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Land Use Policy Planning Department (LUPPD)

01. Introduction

“Land Use Policy Planning Division” was established in 1983 as a unit of the Ministry of Lands and Mahaweli Development to introduce scientific land use planning for Sri Lanka. The division was upgraded to a department status in 2010 by considering the timely significance of the subject and the expansion of the role.

Head Office of the Department is located in Colombo 05, Narahenpita with the 25 District Offices network. Except District offices at Kegalle and Galle all other offices are situated within the premises of District Secretariat. Information about all the staff is given in the table 3.1

Land use planning activities are carried out by Land Use Planning Officers or Development Officers attached to the District and Divisional levels according to the guidance given by Head Office. All planning activities are supervised and monitored by Assistant Directors (District Land Use). Activities at the National level are coordinated and manipulated by Director General with the assistance given by Deputy Directors and Assistant Directors of different disciplines (Land Use Planning, Agronomy, Agriculture Economics, Sociology and Information Systems) at the Head Office. The activities of the Department mainly based on the National Land Use Policy approved by the Cabinet of Ministers in 2007, Activities mentioned in the Extra Ordinary Gazette notification no. 1654/21 issued to establish the department in 2010 and the development priorities of the government.

1.1 Vision

“Optimum and Sustainable Utilization of Land Resources in Sri Lanka”

1.2 Mission

Formulation of policies , preparation of plans and facilitating their implementation by an efficient and committed staff to achieve the optimum utilization of land resources while maintaining sustainability and environmental balance for the satisfaction of our stakeholders and the land users.

1.3 Main objectives of the LUPPD

There are five main objectives of the LUPPD according to the Extra Ordinary Gazette notification no. 1654/21 in 2010.

1. Establish a legal background for implementing the National Land Use Policy adopted for Sri Lanka.
2. Prepare a National Land Use Plan for Sri Lanka
3. Provide technical guidance so as to utilize the limited land resources for the betterment of the human beings while maintaining environment equilibrium.
4. Issue recommendations and directives to establish the conservation and future existence of Land resource in development plans based on the land resource.
5. Launch programmes so as to expand the knowledge, training and education on scientific land use planning.

1.4 Role of the Land Use Policy Planning Department

All Activities of the Department can be divided into two broad categories.

(01) Macro level land use planning activities – Land use planning activities at District and Divisional levels.

(02) Micro level land use planning activities

Macro level land use planning activities

Land Use Planning at Provincial, District and Divisional levels considered as macro level activities. Under this priority was given to prepare Divisional level land use plans and District level land use plans based on the recommendations given by Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC).

