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1.1 Introduction

The Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights was established by the Gazette Extraordinary issued on 20th February 2006. This Ministry was named as the Ministry of Disaster Management by the Gazette Extraordinary dated 30th April 2010 and National Disaster Relief Services Centre was brought under the purview of this Ministry. Hon. A. H. M. Fowzie and Hon.W. B. Ekanayake assumed duties as the Minister and Deputy Minister of this New Ministry respectively on 23rd April 2010. At Cabinet reshuffle made by His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa once he was sworn in for his second term of Presidency on 19th November 2010 Hon. Mahinda Amaraweera and Hon Dulip Wijesekara were appointed as the Minister and the Deputy Minister respectively and they assumed duties of their posts on 22nd November 2010. Mrs. S. M. Mohamed was re-appointed as the Secretary to the Ministry and she assumed duties of her post on 23rd November, 2010.

1.2 Vision

Safer Sri Lanka

1.3 Mission

To facilitate the prosperity and dignity of human life through effective prevention and mitigation of natural and human induced disasters

1.4 Goals

- ❖ Protect lives of the citizens, properties & services from natural and human induced disasters (*Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness, Research & Development*)
- ❖ Create a culture of safety among communities for resilient society (Early Warning, Emergency Response, Rescue Operations and Provision of Relief).
- ❖ Facilitate implementation of Post disaster activities (Recovery, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction)

1.5 Activities

The following functions have been assigned to the Ministry by Special Gazette issued on 22nd November, 2010, in order to achieve these objectives.

- Implementation and co-ordination of disaster relief service activities in natural and man made disasters.
- Formulation of policies, programmes and projects for disaster mitigation, response and recovery.
- Direction and implementation of the aforesaid policies, programmes and projects within the time frames agreed with the National Planning Authorities and within budgeted resources, with a view to achieving the relevant objective.
- Formulation of national disaster management plan and National Emergency Operation plan based on National policy.
- Initiation and co-ordination of foreign aided projects for disaster mitigation, response and recovery.
- Liaising with Ministries and Government Institutions to ensure the timely execution of the aforesaid activities.
- Co-ordination of awareness programmes on natural and man made disasters.
- Relief on disasters due to flood, drought epidemics and other exceptional causes.
- Implementation of rescue operations in natural and man made disasters.
- Implementation of the Early Warning system.
- Research and Development in the fields of housing and building construction and technology.
- Meteorology surveys and research
- All other subjects that coming under the institutions under the purview of the Ministry and their supervision.

1.6 Operational Structure

The following institutions operate under the purview of the Ministry for the implementation of the functions and safe policies assigned to the Ministry in order to fulfill the aforesaid objectives.

- Department of Meteorology
- Disaster Management Centre
- National Building research Organization
- National Disaster Relief Services Centre

The Department of Meteorology, the National Building Research Organization and the Disaster Management Centre function as separate institutions under the supervision of the Ministry and the National Disaster Relief Services Centre function as a separate division of the Ministry.

The following strategical programmes were implemented throughout the year 2012 under the direct supervision, guidance and facilitation of the Ministry.

- Implementation of the disaster prevention and mitigation projects observed in the “Ten year Road Map for the mitigation of disasters in Sri Lanka”
- Planning and implementation of Disaster Preparedness activities and creation of a safer culture among people.
- Issue and dissemination of pre-warning messages and liaising with the supportive programmes conducted at divisional level.
- Enhancement of the capacity of the stakeholders who are engaged in pre relief activities and of the disaster response teams at national and divisional levels.

