

SEARCH AND RESCUE

To reduce the impact of disasters

The Disaster Management cycle illustrates the ongoing process by which governments, businesses and civil society plans to reduce the impact of disasters during and after the calamities, mainly revolving around search and rescue operations. An integral part of the cycle is the response component immediately after a hazard with the objective of rescuing affected persons and reducing casualties, while providing much needed emergency relief. The disaster management context of Sri Lanka has evolved through the years, due to the increasing occurrences of natural disasters and as well as the lives lost due to such calamities. In 2017, Sri Lanka initiated the zero-death policy led by the Disaster Management Centre and its stakeholders, thereby, demanding the need to streamline and institutionalise search and rescue at national level.

Venturing towards the quest to achieve internationally accepted standards and professionalism, Sri Lanka has initiated diverse training and knowledge exchange programmes utilising local and international expertise in enhancing the skills of the rescuers while also providing them with exposure and local accreditation/recognition for international acceptance.

13 OCTOBER
INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

ONLY TOGETHER...
CAN WE SAVE THE PLANET

#OnlyTogether #DRRday
13th October 2021



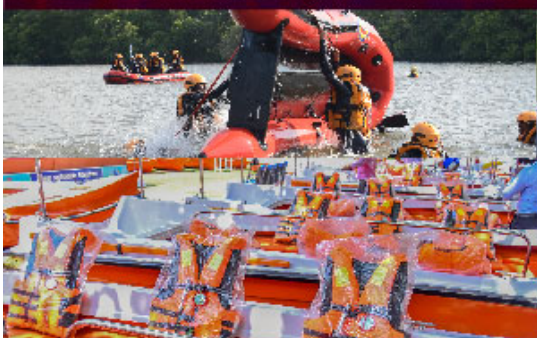
Rescue operation exercise



Rescue efforts of the SAR teams



APAD international symposium - Civil Military dialogue in search and rescue



SAR efforts supported by enhanced resources

