

# Construction of 3000 Rain Water Harvesting System in Jaffna District

**Scope of the Project :** Considering the grave problem of quality of drinking water in entire Jaffna Peninsula, Government of India has agreed to request of Sri Lanka Government to construct 3,000 Rain Water Harvesting Tanks in the District of Jaffna. There are no perennial rivers or streams flowing through Jaffna Peninsula. Ground water, the only source of water in many of these areas is also over exploited and contaminated. In order to address these issues, rain water harvesting is the best alternative. The project will provide a sustainable source of safe drinking water to dwelling units in Jaffna District, Sri Lanka. It will also facilitate safe water to cater other essential requirements of Jaffna people, who are badly affected by the scarcity of water.



**Project Cost :** 300 million SLR

**Project Duration :** 18 months

**Implementing Partners :** The office for National Unity and Reconciliation , District Secretariat Jaffna. Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation is the line Ministry for coordination .

**Modalities of Implementation :** The project is being implemented under the Small Development Project (SDP) model. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Government of the Republic of India and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has been signed on 13 January, 2017 in the presence of Mr. A. H. M. Fowzie, Hon'ble State Minister, Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation. To monitor the implementation of the project, a Project Steering Committee (PSC), co- chaired by Deputy High Commissioner of India and Additional Secretary (Development), Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation including Representative from the Office for National Unity and Reconciliation and from District Secretariat Jaffna has been constituted.



**Beneficiaries** : It would provide a sustainable source of safe drinking water to 3000 beneficiaries including women headed/vulnerable households and newly other resettled families in Jaffna District.