1.7 General Information :

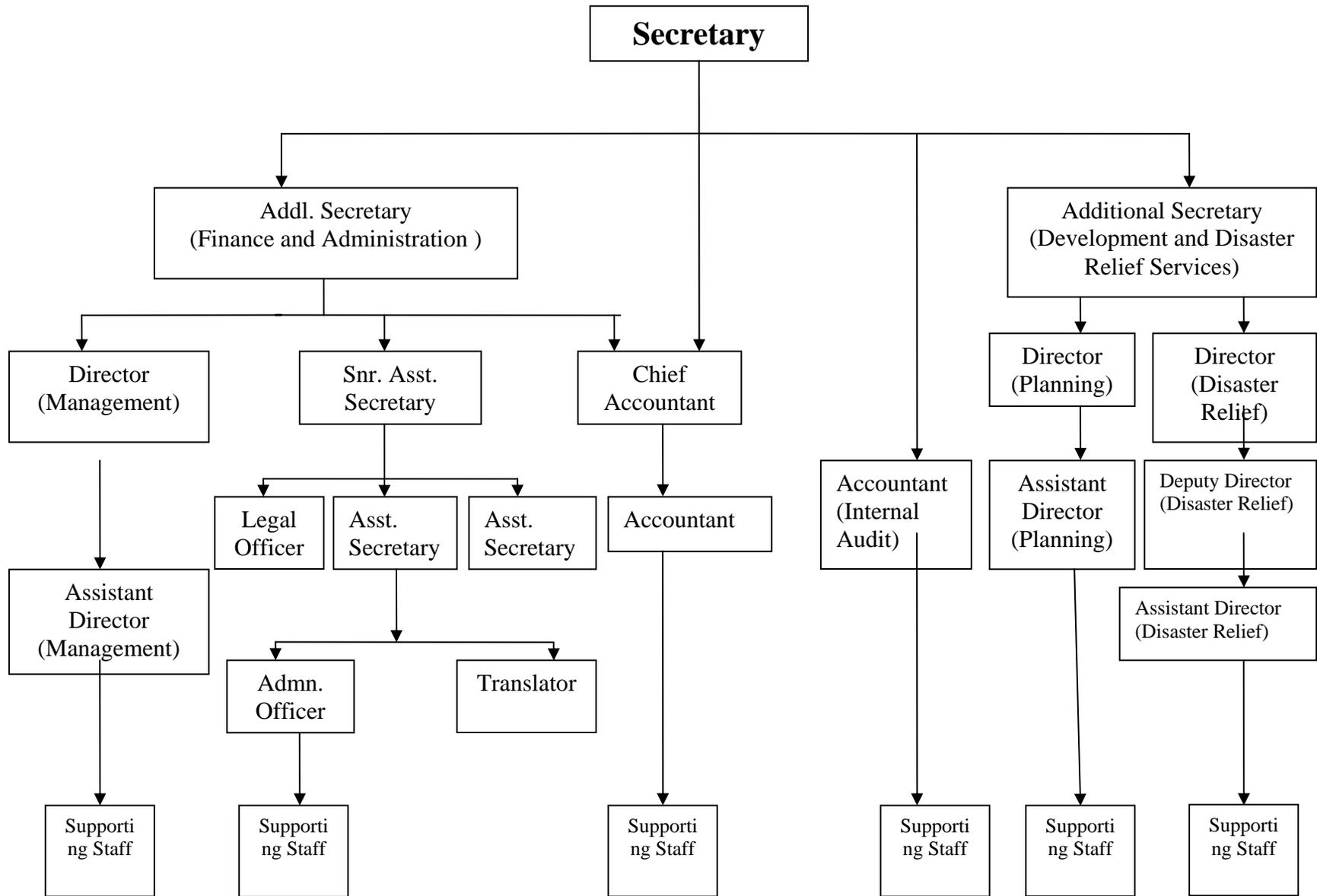
Construction of a new four storeyed building for the Ministry of Disaster Management was commenced at Vidya Mawatha, Colombo on 27.11.2008 and it was opened by His Excellency the President on 02nd April 2012. The Disaster Management Centre and National Disaster Relief Centre are also housed in this Building.



1.8 Offices that are housed in the Ministry Building

- Office of the Hon. Minister
- Office of the Hon. Deputy Minister
- Office of the Secretary to the Ministry
- Secretariat of the National Council for Disaster Management
- National Disaster Relief Service Centre
- Disaster Management Center

1.9 Ministry of Disaster Management - Organizational Structure



1.10 National Council for Disaster Management

The National Council for Disaster Management, which was established under Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005, is the apex body that functions in regard to disaster Management in Sri Lanka. His Excellency the President is the Chairman of the Council and Hon. Prime Minister is the Vice – Chairman of it . At the same time, the Council is also comprised of the leader of the opposition and other Ministers in charge of the subjects mentioned in the Act and Chief Ministers of Provinces.

The main functions of the Council are the formulation of national policies, programmes and plans regarding disaster management and exercising powers in regard to them and supervision and decision making regarding any situation that may occur in the country. One meeting has been held in this year under the patronage of His Excellency the President. The following proposals have been implemented after having been submitted in the aforesaid meeting.

