

AUSTRALIA'S SUPPORT FOR SRI LANKA'S ECONOMIC CRISIS

Sri Lanka is facing a serious debt and balance of payments crisis affecting food and health security. The country has experienced shortages of fuel, food, critical medicines and medical equipment.

In response, Australia is providing \$75 million in Official Development Assistance (ODA) through a combination of emergency funding to UN agencies and re-programmed efforts through Australia development cooperation program In Sri Lanka.

Activities will support Sri Lanka's immediate needs including prioritising food security, nutrition, social protection and medical / women's health, with a view towards inclusive economic recovery.

A summary of key activities is provided below.

AUD 75 million	2021/22	2022/23
	27,000,000	48,000,000

Humanitarian Assistance	Official Development Assistance
<p>WFP & FAO</p> <p>To contribute to emergency food assistance for vulnerable populations highly affected by the economic and food crisis. Support will be provided through unconditional food assistance, cash-based transfers and nutritional support. Partners will also provide nutrition awareness for smallholder farmers and vulnerable households; good agriculture practice support for farmers; support for school meals and school gardens programmes.</p> <p>WHO & UNFPA</p> <p>Focused on medical and women's health, inclusive of procurement of essential medical items to ensure continuity of critical health services, provision of dignity and maternity kits and immediate assistance to women's shelters.</p> <p>UNICEF</p> <p>Nutrition support for children aged 6-18 months and ready-to-use food for children with severe malnutrition and government food vouchers for pregnant and lactating mothers.</p> <p>UNICEF, World Vision, LEADS and Child Fund</p> <p>Support to children and their caregivers for urgently required protection services including case management and family strengthening, reunification and reintegration; targeted mental health and psychosocial support services and safe and accessible channels to report sexual exploitation and abuse.</p>	<p>World Bank</p> <p>Technical assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka in its efforts to recover from the crisis by providing policy and market advice, facilitating knowledge exchanges on key policy issues, trainings and workshops in the areas of finance, trade and investment.</p> <p>Market Development Facility (MDF)</p> <p>Support to the agriculture and tourism sectors to increase farmer access to organic fertiliser through strengthened distribution networks and establish commercial home gardens and contribute to increased food supply.</p> <p>Skills for Inclusive Growth (S4IG)</p> <p>Support to the tourism sector for business recovery and adaptation through enhanced products and services and continued hospitality skills development.</p> <p>Local Empowerment through Economic Development (LEED)</p> <p>Support to improve farmers' access to inputs, extension services, and markets for their products.</p> <p>Knowledge and Linkages for an Inclusive Economy Grants Program</p> <p>Support to Sight for All to provide medical equipment and consumables for Badulla Hospital.</p> <p>Australian Volunteers Program (AVP)</p> <p>AVP is mobilizing skilled Volunteers to support the Sri Lankan development partners in the areas of inclusive economic development, Education, rehabilitation, institutional sustainability, and psychosocial care in managing and responding to the impacts of Covid and Economic crisis.</p>