

# Progress Report

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Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment





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# 1. Introduction, Subjects and Functions

The Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment was established by the Special Gazette No. 2289/43 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and dated 22.07.2022. The Ministry functions under the two sectors of Women and Child Affairs sector and Social Empowerment sector. In 2024, the main focus of the Social Empowerment Sector of this Ministry was to provide social security to marginalized groups within the society, including persons with disabilities, the elderly, low-income families, and mentally disburshed persons. Its mission also extended to the social and economic empowerment of low-income households. Accordingly, Vision and Mission of the Ministry were as follows:

**Vision** - “An advanced society that enjoy the full benefits of development fairly and equally.”

**Mission-** Formulate and execute programmes for providing and enhancing legal, institutional and human resource services for the economic empowerment, social protection of women, children, vulnerable and disadvantaged people considering national priorities and requirements along with international standards.

After that, the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security, and Community Empowerment was formally established under the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2412/8, dated November 25, 2024. The Ministry is dedicated to fostering sustainable development in rural areas of Sri Lanka, enhancing social security systems, and empowering communities to cultivate self-reliance and independence.

The current duties and responsibilities of this Ministry are as follows:

1. Formulate, implement, monitor, and evaluate policies, strategies, programmes, and projects related to rural development, social security, and community empowerment, aligning them with the national policies of the government and the mandates of the departments, statutory bodies, and state corporations affiliated with the Ministry.
2. Deliver public services within the Ministry's purview in an efficient and citizen-centric manner.
3. Reform processes and procedures using modern management practices and technology to ensure the Ministry's objectives are achieved while eliminating waste and corruption.
4. Implement rural infrastructure development projects.
5. Execute social safety net programmes.
6. Identify the needs of individuals with special requirements and take measures to ensure these needs are met effectively.
7. Review, restructure, and introduce appropriate reforms to public assistance programmes.
8. Provide support to patients suffering from tuberculosis, kidney diseases, leprosy, cancer, and thalassemia, as well as their dependents.
9. Offer family counseling services.
10. Undertake activities related to internationally recognized conventions concerning persons with special needs.

11. Coordinate with relevant institutions to implement programmes that provide vocational training and create employment opportunities for persons with special needs.
12. Make necessary policy changes and implement facilities and programmes to enable persons with special needs to work alongside the general public.
13. Establish and implement social insurance schemes for persons with special needs.
14. Take necessary steps to care for the elderly, increase their participation in social development activities, and safeguard the rights of senior citizens.

The following departments, institutions, and divisions are actively engaged in carrying out the above tasks and functions efficiently and effectively.

### **Rural Development Sector**

1. Saubhagya Development Bureau (SDB)
2. Rural Development Training & Research Institute, (RDTRI)

### **Social Security Sector**

1. Department of Social Services (DSS)
2. National Secretariat and National Council for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)
3. National Council and National Secretariat for Elders (NSE)
4. Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)
5. National Institute of Social development (NISD)
6. Counseling Division

### **Community Empowerment Sector**

1. Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD)

### **Educational Institute**

1. National Institute of Social Development (NISD)

Furthermore, the Establishments Division, Accounts Division, Internal Audit Division, Development Divisions, and Planning and Monitoring Division are functioning to provide the necessary administrative and operational support to the aforementioned institutions.

Accordingly, this report includes information about the approved allocation for the year 2024 the financial and physical progress up to 31.12.2024 regarding the departments, institutions, Divisions and projects operating under the social empowerment sector (currently the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment).



## 2. Carder Management

Institution Institution	Senior		Territory		Secondary		Primary		Total		
	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Deficiency/ excess
Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment (with Counselling Division)	27	22	3	4	772	531	45	34	847	591	256
<b>Department/ Institute &amp; Divisions</b>											
Department of Samurdhi Development	131	63	369	1,431	24,800	21,009	431	441	25,731	22,944	2,787
Department of Social Servicers	8	7	502	229	693	638	288	242	1,491	1,116	375
National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities	6	5	3	2	53	39	6	2	68	48	20
National Secretariat for Elders	7	4	2	1	115	102	23	12	147	119	28
Sri Lanka Social Security Board	8	7	14	11	133	93	43	39	198	150	48
National Institute of Social Development	53	33	9	5	49	35	26	20	137	93	44
Saubhgya Development Bureau	14	9	4	0	74	29	10	2	102	40	62
Rural Development Training and Research Institute	4	3	14	11	21	18	11	7	50	39	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>26,710</b>	<b>22,494</b>	<b>883</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>28,771</b>	<b>25,140</b>	<b>3,631</b>

### 3. Summary of the allocation and financial progress of the Ministry

Allocation has been allocated for the Ministry Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment under the head no. 171, Department of Samurdhi Development under the head no.331 and for the Department Social Services under the head no.216.

Accordingly, the total allocation approved and financial progress achieved of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Security (currently Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment) is as follows.

Type of Allocation	Approved Allocation for year 2024 (Rs. mn)	Financial progress from 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024
<b>Ministry Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment - (Social Empowerment Sector) Head no.171</b>		
Capital	1,364.50	341.39
Recurrent	1,281.29	1,171.50
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,645.80</b>	<b>1,512.88</b>
<b>Department of Samurdhi Development- Head no.331</b>		
Capital	72.00	62.41
Recurrent	57,860.74	21,289.46
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>57,932.74</b>	<b>21,351.87</b>
<b>Department of Social Services - Head no.216</b>		
Capital	116.15	89.37
Recurrent	1,387.77	1,219.08
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,503.92</b>	<b>1,308.35</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>62,082.46</b>	<b>24,173.10</b>

## 4. How the institutions have functioned to achieve the objectives of the Ministry

### 4.1. Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD)

#### Introduction

Department of Samurdhi Development has been established by the Divineguma Act No. 1 of 2013 amended by Divineguma (Amendment) Act No. 2 of 2017, in order to implement programmes related to empowerment the poor families, social security and livelihood development, with the aim of eradicating poverty and ensuring social justice in Sri Lanka, promoting economic development activities and removing the barriers suppressed the hidden potential of each and every poor person.

#### Objectives

- To empower low-income families in economic, social and spiritual aspects and uplift them as to achieve sustainable and high standard of living.
- To ensure social security of low-income families.

#### Functions

- 2 million families facing multidimensional poverty will be empowered under economic, social and psychological aspects in the period of 05 years from 2025 to 2029.
- Provide micro-finance loan facilities for uplifting the ways of income generation and livelihood of low-income families.
- Provide scholarships to develop the education of children in low-income families.
- Provide housing assistance to develop the housing facilities of low-income families.
- Implement of programmes targeted the social development of low-income families.

#### Approved Annual Allocation - 2024 and Progress - up to 31.12.2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn.)	Progress (Rs. mn.)
<b>Capital</b>	72.00	62.41
<b>Recurrent</b>	57,860.74	21,289.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,932.74</b>	<b>21,351.87</b>

#### Financial and Physical progress of main development programmes up to 31.12.2024

<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>" Aswesuma" Beneficiary Family Empowerment Programmeme</b>
Summary of the Project	In order to reduce the number of families facing multidimensional poverty, the empowerment programmeme of "Aswesuma" Beneficiary Families, is currently being implemented under three

	<p>main financial components.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local funds</li> <li>2. Asian Development Bank Funds</li> <li>3. World Bank Funds</li> </ol> <p>The financial and physical progress related to the empowerment programmes implemented under GOSL funds for each sub projects are given below and the progress of the programmes implemented under foreign funds are presented under page number 47.</p>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	6.30
Physical Progress	5.55
Summary of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24 awareness programmes have been conducted for district officials and project managers.</li> <li>• 260,340 eligible families have been identified at the district level for empowerment.</li> <li>• Collect information to prepare family development plans for identified families for empowerment has started at the Gram Seva domain level.</li> </ul>
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Livelihood Development Programme for families to be empowered</b>
Summary of the Project	Development of smart agriculture based on additional crop products, livelihood development, fisheries development, promotion of small and primary industries, promotion of value addition projects
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	21.70
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	21.50
Physical Progress	<p>Development of smart agriculture based on additional crop products</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 58 families</li> <li>• Livelihood Development - 49 families</li> <li>• Fisheries development - 47 families</li> <li>• Promotion of small and primary industries - 54 families</li> <li>• Promotion of value addition projects - 67 families</li> </ul>
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Entrepreneur Development Programme for Families Empowerment</b>
Summary of the Project	Establish of Mini Food City Network, providing NVQ certificates under RPL system (Level I and II), conducting career guidance programmes, conducting vocational training programmes, conducting training programmes on language proficiency development (Japanese, Korean, English), Entrepreneur Capacity Development Programme (District and Divisional Level), Training Programme on Organic Food Production, Land Acquisition and Clearance for <i>Suva Bojun</i> and

	Marketing Centers.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	11.70
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	9.43
Physical Progress	<p>Networking the 25 of Mini Food Cities,  Provision of NVQ Certificates (Level I &amp; II) under RPL system - 174 youths  Career guidance programmes – 265, beneficiaries-13,324  Vocational training programmes - 253 youth  Training programmes on language skill development (Japanese, Korean, English) - The programme has been completed and this programme is implemented for 1,008 youth in 08 Districts with the cooperation of the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau and the National Development Authority.  Future works will be carried out by the Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Bureau  Entrepreneur Capacity Development Programmes - 4,415 people  Training programmes on organic food production - 2  Land Acquisition and Clearance for Suva Bojun and Marketing Centers – 2 Programmes</p>
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Social Development Programme</b>
Summary of the Project	Cultural and Literacy Programme for Children, Smoking and Drug Prevention Programme
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	3.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	2.87
Physical Progress	<p>Cultural and literacy programmes for children - 180  Smoking and Drug Prevention Programmes - 213</p>
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Community Based Organization Programme</b>
Summary of the Project	Conducting district committee meetings
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	1.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	1.50
Physical Progress	50 meetings
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Legal Assistance Programme</b>
Summary of the Project	Assist in resolving legal issues in selected family units
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	1.50
Financial Progress	0.87