01. The Motor Traffic Act No. 08 of 2009 has been amended based on the recommendations made by the committee appointed in regard to the mitigation of hazards that may be caused in the transportation of chemicals.
02. A decision was taken to introduce an insurance scheme for the houses of low income earners based on identified criteria, and steps have taken to implement it.
03. Granting approval for a city reconstruction project with a view to reconstructing the Peradeniya city, which was damaged by floods.
04. Approval was granted for the implementation of a comprehensive disaster management programme for Sri Lanka.
05. Establishment of an interim management committee for administrative and operational affairs of the Disaster Management Centre.
06. It was decided to take steps to amend National Budget Circular No. 152 to make room for taking necessary steps to make immediate responses in regard to the responsibilities and duties assigned to the Secretary to the Ministry under the subject of Disaster Management and until then to assign power to the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management to take immediate steps for the mitigation of disaster risks under Disaster Management Act No. 13 of 2005.



1.11 Development Activities undertaken in the year 2012

‘National Safety Day’

December 26th of every year was declared as the National Safety Day as approval granted by the Cabinet of Ministers to the proposal made in that regard by Cabinet Paper No. : 06/0984/208/008 dated 31st May, 2006.

The objective of this was to enhance the awareness of people regarding natural and man made disasters and make them pay their attention to them and also to make an attitude change in people in connection with the mitigation of disasters, prevention of disasters and preparedness for disasters. At the same time, enhancing the capacity of people to make proper responses in the future in disasters like the Tsunami, which occurred on 26th December, 2004 is also an objective of this.

Accordingly this function was held for the 07th time in Badulla District with the assistance of the Badulla District Secretariat under the patronage of the Hon. Speaker of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

‘Deyata Kirula’

This national programme was held in the year 2012 in the premises of Oyamaduwa National Livestock Development Centre in Anuadhapura and the provision of the infrastructure facilities and the co-ordination activities in regard to the projects formulated by the institutions under the purview of the Ministry in parallel to the aforesaid function was done by the Ministry.

Dengue Alleviation Programme

The institutions under the purview of this Ministry made arrangements to conduct programmes at district level throughout the year with the assistance of district offices in order to implement the dengue prevention programmes island-wide and a dengue alleviation programme was held in the city of Colombo on 14th / 15th of February 2012 by the Disaster Management Centre, which is under the purview of this Ministry, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Local Government and Provincial Councils. A Committee comprised of the representatives of the Ministry and the four institutions coming under the purview of the Ministry was setup and dengue alleviation programmes were continuously conducted in the relevant institutions with the intervention of the aforesaid Committee members.

02. Progress of the Planning and Development Activities

1. Coordinated of the relevant divisions for the preparation of the Annual Action plan of the Ministry for the year 2012 and submitted the Action Plan to the Ministry of Finance and Planning.
2. Prepared the Annual Report of this Ministry for the year 2012 and sent it to the Parliament in order that it may be submitted for the budget discussions of this Ministry in the year 2013.
3. Conducted progress review meetings on monthly and quarterly basis regarding the programmes implemented by this Ministry and the institutions under its purview and updating the web site maintained by the Department of Project Management and Monitoring of the Ministry of Finance and Planning incorporating the relevant financial and physical progress.. (Online web based Electronic Project Monitoring System)
4. Being involved in field work to monitor the progress, supervision and the direction of the development projects implemented by the institutions under the purview of this Ministry.
5. Implementation of the e-government policy in the Ministry, which has been introduced by the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka in order to enhance the capacity of information communication technology in the state sector.
6. Obtaining the approval of the Department of National Planning for the project proposals and improved co-ordination between the institutions to implement the projects.
7. Prepared the procurement plan of the Ministry for the year 2012 and submitted it to the Auditor General's Department.
8. The Action Plan of the Ministry for the year 2013 has been prepared and it has reached its final phase.
9. The preliminary work of the Comprehensive Disaster Management Plan (2014 – 2018) was commenced and further activities in regard to it were carried out.
10. Prepared of the Corporate Plan of the Ministry (2013 – 2015)
11. The annual performance report of the Ministry for the year 2011 was prepared and it was forwarded to the Administrative Division of the Ministry to be submitted it to theParliament.
12. An Action Plan was prepared incorporating the opinions and proposals of the four institutions under the purview of this Ministry and it was handed over to the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs in order to prepare the National Action Plan for Children (2013 – 2017)
13. Submitted the opinions and proposals of the four institutions under the Ministry to the programme conducted by the Ministry of Consumer Welfare in order to formulate a national policy in regard to consumer welfare.
14. Assistance of this Ministry was provided for the action plan formulated by the Ministry of Plantation Industries in order to promote and safeguard human rights and the progress report

in regard to the activities relevant for this Ministry under the aforesaid action plan was presented on monthly basis.

