



**“NAFSO & the paths and
experiences of human economy”**

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Current political and economic situation in Sri Lanka.

1. Sri Lanka's budget deficit had ballooned to [1016 billion LKR](#) (about \$5.03 billion) after the civil war ended. (2020) saw the budget deficit more than double to [2090 billion LKR](#) (about \$10.34 billion).
2. Sri Lanka was already in financial trouble before the Covid-19 pandemic emerged worldwide and impacted its economy
3. A ban on chemical fertilizers is not bad in terms of practices, but the government did not provide training or tools to farmers or give farmers the necessary time to transition to organic farming. As a result, the paddy (rice) cultivation alone dropped by 40% according to a government report.

Current political and economic situation in Sri Lanka.

4. Due to the pandemic many Sri Lankans who work as migrant workers in the Middle East were sent home during the pandemic which had a large impact on the Sri Lankan economy. Also tourism industry of Sri Lanka decline.

5. Another reason for financial crisis was, the Government of Sri Lanka attempted to control the USD/LKR exchange ratio artificially which further worsened the financial situation.

6. One of the main aims of boosting the economy was attracting investors with tax holidays, creating special economic zones etc ,but the Government did not get expected amount of investors.

7. The destruction of natural forests and mangrove forests have led to a reduction in rainfall, which leads to reduction in harvest in the Agricultural sector and it has a negative impact to the power supply in the Country.

Background to the current crisis or contemporary situation

1. Sri Lanka is experiencing one of the worst economic crisis in decades and the dwindling foreign reserves is also felt on the electricity consumption, fuel consumption and cooking gas resulting in severe shortages.
2. Nearly, 1000 bakeries have been shut as a response to shortages of cooking gas triggered by chaotic foreign reserve crisis.
3. The surge in global oil prices further aggravated the fuel shortage in Sri Lanka as the country had to pay more than before to get the supply of fuel with the risk of more outflow of foreign reserves was on the cards.
4. The 30 year civil war that ended in 2019 and the current Pandemic situation has made a great impact on the current economic situation.

Domestic challenges faced by NAFSO/HDO

1. Lack of financial ability to assist more members.
2. The harvest and crops are being destroyed by wild animals such as elephants , wild boars.
3. The shortage of fertilizer and pesticide for the crops.
4. Most areas are experiencing a shortage in rainfall and due to that Agriculture development is hindered.
5. Due to the economic inflation rate of Sri Lanka marketing and distribution issues have risen.

How NAFSO is trying to intervene to agricultural production

1. Promote self sufficient small Scale food producer units in order to face the challenges of food soaring prices.
2. Strengthening the rural economy by increasing agricultural production in rural areas and address food scarcity especially in Rural areas of Sri Lanka.
3. Intervening in rising nutritional problems and address rural poverty through promoting income generation by promoting agri productions.
4. Removal of harmful plants such as salvinia from rural water bodies and use of these plants for fertilizer production and thereby improve the freshwater fisheries industry.
5. Strengthen women and youth participation in the Agri sector, by providing them knowledge to so.

Activities



Contribution made by NAFSO to address it in past & present

Polonnaruwa, Miridiya Organization.

1. Organic Fertilizer Production using Salvinia, Japan Jabara and other weeds covered the water bodies which disturb the inland fishing industry.
2. Promote and expand home gardening with the help of member families.
3. Strengthen Self Sufficient Small Scale Food Producer Units.
4. Implemented a nursery of plants in order to distribute for agriculture activities.
5. Encourage the growing of medical herbal plants, fruits plants through the distribution of plants and fertilizer.

(Integrated programs with Tree planting, Environment protection, Enhanced youth participation, Maximize Women involvement, Micro finance-Income generation)

Kurunegala Praja Sahayogitha Sansadaya,

1. Promote beehive re-production by providing beehive boxes for those engaged in reproduction activities.
2. Increasing the Expansion of various home gardening activities with the support of member families.
3. Work with women groups, farmer groups and youth groups to enhance their agriculture activities and support to improve the family income. Incorporate such groups for micro finance activities.
4. Maintain a plant nursery to provide various herbal, fruits and plants for agriculture activities.

UVA-Wellassa Organization in Monaragala

1. Women Empowerment through micro finance, income generation and Agriculture development.
2. Expanding Home gardening through women and Youth participation.
3. Tree planting to protect environment with the help of youth members.
4. Networking with other NGO's to enhance women's participation.



Salvenia also known as Japan Jabara is been taken from lakes and used for the production of fertilizer. Miridiya, Polonnaruwa.



The women of the Miridiya Organization in Polonaruwa supporting in labour towards the production of fertilizer. Miridiya, Polonnaruwa.



Fertilizer that was produced has been prepared for sales, Miridiya, Polonnaruwa.



Fertilizer that was produced has been used for home gardening - Miridiya, Polonnaruwa.



Samsung Quad Camera
Shot with my Galaxy A12

Some Members of the Praja Shayogita Sansadaya-Kurunegala



Distribution of beehive boxes to the members of Praja Sahayogita Sangamaya, Kurunegala



Distribution of beehive boxes to the members of Praja Sahayogitha Sansadaya, by officers of the Agriculture Department.



Sharing the knowledge of Nursery of plants



Tree planting with the help of Youth and Children -Kurunegala



Planting of trees with the help of community members



Members of the UVA-Wellassa organization having a Community Training



The home garden of a member of UVA Wellasa organization.



The contribution of youth members towards agricultural development.

4. Reflections from other territories / countries across Asia/World



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5. Proposals for ways forward in laying the roads to a human economy.



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