

Project title (Acronym)	Integrating Climate Resilience and Disaster Management into Local Governance System
LA / CSO (type)	National Local Govt. Association
Implementing Partner(s)	Deraniyagala Pradeshiya Sabha – Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council
Country/countries, region	Sri Lanka
Budget (specify EU funding amount, if applicable)	Australian Dollars 80,000/-
Is it a Global Gateway project?	No
Funding modality	Grant under Direct Aid Program
Funding sources	Direct Aid Program
Implementation period	24 months
Thematic development area (5 words)	Climate Resilience, Disaster Management, Community
Short description, including target beneficiaries and their engagement/reactions thus far (300 words)	Federation with the financial support of Ausaid implemented a project to integrate climate resilience and disaster management into Local Govt system. This was a, bottom up participatory project where four local councils in the Subaragamuwa Province worked with local communities in developing an integrating approach to resilience and disaster management. Climate and disaster related process were handled by the central govt and local councils and communities were never a part of the process, and govt funded only to response disasters. FSLGA facilitated developing area based risk maps to identify the vulnerable locations, creating awareness, working with communities on developing resilience practices, communication networks, an advisory committee with youth and women participation to plan climate resilience activities, training youth on response mechanisms, first aid training. Gazette a Provincial Directive empowering all councils to integrate climate resilience and disaster management process to council planning system. The partner councils were able to gazette the required by-laws empowering the councils to allocate funding, regulate services, and prosecute the preparators who are involved in illegal practices.
Lessons learnt, key messages and results relevant for future EU programming (300 words)	Climate Resilience and Disaster Management is dealt by the Central Government and Local councils are not a part of this process. The actions are implemented by the District secretariat and Divisional Secretariat the deconcentrated arm of the Central Government. The actions are mostly confined to response activities. The Central Government channels funds through these local institutions. The planning authority is vested with the Local Governments. Hence the proactive actions in resilience and disaster management are not delt by the Local Councils. It is essential for EU and other organizations to work with the Local councils who are vested with the powers to deal with local issues. Unless the systems are improved including strengthening the Local Planning process, strengthen the legal and policy framework and support the individual councils to resolve their unique issues it is challenging to make local communities resilient to climate issues.

Replicability (100 words)

This project is easily replicable as the process, and approach can easily be implemented in any location. The legal and policy framework is can be adapted by all councils, with minimum changes to suit the local context as the issues varies for each location depending on the geographical challenges such as sea erosions, landslides, flash floods, and droughts.

All councils are governed by the same parent acts within which the provisions are given to do necessary changes according to the requirements of the councils through enactment of by-laws.