(Rs. mn.)	
Physical Progress	11 Programmes

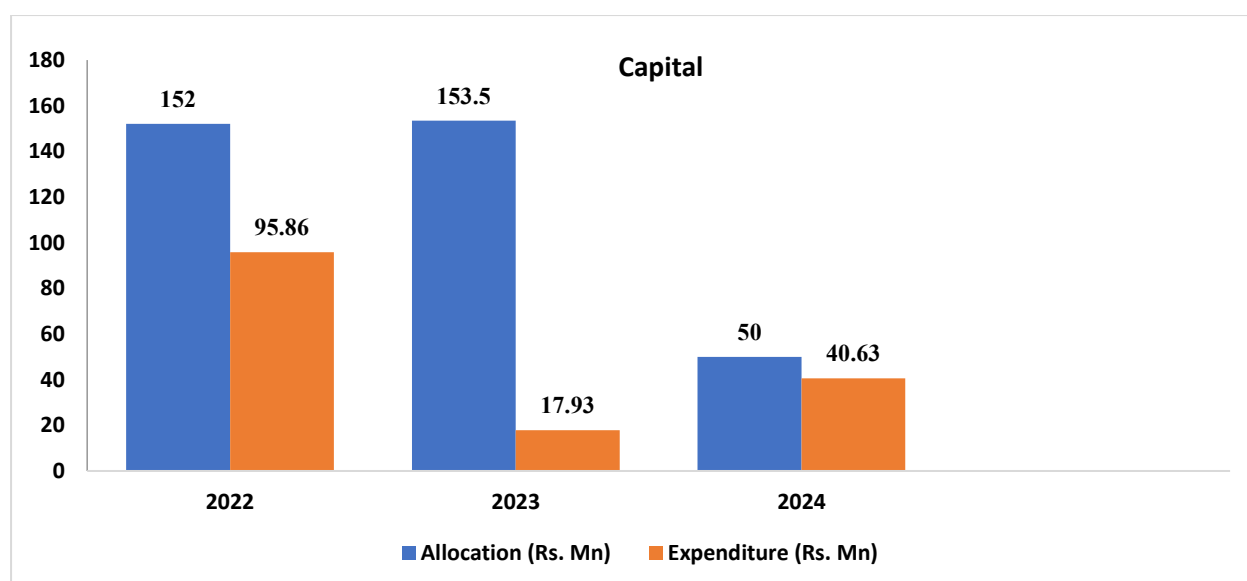
### Financial and physical progress as at 31.12.2024 of Development Programmes implemented under departmental funds

Samurdhi Bank and Microfinance Fund	
<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Providing microfinance loans to poor and low-income families</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	40,000.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	39,948.47
Physical Progress	Micro financing Loans - 269,295
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Religious and cultural celebrations</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	27.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	17.76
Physical Progress	Programmes - 03
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Media and Advertising</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	28.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	6.10
Physical Progress	Programmes - 01
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Payment of interest concessions for Banks and issuing loans to beneficiaries at subsidized interest rates</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	115.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	7.60
Physical Progress	Bank 01
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Infrastructure facilities for banking computer programme</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	40.60
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	1.83
Physical Progress	Banks 03
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Provision of building infrastructure facilities, other facilities and equipment to Banks and Banking Societies</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	125.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	10.05
Physical Progress	Banks 05

<b>Project No: 07</b>	<b>Conducting training programmes</b> (Management and Accounting Training, Loan Management and Risk Management Training, Certificate and Diploma in Micro-financing and Attitude Development)
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	35.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	0.94
Physical Progress	Programmes - 12
<b>Samurdhi Social Security Fund</b>	
<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Providing "Sipdora" scholarships for Advanced Level students in Samurdhi families</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	774.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	668.51
Physical Progress	Students – 40,341
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Nilaveli Training Center Development Programme</b> (Constructions, Repairs and Supply of Machines and Equipment)
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	21.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	4.47
Physical Progress	30% renovation works completed and part of equipment supplied (purchase of air conditioners)
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Acquisition of capital assets</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	3.05
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	2.72
Physical Progress	26 Printer issued for district and divisional offices/ software development & office equipment/ repair of printers.
<b>Housing Lottery Fund</b>	
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Housing Development Programme (Rs. 750,000/-)</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn.)	502.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	456.50
Physical Progress	670 housing units Started
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Housing development programme for people with special needs (Rs.750,000/- )</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	12.50

Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	12.25
Physical Progress	25 housing units Started
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Rs.250,000 Housing development programme for people with special needs</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	15.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	14.90
Physical Progress	50 housing units Started
<b>National Social Development Fund</b>	
<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Flag Day programme in commemorating World No Tobacco Day (31st May)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	7.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	7.00
Physical Progress	01 programme was conducted covering 25 districts
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Conducting of meetings, training, sports activities and health programmes</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	37.20
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	9.13
Physical Progress	11 programmes were conducted

### Approved Annual Allocation and Progress for Development Programmes for 2022 to 2024





## 4.2. Department of Social Services (DSS)

### Introduction

On the recommendations of the commission appointed in 1944 under the leadership of Sir Ivor Jennings, the Department of Social Services was established on 01 February 1948 with the aim of creating a better environment for the marginalized and disadvantaged groups of the people in the Country.

In order to implement the current Government's National Policy for people with disabilities, leaves no one behind, it is expected to introduce an inclusive social security programme, for the entire community of the country that is not privileged and implemented from birth to death, from year 2025.

It is expected to implement social protection and social empowerment programmes according to the rehabilitation plans prepared through a proper data base that beneficiaries are correctly identified, through all the Institutions performing the duties related to Social Security under the Ministry such as National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, National Secretariat for Elders, Sri Lanka Social Security Board and Counseling Division, integration with the Department of Social Services.

### Objectives

- To ensure equal rights, opportunities, freedom and social protection of the underprivileged community including persons with disabilities and other marginalized and disadvantaged communities.
- To improve the quality of the life of persons with disabilities by providing access to income generation

### Functions

- Providing vocational training for the youths with disabilities through vocational training centers activating under the Department of Social Services
- Develop the professional skills of the youth with disabilities using new technologies as to fit with the existing job market.
- Implementation the programmes of early intervention for children with disabilities and socializing them.
- Providing inward residential care for persons with disabilities who have lost parents or guardians and empowering them.
- Rehabilitation and socialization of drug addicted persons
- Functioning on affairs related to the Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Trust Fund
- By strengthening and popularizing the community-based rehabilitation process, implementing a programme that renders services through rehabilitation plans mobilized and

empowered through Swashakthi organizations monitored through operational committees at Divisional, District and National levels.

- Rendering the sign language interpretation services
- Rehabilitation of beggars through Ridiyagama Detention Homes

#### Approved Annual Allocation-2024 and Progress up to 31/12/2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn.)	Progress (Rs. mn.)
<b>Capital</b>	<b>116.15</b>	<b>89.37</b>
<b>Recurrent</b>	<b>1,387.77</b>	<b>1,219.08</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,503.92</b>	<b>1,308.35</b>

#### Financial and Physical progress of main development programmes up to 31.12.2024

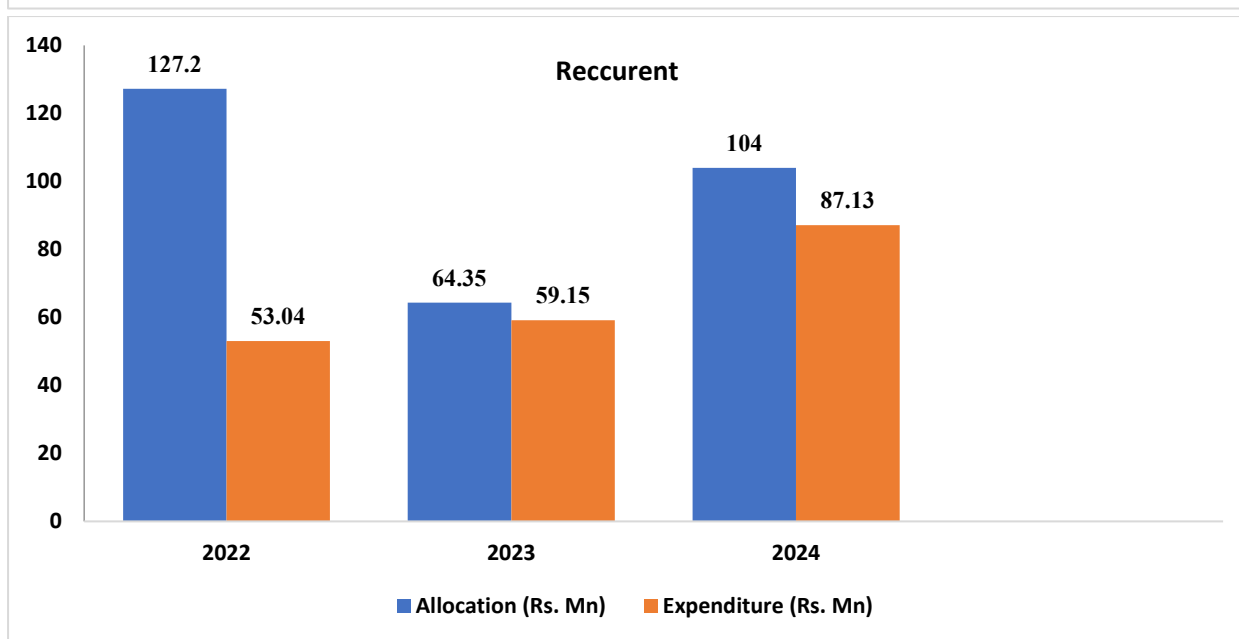
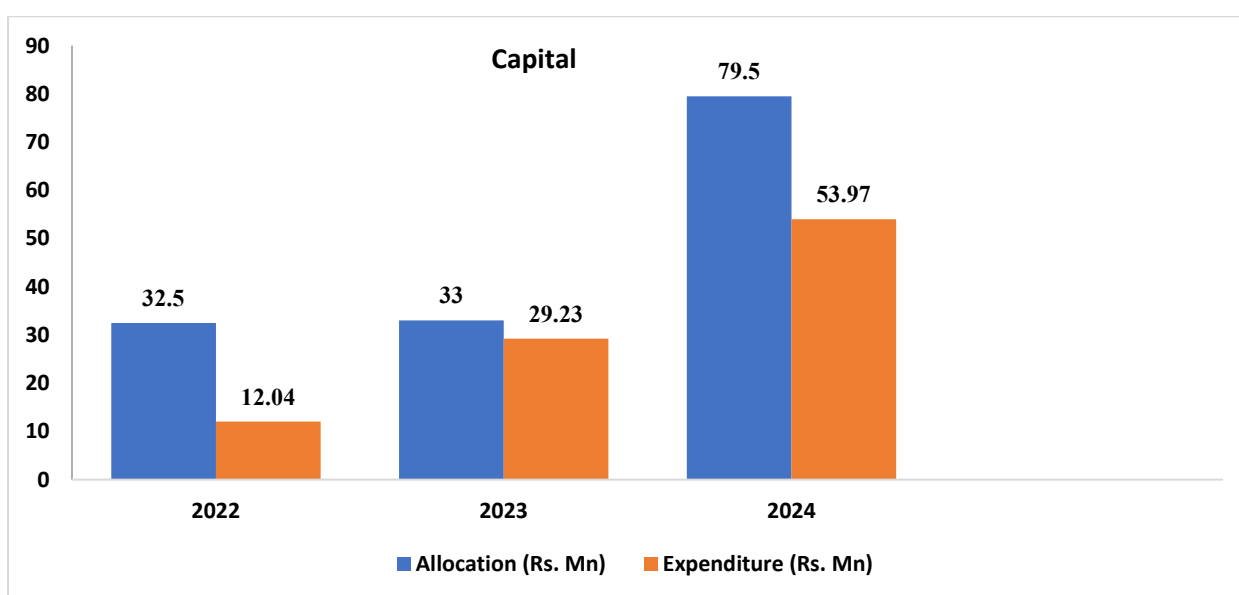
Development projects implemented under recurrent allocation	
<b>Project No: 01</b>	Providing vocational trainings to persons with disabilities through vocational training centers
Project Summery	Vocational trainings are provided through 11 vocational training institutes operating throughout the Island with the aim of providing vocational training to youths with disabilities between the 16-35 years age.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	36.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	35.60
Physical Progress	Providing vocational trainings for 491 persons with disabilities, providing welfare items (T shirts, bed sheets and others) for 491 persons with disabilities who are in vocational trainings, providing career equipment sets for 82 persons with disabilities who had completed vocational trainings, providing guidance for 153 children with disabilities. Providing allowances for 49 teachers.
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Rehabilitation of drug addicted persons</b>
Project Summery	Conducting social mobilization programmes for drug prevention at District level
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	1.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	1.496
Physical Progress	Conducting 27 drug prevention and social mobilization programmes at District level, conducting 5 follow-up programmes for rehabilitated persons, their families and officers concerned.

