

# Upgrading of 70 Child Development Centers (Crèches) in Plantation Areas

**Scope of the Project:** On the request received from the Ministry of Livestock and Rural Community Development, Government of Sri Lanka, the Government of India agreed to provide assistance for upgradation of 70 Child Development Centres (Crèches) in the Plantation areas in seven areas to facilitate comprehensive child development, nutrition, educational environment for children during the working hours.

**Project Cost:** SLR 57.9 million

**Project Duration :** 2014-2016

**Partners:** a. Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development b. Department of External Resources, Ministry of Finance c. Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT)



**Modality of Implementation:** The project was implemented under the Small Development Projects. A Project Steering Committee consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Hill Country New Villages, Infrastructure and Community Development, Government of Sri Lanka, Department of External Resources and Plantation Human Development Trust monitored the implementation of the project. The work was split into 8 packages and awarded to two different contractors. With the renovation of these sites, the project has been completed.

**Beneficiaries :**Families of workers in Plantation Areas.

**Impact :**The renovated Child Development Centres will enhance the quality of life of the families of workers in the plantation areas. This initiative is expected to enable both parents to contribute to the family income, with the assurance that their small children are taken care of in a safe and caring atmosphere during work hours. The importance of the project stems from its ability to empower women and make them equal partners with substantial say in running the family.

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