

What is disability

“Any person who, as a result of any deficiency in his physical or mental capabilities, whether congenital or not, is unable by himself to ensure for himself, wholly or partly, the necessities of life.”

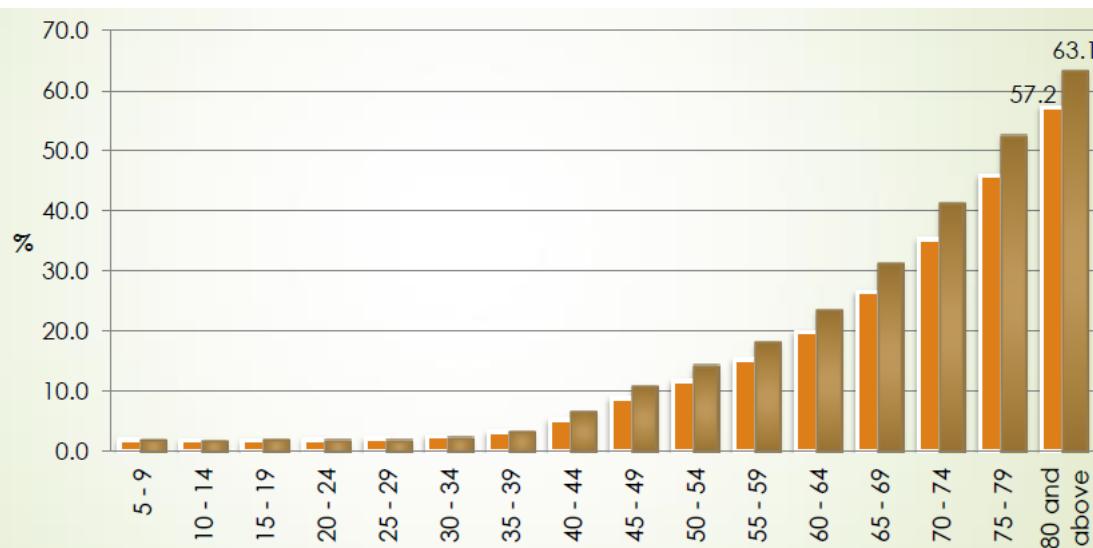
-The Sri Lankan Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, No. 28 of 1996 –

Disability Statics in Sri Lanka - 2012

Type of difficulty - 2012 (Population aged 5 years and over)

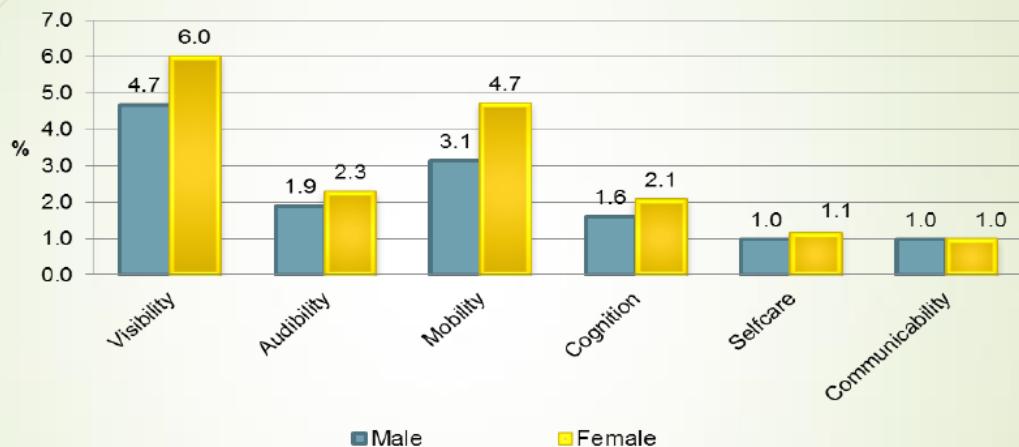
Difficulties	Difficulty (Number)	Rate per 1000 persons		
		Total	Male	Female
Total with difficulties	1,617,924	87	77	96
Seeing	996,939	54	47	60
Walking	734,213	39	31	47
Hearing	389,077	21	19	23
Cognition	343,689	18	16	21
Self-care	197,575	11	10	11
Communication	180,833	10	10	10