<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Rehabilitation of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund</b>
Project Summery	Implementation of programmes through the Rehabilitation of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund established under the Rehabilitation of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund Act No. 09 of 1992 to provide necessary services, rehabilitation and assistances for visually impaired persons. .
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	9.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	8.31
Physical Progress	Providing monthly allowances for 330 visually impaired children who passed G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination, providing 16 mobile phones for children in their higher education, commemorating White Cane Day
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Facilitating recreational activities for persons with disabilities</b>
Project Summery	Conducting events and programmes for recreational activities of persons with disabilities.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	10.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	8.58
Physical Progress	Conducting a District level sports competition for persons with disabilities, conducting <i>Sith Ru</i> programme and commemorating Sign Language Day
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Providing day's pay to youths with disabilities who are studying in vocational training centers</b>
Project Summery	Providing day's pay to youths with disabilities who are studying in vocational training centers
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	30.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	27.61
Physical Progress	855 persons with disabilities
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Puwakpitiya - Jayawiru Samadhi Institute</b>
Project Summery	Residential rehabilitation of drug addicted persons through Jayawiru Samadhi Institute, Puwakpitiya
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	8.69
Physical Progress	109 drug addicted persons

Development projects implemented under capital allocation	
<b>Project No: 07</b>	<b>Community Based Initial Rehabilitation Programme</b>
Project Summery	Protecting the rights of persons with disabilities, empowering them and developing them as to be worked independently by strengthening relationships between persons with disabilities and their families, and between them and social organizations in the communities they are living.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	11.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	10.27
Physical Progress	Providing assistive devices for early intervention to 60 of persons and children with disabilities, conducting Swabhimani programme, completing 22 projects related to empowerment of persons with disabilities.
<b>Project No: 08</b>	<b>Renovation of vocational training centers for persons with disabilities</b>
Project Summery	Renovation and repairing the vocational training centers run with the aim of providing vocational training for youths with disabilities.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	24.91
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	23.63
Physical Progress	Renovation and repairing of Katawala, Amunukumbura, Madampe, Seeduwa, Wattegama, Kalawana Vocational Training Centers , Puwakpitiya Jayaviru Samadhi, Jayaviru sewana Centers and Sitijaya, Navinna Child Guidance Centers.
<b>Project No: 09</b>	<b>Renovation and repairing of Ridiyagama Detention Home</b>
Project Summery	Execution development works at Ridhiagama beggars Detention Home
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	10.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	7.03
Physical Progress	Renovation of the cafeteria
<b>Project No: 10</b>	<b>Construction of Kilinochchi Vocational Training Centre</b>
Project Summery	Execution the construction works of the Vocational Training Center in Kilinochchi area constructed with the aim of providing vocational trainings for youths with disabilities.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	30.087
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	11.78

Physical Progress	Fixing the ceiling and floor tiling in cafeteria, fixing the doors and windows in administration building (55%)
<b>Project No: 11</b>	<b>Trainings for Officers</b>
Project Summery	Conducting programmes for Officers in the Head Office, Field Officers, Officers in the Vocational Training Center
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	3.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	1.25
Physical Progress	46 Programmes

### Approved Annual Allocation and Progress for Development Programmes for 2022 to 2024



### 4.3. National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)

#### Introduction

The National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities were established under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996. National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities is engaging duties of implementation the policy decisions taken by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities and providing assistance to the persons with disabilities such as promoting their rights and their welfare in order to create a favorable environment for them.

#### Objectives

- To create a favorable environment for people with disabilities.
- To empower the people with disabilities, their families and communities in order to build their social and economic live with self-confidence and resilience.
- To ensure equal rights, opportunities, freedom and social security for all.

#### Functions

- Promote the welfare of the persons with disabilities and protect their rights.
- Implementation of programmes to facilitate for the basic needs of low-income persons with disabilities.
- Expand the health, education, employment opportunities and opportunities for accessibility facilities for people with disabilities.

#### Approved Annual Allocation 2024 and Progress - up to 31.12.2024

	Allocations (Rs. mn.)	Progress (Rs. mn.)
<b>Capital</b>	<b>50.00</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Recurrent</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>9.22</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>71.00</b>	<b>59.22</b>

#### Financial and Physical progress of main development programmes up to 31.12.2024

#### Development projects implemented under the Treasury allocations

<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Providing assistive devices for persons with disabilities</b>
Summary of the Project	To assist in the rehabilitation of low-income persons with disabilities, with the intension of contributing them for inclusive development and making them independent persons. It is provided spectacles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, tricycles, walkers, crutches etc. as equipment assistances and financial assistance up to maximum of Rs.20,000 for purchasing special equipment such as air mattresses, water mattresses

	etc. on doctor's recommendation covering the all Island.
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	11.47
Physical Progress	10,449 PWDs (13 Hearing Aids, 98 wheel chairs, 38 com.whel.chai., 100 Elbow crutches, 42 crutches, 63 walker frames, 83 bifocal, 10000 spectacles, 2 Special belt, 5 special artif. shoes, 3 artif. legs)
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Providing medical assistance</b>
Summary of the Project	The programme is implemented as covered the all Island targeting the persons with disabilities and preventing long-term illness persons from becoming disabled. A maximum of Rs.20,000 assistance is provided for low-income families to get medicines which are not provided by Government Hospitals, to go for clinics and to cover the expenses required for any surgery such as heart, eye, kidney, brain, hip bone, ear drum, etc.
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	16.17
Physical Progress	630 persons
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Providing self-employment assistance for persons with disabilities</b>
Summary of the Project	Providing a maximum of Rs.40,000 to a person or family with disabilities to start or develop a self-employment and increase the monitoring of self-employments, providing guidance on product quality and marketing intervention.
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	6.84
Physical Progress	175 Persons with disabilities
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Providing educational assistance for persons with disabilities</b>
Summary of the Project	The maximum of Rs.20,000 is given for children with disabilities on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary and it is given as a assistance given only one-time.
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	11.74
Physical Progress	684 Children with disabilities
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Promotion of skill development of persons with disabilities</b>
Summary of the Project	Providing a maximum of Rs.50,000 to the special education units of persons with disabilities and persons with disabilities for the purpose of honing their sports, artistic and aesthetic abilities as well as other skills.
Financial Progress	0.39

(Rs. mn.)	
Physical Progress	08 Institutes
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Provide financial assistance to the Voluntary Organizations which provide services to the persons with disabilities</b>
Summary of the Project	Providing financial assistance up to Rs. 200,000 for a physical construction of institutions registered under the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities.
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	0.69
Physical Progress	04 Institutes
<b>Project No: 07</b>	<b>Providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities</b>
Summary of the Project	Providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in the private sector and the Government pays up to 50% of their salary (maximum of Rs.15,000).
Financial Progress(Rs. mn.)	0.22
Physical Progress	97 (2023 – 31/ 2024 - 66) Persons with disabilities
<b>Project No: 08</b>	<b>Providing assistances to run Victoriya Home</b>
Summary of the Project	Pay the salaries of employees, water and electricity bills of Victoria Home.
Financial Progress(Rs. mn.)	9.00
Physical Progress	Pay the salaries of employees, water and electricity bills of Victoria Home.
<b>Project No: 09</b>	<b>Commemoration of international disabled day</b>
Summary of the Project	Conducting a discussion on the theme of “Promoting tourism through improving accessibility for persons with disabilities” and conducting a program on the theme of "training the leadership of people with disabilities for a sustainable future in which they are inclusive" In parallel with the International Day of Persons with Disabilities
Financial Progress(Rs. mn.)	0.52
Physical Progress	02 programme



## Programmes implemented under the other provisions

The following projects were implemented for low-income persons with disabilities through the Housing Fund, which was built with an allocation of 5% of revenue of the “Supiri Wasana Sampatha” Lottery Fund.

