

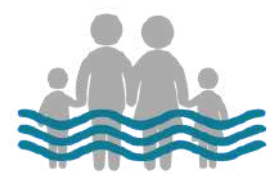
# CYCLONE DITWAH

Situation Report as at December 19<sup>th</sup>

Sri Lanka is experiencing one of the worst and most complex and challenging natural disasters in our history. Cyclone Ditwah triggered multiple disasters - heavy rainfall, extensive flooding, a large number of deadly landslides across the country.

## Crisis at a Glance

Source: Disaster Management Centre Sri Lanka



**Over 2.1 million people** (611,530 families) were affected in total.

*As some families have returned home, the numbers have reduced to 1.7m.*



**643** confirmed deaths



**66,132** individuals  
(22,096 families) displaced.



Over **105,000 homes**  
damaged.



**183** missing persons



**723** safe centers



**Over 273,000** acres of  
paddy lands destroyed



**Many areas remain inaccessible** due to  
flooding, landslides and  
fallen trees.



Some areas continue to  
be **flooded**



**Power outages** continue in multiple regions and **poor network connectivity** has further isolated affected communities.

*Statistics as at 4:00pm, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.*

## Immediate Needs

- Blankets / warm clothes
- Purification tablets
- Temporary shelters
- Tarpaulin sheets
- Mobile/temporary toilets for camps
- Hygiene kits
- Sanitary pads
- Mosquito nets
- First aid / medical support

## Other updates



The Government has declared a State of Emergency in the country, limited disaster management operations. 22 out of 25 districts are declared disaster-affected.



640 schools in the Uva, Central and North Western Provinces are still closed with no reopening date announced.



The Badulla, Kurunegala and Matale districts are currently under amber landslide warning. The Kandy and Nuwara Eliya districts are under red warning.



Northeast monsoon season has approached, and the MET Department has forecasted that heavy showers above 75mm are likely in the Eastern, Uva and Central provinces, and the Polonnaruwa and Hambanthota districts.

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## World Vision's Response as at December 19, 2025



### 5,802 cleaning items

including Lysol, Dettol, Harpic, buckets, brooms and brushes were given to families.



### 1,958 water bottles and 10 x 10L water tanks

were provided to communities and safe centers.



**Over 80,000kg of dry rations** were provided to families in safe centres.



### 3 mobile toilets

were provided to a safety centre in Meegahakiula.



### 1,917 wearable items

including dry clothes, safety helmets, gum shoes, raincoats and masks. were provided to the community in safe centres.

- World Vision Lanka is currently assessing the immediate needs of the affected children and the communities and are responding according to their needs.
- The National Disaster Management Team has been activated to respond to disaster-affected communities, guided by a 12-month response plan.
- Our response will focus on emergency relief, livelihood recovery, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Health & Nutrition, Child Protection & Gender Equality Disability and Social Inclusion (GEDSI).
- The response will be implemented in coordination with the government Disaster Management Units, local authorities, the affected community and other NGO and INGOs working on the ground.
- We are currently coordinating with UN agencies (WFP, FAO) and other partners such as Sri Lanka Red Cross Society, IWMI (International Water Management Institute) and ACTED for information sharing and joint rapid assessments.
- The Government has requested World Vision's support to set up child-friendly centres in the camps. A follow-up meeting is scheduled to finalise operational details.
- 10 of World Vision Area Programmes are located in the districts (Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, and Ampara) that are receiving heavy showers from the Northeast monsoon rains.
- Eleven of World Vision Area Programmes are located in the Districts (Kandy, Badulla, Kurunegala, Matale, and Nuwara Eliya) which are under landslide (red) warning.

