

DEVELOPING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND FACING THE CHALLENGE OF COVID - 19

Providing safer and effective health care services to the general public has become a top priority in the Government's policy framework of Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour. Under the able leadership of His Excellency the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa the system of health care of the country is now organized to face all the challenges. Being an important partner of the national health care system, the State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control is responsible for the creation of "Healthy Communities" under the direction and guidance of the Minister of Health and the Ministry of Health in conformity with the prescribed Laws, Acts and Ordinances. We implement projects under the National Budget, State Investment and National Development Programme, and monitor and evaluate the subjects and functions of the State Corporations and Statutory Organizations under the State Ministry: 1990 Suwaseriya Foundation, Department of Social Services, the National Council for Elders and the National Secretariat for Elders.

While adopting the WHO guidelines, we aim at organizing primary health care services around people's needs and expectations in an era of a dangerous pandemic, the COVID – 19. We endeavor continuous reduction of social disparities in health care provision, equitable distribution of health care and other services while optimizing community participation in order to make the fullest use of local, national and other available resources. And, in the process, we will use appropriate technology to enable accessible, affordable, feasible and culturally acceptable to the communities.

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