



Australian Government

AUSTRALIA'S SUPPORT FOR SRI LANKA'S COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY










**AUD 11.7 MILLION
(LKR 1,800 MILLION)**

AUSTRALIA HAS COMMITTED AUD 11.7 MILLION TO SUPPORT SRI LANKA'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19.

Support is focused on three priority areas: health security, stability and economic recovery.

Our support targets women and girls, people with disabilities and those outside of social safety net systems.



HEALTH SECURITY	STABILITY	
<p>Australia's new Health Security Initiative will support the Ministry of Health to implement Sri Lanka's COVID-19 Health Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan, focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strengthening national laboratories including provision of equipment training for health officials and support for genomic sequencing; - Provision of oxygen related supplies; - Support to health care facilities and staff on case management protocols; and - Enhancing rapid detection and surveillance of cases including contact tracing, case identification and isolation. 	<p> Support for immediate food security for households</p> <p>Continued support for demining activities, providing economic livelihood opportunities and contributing to post- conflict stability.</p>	<p>Support for home-based education including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Printed materials for 430,000 children in Grade 1 and 2; and  - Digitalised materials and remote learning support for primary students in Mannar 
<p> PPE for frontline workers to minimise further transmission of COVID-19</p> <p>Support for improved health measures at points of entry including health safety and screening equipment.</p> <p> Sexual and reproductive health services for women and girls including counselling and hygiene items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support to the Civil Society Collective to address stigma issues and engage communities on COVID-19 preventive measures. - Support for a national assessment on the impact of COVID-19 on women and girls. - Provided four PCR machines to Sri Lanka Navy to test for COVID-19 at sea. - Support for strengthened risk communications focusing on key COVID-19 prevention messages including handwashing and cough etiquette. 	<h3 data-bbox="753 1070 1560 1146">ECONOMIC RECOVERY</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian technical expertise through the Sri Lanka Tourism Alliance is assisting tourism businesses to manage the immediate crisis and effectively plan for business recovery - Support for the upskilling and multiskilling of tourism sector workers to better equip them for employment opportunities post COVID-19. <p> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnering with the private sector to rebuild in an inclusive and resilient manner, supporting organisations to be gender-inclusive in their post-COVID recovery - Support for improved access to good quality insurance and reinsurance services delivery for SMEs and vulnerable enterprises. <p> </p>	

