



Project Brief

Strengthening Cooperation Between Civil Society and Government for Effective Inter-religious Collaboration in Sri Lanka

This four-and-a-half-year project seeks to **strengthen inter-religious collaboration between civil society and authorities** to **uphold existing non-discriminatory national policies and laws**.

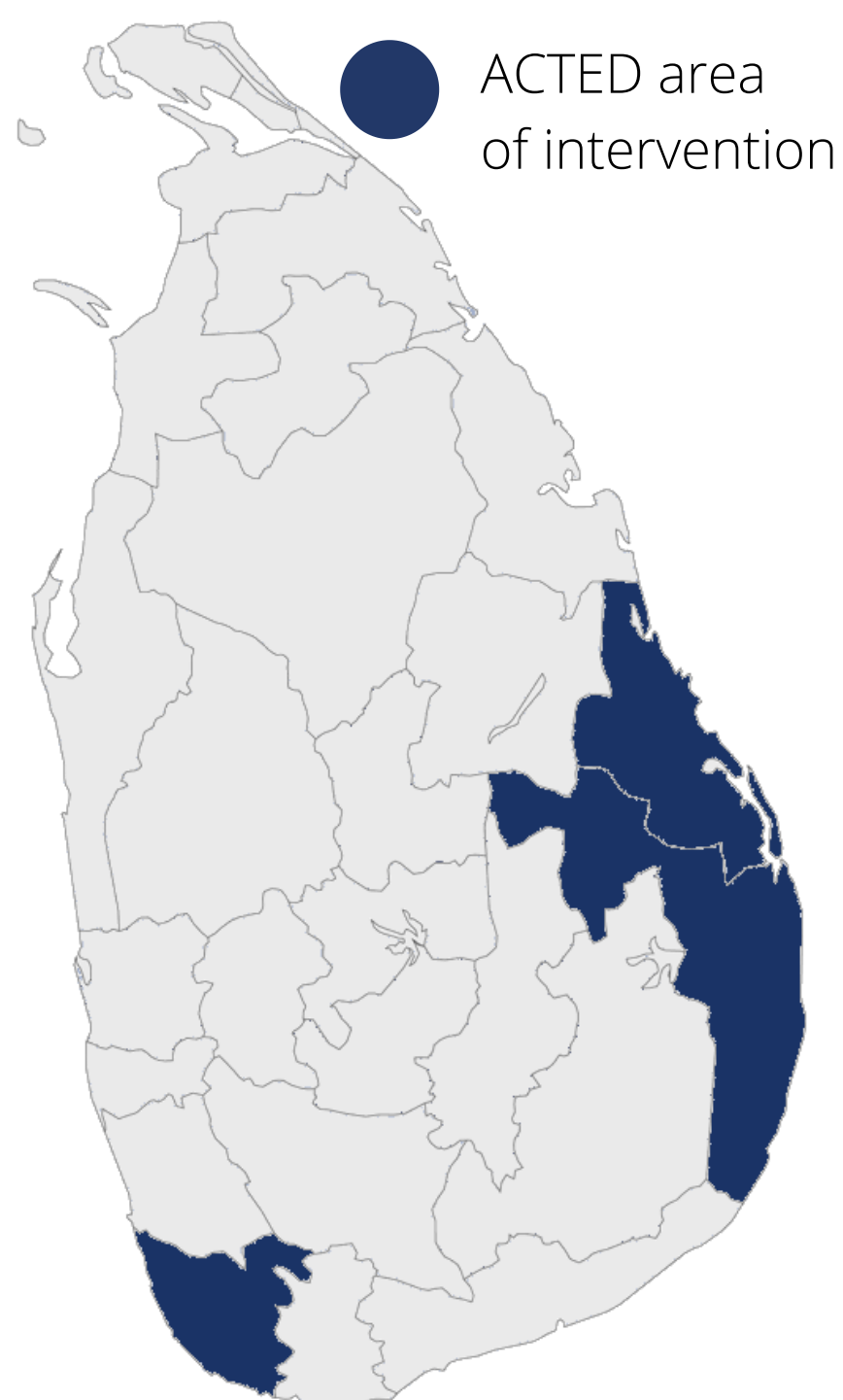
The project is **building the capacity of village-level Coexistence Societies** in Ampara, Badulla and Galle districts to improve their institutional, organisational and technical development, as well as strengthen their linkages with Local Authorities. This will enable them to **raise awareness on existing laws and their implications and implement community based activities that enhance inclusive, inter-religious dialogue** between civil society, government officials and the public.

In addition, ACTED's partner, the Federation of Sri Lankan Local Authorities (FSLGA), is closely coordinating with Local Authorities in target districts to **formalise accountability mechanisms** that protect and monitor existing laws regarding inter-religious dialogue.



Objective

To ensure that authorities at all levels of government in Sri Lanka effectively implement national laws and policies protecting inter-religious collaboration



Planned Results

- To strengthen the capacity of 36 coexistence societies to raise awareness of non-discriminatory national policies and promote inter-religious collaboration
- To support civil society in communicating with 14 local authorities as well as the public on the implementation of national policies and reform
- To develop accountability mechanisms to better monitor, document and advocate against violations of existing national legislation