

Brief description about the Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka

The Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka before, The National Agricultural Diversification and Settlement Authority (NADSA) was established by the Gazette Extraordinary Notification No. 302/12 issued on 02nd February 1978 in terms of the provisions of the Agricultural Corporations Act 1972.

The Authority has been vested with the legal provisions to perform the following tasks by the said Gazette Notification,

1. Preparing plans for agricultural diversification, settlement development and fully integrated watershed management and coordinating and implementing plans through the Corporation or through the Government or non-governmental agencies in the areas determined by the Minister.
2. Management of all lands vested with or assigned to the Corporation with the objective of ensuring maximum productivity, environmental protection, conservation of land and water resources and settlement development.
3. Preparation and marketing of agricultural products.
4. Establishment, maintenance and operation of plants, equipment and machinery for agricultural diversification and settlement development.
5. Implementation of all measures considered as required for the implementation of agricultural diversification, settlement development and watershed management in the areas specified in paragraph (1).

The official name of the National Agricultural Diversification and Settlement Authority (NADSA) institution, name was changed in to Haritha Danaw Bim Sanwardhana Madhyama Adhikariya (Hadabima Authority) by the Gazette Extraordinary Notification No. 678/15 issued on 07th day of December 1991 .

With this change, the development regions of the authority were expanded Nuwara Eliya, Mathale, Ratnapura, Badulla, Kegalle and Monaragala districts which were limited so far to Kegalle & Kandy districts.

Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka was brought under the Ministry of Regional Development by the Gazette Notification No. 1958/72 dated 18th March 2016.

The authority has been expanded with the legal provisions to perform the following tasks by Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 2026/45 dated 07th July 2017.

6. Encouraging, promoting and assisting local and foreign agricultural investment in commercial farming or any other agricultural ventures

7. Planning and implementation of such plans, provision of services and imparting expertise for the creation of such agro-industry investment undertaken by non-governmental agencies, private sector or farmers with or without partnership with the Authority.

(a) "Agriculture" means any business or institution that supplies physical inputs to the cultivation sector and transforms, distributes or otherwise adds value to agricultural raw materials targeting domestic and international market demand.

(b) "Commercial cultivation" includes crop cultivation, animal husbandry, horticulture, floriculture and vermiculture carried out with a view to market.

(c) Other agricultural enterprises include tissue culture, production of organic fertilizers, processing of food and edible oil, production of medicines using medicinal crops, agro-tourism, includes manufacturing of agricultural machinery and other related accessories and such other industries based on horticulture and plantation crops based on such crops.

Thereafter Hadabima Authority was brought under the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Affairs, Livestock Development, Irrigation and Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development again following the Special Gazette Notification No. 2070/56 dated 12th day of May 2018.

All the development programs have been implemented to achieve Sustainable Development Goals such as Sustainable Development Goals 01, 13 and 15.

Services offered by the authority

1. Soil Conservation & land rehabilitation by promoting sustainable land management practices (SLM) in agricultural lands.
2. Promoting organic fertilizer production collaboration with the farmers.
3. Fully integrated watershed management and conservation of water sources by tree planting.
4. Conduct technical training programs to farmer communities about soil conservation, compost fertilizer production, Home gardening and poultry production.

5. Promotion of home gardens and distribution of economic crops and other field crop seeds to the beneficiaries
6. Provision of air rifles, solar fences and protective fences to minimizing damage caused by wild animals to agricultural crops
7. Empower agro-entrepreneurs with improving technical knowledge and infrastructure for Beekeeping, Mushroom cultivation, Production of value addition products
8. Promotion of commercial level fruit villages
9. Conduct School-based & Community based environmental programs
10. Empowering farmers to increase egg production to meet the protein requirement of rural people
11. conduct Participatory Development Rural Access Programs (PRA), conduct training programs for entrepreneurs

Eligibility criteria for the main Development programs

Development programs will be planned according to the Gazettes & circulars issued to the authority.

Beneficiary selection done through the assistance of district secretariats of the relevant districts as well as Participatory rural appraisal (PRA) programs.

All development programs, districts and DS divisions will be selected through the approval by the Director board of Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka.

1. Soil Conservation & land rehabilitation by promoting sustainable land management practices (SLM) in agricultural lands

- ❖ Conduct Participatory rural appraisal (PRA) programs to select agricultural lands to conduct conservation activities
- ❖ selection of the lands for conservation by considering the soil erosion intensity map released by the Institute of Natural Resource Management
- ❖ Conduct technical training programs for the farmers and farmers engaged in soil conservation activities.
- ❖ Supervision of conserved agricultural lands by the field officers of Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka.

- ❖ Provide cash grants according to the standards declared by the Institute of Natural Resource Management

2. Promoting organic fertilizer production collaboration with the farmers.

- ❖ Conduct Participatory rural appraisal programs (PRA) to select beneficiaries
- ❖ Conduct technical training programs to farmers and promote them to collect raw materials and produce organic fertilizer
- ❖ The selected beneficiaries should produce 1000Kg (1 metric ton) of organic fertilizer according to the standards.
- ❖ Farmers are motivated to collect approximately 4000 kg of raw materials and produce organic fertilizer & get a consent to a continuous organic fertilizer production
- ❖ Provision of rock phosphate, agricultural equipment's to the farmers who are producing 1000 kg of organic fertilizer

3. Fully integrated watershed management

- ❖ Conduct Participatory rural appraisal programs (PRA) and identify degraded watersheds in the DS divisions which conduct development programs
- ❖ Prepare technical estimates to conserve the watersheds with the collaboration of technical officers in relevant DS secretariats
- ❖ Conduct tree planting programs (Eg. Mee, Kumbuk plants etc) to conserve watersheds

4. Promotion of home gardens and distribution of economic crops and other field crop seeds to the beneficiaries

- ❖ Conduct Participatory rural appraisal programs (PRA) to select beneficiaries
- ❖ Conduct technical training programs to farmers and promotion of sustainable home gardening
- ❖ Provision of the agricultural equipment's to the beneficiaries as intensives who are engaging sustainable home gardening
- ❖ Intensives provided after the field inspection by field staff of Hadabima Authority of Sri Lanka
- ❖ Selected beneficiaries should have sufficient space for gardening and beneficiaries have an interest to develop their land unit as an effective production unit.

- ❖ Economic crops as well as other field crop seed also provide as above mentioned procedure

5. Provision of air rifles, solar fences and protective fences to minimizing damage caused by wild animals to agricultural crops

- ❖ Conduct Participatory rural appraisal programs (PRA) for identification intensity of the crop damage and the requirement of the beneficiaries
- ❖ Gather information's from the Divisional secretariats of DS divisions
- ❖ The program conduct by 50% beneficiary provision as well as 50% institute provision
- ❖ Signed an agreement with the beneficiary to provide air rifles
- ❖ Provision of air rifles, solar fences and protective fences

6. Empowering farmers to increase egg production to meet the protein requirement of rural people

- ❖ Conduct Participatory rural appraisal programs (PRA) and identification of beneficiaries
- ❖ Farmers should have interest in domestic animal husbandry, should have enough space for animal husbandry and farmers contribute their 50% contribution by preparation of poultry houses with standards.

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