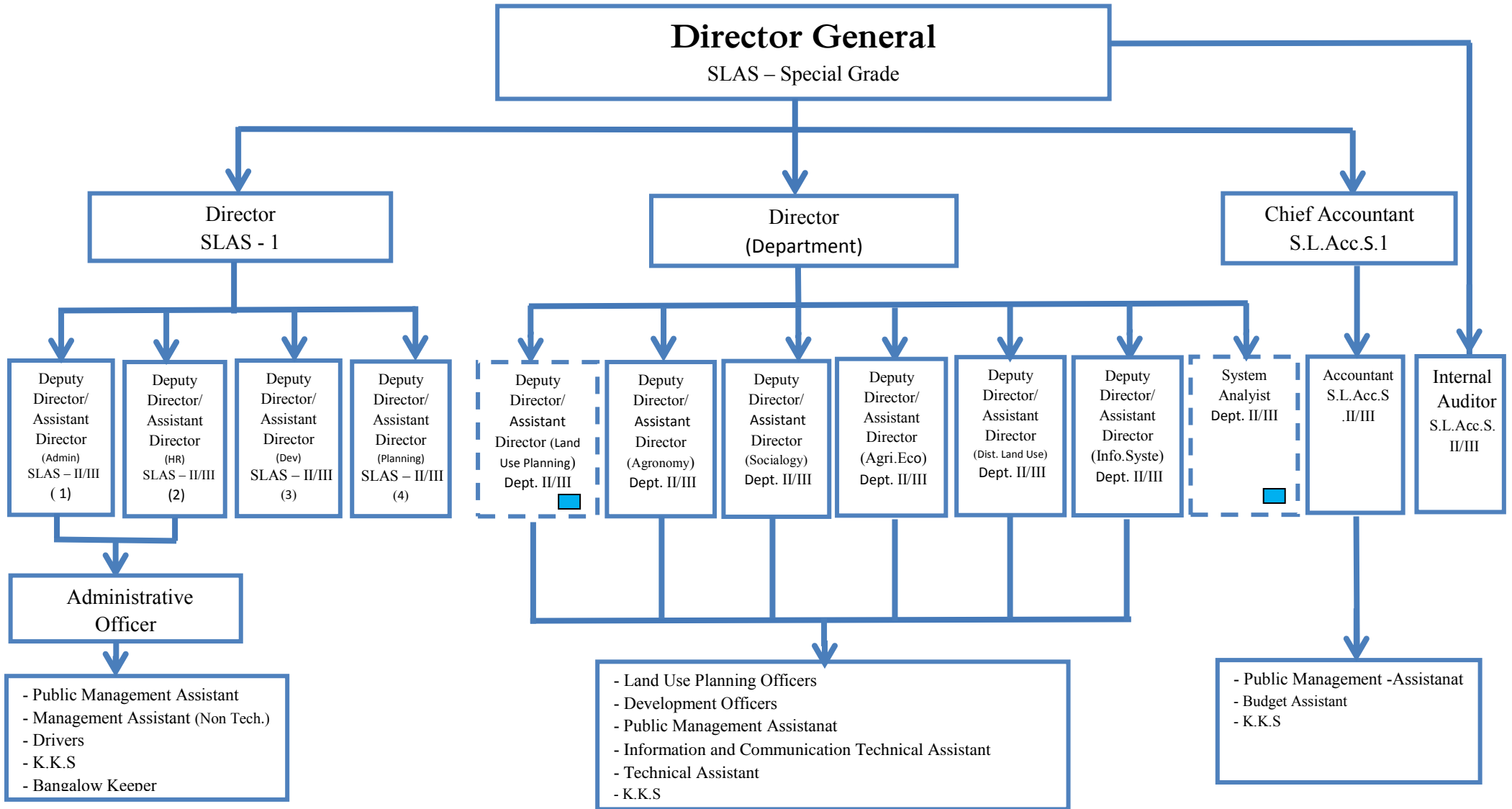
Micro level land use planning activities

Preparation and implementation of village level land use plans, preparation and implementation of rehabilitation plans for degraded agricultural lands, establishment of land use demonstrations at the premises of the schools and government Institutions and providing of land suitability reports for unused lands based on the requests made by Government Institutions come under micro level.

In addition, several activities are undertaken to facilitate the above activities. They are;

1. Maintain a land use data base in order to use for land use planning
2. Updating of land use maps.
3. Awareness creation among government officers, farmers and school children on optimum utilization of lands.
4. Conducting District and Divisional level land use planning committees to minimize the land use issues.

Organization Chart – Department of Land Use Policy Planning



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03. Human Resources Management

3.1 Carder Positions

No	Approved Carder	No. of Posts	No. Of Officers in Last Year	Changes within the Year 2017				Number at present	
				Retirements	Transfers		Recruitments		Promotions
					Out	In			
1	Director General	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
2	Director (Admin.)	01	-	-	-	01	-	-	01
3	Director (Dept.)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Chief Accountant	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
5	Internal Auditor	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (SLAS)	04	02	-	-	-	-	-	02
7	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (Info. systems)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
8	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (Sociology)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
9	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (Agronomy)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
10	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (Agric. Economics)	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
11	Assistant Director/Deputy Director (DLU)	25	23	-	-	-	-	-	23
12	System Analyst / Programmer	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
13	Accountant	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
14	Management Assistant (Supra Grade)	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Land Use Planning Officer	294	281	-	-	-	-	-	281
16	Development Officer	200	193	-	■ 05	01	★ 06	-	195
17	Budget Assistant	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	ICT Assistant	02	02	-	-	-	-	-	02
19	Public Management Assistant	50	27	01	■ 05	-	★ 06	-	27
20	Management Assistant (Non-Technical)	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	11
21	Driver	34	28	-	02	03	-	-	29
22	Technical Assistant	25	18	-	-	-	-	-	18
23	K.K.S.	37	36	02	-	-	-	● 02	32
24	Circuit Keeper	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total		696	629	03	12	05	12	02	629

- Includes 2 releasements and 3 transfers,
- Promoted to MA posts,
- ★ Attached to the department by Min. of Public Administration.

