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9 NEWSLETTER FOR HAPPY SENIORS

-Basic Needs for elders-



✓ Background

Taking into consideration that people must have a roof over their head, this program was started for the Welfare of Low-income Elders living all over the island based on the provisions of the National Fund. The objective is **providing relief for the elderly who are living under the condition of missing basic needs.**

👤 Outline of the schemes

- Assistance is given subject to a maximum limit of Rupees One Lakh for an elderly citizen.
- A sum of Rupees Five Lakhs is allocated for each Divisional Secretariat as a grant.

Basic needs to be provided

1. Beds
2. Mattresses
3. Mosquito nets
4. Toilets
5. Handrails
6. Renovations to houses where the elderly lives
7. Minimum living facilities for adults



Handing of bath wear and sanitary ware

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✓ Criteria of the selection

- Adults of age above 60 years old.
- Low income adults with monthly income less than Six Thousand Rupees.



Coordinating housing construction

✓ Selection process

- 1 Calling for application from Divisional Secretariats under the guidelines provided by NSE.
- 2 Receiving requests from seniors above sixty years old
- 3 Obtaining official confirmation
- 4 Recommendation of the Elderly Rights Promotion Officer
- 5 Approval of the Divisional Secretary

All the elderly applicants must go under this process to confirm the eligibility.

✓ Follow up

The Divisional Secretariats carry out these follow-up activities.

- Selecting financial beneficiaries.

Monitoring progress of supports.

- Providing allocations to Divisional Secretariats.
- Disbursement of grant money to the beneficiaries.
- Coordination
- Directing
- Progress Monitoring



Construction project

✓ Accountability

Within three months of the grant of aid money, senior officers in charge of the subject should complete the relevant work and send the final report with the recommendations of the Divisional Secretary to the National Secretariat for Elders. The final report should be submitted with photographs.



Distributing mattress

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✓ Grants distribution in each province in 2021

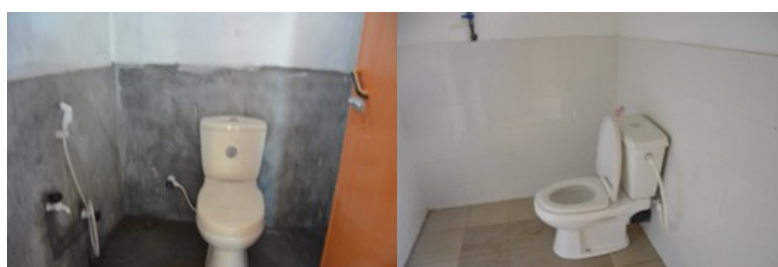
Province	Amount in Rupees (Millions)	No. of elderly citizen received
Central	13.58	228
Eastern	13.66	408
North Central	5.6	80
North Western	19.32	313
Northern	12.04	348
Sabaragamuwa	12.01	390
Southern	13.54	357
Uva	6.44	205
Western	16.06	295
Total	112.25 Million	2,624



Bathroom & sanitary ware distribution



Distributing mattress and mosquito net



Installation of new toilet commodes

💬 Messages from the field



As a self-employed elderly person, I am thankful for the financial support I received from NSE.

- Beneficiary



We are grateful to the government for providing us with the chairs.

-Beneficiary



I am very happy to get this new TV now I can watch my favourite programs in my leisure time.

-Beneficiary

Please send examples of good work in your community to jica.procees@gmail.com

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