<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Providing housing assistance for persons with disabilities</b>
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	27.46
Physical Progress	204 Persons with disabilities
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Providing sanitary facilities for persons with disabilities</b>
Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	6.59
Physical Progress	66 Persons with disabilities

## Other activities

### ➤ Draft Bill of Protection of the rights of the persons with disabilities

A joint Cabinet Memorandum was submitted by the Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment and the Minister of Justice, Prisons and Constitutional Reform to prepare a new draft Bill instead of the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996. The cabinet approval was given for that on 13.03.2023. Accordingly, the final bill prepared by the Legal Draftsman Department has been submitted to the Attorney General's Department on 02.07.2024 to obtain the certificate of constitutionality. The Attorney General's Department has given observations for the final bill on 12.06.2024 and, the Legal Draftsman Department has submitted the bill to the Ministry of Justice on 09.09.2024. A committee has been appointed by the Ministry of Justice to introduce further amendments and the relevant amendments are being made by the said committee.

### ➤ Sign Language draft Bill

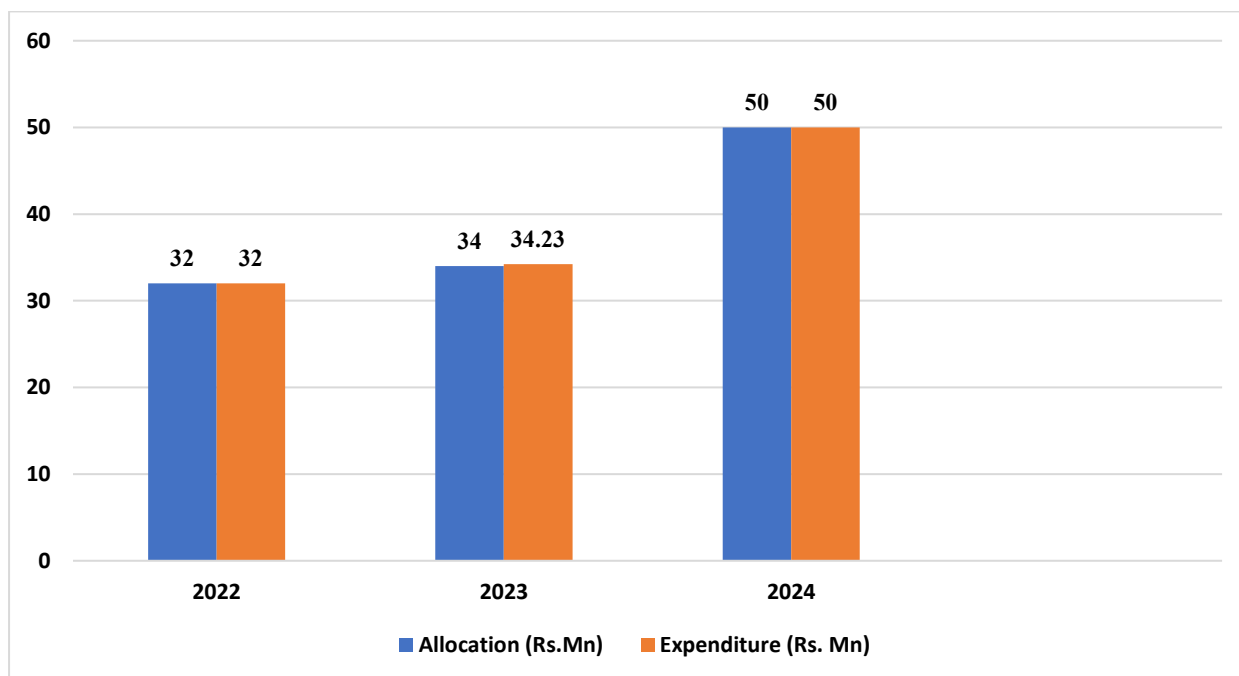
The final draft of the Sign Language Bill has been prepared and sent by the Department of Legal Draftsman on 12.02.2024 and the draft has been forwarded to the Attorney General's Department for observation..

### ➤ Gazette of Accessibility Orders for Persons with Disabilities

The Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1467/15 dated 17.10.2006 and its amended Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1619/24 dated 18.09.2009 which were published to make government buildings, public places and service places accessible to persons with disabilities and actions have been taken to re-create the above special Gazette Notifications to suit the current needs. The Gazette, prepared in accordance with the international

standards and specifications has been drafted through a committee of experts in the relevant field and the Observations are being taken.

### Approved Annual Allocation and Progress for Development Programmes for 2022 to 2024



## 4.4. National Council and National Secretariat for Elders (NSE)

### Introduction

The National Council and the National Secretariat for Elders was established under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act No. 09 of 2000 which was amended by Act No. 05 of 2011, as a unique opportunity to protect and develop rights of the elderly community in Sri Lanka.

### Objectives

- To maintain physical and mental balance and health of the elders
- To empower elders economically

### Role

- Making society aware that providing care, protection and welfare to elders is a role that must be fulfilled by the family itself.
- Increase of investment opportunities in the private sector to care for the elders.
- Directing elders towards income generation through the development of their abilities and skills.
- Preparing them to avoid problems faced in retirement through increasing awareness.
- Providing care for the elders who need help.

### Approved Annual Allocation 2024 and Progress - up to 31.12.2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)
Capital	5.00	5.00
Recurrent	16.80	15.88
Total	21.80	20.88

### Financial and Physical Progress of main development programmes up to 31.12.2024

#### Development programmes implemented under recurrent allocation

Project No: 01	Empowerment of Elders committees
Project Summary	Supervising and financial support to Rural level Elders Committees/Divisional Level Elders Committees/District Level Elders Committees and Provincial level Elders Committees established in terms of Section 16 of the Act.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	0.19
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.19

Physical Progress	Programmes 1
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Awareness programme for school children</b>
Project Summary	Conducting awareness programmes for school children on elderhood and care of elders
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	0.53
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.53
Physical Progress	Programmes 15
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Issuance of elders' identity card</b>
Project Summary	Issuance of specific identity card for senior citizens over 60 years of age
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	0.47
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.45
Physical Progress	37,517 Identity Cards
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Administrative activities of Maligathenna Elders Home</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	2.10
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	2.09
Physical Progress	Administrative activities
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Holding National Council for Elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	1.36
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	1.36
Physical Progress	10 Council sessions
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Maintain of Maintenance Board for Elders</b>
Project Summary	To Referring indigent parents to the Maintenance Board for the Elders established in terms of Section 24 of the Act and carrying out the necessary preliminary work to provide them with a financial maintenance.
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	1.63
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	1.55
Physical Progress	103 cases

**Development Programmes implemented by National Fund for the welfare of elders**

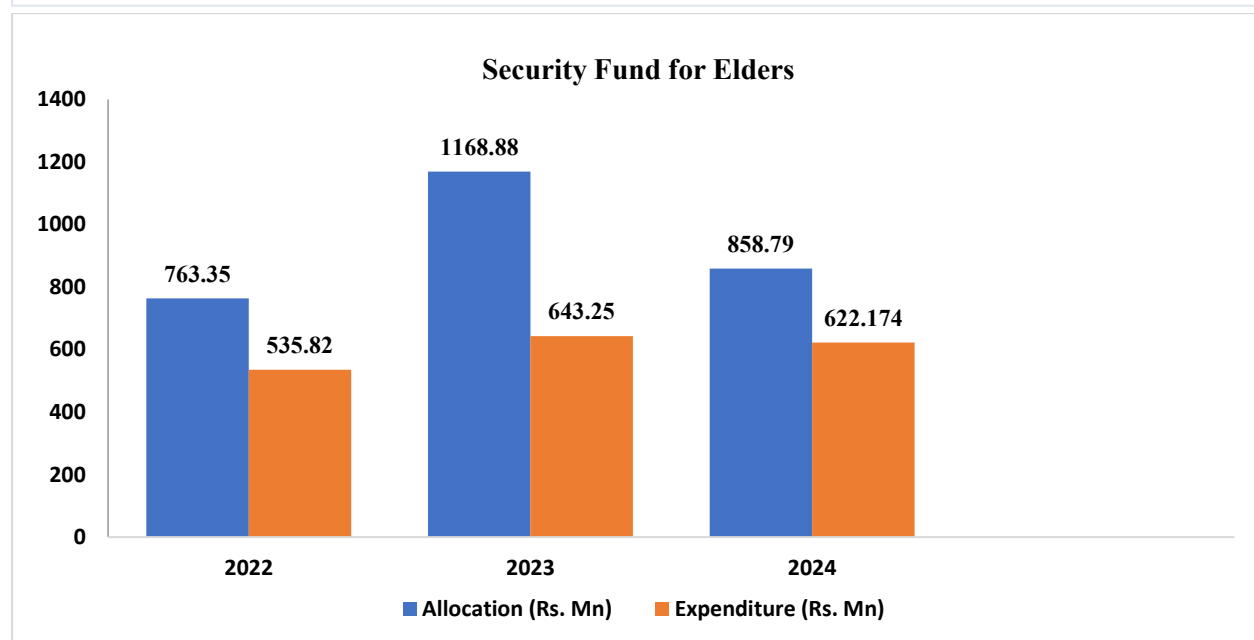
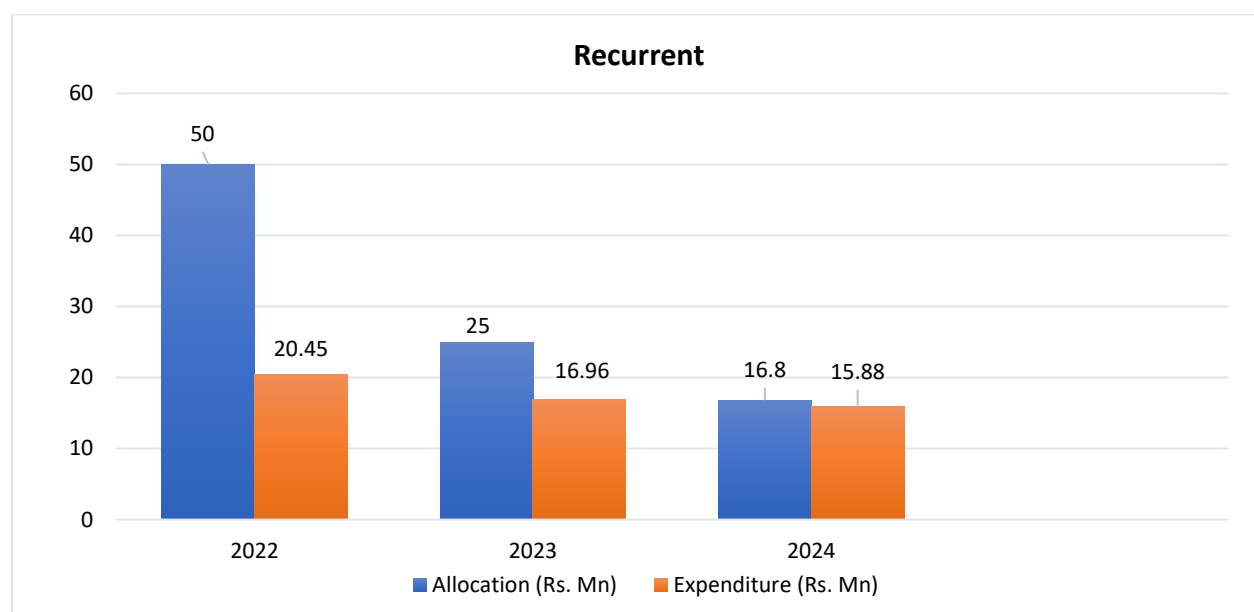
<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>"Arogya" medical aid programmes</b>
Project Summary	Providing Rs. 25,000/- each to elders who, are not entitled to any allowance and suffer from chronic non communicated deceases
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	50.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	50.00
Physical Progress	2000
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Providing assistive equipment to senior citizens</b>
Project Summary	Providing hearing aids, eye lenses and spectacles to senior citizens
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	114.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	75.90
Physical Progress	Providing 2000 hearing aids, 761 eye lenses, 3000 spectacles
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Care programmes for elders</b>
Project Summary	Conducting elderly care programmes for matrons of elders' homes
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	3.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	1.36
Physical Progress	246 Matrons of elders' homes
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Maintenance and administration of elders' homes</b>
Project Summary	"Welcome" Elders Home, Pannala, "Sarana" Elders Home, Dehiattakandiya, Kataragama Elders Home
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	15.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	10.012
Physical Progress	Administrative affairs of elders' homes
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Construction activities of Kataragama Elders Home</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	150.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	114.959
Physical Progress	35% (Cumulative 86%)
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Construction , renovation &amp; providing equipment for elders</b>