## We have reached

**12,886**  
families

**32,666**  
adults

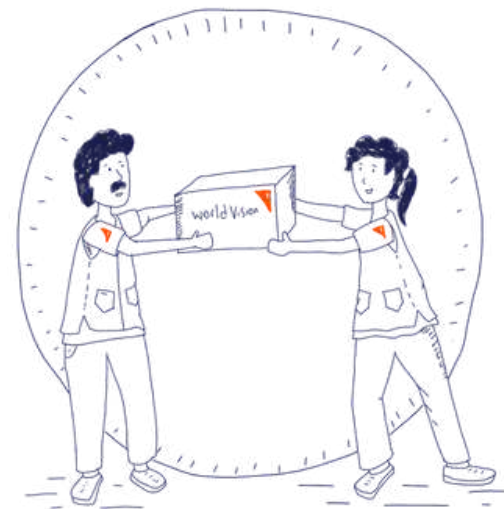
**17,589**  
children



## Our Strength

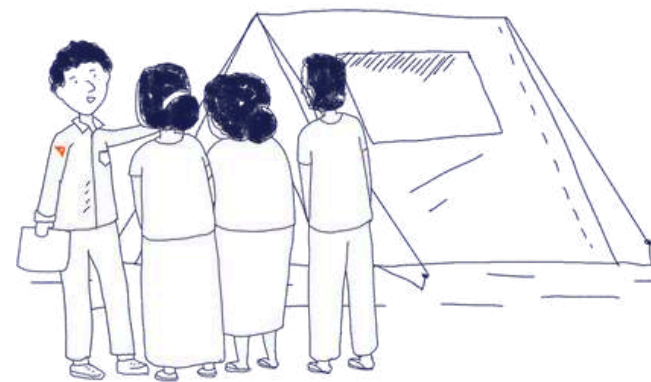
- World Vision holds the largest in-country footprint among international NGOs operating in Sri Lanka and has over 48 years of experience in both sustainable development and emergency relief.
- Through 31 long-term (15-year) Area Programmes across 16 districts, World Vision Lanka (WVL) is strongly networked with the local government authorities, disaster management units, and other stakeholders on the ground. We are deeply trusted by the communities we serve.
- We mobilise staff, resources, and information rapidly during emergencies and ensure responses are well-coordinated, aligned with national systems, and tailored to community needs.
- World Vision has extensive experience in responding to and managing large-scale disasters.

## Our Approach - Responding to an emergency



### First 24 hours

World Vision assess the severity of the disaster and the immediate needs of the affected community.

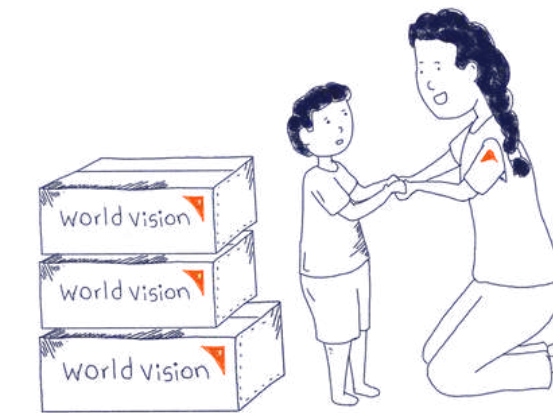


### First month

World Vision helps families stabilize by providing assistance with temporary shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, child protection activities, healthcare, and economic recovery opportunities.

**Every step of the response is coordinated in partnership with government Disaster Management Units, local authorities, affected communities, and other peers on the ground.**

Disaster resilience is integrated into **EVERY** response, with strong child participation throughout.



### Next 72 hours - up to one week

Our pre-positioned relief supplies are distributed according to the immediate needs of the affected people.

In safe centres World Vision sets up Child Friendly Spaces to provide a safe space for children to gather, enjoy activities and regain a sense of normalcy. The spaces are managed by staff trained in Child Protection.



### Next phase

We help disaster survivors transit from relief to recovery and rebuilding.



# Impact on World Vision Lanka's Programmes/Projects

## Bibile

- 11 children and 20 families affected.
- 20 families relocated to safer places.
- Several houses and cultivations damaged.

## Bogawanthalawa

- 80 children and 73 families affected.
- Over 26 families displaced by floods.
- Landslide-affected road risks collapsing near 32 households.