03. Progress of Administrative Activities

Recruitment Procedure

Having obtained the recommendation of the Director General of Combined Services and the Secretary of Salaries and Cadre Commission the recruitment procedure formulated by the Ministry for the post of technical officer has been forwarded for the approval of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission.

In addition to that approval of the Secretary of the Public Service Commission has been granted to the recruitment procedures of the following posts.

- ❖ Recruitment procedure for the post of Legal Officer
- ❖ Promotion procedure for the post of Assistant Cameraman
- ❖ Recruitment procedure for the post of Video Cameramen and still photographer

Conducting Parliamentary Consultative Committee Meetings

Five consultative Committee meetings were held and 13 proposals were made in these meetings. Necessary action has been taken in regard to the aforesaid 13 proposals.

Amendment of Disaster Management Act

A bill was drafted incorporating the amendments meant for minimizing the problems encountered in the implementation of the aforesaid Act and it has been submitted to the Legal Draftsman's Department to obtain its observations.

National Building Research Organization Act

The Building Research Organization Bill formulated in the year 2011 in order to confer legal status to the National Building Research Organization has been forwarded to the Legal Draftsman's Department by now and the first draft of the bill has been completed by the Department.

Legal Affairs

Six cases were filed against the Ministry. Out of them 03 cases were fundamental right cases filed in the Supreme court and those cases have been called on nine occasions within the year 2012. One fundamental right case was dismissed by the Supreme Court.

Out of these cases two cases have been filed in the Court of Appeal pleading that writ orders be granted and the advice of the Attorney General has been sought for them. The other case has been filed in the High Court of Colombo pleading a writ order.

The reports connected to two complaints made to the Human Rights Commission has been forwarded.

Interim Management Committees

➤ National Building Research Organization

This committee was set up upon the approval granted for the Cabinet Paper no. 07/-435/343/002 dated 13.03.2007. This interim management committee which was set up to exercise administrative, financial and management powers of the Building Research Organization and also to take other important decisions meets once a month under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management. This Committee which is comprised of 9 members has met nine times by now and the decisions taken in those meetings have been implemented.

➤ Disaster Management Centre

This Interim Management Committee has been established with the aim of regulating good governance, management and financial control in the Disaster Management Centre. This committee, which has been established under the provisions of the Code of Best Practice in Corporate Governance for Public Enterprises in Sri Lanka, is comprised of 07 members under the chairmanship of the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management and it is responsible for taking decisions as per the aforesaid provisions, direction and supervision. Three meetings have been held in the year 2012.

International and Regional Co-operation

Participated in a discussion for studying the courses of action adopted by the government of Bangladesh in regard to the mitigation of natural disasters and also participated in the fifth Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

A study was done in regard to the practices in meteorology with a view to using the practices and experiences of meteorology in Singapore in activities related to meteorology in Sri Lanka.

Public Complaints

The Ministry makes the necessary co-ordination in regard to the problems and requests of the public which are done for obtaining the services of the institutions under the purview of this Ministry and 81 complaints have been received in the year 2012. The aforesaid complaints have been forwarded to the relevant institutions for taking necessary action in that regard.

Training Programmes

Local - 25 officers of the Ministry were sent to local training programmes in the year 2012. In addition, Tamil Language classes were held for all the officers of the Ministry through an instructor of State Language Department with the aim of enhancing knowledge of Tamil Language.

Foreign- 07 officers of the Ministry participated in training programmes, workshops, forums and conferences.