3.2 Transfers

No.	Name & Designation	Transfers Out		Transfers in		
		Date	Transfer To	Name of the Successor	Date	Transfer From
1.	Mrs. W.S. Damayanthi, DO	09.10.2017	Div. Secretariat, Homagama	-	-	-
2.	Mrs. G.T.D. Kumari, DO	13.07.2017	Div. Secretariat, Mawanella			
3.	Mrs. M. Sanjeevani	-	-	-	08.03.2017	Div. Secretariat, Balapitiya
4.	Mrs. A.K. PushpaRanjani, Public Management Asst.(PMA)	17.05.2017	Dept. of Inland Revenue	-	-	-
5.	Mrs. M.G.D.M.D. Matimpothagedara, PMA	21.08.2017	Div. Secretariat, Galewela			
6.	Miss. N.C.U.Liyanage, PMA	30.01.2017	Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms			
7.	Mr. J. Sunil, Driver	13.07.2017	Dept. of Wildlife Conservation	Mr. H.H.S. Kumara	10.07.2017	Dept. of Agriculture
8.	Mr. W.M.S.B. Weerassoriya, Driver				10.07.2017	Dept. of Agriculture
9.	Mr. B.C. Perera, Driver	03.04.2017	Min. of Finance			
10	Mr. B.H.J. Peiris, Driver				03.08.2017	Min. of skill dev.&Voca.traini ng.
11.	Mr. T. Wimalan, LUPO	31.05.2017	Released to assign duty on AD post			
12.	Mr. T.Chandrapala, DO	12.07.2017	Released to assign duty on teaching posts			
13.	Miss. M.H.W. Priyadarshani, PMA	06.09.2017				
14.	Mrs. K.J.K. Chathuri, PMA	20.03.2017				

3.3 Administration

Serial No.	Description	Previous Year (2016)			Current Year (2017)		
		Number	Number Approved	Balance	Number	Number Approved	Balance
01	Recruitments	11	-	-	-	-	-
02	Examinations Held	09	-	-	-	-	-
03	Interviews Held	02	-	-	01	01	-
04	Confirmation in posts	02	-	-	05	05	-
05	Promotions	126	-	-	08	08	-
06	Payment of Increment	All	All	-	All	All	-
07	Extension of Service	-	-	-	-	-	-
08	Preparation of Schemes of recruitment	05	-	-	05	-	-
09	Vacation of Post	01	01	-	01	-	-
10	Interdiction	-	-	-	-	-	-
11	Re - Instatement	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Disciplinary Inquires		-	-	01	01	-
13	Leave approved (Abroad)	03	-	-	07	07	-
14	Foreign Scholarships	07	-	-	-	-	-
15	Cabinet Memorandum	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Signing Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	Release of Bonds	-	-	-	-	-	-
18	Loan Approved	127	127	-	127	127	-
19	Property Loan approved	05	05	-	05	05	-
20	Vehicle Loan	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Other Loans (Distress)	122	122	-	90	90	
22.	Released from post	07	-	-	06	06	-

3.4. Human Resources Development

Foreign Training - 2017

Serial No.	Course/Training/Program	Name of the Officer	Designation	Country	Period
01.	Data Base Management and Preparation of internet programs, Advanced Communication Technology	Mrs. T.L.A.Hiranthi	Land Use Planning Officer	India	02 Months
02	Training on Skill Development (Colombo-Trinco Economic Zone)	Mr. B.A. Jayananda	Deputy Director (LUP)	Korea	05 Days
03	Use of Geographic data for rural development	Mrs. Chandima Nilanthi	Land Use Planning Officer	India	02 Months
04	GIS Remote Sensing	Mr.Balamuralidaran	Land Use Planning Officer	India	07 Weeks