	<b>homes</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	40.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	30.88
Physical Progress	Renovation of 15 elders homes (payments have been made for 08 elders homes built in 2023)
<b>Project No: 07</b>	<b>Providing assistance for the construction of day centers for elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	70.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	21.98
Physical Progress	Construction of 13-day centres for elders
<b>Project No: 08</b>	<b>Diriya Piyasa Housing Programme to construct or renovate houses for low-income elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	52.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	44.80
Physical Progress	64 houses
<b>Project No: 09</b>	<b>The "Suwaphasu" financial assistance scheme is implemented to provide the elders with the minimum amenities and sanitation facilities needed to live in their own homes.</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	150.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	150.00
Physical Progress	2,876 Elders
<b>Project No: 10</b>	<b>Organizing pilgrims for elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	28.13
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	28.12
Physical Progress	375 tours
<b>Project No: 11</b>	<b>Empowering of village level elders' committees</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	60.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	57.51
Physical Progress	575 Committees
<b>Project No: 12</b>	<b>Providing financial assistance for day centres for elders to purchase equipment</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	12.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	12.46
Physical Progress	25 Day centres for elders

<b>Project No: 13</b>	<b>(Yoga Training) for healthy life for elders and programme related to digital literacy and livelihoods</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	10.80
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	3.822
Physical Progress	Programme 5
<b>Project No: 14</b>	<b>Supply of financial aids to day centres for elders selected among day centres implemented No. 17</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	4.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.40
Physical Progress	2 Day Centres for elders
<b>Project No: 15</b>	<b>Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme (Yoga exercises and simple exercises for elders and officers)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	7.80
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	2.66
Physical Progress	2 Programmes
<b>Project No: 16</b>	<b>Providing self-employment assistance for elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	33.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	21.09
Physical Progress	435 Elders
<b>Project No: 17</b>	<b>Conducting medical camps for elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	7.20
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	6.33
Physical Progress	6 Medical Camps
<b>Project No: 18</b>	<b>Conduct of pre-retirement programmes for elders</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	3.11
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	2.52
Physical Progress	22 programmes

<b>Project No: 19</b>	<b>Purchasing of electrical equipment for Kataragama Elders Home</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn.)	37.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.26
Physical Progress	Transport and advertising activities

### Approved annual provisions and progress for development programmes from 2022 to 2024



## 4.5. Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)

Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment



## Introduction

The Sri Lanka Social Security Board is an institution established under the Social Security Board Act No. 17 of 1996 and the Sri Lanka Social Security Board (Amended) Act No. 33 of 1999.

## Objectives

- To provide social security to the self-employed in their old age or in case of incapacity and to provide relief to their dependents in case of their death.
- Encouraging youth to engage in self-employment, improve their skills and abilities and improve living conditions.

## Functions

Establishment of a pension and social security benefit scheme for the self-employed except those employed in the fisheries and agriculture sectors and administration and management of that scheme.

## Approved Annual Allocation - 2024 and Progress - up to 31.12.2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)
<b>Capital</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>Recurrent</b>	<b>163.78</b>	<b>153.20</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>168.78</b>	<b>158.20</b>

## Financial and physical progress of major development programmes up to 31.12.2024

<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Enrollment of new members to pension and social security schemes and Collection of premiums.</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	Social Security Fund – Rs. 5.00 Mn.
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	-
Physical Progress	No. of new enrollments: 55,599 The first premium collection: Rs.149.34 Mn Post premium collection: Rs.271.72 Mn No. of members post premium paid: 187,072
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Conduct Awareness Programmes for Self-employed Person</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	Treasury Fund – Rs. 3.00 Mn. Social Security Fund – Rs. 3.00 Mn.
Financial Progress (Rs.)	Treasury Fund – Rs. 0.977 Mn.

mn)	Social Security Fund – Rs. 1.723 Mn.
Physical Progress	Programmes – 3,506
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Payment of pension and other benefits to members.</b>
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	Payment for pensioners: Rs. 429.31 Mn Payments for other benefits – Rs. 11.472 Mn
Physical Progress	<b>Pension payments</b> No. of pensioners: 36,210 <b>Other benefit payments</b> No. of benefits payments: 877
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Conducting promotion and awareness programmes for citizens and youth community on self-employment</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.9
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.133
Physical Progress	No. of awareness programmes conducted for School students and youth groups undergoing vocational training: 177 No. of students and youth: 11,620
<b>Project No. 05</b>	<b>Development of IT facilities and office facilities</b>
Project Summery	
Allocation (Rs. mn)	5.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	4.89
Physical Progress	Provision of computer equipment (14) and office equipment (41) to District Offices and Regional Offices.

## 4.6. National Institute of Social Development (NISD)

## Introduction

This Institute was established as a higher studies Institute named National Institute of Social Development by the Parliament Act no:41 of 1992, is declared as an Institute authorized to award degrees in the year 2005 under Section 25A of the University Grant Commission Act no:16 of 1978 and this is the only Government Institution that provides education on social work of Sri Lanka.

The Governing Council, the central body of the Institute which deals with the administration, management and financial affairs of the institution. The Academic Affairs Board functioning under the Governing Council provides advice and guidance for the academic affairs of the institution.

## Objectives

- To enhance professional competencies and foster career development through innovative education aligned with global needs and innovation.
- To promote social development practices that foster inclusivity, sustainability and social equity.
- To advocate for enhance based social policies and provide expert consulting services to support the design and implementation of policies that improve social welfare and development outcome.

## Function

- To provide vocational education in Social Work.
- To conduct and continue post-Graduate courses in Social Work and to start new Degree courses related to the social development field. (Special Degree in Sociology, Special Degree in Anthropology, Special Degree in Psychology and Counseling and Special Degree in Gerontology)
- Conducting Local and International training courses on Social Work.
- Conducting researches and issuing publications in the fields of social work, social welfare and social development.
- Conducting counseling services in the field of social welfare.

## Approved Annual Allocation 2024 and Progress up to 31.12.2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)
<b>Capital</b> (construction of Seeduwa Building Complex)	<b>100.00</b>	<b>98.91</b>
<b>Capital</b> (other)	<b>15.00</b>	<b>15.00</b>
<b>Recurrent</b>	<b>170.50</b>	<b>150.49</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>285.50</b>	<b>264.40</b>

- Provisions for the construction of Seeduwa Building Complex are allocated to the Ministry Expenditure Code

#### National Institute of Social Development Fund Allocation-2024 and Progress up to 31.12.2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)
<b>Development</b>	<b>27.75</b>	<b>11.53</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27.75</b>	<b>11.53</b>

#### Financial and physical progress of major development programmes up to 31.12.2024

<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>The building complex constructed for the National Institute of Social Development in Seeduwa area</b>
Project Summary	The construction of this building consisting of two wings, A and B, was started on 01.01.2017 and was planned to be completed in October 2022, but the planning period has been extended.  The total estimated cost of this building is Rs.1000 million 1.84% of the total construction was targeted to be done in the year 2024.
Allocation for the year 2024 (Rs. mn)	100.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	98.91(Cumulative Rs.971.74 Mn)
Physical Progress	0.03%, (Cumulative 98.19%)
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Purchasing of equipment for the Institution</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	15.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	14.96
Physical Progress	30 computers, 16 laptops, 11 multimedia, 02 digital screens

<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Degree in Social Works (School of Social Works)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	13.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	13.00
Physical Progress	<p>Bachelor of Social Work 2018/2019 - 42 students, Bachelor of Social Work 2019/2020- conducting convocation for 86 students, Bachelor of Social Work 2020/2021- 157 students, Bachelor of Social Work 2021/2022- 403 students, Bachelor of Social Work 2022/2023-183 students, Bachelor of Social Work 2023/2024- 165 studies for students.</p> <p>for welfare of the students (scholarship) payments for 360 students.</p>
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Implementation of Training Programmes (Training Division)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.28
Physical Progress	Conducting 05 professional development programmes for 288 beneficiaries, conducting a feasibility study for English diploma course, conducting 02 workshops for 148 Field Consultants.
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Publishing of Researches and Publications, Conducting of Seminars and Research Studies (Research and Publication Division)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	2.0
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	1.62
Physical Progress	Conducting 02 Social Science E-Journals, 02 Social Work E-Journals, 01 Student E-Journals of Social Work, 02 E-Newsletters, 01 Staff Development Programmes, 01 Research Conferences, 01 Research on Current Social Issues, 01 international conferences on Social Works.
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Quality Assurance of Study Programmes (Center for Quality Assurance)</b>

Allocation (Rs. mn)	5.0
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	4.12
Physical Progress	Preparing syllabuses for new degree courses and submitting them to the Ministry of Higher Education, conducting reviews related to new degree courses Conducting the Institutional Review programme conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education.