The percentage of persons with functional difficulties by age 2012



Department Of Census and Statistics – 2012 Report

Percentage Distribution of Difficulties by Sex 2012



- ✓ Total with difficulties shows 43.0 percent were males and 57.0 were females.
- ✓ Proportion of females with difficulties for both, vision and mobility are higher than that of males.

Department Of Census and Statistics – 2012 Report

We identified the following major Problems in our research of the Disabled Community in Sri Lanka

- Disabled community has not been captured for 9 years
- Disabled infants younger than 5 years have not been included in the final census at 2012. But there are many such children. A suitable solution must be taken for that.
- There is no programme in Sri Lanka for lifting the living status of the disabled community up to today.
- Disabled in Sri Lanka are talented in many ways. But the chance for them to polish their skills, showcase their skills or to take use of them is rare.
- At the instances where government and non-government or media units conduct program for the disabled, only one group of the disabled are selected. The most demanding group of disabled are always missed out.
- Most of the disabled and their families are in the state of dependent mentality. . (They are struggling with economy crisis / they do not have right sanitation facilities / lack of education / lack of career guidance Etc...)

- Most of the disabled and their families are living with mental stress since their future is not stable.
- Mostly, disabled individuals get embarrassed during the daily life activities
- A disabled individual and a family with a disabled individual have their own problems to solve. It is quite important to understand those problems and provide suitable solutions.
- Disabled people are not aware of the special laws and their rights.
- The general public has a vast duty towards the disabled community. But the general public do not have a clear idea

Considering all these things, the disabled community need is sustainable programme. Anyone can become disabled. Sometimes such instances can affect the whole life. Providing a number (HOT LINE) to contact in such an instance goes in parallel with the collection of information.

We have designed the Solution



BREAK THE BARRIER OF DISABILITY
National Project of Disabled Community in Sri Lanka
Humanitarian Foundation

Introducing the project and Aims

To systematically collect data and information of all persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka, based on that data analysis and properly identify their needs, and to make their lives independent and optimized through the implementation of sustainable programs covering all 25 districts.

Project Vision

Empowering the disabled community in Sri Lanka as a holistic developed human being.

Project Mission

In order to achieve our vision, we work with the Disabled community living in Sri Lanka to develop their socio-environmental and economic conditions by undertaking all kinds of activities and we consider it is our responsibility.

KEY Parts in the project



In the Project We Focus on



Education / Technology / Training



Health / Living / Entertainment



Social / Equality / CBR



Legal / Human rights



Empowering skills / Employment/ Professional

ACTION PLAN

01.National Program of collecting information for the disabled community in Sri Lanka.

This Program is conducted at the level of Divisional Secretariat, and all the other Program will be conducted based on the information gathered through this Segment & cover 25 districts in Sri Lanka.

02.All the activities and programmes are based upon five main categories.

01. Education / Technology / Training

- Providing needed infra-structure facilities for the education and higher education of disabled children and youth.
- Establishing “**Centres for empowering the Disabled Community**” at the level of Divisional Secretariat and through that,
 - Providing facilities needed for adults’ education.
 - Providing learning facilities for the seriously disabled children using special techniques (through specially trained teachers).
 - Conducting tri-language programmes for children and adults.
 - Conducting special training programmes for disabled individuals who are interested in technology.
 - Conducting leadership programmes specially planned for disabled individuals.
- Updating the disabled community regarding educational, technological applications through the web page and the You Tube channel.
- Conducting training programmes through Zoom technology.