## Chankanai

- 1,054 children and 2,401 families affected.
- Road access severely limited by flooding.
- Train and bus links to other districts cut off.
- **Women Rise Up project affected.**

## Chavakachcheri

- 327 children and 137 families affected.
- Houses flooded and road access restricted.
- Transport disrupted.
- **Women Rise Up project affected.**

## Dehiattakandiya

- 710 children and 774 families affected.
- No electricity or phone signal.
- Houses damaged.

## Devon

- 74 children and 40 families affected.
- Multiple landslides

## Ganga Ihala Korale

- 2,550 children and 1,700 families affected.
- 3 registered children lost their lives.
- No road access; severe shortages of food, fuel, medicine, and utilities.
- Signals disrupted.

## Kahawatta

- 108 children and 161 families affected.
- 81 families sheltered in evacuation and temporary sites
- Limited road access.

## Kalpitiya

- 4,429 adults and 14,818 families affected.
- Boats submerged or swept away by rising waters.
- Severe flooding.

## Kandawalai

- 471 children and 387 families affected.
- Heavy flooding.
- Multiple trees fallen, blocking access and damaging property.

## Karachchi

- 2,330 children and 1,796 families affected.

## Koralaipattu

- 756 children and 595 families were affected.
- Office vehicle park roof blown away.
- Strong winds caused structural damage.

## Kothmale

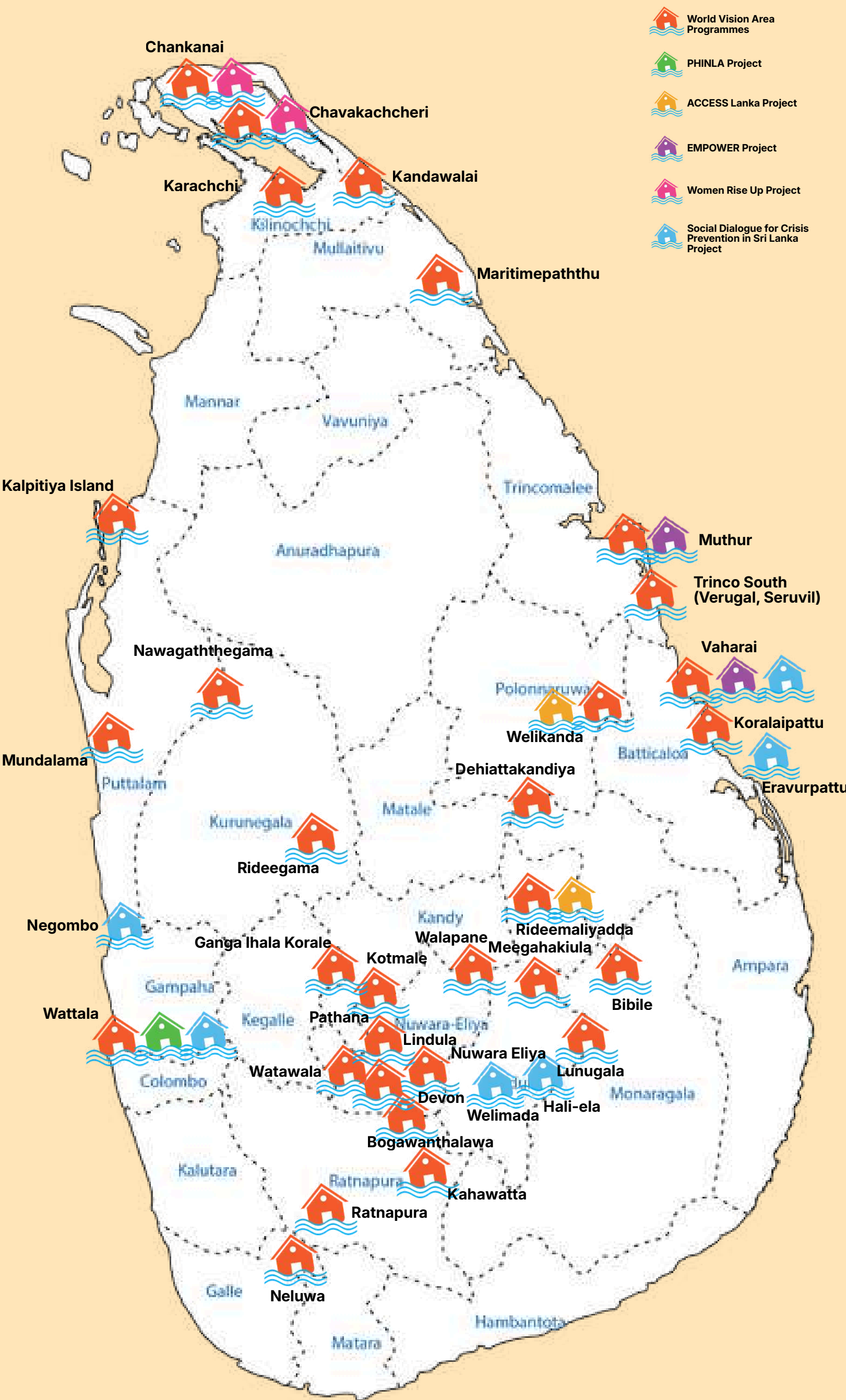
- 85 children and 89 families affected.
- Several houses damaged.
- Families relocated to safer areas.

