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**

Support to the Ministry of Health to implement Sri Lanka’s COVID-19 Health Disaster Preparedness and Response Plan, focused on:

- Strengthening national laboratories including provision of equipment training for health officials and support for genomic sequencing;
- Preparing health care facilities and staff on case management protocols; and
- Enhancing rapid detection and surveillance of cases including contact tracing, case identification and isolation.

*Provision of PPE for frontline workers* to minimise further transmission of COVID-19, supported by Australia’s Department of Defence (manufactured in Sri Lanka by Australian firm Ansell).

Support for improved health measures at points of entry including health safety and screening equipment, supported by Australia’s Department of Home Affairs.

- Supported sexual and reproductive health for women and girls in lockdown and quarantine areas, including counselling services and the distribution of sanitary and hygiene options.

Support to the Civil Society Collective to address stigma issues and engage, sensitise and capacitate communities on COVID-19 preventive measures including through mass and social media campaigns and a mobile unit.

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, supported by Australia’s Department of Defence and Department of Home Affairs.

Supported a risk communications campaign focusing on key COVID-19 prevention messages including handwashing and cough etiquette.

**STABILITY**

Support for immediate food security for households:

- part of the National School Meals Program;
- affected by the South West Monsoon;
- in Northern Province that are headed by a female, have a woman with a disability, are members of families of the missing or disappeared and/or are part of the LGBTQI community;
- in Eastern and Northern province who rely on SME income, through our iLive program;
- in Batticaloa, supported by Australia’s Department of Home Affairs.

*Provision of printed education materials for 430,000 children in Grade 1 and 2*; and

*English digital learning materials and community-based remote learning support for 320 primary students in Mannar.*

**ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

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 upskilling and multiskilling of tourism sector workers to better equip them for employment opportunities post COVID-19.

*Support for SMEs* by facilitating an SME credit line (in partnership with the World Bank), and restructure the National Insurance Trust Fund to improve access of SMEs and vulnerable enterprises to good quality insurance and reinsurance services delivery.

supported sexual and reproductive health for women and girls in lockdown and quarantine areas, including counselling services and the distribution of sanitary and hygiene options.

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