### **Programmes conducted by the National Social Development Institute Fund**

<b>Project No: 07</b>	<b>Quality Assurance of Study Programmes</b>
Project Summary	Quality Assurance of Study Programmes
Allocation (Rs. mn)	18.48
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	7.36
Physical Progress	Preparation of new degree course syllabus and submission to the Ministry of Higher Education, institutional review conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education and making payments for that. Completion of the new website for the Institution. Networking of Wing B building has been completed.

<b>Project No: 08</b>	<b>Starting of new postgraduate courses (Department of Social Work Studies)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	3.2
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.850
Physical Progress	Curriculum has been developed for 01 Master Degrees, 01 Doctor of Philosophy and 01 Master of Arts courses.

<b>Project No: 09</b>	<b>Starting of new degree courses (Department of Anthropology and Gerontology Studies)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.5
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.12
Physical Progress	Revised proposals for Anthropology Special Degree and Gerontology Special Degree have been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education.

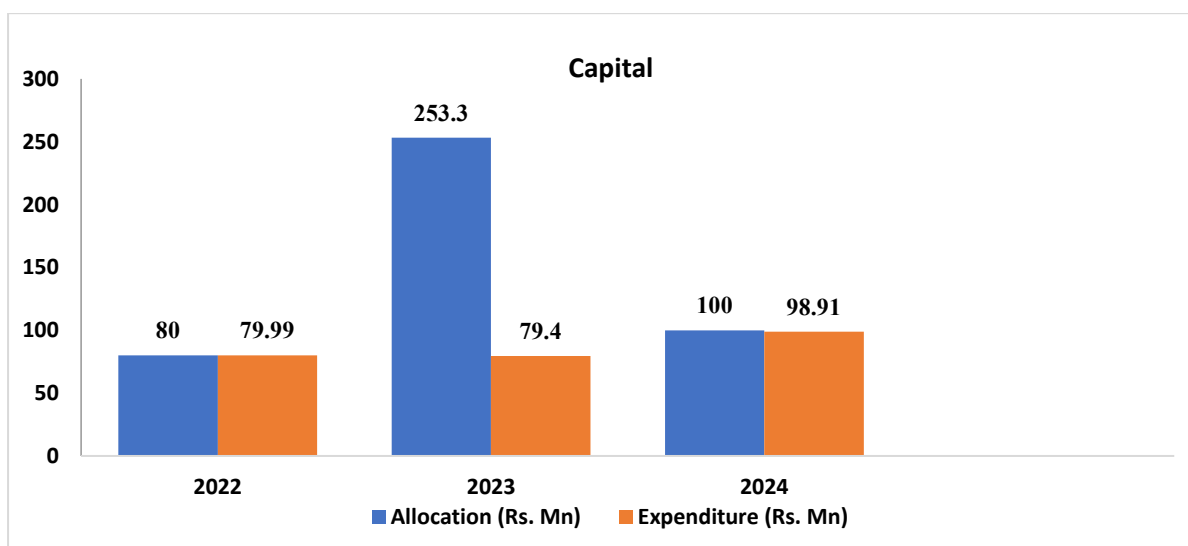
<b>Project No: 10</b>	<b>Starting new degree courses (Department of Social Science and Social Development Studies)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.5
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.071
Physical Progress	The revised proposal for Social Science Special Degree has been submitted to the Ministry of Higher Education.
<b>Project No: 11</b>	<b>Starting of new degree courses (Psychology and Counseling Studies Division)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.5
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.133
Physical Progress	Revised Syllabus of Psychology and Counseling degree course has been submitted to SCAQA Panel and revised according to the recommendations.
<b>Project No: 12</b>	<b>Residential facilities and conducting welfare programmes for students (Student Welfare Division)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.0
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.134
Physical Progress	Conducting 02 mental health and counseling programmes, 01 personality development workshops and a sports tournament for 336 students who are in degree courses.
<b>Project No: 13</b>	<b>Syllabus Development Center</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.0
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.650
Physical Progress	Reviewing the syllabus of the Special Degree in Anthropology, Special Degree in Gerontology and Special Degree in Social Science and purchasing 01 laptop, a one desktop and a multimedia projector to the Division.
<b>Project No: 14</b>	<b>Library Development Programmeme</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.572
Financial Progress	0.564

(Rs. mn)	
Physical Progress	100%- Digitization of the library
<b>Project No: 15</b>	<b>Gender Awareness (Centre for Gender Studies)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.5
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.155
Physical Progress	Conducting 03 training workshops on Gender and 01 operational committee meeting
<b>Project No: 16</b>	<b>Admission the students for degrees through online, conducting of exams, conducting convocation. (Registrar Division)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.5
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	1.5
Physical Progress	Recruiting the students for Degree in Social Work for the year 2023, conducting of exams, recruiting 162 of students, conducting convocation.
<b>Courses conducted by charging fees by the Institute</b>	
<b>Project No: 17</b>	<b>Master of Social Work 2021/2022, 2022/2023, Diploma in Social Work 2022/2023 (School of Social Work)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	17.05
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	12.963
Physical Progress	67 students in 2021/2022 Master of Art Degree Course, 150 students in 2022/2023 Master of Art Degree Course 30 students in 2022/2023 Social Work Diploma
<b>Project No: 18</b>	<b>Conduction Diploma Course</b>
Project Summary	Higher Diploma in Counseling 2022/2023, Diploma in Counseling 2022/2023, Higher Diploma in Counseling 2023/2024 (Seeduwa, Kilinochchi, Jaffna), Diploma in Counseling 2024/2025 (Seeduwa, Ampara, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Kandy, Talawa) , English Diploma Course and General English Course (Training Branch)
Allocation (Rs. mn)	14.26
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	7.51

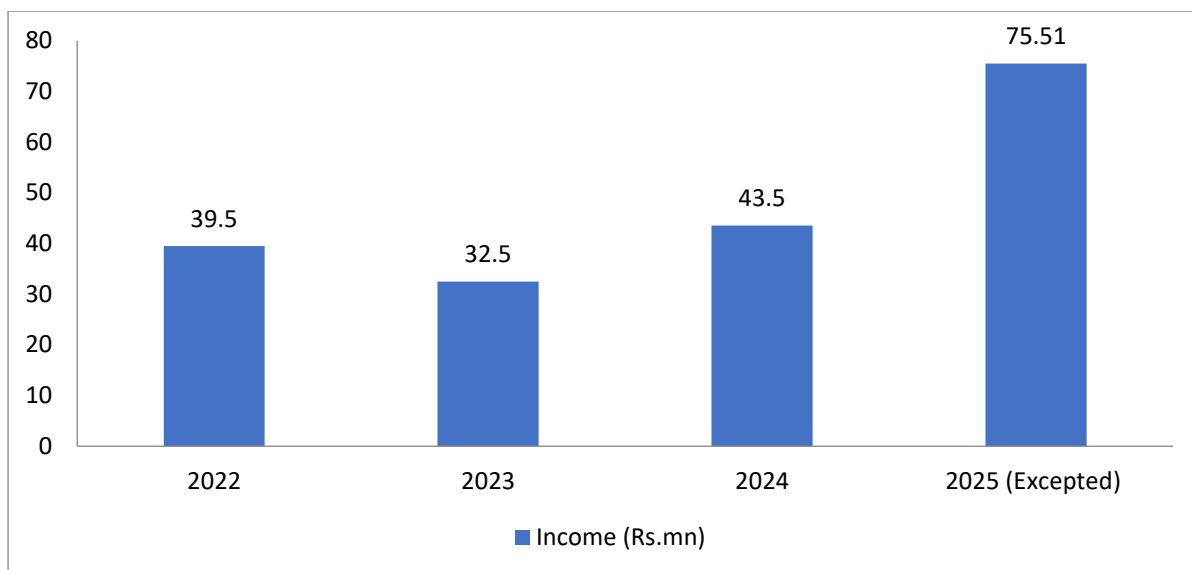


Physical Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It has been held the diploma certificate awarding ceremony for Higher Diploma in Counseling 2022/2023 - 21 students and Diploma in Counseling 2022/2023 - 243 students.</li> <li>Higher Diploma in Counseling 2023/2024 (Seeduwa, Kilinochchi, Jaffna) 240 students in 6 courses.</li> <li>Diploma in Counseling 2024/2025 (Seeduwa, Ampara, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Kandy, Talawa) 320 students in 8 courses.</li> <li>Lectures are being conducted online for 100 students of the English Diploma course and 2 General English courses.</li> </ul>
<b>Project No: 19</b>	<b>Certificate Course in Gender Studies, Certificate Course in Research Methodology (Research Division)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.49
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.476
Physical Progress	45 students have completed the Certificate in Gender course. 35 students have registered for the certificate in Research Methods course.

### Approved annual allocation (treasury) and progress for development programmes from 2022 to 2024



### Income from fee levying courses from 2022 to 2024 and expected income for 2025



## 4.7. Saubhagya Development Bureau (SDB)

## Introduction

Saubhagya Production Village Programme was introduced through the Saubhagya Development Bureau to increase the national production by directly making involve the rural people directly in the production activities.

Development of villages that produce value added goods or provide services as production villages based on availability of resources, production potential, marketability and sustainability of each village and Follow-up on the projects implemented by the “Gram Shakti programme” has been done by Saubhagya Development Bureau from 2021 to 2024.

It is expected to create a sustainable rural development with integration between economic, social and environmental elements by gradually freeing the rural people from multidimensional poverty through continuing the interventions necessary to make the projects implemented under the above programmes successful by implementing the Integrated Rural Development Programme with a holistic approach and community participation from the year 2025 as per the government policy.