Local Training

Serial No.	Course	Number of Officers	Designations	Institute	Period
01	Post Graduate Courses	09	DD (Sociology), LUPOs	University of Kelaniya	01 Year
02	Training on GIS	25	LUPOs	LUPPD	01 Day
03	Knowledge Management	05	LUPOs & DOs	National Productivity Secretariat	01 Day
04	Computerized Government pay roll system	01	MAs	MILODA Institute	03 Days
05	Practical and theoretical Training on land use planning and soil analysis	15	LUPOs & DOs	LUPPD	02 Days
06	Training on use of office equipments	02	LUPOs & DOs	Skill Development Institute	02 Days
07	Attitude Development and Productivity	60	DDs, ADs, LUPOs, DOs, MAs, KKSs	LUPPD	01 Day
08	Landscaping	20	ADs, LUPOs, DOs	Agriculture Department, Galenbindunuwewa	02 Days
09	Training on soil and Land Evaluation	30	LUPOs, DOs	LUPPD, Gampaha Office	02 Day
10	Skill Development	8	MAs	Skill Development Institute	03 Days
11	Preparation of Procurement documents	01	DOs	MILODA Institute	02 Days
12	Preparation of Geo-Data base	25	LUPOs	District Land Use Planning Office, Gampaha	03 Days
13	Land suitability and crop science	60	DD(LUP), LUPOs, DOs	LUPPD	01 Day
14	Geo Information for Earth System Science	04	AD (LUP), LUPOs, DOs	Arthur C Clarke Centre for modern Technology	05 Days
15	Advanced M.S. Excel	01	LUPO	MILODA Institute	
16	Skill development on writing of formal letters	02	LUPOs	MILODA Institute	
17	Integrated Farm Management	20	LUPOs, DOs - Badulla	Bee Keeping Development Centre Bandarawela	01 Day
18	GIS & Application	25	AD (LUP), LUPOs	PGIS, University of Peradeniya	06 Days
19	Scheme of Recruitment	02	MAs	Skill Development Institute	02 Days
20	GIS Data collection for National Spatial data Infrastructure (NSDI)	40	Ads (LUP), LUPOs, DOs	ICTA	02 Days
21	Land suitability and crop science	53	LUPOs, DOs, (Kurunegala)	North-Western Province Training Centre	01 Day
22	Soil and water conservation	26	ADs (LUP), LUPOs & DOs	In-service Training Centre, Agriculture Department, Gannoruwa	04 Days
23	Soil and water conservation	350	LUPOs, DOs	District Office	01 Day

*DD=Deputy Director, AD=Assistant Director, LUPO= Land Use Planning Officer, DO=Development Officer, MA= Management Assistant

4. Financial Management

4.1 Estimate of Expenditure – 2017

Annex 04

	Previous Year (2016)			Expenditure Percentage (%)	Current Year (2017)			Expenditure Percentage (%)
	Allocation	Expenditure	Balance		Allocation	Expenditure	Balance	
Project 2								
Personal Emoluments	300,565,000	299,934,674	630,326	99.79	303,870,000	301,965,592	1,904,408	99.37
Other Recurrent	48,500,000	45,381,142	3,118,858	93.57	47,100,000	44,552,893	2,547,107	94.59
Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2001	28,862,000	24,221,911	4,640,089	83.92	8,000,000	7,562,197	437,803	94.53
2002	1,900,000	1,862,971	37,029	98.05	2,000,000	649,773	1,350,227	32.49
2003	4,350,000	3,557,098	792,902	81.77	4,000,000	3,643,074	356,926	91.08
2102	2,500,000	2,180,223	319,777	87.21	2,500,000	2,361,244	138,756	94.45
2103	2,000,000	1,947,886	52,114	97.39	2,050,000	2,049,799	201	99.99
2104	-	-	-	-	12,000,000	10,450,295	1,549,705	87.09
2105	28,400,000	27,891,979	508,021	98.21	-	-	-	-
2401	2,000,000	1,971,004	28,996	98.55	3,000,000	2,847,587	152,414	94.92
2507	-	-	-	-	20,000,000	19,472,549	527,451	97.36
Total	419,077,000	408,948,888	10,128,112	.	404,520,000	395,555,002	8,964,998	-

4.2 Advance “B” Account of government officers

Annex 05

Limits	Previous Year (2016)		Current Year (2017)	
	Estimated	Actual	Estimated	Actual
Maximum limit of expenditure	21,000,000.00	20,906,777.91	22,000,000.00	21,858,175.94
Minimum limit of expenditure	11,000,000.00	17,107,683.00	14,500,000.00	17,995,716.20
Maximum limit of debit balance	67,000,000.00	58,948,321.48	69,000,000.00	62,810,781.22

