

Low Income Settlement Profile

Kalutara Urban Council

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1.0 Introduction

Community Livelihood Action Programme Network (CLAPNet)

is a group of civil society organizations working at grassroots level in Sri Lanka. **SEVANATHA Urban Resource Centre and Sri Lanka Women's Cooperative Society** are the Two major partners in the CLAP Net at National Level. Most of the project works are done by these two organizations in number of urban areas in Sri Lanka. **SEVANATHA Urban Resource Centre** is one of the leading organizations in Sri Lanka in Urban Community Development practices. It has been contributing its expertise and knowledge in number of programmes which are mainly aiming at improving urban low income communities' shelter and livelihood aspects. **SEVANATHA** has been working with Local Government Authorities, Donors, Community Based Organizations, Public and Private sector, Non Governmental Organizations (*NGOs*), and with other partner organizations involved in Urban Development practices. Meanwhile, it has been working in townships in Sri Lanka, focusing basically on Urban Poor Communities. In February 2002, **SEVANATHA** has prepared a Profile for Urban

Poor Communities in the City of Colombo with partnership of Colombo Municipal Council (*CMC*) and the UN – Habitat. Then in February of 2009, **SEVANATHA** has prepared a Shelter Profile for Nuwara Eliya Town with partnership of Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council (*NMC*) and UN – Habitat.

Women's Cooperative Society is the leading community financing Organization in Sri Lanka, which is mostly inclined towards urban poor. It has a well established process to help poor communities through savings and credit disciplines which have regularized within the organization.

This report offers the same practice for Kalutara Urban Council, as which **SEVANATHA** has processed in the City of Colombo and Nuwara Eliya Town. It has been well developed and launched during October 2009 as a Low Income Settlement Survey within Kalutara Town with the partnership of Kalutara Urban Council and **Women's Cooperative**. **SEVANATHA** has compiled experience by working with the two partner institutions during the past years in different project activities.