This four-year project aims to reduce poverty levels in Badulla, Matale, Monaragala and Nuwara Eliya districts by bringing public, private and civil actors together through a coordinated multi-stakeholder approach.

ACTED is supporting over 300 Micro, Small and Medium Entrepreneurs (MSMEs) operating in agricultural value chains, with particular focus on vulnerable groups, such as estate communities, women and persons with disabilities. By facilitating tailored, risk-sensitive business development, increased market linkages as well as enhanced support services, local businesses will expand and create jobs.

In the context of COVID-19, the project will also support local enterprises to devise business recovery plans and engage in e-commerce, thus building resilience.

Objective
To sustainably improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable rural and estate communities in Badulla, Matale, Monaragala and Nuwara Eliya districts through the promotion of integrated, climate-resilient and inclusive socio-economic development.

Results so far
- 320 MSMEs in agricultural value-chains, including input-suppliers, producers, processors and retailers, boost their business development
- 60 Local Business Development Service providers, including financial institutions, enhance their ability to support the economic development of MSMEs
- 80 CSOs, 16 Local Authorities and 96 de-concentrated government departments strengthen multi-stakeholder governance in inclusive and resilient economic development, thus creating an enabling business environment for target MSMEs