Cabinet Memoranda and Decisions

Seri al No.	Subject	Date and Number of the Cabinet Approval	Progress
01	Mr. S. H. Kariyawasam Appointment to the Post of Director General Meteorology	CP/12/0388/548/001 2012.03.28	Appointment has been made and presently serves
02	Establishment of the National Centre for Protection from Lightening and the Interim committee	CP/12/0598/548/002 2012.05.09	Interim committee has been established
03	Tabling the Annual Report for the year 2010 of the Disaster Management Centre at the Parliament.	CP/12/0662/548/003 2012.06.01	The Annual Report of the Disaster Management Centre for the year 2010 has been presented to Parliament. The report related to the observations of the Minister of Finance and Planning has been forwarded to the Cabinet of Ministers on 19.09.2012
04	Establishment of an Interim Management Committee for the Disaster Management Centre	CP/12/0790/548/004 2012.06.27	Interim Management Committee has been set up.
05	Preparation of a methodology for the prevention of forest fires expeditiously	CP/12/0886/548/005 2012.06.27	A committee was appointed with the representation from 08 Ministries to make recommendations to the Cabinet of Ministers for the prevention of forest fires and the relevant report was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers on 03.10.2012

06	Tabling the Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Disaster Management for the year 2011 in Parliament	CP/12/1111/548/006 2012.08.22	The 2011 Annual Performance Report of the Ministry of Disaster Management was presented to Parliament on 11.10.2012. The Report which indicates the progress of the facts mentioned in the observations of the Minister of Finance and Planning was presented to the Cabinet of Ministers on 05.10.2012.
07	Tabling the 2010 Annual Report of the Disaster Management Centre in Parliament	CP/12/1321/548/003-I 2012.10.03	Approval has been granted to the National Plan for Disaster Management at the 9 th meeting of the National Council for Disaster Management held on 28.01.2013.
08	National Safety Day celebration 2012	CP/12/1610/548/007 2012.12.05	26 th of December has been named as the National Safety Day and 2012 National "Safety Day Celebrations were done in the auditorium of the Provincial Ministry of Education in Badulla.

Staff

Serial Number	Post	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Number of Vacancies
1	Secretary	1	1	0
2	Additional Secretary (Development and Relief Services)	1	1	0
3	Additional Secretary (Finance and Administration)	1	0	1
4	Senior Assistant Secretary	1	1	0
5	Chief Accountant	1	1	0
6	Director (Disaster Relief Services)	1	1	0
7	Director (Management)	1	0	1
8	Director (Planning)	1	1	0
9	Director (National Council for Disaster Management)	1	0	1
10	Assistant Secretary	2	2	0
11	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Disaster Relief Services)	3	1	2
12	Deputy Director / Assistant Director (Management)	1	1	0
13	Deputy Director - Assistant Director (Planning)	1	1	0
14	Accountant	1	1	0

15	Accountant (Internal Audit)	1	0	1
16	Legal Officer	1	1	0
17	Assistant Secretary (Trade Unions)	1	1	0
18	Administrative Officer	1	1	0
19	Co-ordination Secretary to the Secretary	1	1	0
20	Translator	2	1	1
21	Development Officer	1	1	0
22	Development Assistant	38	8+30*	-
23	Public Management Assistant	20	15	5
24	Still Photographer	1	0	1
25	Cameraman	1	0	1
26	Data Entry Operator	1	0	1
27	Technical Officer	1	0	1
28	Driver	15	11	4
29	Assistant Cameraman	1	1	0
31	Office Assistant	15	13	2
	Total	118	96	22

*Graduate trainees have been recruited (30)

Transfers

12 employees of the Ministry received transfers to other places of work during the period from January to December 2012 and the number of employees who received transfers to the Ministry from other places of work is 05. (five)

Two officers who have received promotions reported for duties in the Ministry. One female officer has been released from the service of this Ministry due to the fact that she has received an appointment in another service.

The number of officers who got retirement in the year 2012 is two (02).

Surveys of goods

A board of survey comprised of 03 officers undertook the surveys of items relevant for the year 2012.

04. Accounts and Procurement

Expenditure estimate

	Ministry office 106-01-1		Administrative and Establishment Services 106-01-2		Disaster Relief Services 106-02-4	
	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital	Recurrent	Capital
Estimated Allocations	48,250,000.00	3,160,000.00	52,500,000.00	67,000,000.00	247,100,000.00	4,300,000.00
Transfers and financial regulation No. 66 and Supplementary Allocations	3,249,500.00	28,500,000.00	22,400,000.00		(55,000,000.00)	55,000,000.00
	(3,839,500.00)	590,000.00	(698,000.00)			2,080,000.00
			698,000.00			
Net Allocations	47,660,000.00	32,250,000.00	74,900,000.00	67,000,000.00	192,100,000.00	61,380,000.00
Expenditure	42,773,964.00	30,431,824.00	68,943,354.00	59,514,212.00	171,764,854.93	40,348,240.29
Expenditure percentage	89.75	94.36	92.05	88.83	89.41	65.74