4.3 Revenue Accounts

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Annex 06

	Previous Year (2016)	Current Year (2017)
Estimated	2,200,000.00	2,400,000.00
Annual Revenue	2,366,189.75	2,523,976.67
Difference (+/-)	166,189.75	123,976.67

20-03-99-00

	Previous Year (2016)	Current Year (2017)
Estimated	400,000.00	400,000.00
Annual Revenue	500,023.60	528,726.04
Difference (+/-)	100,023.60	128,726.04

20-02-01-01

	Previous Year (2016)	Current Year (2017)
Estimated	-	55,000.00
Annual Revenue	-	108,652.55
Difference (+/-)	-	53,652.55

4.4 Management of Physical Resources – 2017

No.	Category of Assets	Condition at the beginning of the year	Changes during the year				Condition at the end of the year
			Acquisitions	Purchasing	Auctions	Removals	
01	Double Cabs	20	2	-	-	-	22
02	Van	04	-	-	-	-	04
03	Motor Car (Jeeps/ Cars)	13	01	-	-	01	13
04	Multimedia Screen	08	-	-	-	-	08
05	Projectors	07	-	-	03	-	04
06	Multi Media Projector	15	-	-	-	-	15
07	Steel Cupboard	31	-	10	03	-	38
08	Cabinet	78	-	3	5	1	75
09	Conference Hall Chairs	22	-	-	10	-	12
10	Plastic Chairs	01	-	-	-	-	01
11	Chairs	177	-	86	08	09	246
12	Computer chairs	41	-	12	09	02	42
13	Clark Chairs	15	-	-	-	-	15
14	Cushion Chairs	04	-	-	-	-	04
15	Visitor Chairs	30	-	06	-	-	36
16	Steel Chairs	91	-	-	09	06	76
17	Executive Chairs	32	-	04	02	01	33
18	Drawing Tables	03	-	-	-	-	03
19	Table	246	-	56	01	01	300
20	Executive Tables	0	-	03	-	-	03
21	Computer Tables	16	-	08	03	-	21
22	Photocopy Machine	20	-	03	-	-	23
23	Printer (B&W)	02	-	04	-	-	06
24	Computer Printers (colour)	07	-	03	-	-	10
25	Cupboard	49	-	--	-	-	49
26	Printers	42	-	01	05	02	36
27	Rubber Seal	01	-	-	-	-	01
28	Bunk Bed Mattress	14	-	35	02	01	46
29	Calculators	134	-	-	03	17	114
30	Fax Machine	30	-	04	01	06	27
31	Router	01	-	-	-	-	01
32	File Rack	30	-	-	02	01	27
33	Photo Copy Scanner Stand	01	-	01	-	-	02
34	Racks for Library	01	-	-	-	-	01
35	Battery	08	-	-	--	-	08
36	Staple	240	-	-	04	02	234
37	Safe	01	-	-	-	-	01
38	Binding Machine	01	-	-	-	-	01
39	Punchers	255	-	-	07	02	246
40	Monitor	103	-	10	06	03	104
41	Hard Disk	03	-	02	02	-	03
42	Key Board	188	-	15	-	-	203
43	Computers	09	-	06	-	-	15
44	Mouse	190	-	25	-	-	215
45	UPS	123	-	25	15	09	124
46	CPU	102	-	-	11	01	90
47	Laptop	49	-	03	02	-	50
48	Scanner	28	-	-	-	-	28
49	GPS Trimble	08	-	-	-	-	08
50	GPS	23	-	-	04	03	16
51	Clino Meter	01	-	-	-	-	01
52	EC Meter	12	-	-	-	01	11

