

# **Dialogue on How to use EVDs**

## **“Sri Lanka Next” Bluegreen Village Programme**



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# Policy Goal

Sri Lanka Next - Collective action towards A Blue Green Era for sustainability

“Promote Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka through Blue-Green Economic Initiative”

Resilient Communities, villages & Landscapes  
Sustainable Livelihoods and well being

# Blue Green Village defined

“ It is a village where **diverse communities live in harmony and peace** helping each other and **taking action collectively in a planned manner** together with service providers to address common issues associated with access to basic services, standards of living, responsible management of natural resources, environmental protection, disaster management and sustainable economic growth for the improvement of livelihoods.

*From The Guidelines*

# Bluegreen Village Pilot Programme

- 10,000 Green-smart Villages
  - Covers 1/3 of the island.
    - 400 villages/ district
  - Achieve NDCs nationally.
  - Resource Pooling for effective implementation
  - Synergistic and Integrated Approach
  - Resilience Action Plan and Strategic Resource Mobilization



## **VISION**

A Blue Green Beautiful Lanka through establishing economically prosperous and ecologically regenerated eco- friendly village network where empowered communities and nature co-exist in harmony, ensuring long term sustainability of natural resources base

## **MISSION**

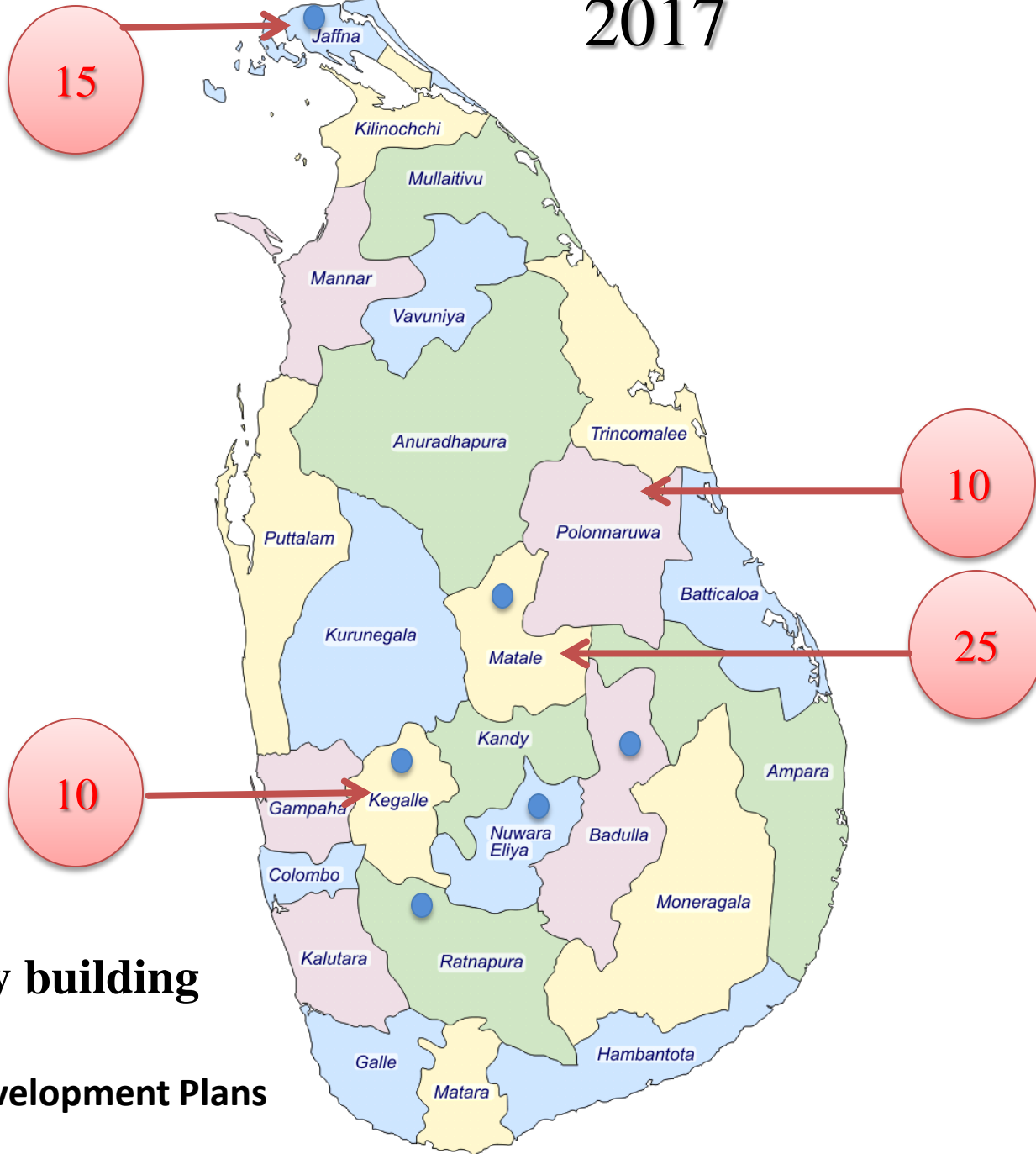
Mobilize and empower village communities to promote natural, healthy organic lifestyles, eco-friendly green socio-economic rural growth to ensure the equitable and sustainable development safeguarding natural resources base

