

PROJECT REPORT

15 June 2023

SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION PROJECT



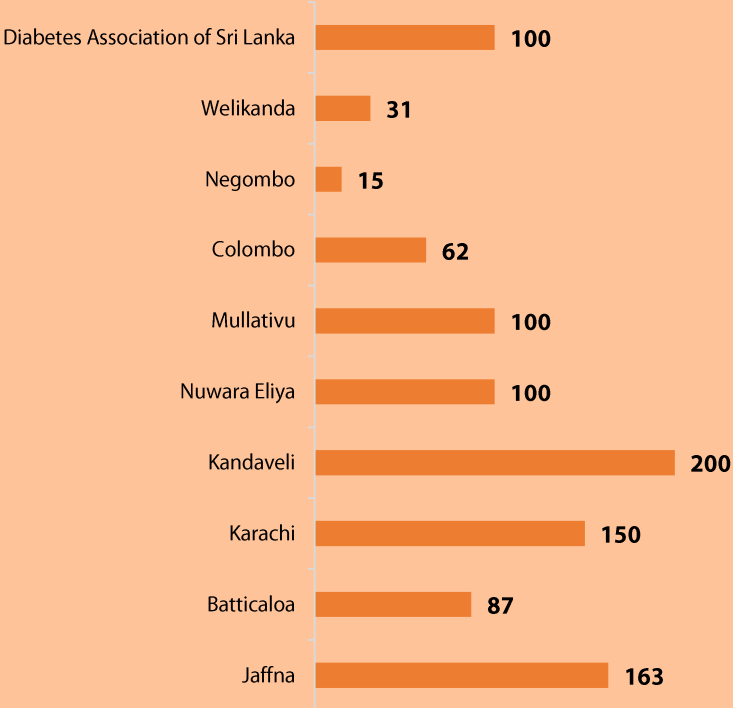
Solar Empowerment Initiative Inc (SEII) & Rise and Shine





LOCATIONS OF INTERVENTION

3rd Batch of Lanterns



- Jaffna
- Batticaloa
- Karachchi
- Kandawalai
- Mullaitivu
- Colombo
- Negombo
- Nuwara Eliya
- Welikanda

TOTAL NO. OF LANTERNS DISTRIBUTED:
1,008



PROJECT OUTLINE

Solar Empowerment Initiative (SEII) partnered with World Vision Lanka (WVL) to distribute solar lanterns to the vulnerable communities who have little to no access to electricity.

For this purpose, the third batch of solar lanterns were shipped to Sri Lanka by SEII where WVL was able to clear all the items from Sri Lanka Ports Authority in November 2022.



PROJECT SPREAD

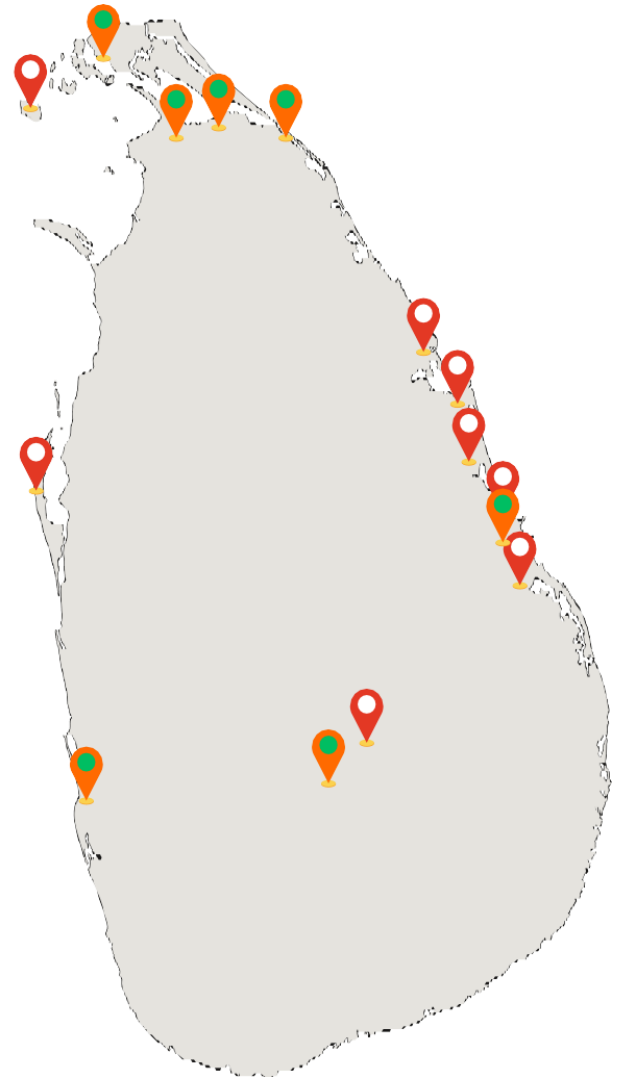
A total of **1,816 solar lanterns** were distributed during June and November in 2019.

