

Small Holder Plantations Entrepreneurship Development Program
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Program Description

The program aims at improving the livelihood of marginalized small holder tea producers in mid-country region and poor upland food crop farmers in the intermediate zone of Moneragala region wishing to take up rubber cultivation. It includes components for a) Community development and institutional building b) Out-growers and diversification development c) Processing and marketing d) Rural finance and micro credit facilities and e) Program management. It supports diversification and the development of out-grower system both for tea and rubber. Farmer and community groups will be organized who will be involved in input supply, extension and marketing as well as in savings and credit, income generating activities, social development, etc. Farmer group involvement in processing and marketing will be strengthened. Tea factory management will be improved through private management contracts and refurbishing of factories will be selectively supported. Private sector involvement in rubber development has been ensured. Farmer organizations and village group will be linked to financial institutions to ensure a sustainable access to the required financial resources.

Program benefits

About 26,800 households (134,000 persons) will participate in program activities, producing tea rubber and diversified crops. Grassroots institutions will sustainably undertake input supply, extension, processing, marketing and financing in partnership with the private sector and financial institutions. Main social issues, such as social harmony between ethnic groups and alcoholism will be addressed.

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