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SARVODAYA MOVEMENT PARTNERS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS-SRI LANKA JOINT HUMANITARIAN NEEDS AND PRIORITIES (HNP) PLAN 2022 ON THE FOOD SECURITY CRISIS

Sarvodaya Movement partners with the United Nations-Sri Lanka Joint Humanitarian Needs and Priorities (HNP) Plan as a participating organisation for implementation along with other major non-governmental organisations which calls for US\$47.2 million to provide life-saving assistance to 1.7 million people severely hit by the economic crisis. The support programme will run over a period of four-months from June to September 2022. The HNP is a direct response by the UN backed multi-sector international assistance mechanism to the immediate and urgent needs arising from the current multifaceted crisis with a special focus on healthcare and essential medicine, agriculture, food and nutrition, emergency livelihood support as well as protection. The HNP will prioritise and target 1.7 million beneficiaries, however, the development and humanitarian partners in Sri Lanka estimate that nearly 5.7million people including children are required of life-saving assistance and provisions to sustain their lives.

The UN Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka, Ms Hanaa-Singer-Hamdy notes that “Multiple factors are impacting Sri Lanka's food security situation; if we don't act now, many families will be unable to meet their basic food needs,”. Dr Vinya Ariyaratne, the President of Sarvodaya Movement notes that “the HNP programme will enable Sarvodaya to support and assist the most vulnerable and marginalised people and communities in these trying and unprecedented times.” He also notes that the Sarvodaya Movement is grateful to the United Nations – Sri Lanka for entrusting Sarvodaya with the responsibility as a HNP implementing partner to deliver vital assistance on the specific areas of Food Security and Livelihoods, Protection and Education.

Sarvodaya's stand-alone and specialised humanitarian response to the crisis was launched on 07 April 2022 and has been in continuous operations as a social safety net programme. The initiative is branded as 'We Are One', and specially targeted at ensuring food security at the community level utilising community mobilising mechanisms promoting a milieu of self-help. Apart from that Sarvodaya also partners with diverse organisations to ensure food security at the community level.

Sarvodaya invites well-wishers, partners, donors as well as volunteers in Sri Lanka and overseas to join hands with the Sarvodaya humanitarian operations. Sarvodaya extends the fullest cooperation to the United Nations-Sri Lanka for entrusting Sarvodaya to deliver vital life support to the most vulnerable people and communities via the Joint Humanitarian Needs and Priorities (HNP) Plan 2022. Sarvodaya looks forward to a fruitful and an impactful partnership with the United Nations-Sri Lanka and the fellow participating organisations.

In the deep spirits of Sarvodaya – May We Awaken All !

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