Financing for Expenditure

Code	Financing for expenditure	Net allocations	Actual expenditure
11	Local funds	473,210,000.00	411,696,449.22
12	Foreign aid loans		
13	Foreign aid grants	2,080,000.00	2,080,000.00
17	Local funds related foreign aid		

Advance Account of Public Officers

	Maximum expenditure limit	Minimum limit of receipts	Maximum credit limit
Limit permitted by the Appropriation Bill	4,200,000.00	2,500,000.00	16,000,000.00
Actual value as at 31.12.2012	1,288,610.00	3,117,529.00	9,079,147.00

Advance / Loans as at 31.12.2012

Type of loan	Loan amount	No, of persons who obtained loans
01. Festival advance	365,000.00	73
02. Special advance	62,500.00	25
03. Distress loan	861,110.00	10
04. Cycle loan	-	

The 2012 Appropriation Account and the “B” Advance account of Public officers were prepared as at 31.12.2012 and which been sent to the Auditor General.

Details of the Capital Expenditures of the Ministry in the year 2012

Ministry Office

2102 - Furniture and office equipment	-	972,599.00
2101 - Purchase of vehicles	-	29,089,143.00
2001 - Building repairs	-	170,430.00
2002 - Machine and machinery repairs	-	99,652.00
2003 - Vehicle repairs	-	100,000.00
Total	-	30,431,824
Total allocations for the year 2012	-	31,965,600.00
Total expenditure in the year 2012	-	30,431,824.37
Financial progress (%)	-	95.20

Ministry Office

2102 - Furniture and office equipment	-	982,127.00
2201 - National Building Research Organization	-	54,600,000.00
2401 - Training and capacity enhancement	-	299,820.00
6-2502 -Deyata Kirula	-	3,632,265.00
Total	-	59,514,212.00
Total allocations for the year 2012	-	60,970,000.00
Total expenditure for the year 2012	-	59,514,212.00
Financial progress (%)		97.61

Procurement Activities

- I. The value of all the purchases made for assets and office requirements of the year 2012 was 10,598,538 rupees.
- II. Procurement activities have been done in accordance with the Procurement plan.

05. Internal Audit

The audit inquiry reports in regard to the Ministry of Disaster Management, Department of Meteorology and Disaster Relief Service Centre were submitted to the Secretary to the Ministry along with the special Investigation reports of District Offices of Disaster Relief Services centre, district offices of Disaster Management Centre, and the regional offices of Meteorology Department in the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Nuwara Eliya.

- I. Three Audit and Management Committee meetings were held in the year 2012.
- II. Four audit queries were received for the year 2012 and replies have been sent to all those four queries.
- III. Steps have been taken to rectify the matters pointed out by the reports of audit committee meetings.

Details of the reports of the Auditor General received by the Ministry of Disaster Management in the year 2012.

Serial No.	Audit Query No.	Description	Date of the audit query	Date of the reply
1	ND/B/MDM/2011/AQ/08	Inspection of the purchase of items and equipment	2012/01/23	2012/02/01
2	ND/B/MDM/V.G./2011	Appropriation Account - 2011 – Head 106	2012/07/12	2012/07/20
3	DE/G/A.K.A./KVA/2011	Management Audit Query	2012/08/08	2012/08/21
4	ND/B/MDM/154(6)2010	Auditor Generals Report for the year 2011 - Head 106	2012/09/21	2012/09/27

06. National Disaster Relief Services Centre

As per Gazette Notification No. 1651/220 dated 30.04.2010, the National Disaster Relief Services Centre Implements its projects and programmes through District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats under the guidance and policies provided by the Secretary to the Ministry of Disaster Management. Also, Development Assistants (Disaster Management) act as Co-ordinators of Disaster Relief Services under the supervision of the relevant District Secretaries.

