

Rural Sustainability with Eco Village Development



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EVD and Sustainability

Past projects/programmes more towards individual interventions

- Holistic and integrated approach!
- Robust, affordable and decentralized adaptation and mitigation solutions!
- Mix of Central and decentralized solutions!
- Rural Sustainable development!

Population By Sector %

Urban -18.3 Rural - 77.3 Estate- 4.4

Why Rural development programmes/interventions fail to sustain?

- Limited/ no Assessments of community culture, issues, needs, local knowledge, relationships and resources mapping– Sustainable village development planning through village dialogues and PRA tools
- No Integrated approach



EVD, Adaptation and Mitigation : Agriculture and Energy



Agriculture

Sectoral Composition of GDP of Sri Lanka:

Agriculture 11%

Industry 31%

Service 58%

Agricultural Labour force 30%

Low Productivity

Boost productivity and productive employment –

Improve Agricultural livelihoods, Agro Products ,
Market Avenues, Training and Capacity building on
sustainable farming practices and technology...etc



Organic farming



Preserving food

Energy –Biomass 2.8 Billion Worldwide!

Over 50% of Sri Lankan energy demand

77.5% -Sri Lankan households

Over 80% -Rural households

95.3% -Estate sector,

35.2% -Urban households



Indoor Air pollution (IAP)– 4 Million Premature deaths
Deforestation –Rural Industries

Solutions: Improved cookstoves ,HH industrial stoves, Bio gas,
Kitchen Improvements ,Combustion improvements in Rural
Industries/livelihoods- Brick making, Bakeries



Recommendations

At local level : Lot of scope

Effective utilization of local budgets and strengthening of linkages with development officials at grassroots

Building Capacity and awareness of officials at grassroot levels -
Community based Sustainable Village planning, EVD solutions

National level

- Stakeholder partnerships and knowledge sharing
- National planning policies in rural development, Sustainable development : Sustainable Village planning – Mandatory in Rural development
- Development of National Biomass policies
 - Efficient use of Biomass and IAP–HH and Industries/SMEs, assessment of industries and technological gaps and capacity building
- Concerted effort linking all levels in Scaling up EVD: Bottom-up and Top- bottom
- Strengthened Evidence base: Effective communication of EVD solutions with success stories, case studies

More on EVD: www.ideasrilanka.org & www.inforse.org/asia/EVD.htm

Relationship between the village and institutions and development officials

