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Grassroots Conflict Prevention (GRACE) in Sri Lanka

Set in the broader context of EU support towards socio-economic recovery in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent economic crisis, the GRACE project supported over 227,815 individuals including women and young people with training on conflict resolution and by improving their income opportunities in five locations in Western and Northwestern provinces of Sri Lanka.

This project built on the medium to long-term assistance also focusing on conflict resolution, promotion of early warning, conflict transformation and economic stabilization of vulnerable households. It also engaged faith leaders through trainings and community dialogues.

Key Stakeholders

- Government Officials: Divisional Secretaries, Assistance Director of Planning Officers, Officers of Divisional Disaster Management Centre, Local Government Administrative Officers, Chief of Grama Niladhari, Development officers and Grama Niladhari
 - Department of Social Service
 - Department of Education
 - Community Based Organizations
 - Youth Groups
 - Faith Leaders
 - Schools

Duration

April 2023 to March 2025

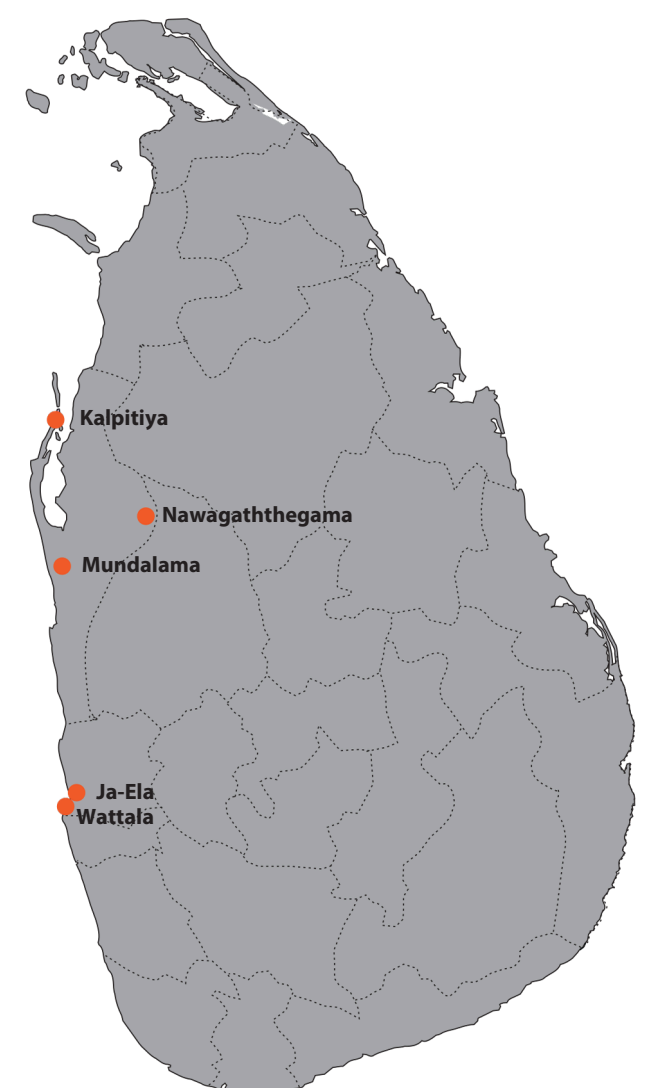
Grant Value

EUR 2.1 million



227,815

Individuals supported



Locations

Kalpitiya | Nawagaththegama | Mundalama | Wattala | Ja-ela

The Project..

Strengthened non-violent conflict resolutions and trust within communities

- **20 dialogues** conducted to promote social cohesion at the grassroots level
- **10 workshops** held to equip communities to advocate for social cohesion
- **50 women and youth** involved in violence prevention through community connector projects
- Built a national forum on peace and co-existence



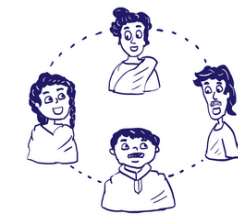
156,992

Individuals benefitted



Built resilient communities by -

- Leading communities to analyze risks of conflicts in their area
- Improving community knowledge on conflict transformation and social cohesion methods
- Establishing community violence prevention and rapid response mechanisms



60,417

Individuals reached

Improved income opportunities and economic stabilization by -

- Establishing/supporting community-led income generation activities :
 - **58 Micro, Small and Medium enterprises supported**
 - **112 Savings for Transformation groups created**
 - **290 income generation activities supported**
- Improving market linkages for the local micro, small and medium enterprises



10,406

Individuals supported



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