## Objectives of Integrated Rural Development Programme

- Improving access to basic facilities (infrastructure and services).
- To increase the income level of rural families/community to create a better quality of life.
- Promotion of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
- Reduction of social problems through social development.
- Conservation of environment for sustainable development.
- Establishing a village level governance structure for rural development.

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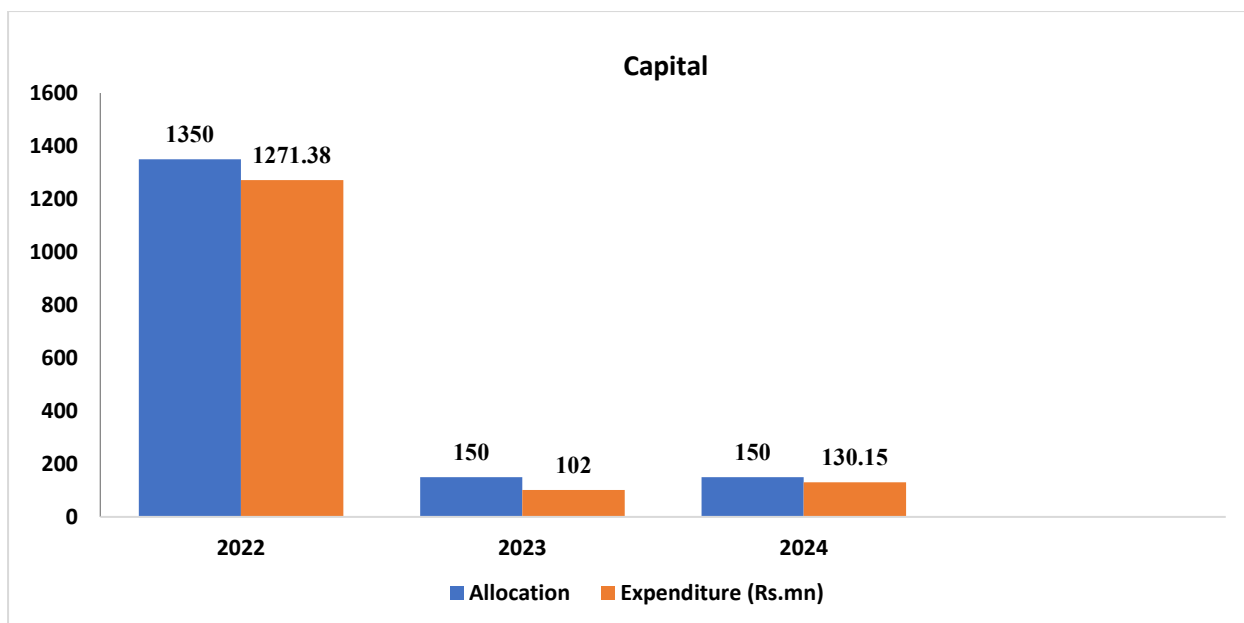
	Allocation (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs, mn)
<b>Capital</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>130.15</b>

## Financial and physical progress of major development programmes up to 31.12.2024

<b>Project No: 01</b>	<b>Establishment of new production villages</b>
Project Summery	Development of villages producing value-added goods or providing services as production villages based on availability of resources, production potential, marketability and sustainable implementation of each village.
Allocation (Rs. mn)	115.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	103.66
Physical Progress	45 New production villages
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Development of existing production villages</b>

Project Summery	Providing related facilities to improve the existing production villages
Allocation (Rs. mn)	24.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	18.02
Physical Progress	20 villages
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Establishment and improvement of mini sale centers</b>
Project Summery	Provision of facilities related to the establishment and improvement of small-scale sales centers to support marketing activities in production villages
Allocation (Rs. mn)	7.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	5.45
Physical Progress	5 mini sales centers
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Conducting trade fairs</b>
Project Summery	Providing related facilities to conducting trade fairs for encouraging the marketing of products in the production villages
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.00
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.60
Physical Progress	17 trade fairs
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Conducting training and technical awareness programmes</b>
Project Summery	Facilitating related technical awareness and other related training needs for the people doing the production work in the production villages.
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	1.01
Physical Progress	49 programme

### Approved Annual Allocations and Progress for Development Programmes 2022 to 2024



## 4.8. Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI)

Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment

## Introduction

This is a National Institute started in year 1974 and introduced a new development approach as a strategy for rural development and poverty alleviation since 1978 to develop self-confidence and unity of the poor community, marginalized in development stream, emerging their capabilities through the Change-agent functioning training and research programme based on the concept of participatory development.

In the socio-economic process of the poor community, the process of empowerment needed to transform the disadvantageous situation they face into a more favorable situation is a leading role of this institution.

## Objectives

- Community development knowledge management
- Increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the community development programmes
- Introduce innovative development approaches

## Function

- Socialization the specialist and expert knowledge about community development
- Implementation of rural development programmes in collaboration with Government and Non-Government Organizations
- Capacity development of Field Officers as to be involved in empowering families and community-based organizations directly.
- Providing information for Policy Makers and Development Professionals
- Improvement of the quality of the services and processes
- Socialization of new development approaches

## Approved annual allocation and Progress 2024 – up to 31.12.2024

	Allocation (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)
Capital	15.00	12.48

## Financial and physical progress of major development programmes up to 31.12.2024

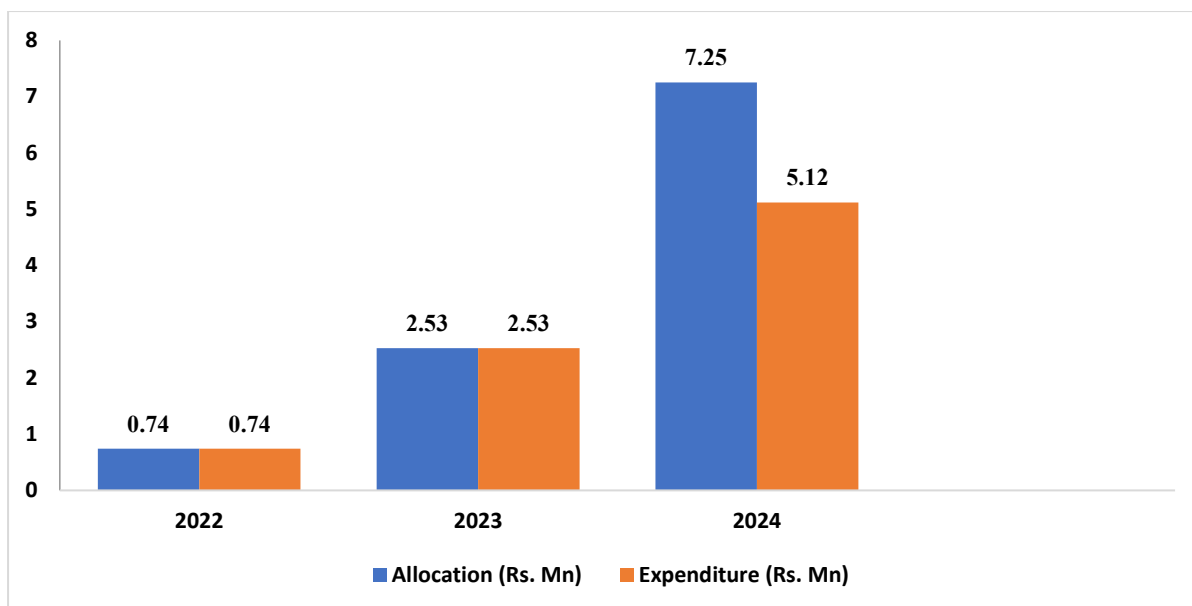
Project No: 01	Conducting a study on effect arisen to the rural community due to the special state in agricultural and export crop fields
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Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.25
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.15
Physical Progress	Completion of the study report
<b>Project No: 02</b>	<b>Survey on market-based vegetable production and sale</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.08
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.03
Physical Progress	Completion of the study report
<b>Project No: 03</b>	<b>Case studies on issues faced by the families with special education needed children</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.08
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.04
Physical Progress	Completion of the assessment report
<b>Project No: 04</b>	<b>Functional training on empowerment of the young community</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.95
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.95
Physical Progress	9 programmes
<b>Project No: 05</b>	<b>Conducting Training of Trainers (TOT) Programmes for the Field Officers engaging in Rural Development Process (Functional Training interventions on household management and family development to empower Aswesuma beneficiary families)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	1.08
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.67
Physical Progress	12 Programmes
<b>Project No: 06</b>	<b>Conducting Training of Trainers (TOT) Programmes for the Field Officers engaging in Rural Development Process (Entrepreneur skill development programmes for ASWESUMA beneficiary families)</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.60
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.34
Physical Progress	7 Programmes

<b>Project No: 07</b>	<b>Conducting Training Programmes on Planning and Management of Community Participatory Projects for Field Officers and Rural Leaders who are engaging in Aswesuma Programme</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.50
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.44
Physical Progress	6 Programmes
<b>Project No: 08</b>	<b>Building Provincial level Training pools in relation to Participatory Development</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.40
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.38
Physical Progress	9 Training pools
<b>Project No: 09</b>	<b>Conducting training programmes on the participatory development approach for Development Officers of the Local Government Institutions, Divisional Secretariats and the Ministry</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.85
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.91
Physical Progress	10 Programmes
<b>Project No: 10</b>	<b>Conducting Training Programmes for the Leaders in the Rural Development Societies to contribute to the rural development process directly</b>
Allocation (Rs. mn)	0.59
Financial Progress (Rs. mn)	0.46
Physical Progress	4 Programmes
<b>Project No: 11</b>	<b>Issuing the publications related to rural development</b>
Project Summery	Issued as e-publications
Physical Progress	Completion of Volume 1 and Volume II

### Approved Annual Allocations and Progress for Development Programmes 2022 to 2024





## 4.9. Counseling Division

## Instruction

The Division focuses on building mental well-being by utilizing psychological counseling and therapeutic approaches to address community mental health challenges, psychological imbalances, and various psychosocial issues.

