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

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