# **Participatory Process for Community Mobilization**

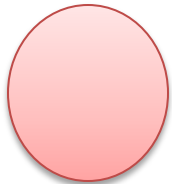
**Participatory Tools/ සහභාගීත්ව මට්ටමු**

**Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) & Participatory  
Learning and Collective Action (PLCA) Tools**

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**Capacity building**



**Village Development Plans**



## **Collaboration with Other Similar Initiatives**

- **Samurdhi Model Villages**
- **Eco villages of IDEA – 03 villages already**
- **“ *Tropical Fruit Villages* ” of Department of Agriculture**
- **Model Villages of Ministry of Housing and Construction**
- **“ *Reservoir and a Village* “ Program**
- **Proposal for Donor Funding**

## **Strategic Perspectives**

**Introducing Positive Reciprocity in to Blue green Village Program**

**Networking Blue Green Villages**

**Social marketing Strategies**



# Tree distribution for planting in Home gardens



## Plant Nursery - "Jayashakthi" Fisher Women Society



- Launching of the Nursery
- Registration
- Three Day Training on Nursery Management
- Technical Know how and Extension Service
- Fruit and Vegetable nursery management one day training

# Social Issue : Absance of Organized Homegardening



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- Grouping 5 members for each group and made 13 such groups
- Informal bee keeping
- Goat rearing
- Poultry
- Mushroom Farming



# Participatory Village Development Plans



# District Secretariat Higher Officers made aware on the Process



# Unique Agro-ecosystems/ Production Landscapes



**Indigenous Peoples' and Local  
Communities (IPLC) Collective  
Action for Green-Smart Villages**

# Collective Healing Practices Promotion





# Integration of Traditional Livelihoods

Traditional Snake-bite Healers

Traditional Kithul (Fish tail Palm )Tappers



# Traditional Snake-bite Healers



# Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Wealth



# Food Mandala for Food Sovereignty



# Food Mandala for Showcasing Locally Available Agrobiodiversity





# Food Mandala for showcasing Some of the Seasonal lesser-known Fruits



# Community Mobilization for Food Sovereignty





More than 20 different locally available- uncultivated and wild food types showcased in Deraniyagala Divisional Secretariat Premises in Sabaragamuwa Province



A group of Youth Preparing a Food Mandala using Seasonal fruits in Gampaha District Agricultural Training Center of the Western Province



# Way Forward

- Prepare PVDPs and joint implementation – in Collaboration with Other Stakeholders
- Adopt “City-Sharing Methodology” for global & regional collaboration.
- Grass-root level officers and stakeholder mobilization
- Networking and resource pooling
- On-going Projects : CSR & CER Projects
- Mid country degraded land rehabilitation project
  - Project for Adaptation and improve the Resilliance of Farmers in Mahaweli River basin to the adverse impacts of Climate Change.

## Networking with Stakeholders and provide resources

- Universities and Research Institutions
  - Making BGVs as their business.
- Reciprocity Research – Agribusiness Management Department, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka
- Include Green Villages developed by other like minded organizations (IDEA, etc.) in to the Bluegreen Village Programme. .

# Eco-Products & Green Jobs Programme

- Eco-friendly alternatives for Plastic and Polythene
- Manufacturing Eco-friendly bio-degradable products to control Invasive Species.
- Bamboo and Rattang Products
- Value added Products
- Virtual Exhibition for promotion
- Data base development
- District and Divisional Officer Training

A photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds. In the distance, a dark silhouette of a boat is visible on the right side of the water. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

**Thank You**