## Lindula

- 186 children and 133 families affected.
- Families have been moved to a safe location due to landslides.

## Lunugala

- 5256 individuals and 1622 families affected.
- 9 deaths, including 2 registered children.
- Landslides and floods have restricted access to multiple areas.



## Maritimeththu

- 1,803 children and 4,658 families affected.
- Multiple bridges damaged; all roads flooded.
- No electricity or data coverage.
- 23 farmers rescued.

## Meegahakiula

- 4,651 individuals and 1,606 families affected.
- 10 deaths, including 1 registered child.
- Major landslide damaged several villages.
- Cannot access, and safety concerns remain critical.

## Mundalama

- 4,335 children and 3,248 families affected.
- Strong winds and floods.

## Muthur

- 1,954 children and 1,350 families affected.
- The office is surrounded by water.
- **EMPOWER Project supported by the Government of Australia affected.**

## Nawagattegama

- 225 children and 333 families affected.
- Cultivations severely impacted.

## Neluwa

- Minimal flooding.

## Pathana

- 185 children and 178 families affected.
- 178 households affected due to floods and landslides.

## Rathnapura

- 7,482 children and 4,775 families affected.
- Severe floods reported.
- 233 families sheltered in evacuation centers and temporary sites.

## Rideegama

- 2,101 children and 1,609 families affected.
- Multiple landslides and a major flood reported.
- No access to transport facilities, electricity and data coverage.

## Rideemaliyadda

- 155 children and 163 families affected.
- Access to communities severely restricted.
- **Access Lanka project supported by the Government of Canada affected.**

## Trinco South

- 3,350 children and 2,679 families affected.
- Area surrounding the office is flooded.

## Vaharai

- 4,714 adults and 1,733 families affected.
- **EMPOWER Project supported by the Government of Australia affected.**
- Damages to the office.
- **Social Dialogue for Crisis Prevention in Sri Lanka Project affected**

## Walapane

- 3,500 families affected
- No water, electricity, data coverage, internet facilities, and no road access to villages and main cities.

## Watawala

- 25 children and 12 families affected.
- Flooding reported.