Main programmes and activities

- ❖ Launching relief activities for people affected by disasters.
- ❖ Providing assistance to implement programmes to rescue people from natural and manmade disasters.
- ❖ Planning and implementation of the Disaster Risk Reduction Programmes (Ex. Construction of tanks for harvesting rain water)
- ❖ Implementation of rehabilitation programmes to reinstate the economy and the livelihood of the people affected by natural and manmade disasters
- ❖ Collection and dissemination of data of disaster situations
- ❖ Conducting awareness programmes for public officers and the general public regarding relief mechanisms and the manner in which disaster situations can be faced.
- ❖ Co-ordination of relief operations in a sudden disaster situations.
- ❖ Logistical services



Details of the existing staff ,transfers and the retirement of employees

Existing Staff

Serial No.	Post	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	No. of vacancies
01	Director	01	01	-
02	Deputy Director	01	-	01
03	Assistant Director	02	01	01
04	Development Assistants (Disaster Management)	32	28	04
05	Development Officer (Disaster Management)	04	-	04
06	Development officer (Disaster Relief Services)	332	159	173
07	Information Communication Technology officer (11)	02	-	02
08	Management Assistant	08	03	05
09	Project Officer	01	-	01
10	Information Communication Technology Officer (III)	01	01	-
11	Driver	07	02	05
12	Office Assistant	04	04	-
13	Lorry Driver Assistant	05	-	05
Total		400	199	201

Transfers

The number of the employees who received transfers during the period from January 2011 up to December of that year is 01. Director A. Lakdas got a transfer from Disaster Relief Service Centre to the Ministry of Disaster Management up to 05.02.2013.

Training Programmes

➤ **Local Training**

Giving priority to the implementation of the State Language policy for the officers the Disaster Relief Services Centre, Tamil language Training was provided to four officers and one officer of the aforesaid centre was provided training on store house management.

➤ **Foreign Training**

Two officers have participated in foreign training / seminars

Relief Service Activities undertaken in the year 2012

Implementation of relief activities

- **Flood situation -2012**

Sri Lanka faced massive floods in December 2012 and floods and landslides were reported in the districts of Batticaloa, Ampara, Kurunegala, Trincomalee, Matale, Moneragala, Badulla, Polonnaruwa, Hambantota, Jaffna, Kandy, Anuradhapura, Puttlam, Vavuniya, Ratnapura, Mannar, Mulativu, Nuwara Eliya and Kilinochchi. As a result, 146,968 families comprising 548,672 persons were affected and 31,905 houses were destroyed. Out of the aforesaid number of houses 5443 houses were completely damaged and 26,462 houses were partially damaged.

Allocations were released by the Ministry of Disaster Management considering the reports of the disasters which occurred in these districts. Cooked food, dry rations, funeral aid, medical aid, cooking utensils and vocational equipment were included in it. The amount of Rs.165.5 million has been granted by the Ministry for the sudden disaster situation.

Provision of cooked food

Cooked food was provided to those who stayed in temporary shelters away from their homes in



times of disasters. The amount of these provisions was decided on the age and income of the persons and of the fact whether they owned permanent houses. As per National Budget Circular No. 152 dated 14.06.2011 the maximum amount that could be spent for cooked food is 150 rupees for one person and the maximum for which it could be provided is 07 days. The entire allocation made for the people affected by disasters in the year 2012 was 72.12 million rupees.

Dry rations

Dry rations worth of Rs. 455,777,814 rupees were provided to the families who had stayed in their relatives' or friend's houses without staying in welfare centres and also to those who stayed in temporary welfare centres ,once they returned to their homes.

As per National Budget Circular No. 152. the following amounts could be paid for providing dry rations for the persons affected by disasters .

For one individual	₹.385/=
For a family of 2 individuals	₹.490/=
For a family of 3 individuals	₹.595/=
For a family of 3 4 individuals	₹.700/=
For a family of 5 or more individuals	₹.805/=

The total amount spent for providing dry rations for the persons affected by disasters in the year 2012 was Rs. 71.02 million.

Aid for funeral expenses

104 persons died due to disasters in the year 2012 and their spouses or next-of-kin were provided fifteen thousand rupees as funeral aid on behalf of each deceased person. The total amount spent for funeral aid in the year 2012 was Rs. 1.68 million.

Maintaining the warehouse at Orugodawatta for storing items needed for the management of disaster situations

The Orugodawatta warehouse was commenced on behalf of the victims of the Tsunami disaster, which occurred in the year 2004, under the Department of Social Services. Thereafter camps, dry rations, kitchen utensils, boat engines, relief aid such as clothes, water pumps, water tanks and water purification equipment were stored in this warehouse to be used in the management of disaster situations. In drought situations these items were distributed in those drought affected areas.

