

# Project Brief

## Speak Out: Tackling Gender Based Violence against female garment workers in Sri Lanka through civil society engagement

This three-year project aims to **empower and protect female garment workers** employed in Gampaha, Kilinochchi, Mannar and Vavuniya districts by **enhancing the capacity of civil society**, namely the two project partners - Women's Centre (WC) and the Free Trade Zones and General Services Employees Union (FTZ&GSEU).

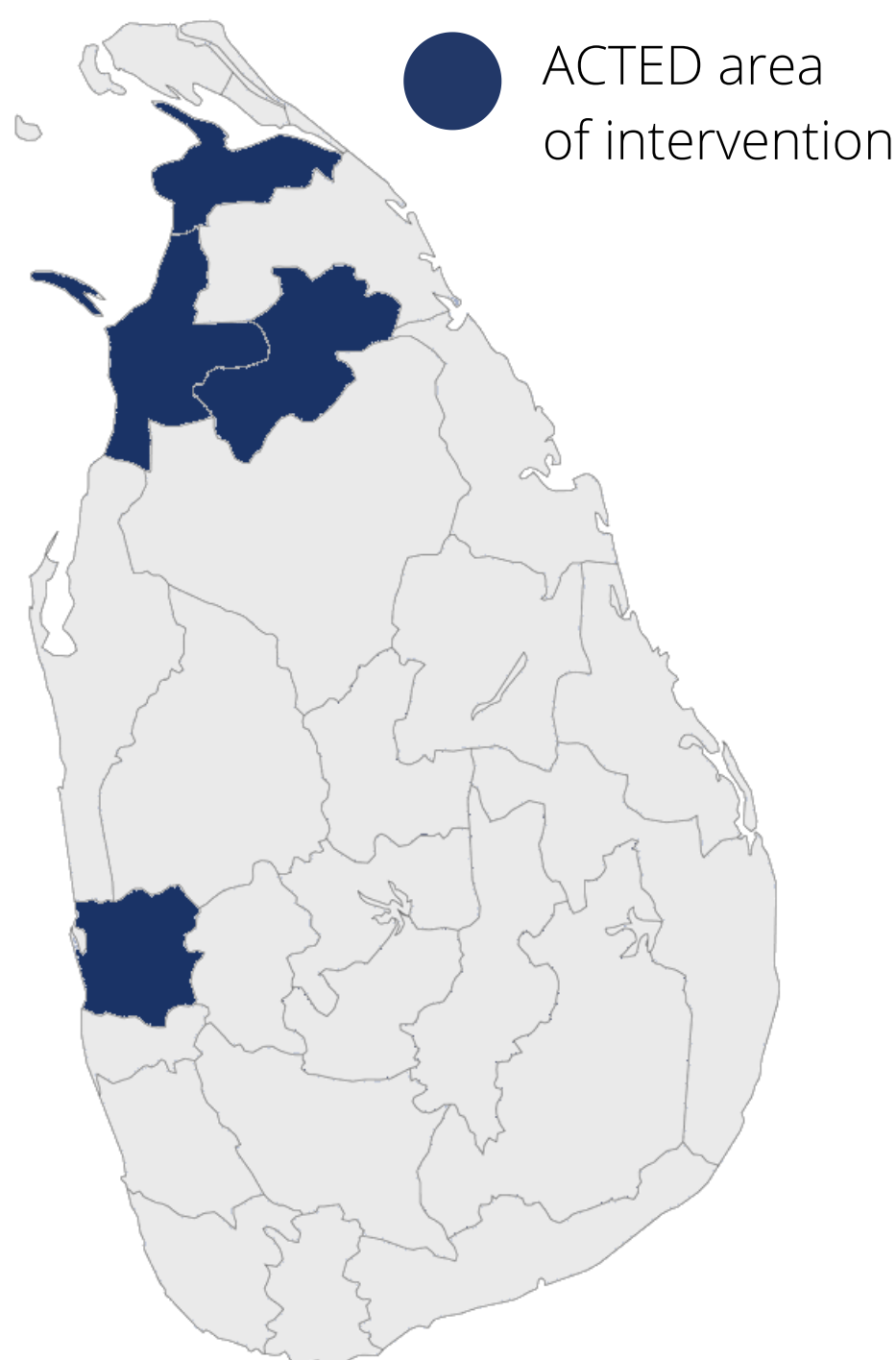
ACTED will strengthen partners' governance, financial and project cycle management to **increase their membership, improve their support services and raise awareness on the needs** of female garment workers. Partners in turn, will assist **survivors of Gender-Based Violence (GBV)** through **increased access to psycho-social, legal and medical services and peer support networks**.

In addition, the project will train and mobilise female activists to jointly design and engage in a **national advocacy campaign and policy dialogues** with government and private stakeholders to **improve working condition and protective mechanisms**.



## Objective

To enable civil society organisations to contribute to the protection and empowerment of female garment workers in Northern and Western provinces.



## Planned results

- WC and FTZ&GSEU's organisational capacity to increase female membership and women's active participation in decision-making is strengthened.
- Garment workers' access to physical and psycho-social support services is increased to mitigate the adverse effects of Gender-Based Violence (GBV)
- Awareness on the need for decent working conditions in garment factories, specifically for women, is increased through advocacy and policy dialogue.