## Wattala

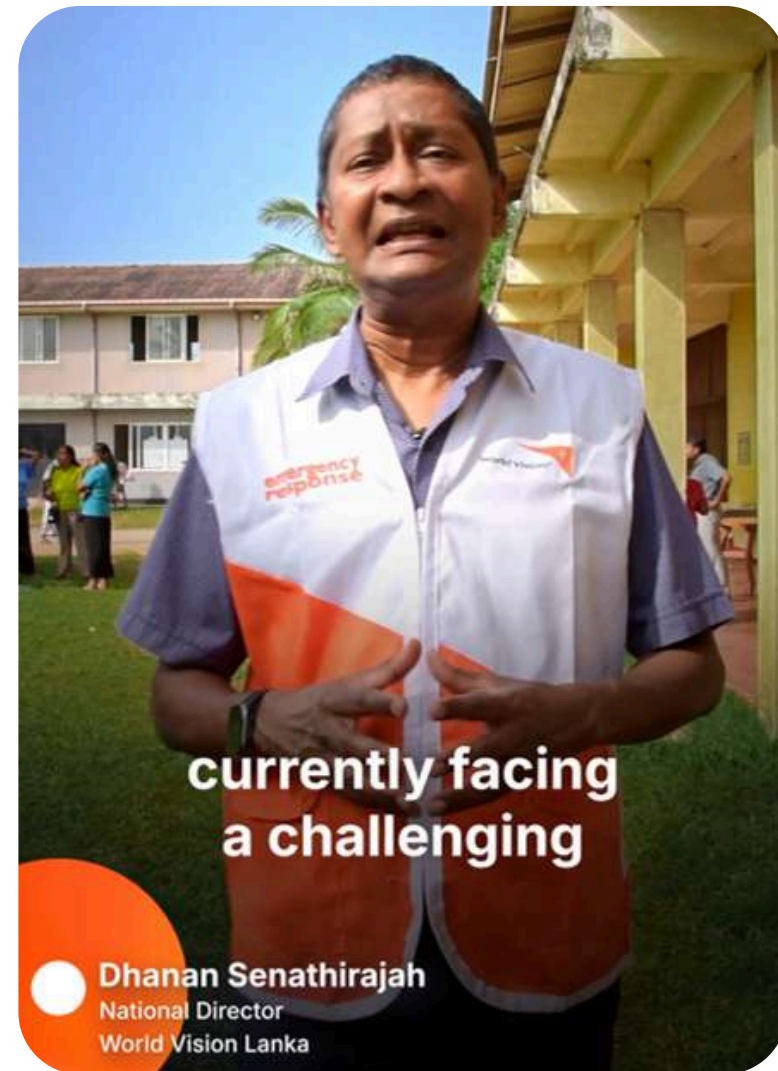
- 7,538 children and 19,185 families affected.
- 350 individuals evacuated and more evacuations planned.
- **PHINLA Waste Management Project supported by ADH Germany affected.**
- **Social Dialogue for Crisis Prevention in Sri Lanka Project affected.**

## Welikanda

- 639 children and 530 families affected.
- Access Lanka project supported by the Government of Canada affected.
- 90% of cultivations damaged.



# Updates from the field



currently facing  
a challenging

**Dhanan Senathirajah**  
National Director  
World Vision Lanka

Our National Director visited the affected communities



Due to the recent cyclone  
and flooding situation

**Prasanga Fernando**  
Manager, Wattala Area Programme  
World Vision Lanka

Prasanga talks about the safety centre  
and affected communities in Wattala.



In Karnadakkenny, Mullaitivu, the Nayaaru bridge has collapsed, and the entire area is flooded, cutting off access to the community. Our team carried dry rations to 211 families by boat.



In Ganga Ihala korale, our teams distributed dry ration packs to 461 individuals currently residing in temporary camps in the Yatapana, Uduwella, and Watekedeniya areas.



I am heading  
to Bluefield camp site.

**Pravin**  
Development Facilitator | Kotmale Area Programme  
World Vision Lanka

Take a walk with Pravin from Kotmale  
Area Programme to a safe center.



Which is having  
a greater disaster.

**Shika D. Samarathunga**  
Programme Manager - Field Operations  
Kotmale/Lindula Area Programme - World Vision Lanka

Hear from Shika as she expresses her  
gratitude for the support given in  
Kotmale.



After Pravin's visit to Blue Field Estate, Our team was able to assess the situation on the ground and provide urgent support to 184 families.



In Walapane, our teams distributed household hygiene kits to 320 families.