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ABOUT US

HELP-O is a non-governmental organization (NGO) established in 1992 to serve the local community by making it a better, happier place to live in harmony with nature.

The vision of the organization is "Equitable Economic Development, Social Justice, and a Safer Environment for All," while the mission is "To identify the risks confronted by Sri Lankan communities and implement effective solutions through proven integrated approaches with the participation of stakeholders."

The five strategies HELP-O adopts in achieving its mission include empowering the marginalized community socially and economically, recognizing the importance of community participation and leadership, dedicating efforts to protecting the environment through an integrated process, safeguarding human rights and justice, and ensuring sustainable development.

Our programs and projects mainly focus on community empowerment, rehabilitation, relief assistance, protecting human rights, community participation in local governance, community financing, livelihood development, economic resource mobilization, nurturing biodiversity, mitigating the impact of climate change, pollution prevention, waste management, optimal utilization of marine resources, and optimal utilization of forest products.

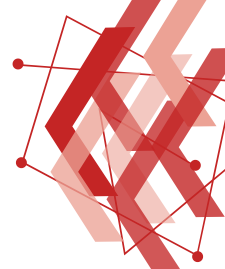
Our organization is dedicated to making a sustainable positive impact on the environment and the lives of people in Sri Lanka through a multisectoral approach in different sectors.

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Introducing New AI Banking System in Galle to Boost Community Financial Inclusion



In a significant step towards digital transformation and financial inclusion, an AI-powered online banking system was recently installed for three community empowerment organizations involved in community financing in the Galle District. The new system aims to streamline financial operations, enhance transparency, and improve access to banking services for underserved communities.

The installation took place at the HELP-O office in Galle, marking a milestone in the organizations' efforts to adopt cutting-edge technology for grassroots development. The initiative was made possible through the technical expertise and leadership of Mr. Dilhan Liyanage, CEO of Rajjida, a pioneering firm in fintech solutions.

Coordinated by Dr. Chathura Welivitiya, CEO of HELP-O, the program is part of a broader strategy to empower local communities by leveraging digital tools. "This system not only enhances efficiency but also ensures secure and accountable financial transactions for community-based organizations," said Dr. Welivitiya.

The AI-driven platform is expected to significantly improve the way community financing is managed, providing real-time data, automated reporting, and intelligent financial insights to support decision-making at the grassroots level.

This collaborative effort underscores the potential of public-private partnerships in driving technological innovation for social good, especially in the context of rural development and economic empowerment.



General Meeting of Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha Right to Voice CBO Forum



The Honorable Chairman of the Elpitiya Pradeshiya Sabha has been hailed as a role model for other local government institutions following his active participation in the monthly meeting of the Elpitiya Right to Voice Community Organization Forum.

The meeting took place at 9:30 AM on May 16th at the historic Viharamahadevi Pirivena in Elpitiya. Representatives from a wide range of community organizations were in attendance, highlighting the forum's significance as a platform for civic dialogue and grassroots advocacy.



In a notable show of commitment to public service and transparency, the Honorable Chairman, along with other councilors and officers from the Pradeshiya Sabha, participated in the session. Their presence was not merely ceremonial; they engaged directly with the public, answering questions and addressing community concerns on the spot.



The Chairman's responsiveness and willingness to engage with the public have set a commendable standard for participatory governance. His actions underscore the importance of accountability and open dialogue between elected officials and the citizens they serve.



Community members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to voice their concerns and praised the Pradeshiya Sabha's leadership for fostering a more inclusive and responsive local government culture.

This meeting marked a significant step forward in strengthening the relationship between the local government and the people of Elpitiya, and it serves as a promising example for other regions aiming to enhance democratic engagement at the grassroots level.

Implementation of TOTs for Environmental Education Book in Sri Lanka

A key stakeholder meeting was held at the Ministry of Environment on 20th May 2025 to finalize the implementation of Training of Trainers (TOT) programs aligned with the educational initiative titled “Marching with the Next Generation Towards a Plastic Waste-Free Future in Sri Lanka.” The initiative, a collaborative effort between the Ministry of Environment, the Ministry of Education, and the NGO HELP-O, aims to promote sustainable waste management and reduce plastic use among the youth through a structured educational approach.



Book Printing and Distribution

The materials will include two sets of publications

- Student Activity Book
 - ✓ Sinhala: 500 copies
 - ✓ Tamil: 100 copies
 - ✓ English: 50 copies
- Teacher Resource Book
 - ✓ Sinhala: 250 copies
 - ✓ Tamil: 100 copies
 - ✓ English: 50 copies

HELP-O will provide the proof versions of these books within a week for review by the Ministry of Education. Final versions will be approved by proofreaders through a sign-off process to ensure accuracy and quality.

Book Launch and Public Engagement

In recognition of World Environment Day, the official launch of the book is scheduled for 5th June 2025. The launch event will serve to raise awareness and officially kick off the education campaign.

Additionally, community waste collection programs will begin in August 2025, with implementation support from the Samurdhi Development Department and HELP-O representatives. These grassroots activities are intended to reinforce the environmental messages conveyed through the books and TOT sessions.

Helpo Eco Green : Pioneering Biogas Innovation in Sri Lanka

With over two decades of expertise, Helpo Eco Green Ltd stands at the forefront of sustainable energy solutions in Sri Lanka. Renowned as a pioneer in biogas technology, the company has revolutionized the use of organic and household waste, as well as wastewater, by converting them into clean energy.

Helpo Eco Green was the first to transform conventional toilets into energy-generating units, introducing the use of natural gas at household and institutional levels—a game-changer in environmental innovation. The company also broke new ground by taking biogas technology into the commercial sector, supporting businesses in adopting sustainable waste-to-energy models.

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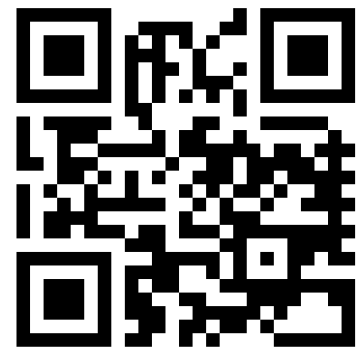
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