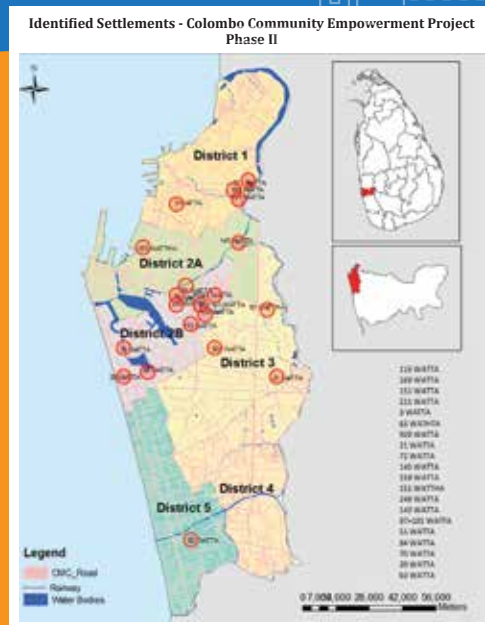


## Target Community

Urban poor families in selected forty (40) settlements based on City wide survey 2012, in the city of Colombo.

### Project Outputs

- Active Community Development Councils established and trained on their rights, and CBO management.
- Active savings groups established, trained them on managing savings groups and gaining access to resources
- Infrastructure improvement plans developed for the target settlements, based on community priorities and needs.
- Resources leveraged from government to support Infrastructure improvement projects in target settlements (matching funds).
- Infrastructure improvement projects carried out by communities in partnership with government in 40 settlements.



Locations of Selected Communities



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## Promoting Community - Led Solutions and Partnerships in Settlement Upgrading in the City of Colombo, Sri Lanka

2014-2017



*The objective of the project is to mobilize communities into Community Based Organizations, develop their capacity to initiate basic service delivery within the communities and facilitate working partnerships with Government & leading to improved housing and basic services in targeted communities*

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## Project Background

According to the 2012 City wide survey of Under Served Settlements (USS) by SEVANATHA and Colombo Municipal Council (CMC), it is revealed that about 44% of the population in the city of Colombo lives in USSs. The communities who live in these settlements face numerous problems relating to inadequate housing and basic services, health and hygiene aspects as well as sustained poverty.

In this context, the Government has recently undertaken a large scale relocation program for providing better housing in high rise apartments. Under this program about 5,849 families have been provided with individual houses and another 12,000 units are under construction. However, there are over 77,643 USS families living in communities who require assistance to improve the basic services and housing.

Leveraging the impact of a UKAid project supporting Underserved communities in the city of Colombo, additional communities are now being supported by the Commonwealth Foundation.

This Community Empowerment Project run from May 2014 to June 2017 and will be implemented in 40 USSs Communities in the CMC area with close working collaboration of Colombo Municipal Council.



## Project Outcomes

### Intermediate Project Outcomes

- Empowered and organized CBOs in poor communities in Colombo
- Capacitated CBOs undertake community improvement projects (basic services)
- CBOs actively engage government around improved living conditions and access to resources

### Short Term Project Outcomes

- Poor communities organized with increased capacities and resources to work together, manage their affairs and improve their living conditions.
- Poor communities with increased capacity to plan and implement community level infrastructure projects.
- Greater engagement and partnership between communities and government (Colombo Municipal Council) around improved services and access to resources in target communities.



### Key Activities of the Project

- Establish Community Development Councils (CDCs) in the settlements where the CDCs do not exist and strength poorly functioning CDCs.
- Establish savings & credit Groups with support of the women's cooperative Society.
- Community-level Peer exchanges to facilitate linkages and mobilization of new Community Based Organization's (CBOs).
- Conducting training workshops on Management of CBOs , Housing and Infrastructure Development, Financial Management and Leadership Training to the CBOs and Community Leaders.
- Creating community awareness on Rights to Land, adequate Housing and Infrastructure