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Zonta Club II of Colombo

January 8, 2026 4 am

We are so Thankful & Happy to share the Completion of Project 12- another Female led business given the support to Re-commence soon after the floods ❤️ [#zontainternational](#)
[#zonta](#) [#SupportSriLanka](#)

Share & Support 🙏

A new world a new life..

Ranjini Dissanayake, Married with 2 children has been growing packeted vegetable and herbal/medicinal plants in a nursery around her home and her mother's house. The flood water washed away everything . The fertilizer that she made is now mud. She has been able to salvage a few vegetable plants and is in the process of restarting her business with our assistance and her husband and two childrens support.

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January 7, 2026 12:21 am

11th Project Completed ! Suppor by Sharing [❤️#zontainternational](#) [#zonta](#)
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A new world a new life..

Saduni Wijesinghe Bandara 34 years of age from Panideniya Married and a mother of a 4 year old. Saduni has been running a beauty salon under the Name of Saduni Wijesinghe for the last three years.

Located on the first floor of the building it was completely submerged by the floods. She has cleaned the salon area and her loyal clients still come to her amidst the makeshift facilities in the salon. Some even bring their own makeup.

We assisted her to purchase basic electric equipment for her salon to enable her continue her work and develop her skills through membership with SLAHAB.

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January 5, 2026 11:50 pm

Project 10 Completed! 🙏 share to support more women to re-start their small businesses and help thier families ❤️ [#zontainternational](#) [#zonta](#) [#zontadistrict25](#) [#SupportSriLanka](#)

A new world a new life..

Anoja Wijetunga 36 years became the breadwinner of her family when her husband lost the use of his legs due to a road accident. They have 2 children in 7th grade 5th grade.

She had been assisting her husband in his work as a craftsman and now he assists her started in her small-scale business of coconut shell spoons and other coconut shell products.

We helped her to purchase a Bench Grinder and Wood lathe machine 'Pattalaya' to recommence her work and expand their product range.

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January 4, 2026 11:40 pm

Commencing 2026 with completion of Project 9! Kudos ❤️ to all who supported us in our journey to Re-build & Re-start Women run businesses ! Share to Support 🙏

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A new world a new life..

Nishani Dissanayake 44, from Gelioya, has been running her stationary shop for 15 years She developed her business expanding to a communication center. She stocks school supplies, paper, stationary products, and children's books. The flood wiped out all her stock and equipment. She is the sole provider for her family, elderly mother and two aunts. She had cleaned the shop and re-started her business With our assistance she is now restocked renovated and ready for the new year .

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December 30, 2025 11:37 pm

Completion of Project 8 - 🙏❤️ #zontainternational #zonta #SupportSriLanka



A new world a new life..

70 years Nalini Amarasinghe has a sales room for readymade garments and fabric which she sources from Kandy. Her stock which was to cater to the season was destroyed.

Determined to restart she was washing the least soiled items for sale at a reduced price.

With our assistance She has now started to restock on a small scale in her plan to rebuild her livelihood.

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December 30, 2025 12:41 am

Completion of Project 7 🙌❤️ & more in progress. Share & Support to reach out to more
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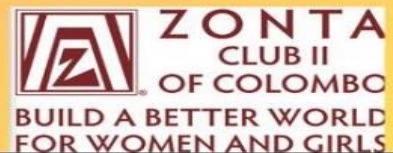


A new world a new life..

Dilhara Dissanayake fom Gampola is 25 years of age A self-taught cake maker. The popularity of her innovative and tasty cakes encouraged her to design and opened a Cake Shop adjacent to her home just a week before the floods. The disaster did not deter her and she met her orders initially by using a friend's equipment and now from home. With our assistance . She plans to reopen on the 01 January.

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December 26, 2025 1:35 am

Project 6 completed 🙏 Thankful for support, so that we can get these ladies back on their feet & assist all who depend on them 🙏 [#CycloneDithwah](#) [#SupportSriLanka](#) [#zonta](#) international [#zonta](#) [#ZontaEmpowers](#) [#zontadistrict25](#)



A new world a new life..

Sanjeevani Yalegoda Hathdessa She was manufacturing leather hand bags and shoes for sale in large shops in the city. The shop located on the first floor of a multistory building and factory with 8 machines for bags and one for shoes in the basement. She moved all the machines and stock on to the first floor but this time the water rose to 18 feet and did not recede for a few days. She lost everything and her staff of 8 mothers lost their income and safe creche for their children.

With our assistance she calls blessing the business has restarted machines service free and participating in the seasonal sales in Kandy

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December 23, 2026 10:45 pm

Completion of Project 5 -Support to a Home based Food

Entrepreneur 🙏 [#CycloneDithwah](#) [#SupportSriLanka](#) [#zontainternational](#) [#zontadistrict25](#) [#zontaclub](#)



A new world a new life..

Thushari Rajapakse from Gali Oya, owner of the small home-cooked food business Royal Hela Bojun, has lost her entire restaurant to the recent floods. The roof collapsed, and most furniture and utensils were destroyed. She is now preparing food packets from home to support her livelihood, With our support she is working on getting her restaurant opened for busniess.

