

## SRI LANKA ECONOMIC CRISIS RESPONSE

### Progress Report

#### OVERVIEW OF DISASTER





Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948. A currency devaluation following a 70% drop in foreign exchange reserves resulted in a serious shortage of fuel, essential items, medicine, and soaring inflation. Headline inflation is estimated at 54.5% while food inflation is 80.1% as of 30 June 2022. The economic crisis has also thrown the country into political instability and spiraled into massive protests by the public right across the country, condemning the government's handling of the economic situation.



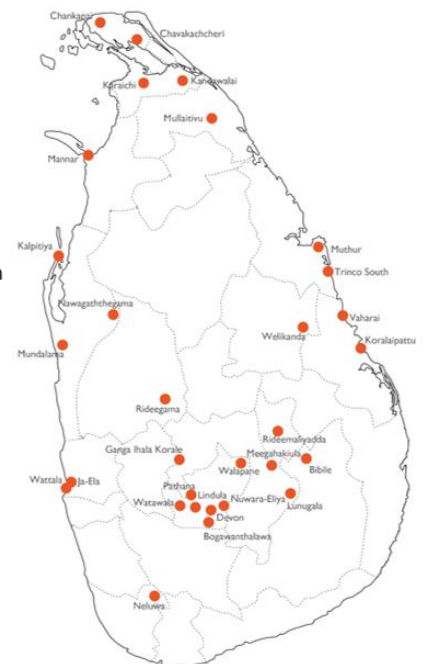
Already, many children are not having all three meals a day and they are no longer able to have diversified food that can support their nutrition status. The National Nutrition Programme for school children has been suspended in more than 50% of the schools. Many children are also no longer able to go to school as no transport is available due to the fuel crisis or they can no longer afford to go to school. The current situation is also expected to increase children's experience with neglect, abuse, and domestic violence.

#### WORLD VISION'S RELIEF RESPONSE: IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

World Vision is focusing on the most vulnerable individuals from the 28 locations spread across 13 districts in the country where World Vision has ongoing programmes. The response prioritises food security, addressing child malnutrition, and mental health and psychosocial support. To date, your support has enabled the following:

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**133,415**  
 most vulnerable individuals were provided with dry ration packs, to support food security at homes.
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**10,240**  
 children were provided with stationary materials, to encourage their regular attendance to school
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**3,632**  
 families supported through cash-for-work, thus supporting them in their income generation
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**12**  
 School children received bicycles to travel to school during the economic crisis.
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**6,378**  
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**48,427**  
 preschool/school children provided with midday meals for up to three months to help them stay away from undernutrition.
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**8,940**  
 Pregnant /lactating women provided with nutrition packs to make sure mother and baby receive right nutrition
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**2,408**  
 Individuals were provided with seeds to grow crops in their home gardens





School children in Nuwara Eliya in over 40 schools provided with school supplies.



Pregnant women receive nutritional counselling and nutrition pack



Over 1,000 preschool children receive a mid-day meal everyday.



Dry rations distributed to economically most vulnerable families.

## **MOVING FORWARD**

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of the children and families affected by the economic crisis in Sri Lanka who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our appreciation for your gift of hope and help in this emergency.

To make a difference to children affected by other disasters, please support The Survival Fund. Visit <https://disaster.worldvision.org.sg> to learn more.