



Strengthening community dispute resolution in Sri Lanka

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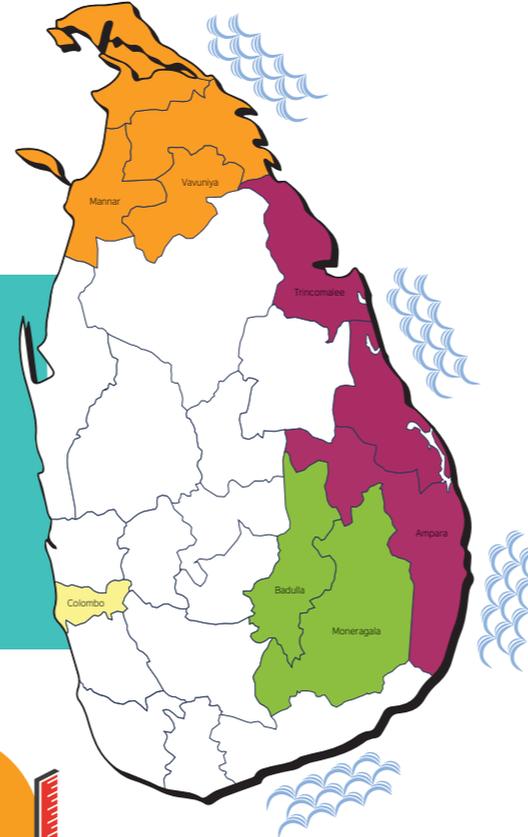
SEDR is a four-year access to justice project implemented by the British Council, in partnership with The Asia Foundation, and funded by the European Union as part of its Strengthening Transformation, Reconciliation and Inclusive Democratic Engagement (STRIDE) Programme in Sri Lanka.

The project, in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice and the Mediation Boards Commission of Sri Lanka, will enhance the availability of mediation services as an alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

This approach aims to strengthen the dialogue between the people and the state, contributing to preventing the escalation of local disputes.



The project activities are spread across three specific provinces in Sri Lanka: the Northern, Eastern and Uva provinces, with particular focus in six districts in those provinces. SEDR also delivers community dispute resolution activities through partnering with Civil Society Organisations from each of the provinces.



In partnership with The Asia Foundation and their many years of experience of mediation in Sri Lanka, SEDR will be building the capacity of:

- The Mediation Boards Commission (MBC)
- Mediation Officers (MOs)
- Mediation Training Officers (MTOs)
- Development Officers-Mediation (DOs)
- Community Mediators
- Specialised Land Mediators



in promoting mediation as an alternative dispute resolution method, as well as providing further technical support to the Ministry of Justice.



Active Citizens is a social leadership training methodology that has been successfully delivered by the British Council around the world for over 10 years, promoting intercultural dialogue and community-led social development, and building trust within and between communities.

SEDR initiated the design and delivery of three tailor-made SEDR Active Citizens programmes with a strong local dispute resolution and social inclusion focus, one in each of SEDR's three target provinces. The overall aim of the programme is, firstly, to build the capacity of local marginalised communities and beneficiary groups (right holders and duty bearers), while pilot-testing the feasibility of using community social action approaches to address localised issues and disputes.

SEDR currently supports the participation and agency of women and other marginalised groups such as youth and those living with disability. Equal participation and giving women a voice will be mainstreamed across all Result Areas to align closely with SDG 5 and the goal of achieving women's equality and empowerment. Gender and inclusion are mainstreamed at every stage of the SEDR project activities, from design and implementation to monitoring and reporting, and communications.

As part of SEDR's initiative to strengthen awareness and advocacy on ADR in Sri Lanka, the project's website and social media channels recognize EU funding and showcase the ground level work that the project does, as well having expert views from the field on civil society work and access to justice.



SEDR

at a glance

Political Economy Analysis



148 Key Informant Interviews
139 carried out in the
03 SEDR provinces
09 carried out island-wide

Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices Survey



1,712 Households Surveyed
17 Focus Group Discussion
18 Key Informant Interview



03

Civil Society
Organisation
partners

were on-boarded through



135

Attendees at SEDR
capacity building events



08 Research and Assessment Reports

- 01 Mediation Training Needs Assessment
- 01 Mediation Boards Commission Website Development Report
- 01 ICT Needs Assessment Report for the Mediation Boards Commission
- 01 School Mediation Assessment Report
- 04 Political Economy Analysis Reports

110,165
Communications
collateral produced



350
Dispute
Intake Boxes
were produced



14

Manuals, Resources,
Handbooks and Toolkits
were developed



Calls for Proposals
Launched

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Dispute Resolution



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