53	PH Meter	22		-	-	02	20
54	Color Chart	20	-	-	-	-	20
55	Soil Augar	20	-	-	-	-	20
56	Compass	50	-	-	-	01	49
57	Extension Code	02	-	-	-	-	02
58	Table Fan	02	-	-	-	-	02
59	Fan Regulator	07	-	-	02	04	01
60	Wall Fan	10	-	-	03	-	07
61	Stand Fan	08	-	05	-	-	13
62	Tube Light	01	-	-	-	-	01
63	Filter	04	-	-	-	-	04
64	Iron	01	-	-	-	-	01
65	Refrigerator	01	-	-	-	-	01
66	Gas Cooker	01	-	-	-	-	01
67	Rice Cooker	01	-	-	-	-	01
68	Coconut Greater	01	-	-	-	-	01
69	Electric Kettle	15	-	03	01	01	16
70	AC Machine	16	-	-	02	-	14
71	Digital Camera	47	-	-	08	02	37
72	Glass Pad	07	-	-	-	07	-
73	Tab	-	-	01	-	-	01
74	Television	01	-	01	-	-	02
75	White Board	-	-	01	-	-	01
76	Cash Box	-	-	01	-	-	01
77	Mobile Drawer Box	-	-	01	-	-	01

4.5 Verification of stores

Verification of stores has been completed in 2017 through goods and inventory survey

4.6 Auditing

Answers for all audit inquiries have been forwarded.

5. Development Activities

5.1. Preparation of Divisional Land Use Plans

Land Use Policy Planning Department (LUPPD) has given priority to prepare Divisional Secretariat level land use plans in all districts. In this plans land use pattern and the land use issues in the division were identified and the reasons for this issues were analyzed in order to make the strategies to minimize the impact of the issues. This will guide to use land resource in the country in sustainable manner. Further, it is useful to improve the existing uses and also to conserve/protect the areas that need to be protected.

The technical guidance is provided to various Institutions by LUPPD to implement the recommendations of the plans.

There are 286 divisional plans has been completed and received by the Head Office and allocations for 50 projects was released to implement the recommendations of the some of the plans. Progress of it was 100% as at 31st December 2017.

Photographs to show the progress of the implementation of Divisional land use planning Programs in 2017

Kandy District, Hatharaliyadda Division

Before the implementation



After implementation



Matara District – Pasgoda DSD



Matara District- Mulatiyana DSD



5.2 Conducting District Land Use Planning Committees

District Land Use Planning Committees are implemented by the directions and guidance of the Land Use Policy Planning Department and coordinated by District Offices. Due to the timely importance of these committees, it has been implemented in all districts. District Secretary of the district will be the chairperson of the committee and Assistant Director (DLU) will be the secretary to the committee. Frequency of gathering is once in a quarter. However, District Secretary can call upon special or urgent meetings when ever necessary.

A subcommittee can be appointed including experts in particular subject to conduct a detailed study on a particular matter to facilitate the decision making.

Land use planning proposals prepared to use the lands in proper manner will be reviewed by the committee and recommendations for the release of state lands for various development activities will also be considered.

Since this committee is chaired by District Secretary and all stakeholders are attended, state lands can be utilized productively and scientifically. Further, this committee will useful to protect the areas that need to be protected.

Role of the Committee:-

- 01.** Identify and report the unused lands that can be utilized in the district.
- 02.** Decide the programmes in the field of land use planning based on the development priorities.
- 03.** Identify the lands for the future development activities in urban and rural sectors.
- 04.** Identify the lands for various development activities in the district and provide recommendations to release of them.

In addition to above major activities following activities also included to the role.

- 01.** Make aware the National level Land use Committee on land use issues in the district.
- 02.** Guide the preparation of divisional and village level land use plans to improve the land use.
- 03.** Establish a land use data base at district level to facilitate the land use planning.
- 04.** Implementation and monitoring of district land use plan.
- 05.** Coordinate the Institutions dealing with land use activities.
- 06.** Discuss and approve the recommendations of the divisional land use plans.

Photographs show the gathering of some of the District Land Use Planning committees in 2017

Killinochchi District



Matale District



Batticaloa District



Mannar District



Composition of the District Land Use Planning Committee:-

01. District Secretary (Chairperson)
02. Divisional Secretaries
03. Assistant Director (DLU) (secretary)
04. Provincial Land Commissioner/ Assistant Land Commissioner
05. Deputy Director Agriculture (Extension)
06. District Forest Officer
07. Survey Superintendent
08. Assistant Commissioner Agrarian Service
09. Deputy Director Irrigation
10. Assistant Commissioner Local government
11. Assistant Director, Export Agricultural Crops
12. Manager, Small Tea Development Authority
13. Deputy Director, Rubber Development Department
14. Regional Manager, Coconut Cultivation Board
15. Assistant Director, Central Environment Authority

In addition, District Secretary can appoint representatives from other Institutions as needed.

