



## Project Highlights

# SRI LANKA

### “Emergency agriculture assistance to flood victims in the Eastern and Central Provinces of Sri Lanka”

**Project code:** OSRO/SRL/106/USA

**Donor:** USA

**Contribution:** USD 800 000

**Implementation:** 22/03/11 – 31/08/11

**Target areas:** Eastern Province.

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**Objective:** To improve the food security and reduce the economic vulnerability and relief dependence of flood victims in Eastern Sri Lanka.

**Key partners:** The Department of Agriculture.

**Beneficiaries reached:** 16 515 households.

**Activities implemented:**

- During the *yala* 2011 season, distributed 1 585 tonnes of seed paddy, sufficient for the cultivation of 13 608 hectare of land, to 14 782 farmers who had access to irrigated land.
- During the *maha* 2011/12 season, distributed 106 tonnes of paddy seed, sufficient for the cultivation of 3 467 hectares of land, to 1 733 flood-affected farmers who were not able to plant crops during the previous *yala* season due to lack of irrigation facilities.

**Impact:**

- The inputs provided under the project enabled a harvest yield of 63 012 tonnes of paddy during the *yala* 2011 season.
- Beneficiaries had increased access to paddy for household rice consumption, future seed stocks and sale of surplus, thus improved food security and income generating opportunities.