02. **Health / Living Facilities / Entertainment**

- Providing needed infra-structure facilities for the disabled community
- Conducting annual health camps
- Conducting motivational programmes for the sustainable mental wellbeing of the disabled community
- Providing infra-structure facilities for low-income families with disabled individuals (as required)
- Conducting different fun activities to maintain the mental state of the disabled individuals

(Above programmes are conducted via “Centres for empowering the Disabled Community”)

03. **Social / Equality / CBR**

- Conducting programmes to promote social integration and reconciliation with the aim of minimizing the various difficulties faced by persons with disabilities in the general society. (With the participation of both disabled and non-disabled people)

- Conducting awareness programmes for both disabled community and general public about the social equality deserved by the disabled community.
- Conducting different program which will ease out the lives of disabled people.

04. Legal / Human Rights

- Conducting and implementing awareness programmes on legal issues and human rights related to the disabled community.

05. Empowering Skills / Employment / Professional

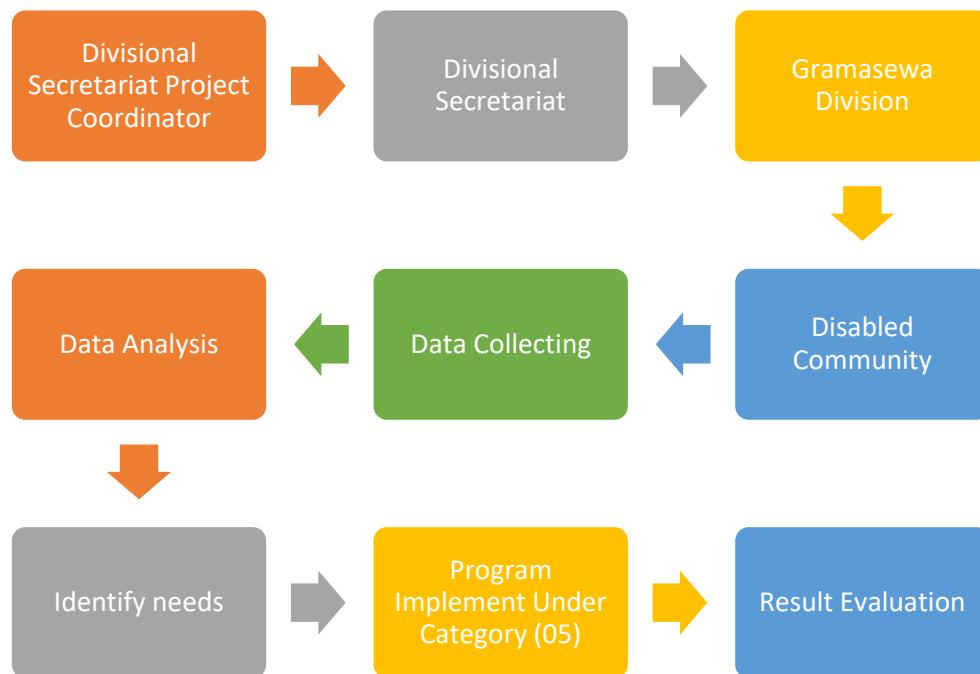
- Providing facilities to identify and develop the unique skills of people with disabilities and their transformation into a source of income.
- Providing chances and awareness programmes about the jobs that can be done successfully with the disabilities. **(Creating a special job bank for the disabled)**
- Conducting career guidance programmes for the disabled.
- Conducting vocational training programmes for persons with disabilities and their family members (Specially conducted for families with seriously disabled people).

PROJECT COMBINED WITH SDGs

Under this Project we provide our maximum support to the Sri Lankan government in fulfilling the “Sustainable Development Goals”, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 08, 10, 11, 16 and 17 about Disabled Community in Sri Lanka



Data Aggregation Process and Program Implementation



Pilot Project

Western Province

- Colombo
- Gampaha
- Kaluthara

Divisional Secretariat - **40**

Grama Niladhari Division - **2,496**

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