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## SRI LANKA COUNTRY PROFILE

An island nation located along major trade routes in the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka is critical to maritime and regional stability. As Sri Lanka's largest export market, the United States is in a strong position to support the country's stability and economic growth.

Home to more than 21 million people, Sri Lanka continues to navigate a path toward recovery after a 26-year conflict, several natural disasters, the 2019 terrorist attacks, the COVID-19 pandemic, and the 2022 economic and political crises.

USAID partners with Sri Lanka to foster sustainable and inclusive economic growth, promote inclusivity, strengthen governance, and forge a free and prosperous Indo-Pacific region. USAID works to improve natural disaster and risk management practices, enhance environmental and climate resilience, and improve energy security and sustainability. USAID activities in Sri Lanka align with the U.S. Government's vision to promote a free and open Indo-Pacific in which all nations are connected, prosperous, resilient, and secure. USAID is also responsive to needs emerging out of the current economic crisis addressing food insecurity through direct support to the most vulnerable and strengthening agriculture and supporting IMF reforms.

### OUR WORK

USAID's current program supports Sri Lanka's efforts to promote inclusive economic growth, strengthen its democratic systems, and support marginalized and disaster-affected communities.

## ECONOMIC GROWTH

USAID promotes inclusive, market-driven growth and resilience to economic shocks and stresses. Through activities to promote trade and investment, strengthen the workforce, and improve the business climate for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), USAID supports Sri Lanka's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2022 crises.

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

USAID activities strengthen environmental and climate resilience and improve energy security and sustainability to mitigate resource-based shocks and stresses. Activities support innovative approaches to reduce plastic pollution, increase deployment of renewable energy, and mobilize private sector funding to reduce risks associated with climate vulnerability and climate change.

## GOVERNANCE AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

In partnership with Sri Lanka, USAID activities strengthens inclusive governance, builds a robust civil society, and promotes the rule of law. USAID also works to improve Sri Lankans' access to balanced and reliable news, and partners with the government and the people of Sri Lanka to strengthen dialogue between multi-ethnic communities.

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Building on decades of partnership, USAID activities build Sri Lanka's capacity to prepare for, and respond to disasters. In response to the 2022 crises, which resulted in 5.7 million people in need of humanitarian assistance, USAID is providing humanitarian support to respond to and prepare for first-stage emergency needs and prevent worsening of conditions.

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