Accordingly, 100 committees were targeted in 2017 and 78 was held. Rupees 3000/= is allocated for each committee.

5.3 Conducting Divisional Land Use Planning Committees

Divisional Land Use Planning Committees are implemented at the divisional level with the guidance and directives of District Land Use Planning Committee. Land use planning programmes and projects are coordinated by this committee. Chairperson of the committee is held by Divisional Secretary and Land Use Planning Officer of the division act as secretary to the committee.

Role of the Committee:-

01. Preparation and implementation of divisional level land use plans.
02. Identification of land use priority areas.
03. Identification of land use issues in the division, provide recommendations and report to the District Committee whenever necessary.
04. Prepare an Action Plan based on the long and short term proposals and prioritize. This should be included to the Annual Plan of the Division.
05. Provide recommendations on land use activities to District/National land use Committees.

06. Provide recommendations to land kachcheries to alienate and allocate lands.
07. Make recommendations to acquire lands for government development activities.
08. Provide guidance to village level land use planning committees.
09. Identify lands for future development activities in the division.
10. Make recommendations based on the land suitability for the allocation of lands for various purposes.
11. Establish a land use data base at divisional level and integrate with district data base.

Composition of the Committee:-

01. Divisional Secretary (Chairperson)
02. Land Use Planning Officer (Secretary)
03. Land Officer/Colonization Officer
04. Agriculture Instructor
05. Divisional Officer Agrarian Service
06. Range Forest Officer
07. Assistant Superintendent of Survey
08. Extension Officers (Coconut/Tea/Rubber/Perennial Crops)
09. Livestock Development Instructor
10. Environmental Officer
11. Representatives of plantation sector
12. Representatives of farmer organization
13. Representatives of NGOs dealing with land use planning.

Target in the year 2017 was 300 and it was achieved. Rupees 1250/= was allocated for each committee. However, total allocation was not spent since some of the committees were held along with the Divisional agricultural committees.

Photographs show some of the divisional land use planning committees

District – Mannar

Division- Mannar Town



District- Killinochchi

Division- Kandavalayi



5.4 National Land Use Survey

Though land use information available at different time periods, lacking of updated information is drawback for planning. Hence, the Department has initiated to update the land use maps to cover the entire country based on the common guidelines. Since updated information are not available, outcome of this activity will be useful to various Institutions/Departments and also to District & Divisional Secretaries. Further, it helps to planning activities of the department.

It is proposed to carry out this survey once in every five years. At the end of 2017, 1831 map sheets (scale of 1:10,000) were updated at the field that was covered the entire Island.

5.5 Implementation of Village level land use plans

The objective of this programme is to direct the villagers for scientific land use by selecting number of families in a village/GN division with abundance of land use issues. Identification of land use issues by land users will be facilitated by formulating a village land use planning committee. The programme will be implemented with the help of relevant agencies to minimize the impact of the issues and maximize the benefits. Soil and water conservation, use of organic fertilizers will be promoted to improve the physical qualities of the land and crop diversification will be done to meet the day to day food needs. By implementing this programme, economic status of the rural land users will be improved and also improve the nutritional level of rural community. Village level land use plan will develop the people and ensure the long term sustainability of the land resource.

The project proposal will be prepared by land use planning officer attached to the division and forwarded to Head Office through District Office for the approval. The programme will be implemented with the supervision of Assistant Director (DLU). The target was 300 and it was achieved at the end of the year. Rupees 50,000/= was allocated for each programme.

Village level land use planning demonstrations in 2017

Ampara District, Damana DSD

Awareness programme



Kalutara District, Dodangoda DSD



**Kautara District, Bulathsinhala DSD
Awareness Programme**



5.6 . Conduct awareness programmes for school children and community on land use planning

Main objective of this programme is to aware the school children in order to utilize the lands productively. It is an investment for the present and future since school children disseminate the message regarding sustainable use of land resource to the village. Since land use planning is included to the curriculum of G.C.E (A/L) Geography, this programme is timely important. Change of the attitudes of the community through awareness programmes will lead to optimum utilization of lands, use of unutilized lands, minimize the misuses, conservation of soils and vegetation and eventually sustain the land resource.

