
Commissioner of India. The consultant for the construction of the building has been appointed by the Government of Sri Lanka and the process for finalization of the design of the building is underway.

**Beneficiaries**: The Teaching Hospital of Batticaloa renders its service to around 2 million people in and around the Eastern Province. In 2015, there were 95,959 inward admissions which 40% out of them were surgical patients. In the said year 18,378 surgeries were carried out in the hospital. The modernization and improvement of infrastructure for surgeries will benefit the people in and around Eastern Province.