Distribution of the **first batch** of lanterns took place in Kiran (308), in the Eastern Province, Kalpitiya (200) in the North Western Province and in Delft Island, Jaffna (300).

Distribution of the **second batch** of lanterns took place in the Paddipolai ADP (200), Koralai Pattu (35), Trinco South (374), Bibile (25) and Muthur (374).

This report evaluates details of the **third batch** of lanterns.

WVL Area Program Officers in the respective locations screened and identified the neediest/ deserving children and families without proper access to electricity. Thereafter, the distribution programs were arranged with the participation of World Vision Lanka (WVL) National Office staff.



Note: Batch 1 & 2 lanterns were distributed in the locations marked in Red, and batch 3 lanterns in locations marked in orange.

'The sun will
light even at
night'



Number of beneficiaries

163 children

SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN JAFFNA

The distribution was held in collaboration with **'The Father's House' (TFH)** to bring joy and laughter to children and create a positive experience that they would remember for a very long time. TFH organized a variety of activities and games for children while bringing together parents to motivate and promote awareness on positive parenting. A few youngsters were surprised to see a bouncy castle, and they were **overjoyed** when they were offered the opportunity to play in it.

The kids played water games, ball games, and a variety of other activities that emphasized teamwork, coordination, and critical thinking. Following the lunch break, a few youngsters had a time of dance and fun. Furthermore, there was an art therapy session and a magic performance.

Finally, World Vision Lanka provided the youngsters with a solar lamp to help them study and learn despite power lapses. This was accompanied with a stationary pack provided by The Father's House.



Pictures are worth a thousand words!





Number of beneficiaries

87 children

SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN BATTICALOA

For this campaign, we collaborated with the **Rotary Club of Batticaloa** and distributed a total 87 solar lanterns to deserving school children who did not have access to electricity at their homes. These students ranged from grades 1 through Advanced Level within 13 different schools in the area.

The distribution is expected to result in increased time spent on studies by school children, as well as increased interest in studies and children's capacity to engage in homework. Also, spending on kerosene oil and candles has been reduced, further to reduced power consumption as a result of the use of renewable energy sources. Finally, villagers are able to engage in household work at night.



SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN KARACHCHI, KILINOCCHI

The selected families' homes are without electricity. Lacking nighttime lighting, children couldn't study, and adults had trouble working. Both groups encountered difficulties. Candles and kerosene, especially in mud and thatch, release toxic fumes and are a fire hazard. Additionally, they are now expensive and actually take cash that could be spent on useful things like school supplies.

These solar lamps are secure, reliable, and considerate to the environment. They enable students to complete their homework and continue their studies after school without being exposed to harmful kerosene lantern emissions. Additionally, it facilitates others' productive completion of tasks.



Number of beneficiaries

150 children



Testimonial



I am Arththi from Mayilvakanapuram, Piramanthanaru. We did not have electricity in our house. We were struggling without electricity to educate our children and do our daily chores. Now we got solar light system through the World Vision. This makes our family very happy. It helps my children to study well and also helps me to do all other work. Thank you for helping us.



SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN KANDAWALAI, KILINOCHCHI

Many families and children experience numerous challenges performing routine activities and studying as a result of the ongoing power outages. These solar lamps are secure, reliable, and considerate to the environment. They enable students to complete their homework and continue their studies after school without being exposed to harmful kerosene lantern emissions. Additionally, it facilitates others' productive completion of tasks.



