



Project Brief

Water, Agriculture, Livelihoods and Knowledge (WALK)

This two and half year project aims to **improve the livelihoods of farmers**, especially women, living near a local water reservoir, the Samurdhi Tank, in Monaragala district. By increasing **access to water for irrigation** and building **sustainable management structures**, the project will enable the community to better withstand changing weather patterns and drought, and contribute to local agricultural development.

The project **rehabilitated the Samurdhi Tank**, increasing its water capacity and the area of land under cultivation. In parallel, ACTED is building the capacity of the Ekamuthu Women's Farmers' Organisation (WFO) and Parakum Farmers' Organisation (FO). Through a dedicated training programme, the promotion of innovative agricultural techniques, the construction of a farmers' information centre and development of a women-led dry fish making business, the project will empower both the WFO and FO to better **fulfil their role in supporting livelihoods**.



Objective

To improve the livelihoods of local farmers from the WFO and FO, especially women, by rehabilitating their access to irrigation water.



Results so far

- The rehabilitated Samurdhi Tank has an increased water volume of 63,537 m³ and recharge volume of 142,827 m³ to enhance WFO and FO cultivation yields
- 57 women supported from the WFO and FO to enhance livelihoods and increase their socio-economic power and opportunities through entrepreneurial development