“Sahana” Disaster Management System for the National Disaster Relief Services Centre.



National Disaster Relief Services Centre and District and Divisional Secretariats are being networked with “Sahana” Disaster Management System under the project for the reconstruction of the State sector with the assistance of the Information Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka. It was implemented in the Western Province on 20th November 2012. The aim of this system is to develop an effective communication system to obtain information through district and divisional secretariats in a sudden disaster situation. This information can be used for planning, implementing and monitoring relief and rehabilitation programmes. Training programmes have been conducted for the officers of district and divisional secretariats in all the 25 administrative districts in order to implement this system throughout the island. Each development officer (Disaster Relief Services) in district and divisional Secretariats was provided with a laptop under this programme. This was first implemented in the Western Province and the total cost incurred for this was 4.22 million rupees.

Implementation of Drought Mitigation Programmes

An allocation was made as transport and administration cost to provide water to the families affected by drought in the districts of Anuradhapura, Badulla, Batticaloa, Hambantota, Monaragala, Kilinochchi, Ampara, Jaffna, Mannar, Puttlam, Kandy, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Kegalle, Matale, Mulativu, Nuwara Eliya, Ratnapura, Trincomalee and Vavuniya in order to fulfill drinking water needs of the people who get affected by droughts, as a measure of providing short term relief.



Seven million rupees was spent for the construction of 100 rain water harvesting tanks in seven selected divisional Secretariat Divisions in Ampara District in order to mitigate drought effects as a project of the Deyata Kirula Programme 2013. One hundred families were benefitted by this project. Action was taken to construct 98 rain water harvesting tanks in another 4 divisional Secretariat divisions in the district of Anuradhapura with the investment of 5.66 million rupees as a project of the Deyata Kirula programme 2012.

Co-ordination of Disaster Relief Programmes

National Disaster Relief Services Centre took steps to collect ,and also to facilitate to provide dry rations, water, tanks, camps, sanitary ware, water bottles, clothes etc. in collaboration with various government and non governmental organizations. During the disaster situations in the recent past UNICEF, Red Cross Organization, Sinha Society, Sri Lank Navy, Sri Lanka Army, The Fire Brigade, International Organization for Migration and various Ministries were co-ordinated at national level.

Kitchen utensils were provided to the areas affected by disasters, for the preparation of meals. One set of Kitchen utensils was comprised of 03 saucepans, 01 metal pan, 01 coconut scraper, a gas cooker and a gas tank, 01 kettle and a wooden spatula.

Information on disaster management in rural areas and the distribution of kitchen utensils throughout the island in the year 2012.

District	No. of kitchen utensils	The utensils included in one set
Ampara	40	Saucepan (50 kg) Saucepan (30kg) Saucepan (20kg) Gas cooker High pressure regulator Gas cylinder (12.45 kg) Kettle with a capacity of 10 litres Bench coconut scraper Wooden spatula
Anuradhapura	33	
Badulla	30	
Batticaloa	42	
Colombo	35	
Galle	25	
Gampaha	35	
Hambantota	66	
Jaffna	29	
Kalutara	24	
Kandy	20	
Kegalle	30	
Kilinochchi	20	
Kurunegala	27	
Mannar	25	
Matale	21	
Matara	43	
Moneragala	22	
Mulativu	25	
Nuwara Eliya	51	
Polonnaruwa	27	
Puttlam	46	
Ranapura	33	
Trincomalee	40	
Vavuniya	25	
Total	814	

Budgetary Allocation and Expenditure

Rs. 220.50 million was allocated from the 2012 budget for providing relief in disaster situations. The total allocation for the National Disaster Relief Services Centre in the year 2012 was Rs.248.15 million and it comprised Rs. 187.16 million for recurrent expenditure and Rs. 60.99 million for capital expenditure. The total expenditure by 31st December 2012 was Rs. 212,113,095. It

comprised Rs.171.76 million as recurrent expenditure and 40.35 million rupees as capital expenditure whereas the aforesaid expenditures were 91.78% and 66.15% respectively as a percentage.

The following problems and obstacles encountered by the Centre in the year 2012

- Some government institutions performed the same activity repeatedly in disaster operations.
- Co-ordination of various sub organizations was at a poor state
- Skills development and human resource capacity of Development officers had to be built anew.
- Separate infrastructure facilities had to be allocated for Development officers.