## Objectives

- Promote mental well-being and empowerment by minimizing psychological distress within the community

## Role

- Identify individual mental health challenges, psychological disorders, mental illnesses, and various psychosocial issues, and conduct appropriate counseling programmes to mitigate these conditions
- Implement psychological counseling interventions to empower the community mentally
- Providing high-quality counseling services for individuals with mental disabilities and psychological challenges
- Establishing formal and effective relationships among counseling professionals
- Supervise and guide counseling service delivery

## Approved annual provisions and progress 2024 – up to 31.12.2024

	Provision (Rs. mn)	Progress (Rs. mn)
<b>Capital</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>5.76</b>

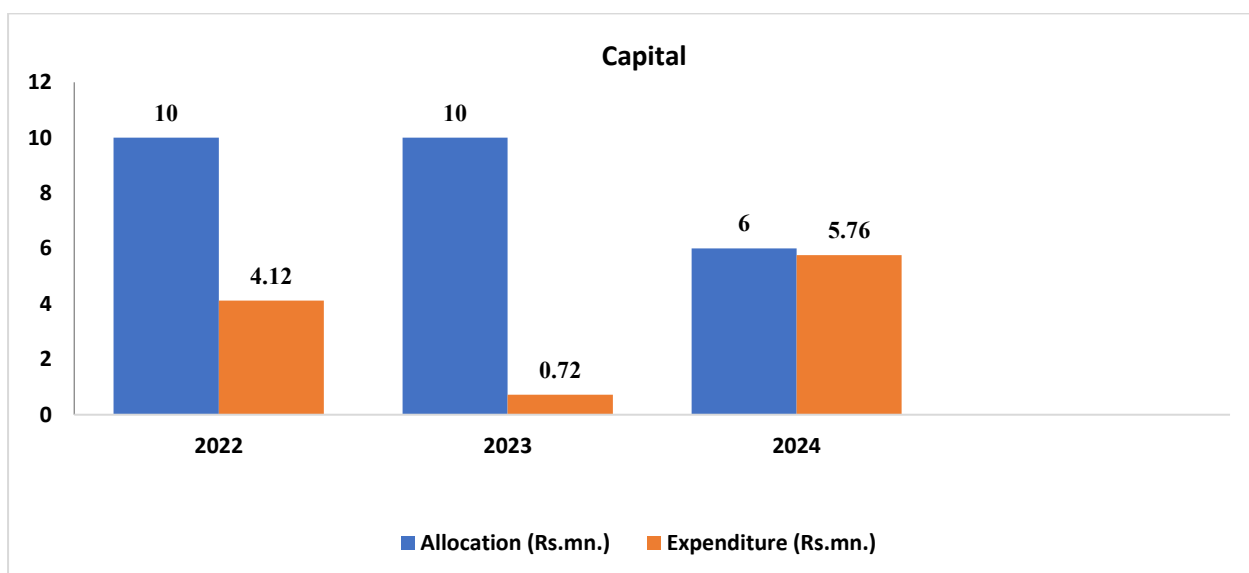
## Financial and physical progress of main development programmes up to 31.12.2024

<b>Project Number 01</b>	<b>Implementing group counseling programs based on psycho-social issues</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	3.23
Financial Progress (Rs,mn)	3.23
Physical Progress	6,664 programs 311,295 beneficiaries
<b>Project Number 02</b>	<b>Implementing Special Programs for Youth Organizations at Divisional Level</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	Programs were implemented by Counseling officers attached to Divisional Secretariats without additional funds.
physical Progress	746 programs

	37,116 beneficiaries
<b>Project Number 03</b>	<b>Conducting programs by Counseling officers to improve mental concentration</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	Programs were implemented by Counseling officers attached to Divisional Secretariats without additional funds to improve mental concentration
physical Progress	86 Programs 1,454 beneficiaries
<b>Project Number 04</b>	<b>Conducting rehabilitation programs in centres under the Department of Social Services</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	Counseling Officers attached to Divisional Secretariats conducted these without provision
physical Progress	74 Programs 204 Beneficiaries
<b>Project Number 05</b>	<b>Conducting rehabilitation and awareness programs in 'Victoria' home in collaboration with National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	Counseling Officers attached to Divisional Secretariats conducted these without provision
physical Progress	12 Programs 120 beneficiaries
<b>Project Number 06</b>	<b>Conducting pre-marital programs</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	Counseling Officers attached to Divisional Secretariats conducted above without provision
Financial Progress (Rs.mn)	452 Programs 16,682 beneficiaries
Physical Progress	
<b>Project Number 07</b>	<b>Conducting programs for mental health week</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	1.57
Financial Progress (Rs.mn)	1.57
Physical Progress	24 Programs 2,874 beneficiaries
<b>Project Number 08</b>	<b>Conducting counseling clinics for elders in elders homes in Gampaha, Pannala and Kataragama</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	Counseling Officers attached to Divisional Secretariats conducted above without provision
Physical Progress	45 Programs 122 beneficiaries

<b>Project Number 09</b>	<b>Providing counseling over mobile phones</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	0.12
Financial Progress (Rs.mn)	0.075
Physical Progress	Providing counseling services over 3,312 calls
<b>Project Number 10</b>	<b>Skill Development Programs of Counseling officers</b>
Allocation for the project (Rs. mn)	0.40
Financial Progress (Rs,mn)	0.40
Physical Progress	5 Programs 329 Beneficiaries

#### Approved annual provisions and progress for development programmes from 2022 to 2024



## 4.10. Foreign Projects

### 4.10.1. Loan Component

With the objective of minimizing the number of families facing multidimensional poverty, the program for empowering unemployed beneficiary families is a key initiative under the Department of Samurdhi Development, which operates under this Ministry. As part of this program, two pilot projects have been initiated under the financial assistance of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

#### Pilot Project No. 01 - Asian Development Bank Funded Project

This project aims to empower 12,800 poor and extremely poor families among the unemployed beneficiaries using financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank. Funding is allocated under the Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project, and it is implemented by the Department of Samurdhi Development. The project is scheduled to be implemented from September 9, 2022, to August 29, 2026, with an estimated budget of USD 7 million. The project covers the districts of Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Kurunegala, Kegalle, Kalutara, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, and Batticaloa.

A financial progress of Rs. 11.76 million has been achieved under this project, completing project planning and beneficiary selection. Currently, the process of enrolling beneficiaries is underway. Additionally, under this project, renovations have been carried out at the training centers located in Samanawewa and Nillambe under the Department of Samurdhi Development.

#### Pilot Project No. 02 - World Bank Funded Project

This project aims to empower 10,975 poor and extremely poor families among the unemployed beneficiaries using financial assistance from the World Bank. The project is scheduled to be implemented from December 14, 2023, to September 30, 2027, with an allocated budget of USD 8 million. The project covers the districts of Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Gampaha, Puttalam, Colombo, Monaragala, Mannar, Badulla, Ampara, Ratnapura, and Vavuniya.

A financial progress of Rs. 4.3 million has been achieved under this project, completing project planning, while the beneficiary selection process is currently ongoing.

### 4.10.2. Grant Component

A grant component of USD 1.98 million is being implemented under the Asian Development Bank's funding, scheduled to run from 2022 to 2026. The projects under this grant are executed by institutions including the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, the National Secretariat for Elders, the Department of Social Services, and the Department of Probation and Childcare Services under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, as well as the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau.

Under this project, an allocation of Rs. 205.794 million has been made for Institutions under this ministry, with financial progress of Rs. 52.87 million achieved between September 9, 2022, and December 31, 2024. The physical progress under this initiative is as follows:

- Provision of wooden furniture and equipment for the Akuressa Childcare Center.
- Supply of equipment to 30 childcare centers and renovation of 8 childcare centers.
- Conducted 11 counseling programs for 550 persons with disabilities.
- Distributed 427 school equipment kits for children with disabilities.
- Provided mobile sales vehicles for 61 persons with disabilities.

- Conducted vocational training programs for 675 persons with disabilities.
- Provided self-employment assistance to 20 persons with disabilities.
- Conducted training programs for 1,477 caregivers of persons with disabilities to ensure their welfare.

## **4.11. Other operational divisions**

## Administration Division

The Administration divisions operate in accordance with the regulations and circulars for the management of human resources and physical resources of the Ministry and its affiliated institutions.

- Conducting organizational and administrative activities related to the staff of ministries and institutions belonging to ministries.
- Development of human resource capabilities through local and foreign training.
- Contributing to policy formulation by properly submitting Cabinet Memoranda, Bills, Drafts etc. related to the scope of the Ministry.
- Arrangements to provide necessary human resources and infrastructure.
- Implementation of human resource development programmes

Accordingly, under the implementation of human resource development programmes, 15 skill and knowledge development training programmes and one attitude development training programme were conducted with the participation of 1000 and 71 officers respectively. Also, 65 officers have been referred under 14 individual training programmes. Provision has been made for one officer to renew the membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

## Development Division

There are three development divisions in this ministry. The main role of these divisions are to provide advice, guidance and direction to achieve the objectives of the departments, institutions and divisions under this ministry.

The institutions that implement programs related to the process of improving the quality of life and economic well-being of the people living in rural areas are supervised by the Additional Secretary (Rural Development), the institutions that conduct programs for people in need of social protection are supervised by the Additional Secretary (Social Security) and the institutions that are engaged in implementing the programmes empowering the community are supervised by the Additional Secretary (Community Empowerment).

## Accounts Division

The section, assigned duties of obtaining of annual provisions for operation and development programmes, financial management and making payments, exercising the authority vested on the Chief Accounting Officer by the Financial Regulations to keep state accounts and maintain a transparent financial discipline is the Accounts Division.

In addition to maintaining accounts and all the procurement activities of the Ministry, it involves to monitoring accounts of Departments, Statutory Institutes and Boards functioned under the Ministry.

## Internal Audit Division

This Division is functioning under the Chief Internal Auditor, who commits responsible directly to the Secretary of the Ministry and it guides to achieve expected development goals of the Ministry conducting financial audits, performance audits, management audits, environment audits, system controlling audits and risk factor audits, require to deliver quality and efficient services and programmes conducted by the Social Empowerment Sector.

### **Planning & Monitoring Division (Social Empowerment)**

Facilitating for preparation of policies, Programmes and Projects, monitoring the ongoing programmes and progress reviewing related with the subjects of Statutory bodies established under the social empowerment sector and coordinating the progress implementing by other line Ministries, Departments and Institutions are functioned under the Planning and Operation subject.