Number of beneficiaries

163 children



Testimonial

I'm Tharbika; I'm from Karachchi. My brother and we don't have electricity in our home, so it was difficult for me to study peacefully. We've obtained solar lamps from World Vision which contributes in our academic success and makes life easier for my family as a whole. Thank you for your great assistance.





Number of beneficiaries

100 children

SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN MULLAITIVU

Child Action Lanka (CAL) has been in partnership with WV for the past 6 months supporting projects in Mullaitivu. The lantern distribution program too was organized by CAL on February 9th 2022, at the Parithiya Preschool Hall.

During the program, 100 solar lanterns were distributed to the parents of children in the area, providing them with a sustainable and reliable source of light. This is particularly important during a time of frequent powercuts in the country. The distribution of the solar lanterns was met with great enthusiasm and appreciation from the beneficiaries.



SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN COLOMBO

WVL and SEI joined hands with Colombo City Mission (CCM) to distribute 62 solar lanterns to 23 differently-abled children and children below the age of 7. All of the children that benefit from CCM's services live in substandard, overcrowded temporary settlements in the Colombo area.

CCM also provides support to both able-bodied and differently-abled children, suffering from down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other partial impairments. It also functions as a childcare center, taking care of children whose parents work during the day. The caregivers and teachers at CCM work tirelessly to help these children on a daily basis.

The distribution of solar lanterns to children attached to CCM is a positive step in helping them improve their quality of life and access new opportunities for growth and development.



Number of beneficiaries

62 children



Testimonial

I'm Uma Tharshini and I have two children. Elder one is a grade three student. We don't have electricity facilities at home. Thus, my kids were unable to study. We now have solar lighting. It both enables my kids to accomplish their schoolwork well and me to complete all other tasks. Thank you for your timely support.



Number of beneficiaries

15 senior citizens



SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN NEGOMBO

15 solar lanterns were distributed to the Nightingale Nursing home in Negombo, which has a total of 70 elderly residents. The lanterns are extremely helpful to the residents, particularly during power cuts and to save electricity.

The solar lanterns will be a great addition to the nursing home, making it easier for the residents to move around and carry out their daily activities without any hindrance.

Not only will the lanterns provide light but they will also reduce the home's dependency on electricity, thereby lowering the energy costs. Overall, the distribution of solar lanterns will enhance the living standards of the residents and make their lives more comfortable.





Number of beneficiaries

100 children

SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN NUWARA ELIYA

Starting from the 8th of March to the 20th of April 2023, 100 lanterns were distributed through the Nuwara Eliya and Lindula Area Development Programs (ADP).

These solar lanterns were given to a few of the vulnerable families in Nuwara Eliya and Lindula. The initiative benefited households ranging from those living in temporary sheds to those living without electricity.

In the meantime, the 100 lanterns were distributed among schools, preschools, and a dispensary that operates without electricity, as well as to women-headed households.

The solar lanterns were distributed to differently abled children at the Waltrim Care Center, and Most Vulnerable Children's (MVC) families at the Dell division who suffer from various natural disasters on a regular basis. Solar lanterns were also supplied to five classrooms at Dell School, Glanigals and Agarakanda disaster-prone areas, as well as MVC families at Henfold Clinic Center and Creach Preschool and dispensary.





Number of beneficiaries

31 individuals



SOLAR LANTERN DISTRIBUTION IN WELIKANDA

On April 26th 2023, solar lanterns were distributed among 31 women from the Welikanda ADP.

These women represented the area's women headed households and expectant mothers.

They were recognized as the most vulnerable among many families in Welikanda, having been living for years without sufficient electricity facilities and experiencing a variety of additional issues as a result of the area's overall growing poverty.

Methodist Crisis Relief Development (MCRD) along with the Chairman of World Vision Malaysia, participated at the solar lantern distribution in Welikanda, where they both wholeheartedly admired this initiative's efforts to bring light to the most vulnerable communities.



“ Testimonial

Due to the continuous power cuts my children faced many difficulties in learning and doing their schoolwork at night time. This timely assistance has greatly brought lighting to my children's education and our home as well.

THANK YOU!



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