Target of the year 2017 was 300 and it was achieved at the end of the year. Rupees 3000/= was allocated for each programme.

Community and school children awareness programmes in 2017

Matale District, Laggala DSD

Awareness for Officers



Matale District, Naula DSD

Awareness for community



Badulla District, Kandaketiya DSD

M.M.V. D.S.Senanayaka



Kalutara District, Panadura DSD

M.M.V. Vdduva



5.7. Other Projects

(i) “Punarudaya” National Environmental Conservation Programme.

“Punarudaya” National Environmental Conservation Programme had been implemented since 2016 with the financial assistance given by President Secretariat. An implementation programme for soil and water conservation and the conservation of water sources was prepared by this Department and implemented under Punarudaya programme. The following objectives are to be achieved by this programme.

- Conservation of watersheds
- Establish soil conservation methods
- Arrest the land degradation
- Improve the land productivity
- Promote sustainable land use methods
- Increase farmers income

In 2017, Punarudaya was implemented in 23 districts. Rupees million 51 was allocated to 215 DSDs to conserve the lands and to improve the land use.

By this programme, watersheds, river banks, tank catchments etc. were conserved and soil conservation was implemented successfully in home gardens. Progress of this programmes are shown by the following photographs.

Ratnapura District, Imbulpe DSD



Ratnapura District, Godakawela DSD



Nuwaraeliya District, Hanguranketha DSD



Kalutara District, Madurawela DSD



Matara District, Kotapola DSD

Before



After



(ii) Weli Oya Project

Land Use Policy Planning Department was entrusted to prepare land use map and recommendations for environment conservation for the upper catchment of the Udawalawe Reservoir (including 10 DSDs in Badulla, Monaragala and Ratnapura districts) by Central Environmental Authority (CEA) in 2015. The project was carried out to provide land use recommendations for this environmentally sensitive area. CEA had provided Rupees 04 million under Punarudaya programme.

The following objectives were expected to be achieved

- I. Identification of Environmentally Sensitive Areas
- II. Identification of land slide prone areas
- III. Identification of gem &, sand excavation sites
- IV. Identification of slopes more than 60%
- V. Identification of Drought prone areas
- VI. Identification of wildlife reserves.

(iii) Land Bank Project

This programme has been started with technical assistance of ICTA to collect, classify, prepare land use plans and monitoring the activities as 04 sub processes. Above processes will be done by a computerized programme.

(iv) Preparation of land restoration plans for the selected micro watersheds under degraded agricultural lands rehabilitation project.

This Department has been assigned to prepare land restoration plans for selected micro watersheds to rehabilitate degraded agricultural lands in Badulla, Nuwaraeliya and Kandy districts in Central Highlands by using participatory approach by Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment based on the funds provided by FAO.

In last quarter of the 2017 preparation of plans for 08 micro watersheds was initiated as a part of the preparation of 32 plans. A draft plan was prepared for a micro watershed located at Walapane DSD in Nuwaraeliya district and views of the stakeholders were obtained. The plan is being improved based on the views and some of the recommendations are now being implemented by stakeholder agencies. Based on this experience plans for the rest of the watersheds will be completed within this year.

(v) Preparation land use plan for Kala Oya river basin by mainstreaming biodiversity conservation.

Biodiversity conservation and ensure the sustenance of ecosystem services Project is implemented by Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment with the funds provided by Global Environmental Facility (GEF). Technical assistance to this project has been given by UNDP and the project was started in 2015. Preparation of land use plan by mainstreaming biodiversity conservation was mainly assigned to this Department. Accordingly, activities were started in 2016 and during the 2016 and 2017 purchasing of equipment, training of field officers and field activities were completed. With the help of the other stakeholder agencies a land use plan has now been drafted and at the end of March 2018 it will expected be published.

5.8 Summary of the progress of programmes conducted at District level.

Progress of the year 2017 at district level is given in the table below and further illustrated by the graph.

Progress of the programmes at District level 2017

Programme	Target	Physical Progress
District Land Use Planning Committee	100	78
Divisional Land Use Planning Committee	300	300
Village level land use planning	300	300
Awareness programmes for school children and community	300	300
National Land Use Survey (No. of map sheets)	1831	1831
Implementation of divisional land use plans (No. of programmes)	50	50