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December 23, 2025 5:22 am

Completion of 4th Project ! Support provided to female entrepreneurs & breadwinners!
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A new world a new life..

Yohanika Harshini from Gampola , a Batik Manufacture, Workshop, Sale room An award-winning producer of batik and cloth-based products lost her workshop, equipment, fabric, chemicals to the flood waters. Additionally, the seasonal income from sales and her innovative batik workshops for tour groups With our assistance she hopes to be able to restart her workshops for tourist and batik products

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December 21, 2025 1:41 pm

Completion of 3rd Project ! Support provided to female entrepreneurs & breadwinners!
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A new world a new life..

Vegetable Trader Priyadarshini in Hathdessa lost her entire business to the waters. Stressed and hospitalized she is now recommencing her business with the assistance of her Husband and son. Strengthened with our support she is now strong in body and mind to face the future.

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December 18, 2025 9:17 pm

Sharing the completion of our 2nd Project! 🙏 More in Progress ❤️. Support by Sharing
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A new world a new life

A female entrepreneur from Biyagama, restarts her business of sewing T'shirt collars on subcontracts to Garment factories. Livelihood for her family. Support us to Rebuild their lives .

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December 17, 2025 8:50 pm

Completion of 1st Project ❤️🙌 Support Rebuilding Livelihoods!

... **#CycloneDitwah #SriLankaFloods #rebuildinglivelihoods #srilanka #supportlocalbusinesses #zontainternational #zontaclub #zonta #zontadistrict25**



A New World A New Life

This small sewing business in Ganoruwa, Kandy supports a family and two employees. Thanks to our support, a determined woman entrepreneur has restarted her livelihood sewing school uniforms and children's clothing. Let' make a difference..

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December 16, 2025 10:34 pm

Rebuilding livelihoods ❤️ Share & Support

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lanka](#) [#zontainternational](#) [#zontaclub](#) [#zontadistrict25](#)



A new world a new life..

Rebuild a life- One woman at a time!

Ditwah the cyclone destroyed the livelihoods of many female headed businesses , now searching for a way forward.

Let's come together to empower and support these female entrepreneurs to rebuild their lives.
join us make a difference.

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December 10, 2025 7:51 am

New World, New Life! Join us in helping female entrepreneurs affected by Cyclone Ditwah start fresh. One Story, One Woman, One Livelihood! Your support will help us give them the push to rise from ruins.

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[#startingover](#) [#floodrelief](#) [#helpingentrepreneurs](#) [#womenempowerment](#)

A NEW WORLD, A NEW LIFE!

Ditwah the cyclone destroyed the livelihoods of many female headed households now searching for a way forward.

Join our journey to identify these brave entrepreneurs reestablish and improve their livelihoods.



Zonta will identify and map their recovery, but we need your support to rebuild and inspire these women.

One Story, One Woman, One Livelihood

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December 19, 2025 10:10 am

Zonta - Club 1 of Colombo, Sri Lanka

“Women carrying children through chest-deep waters, families watching their homes dissolve into torrents, fields turning into rivers overnight...”

Floods does more than wash away possessions, it erases years of hard work of families who are forced to pick up and start anew .

These Disasters dispropotionately affect women who are less likely to recover than men .

Zonta Club 1 of Colombo moves onto recovery of women entrepreneurs affected by disastor .

Partner with us to rebuilding lives and empowering women to rise above adversity.

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December 19, 2025 8:26 am

Thank you The club thanks all Members, Friends and Family who donated funds,time and effort through the immediate relief phase .

We especially thank Dr Aruni, Abeywardene, R Sellamuttu, Chris Chandraraju, Orchid Enterprises for their donations.

We thank World Vision Lanka, Caritas Sri Lanka, Humedica International Lanka ,Sai Mandir, for partnering with Zonta club 1 of Colombo and enabling assistance to those in dire need

December 19, 2025 7:55 am

Partnering World Vision Lanka, The Club provided 150 mosquito nets, 100 mats ,sheets and sanitary items for families displaced in Maritinepattu - Mullaituvu. We thank our donor for enabling this assistance and thank World Vision for the distribution .

December 3, 2025

During the last week OVER 951,000 Women and 362,000 children have been affected by the recent floods in Sri Lanka .

Vulnerability heightened in the face of being uprooted from their homes and traditional support structures, disrupted access to services, and both structural and social obstacles to accessing food, relief, supplies, and sanitation facilities .

As Zontians we are mindful that displacements and return, increases the risks of sexual and physical violence, intimate partner violence, forced and/or coerced prostitution for women and girls .

Her safety is Our Responsibility

December 3, 2025

The Club continued its relief this morning with Dry Ration packs, bed Linen, medicines, children's items and sanitary items , handed over to the Air Force in Ratmalana. We thank Orchid Collection, and all those who made this possible ..🙏

May the days ahead bring safety, strength, and renewal to every family affected by the floods.

If you would like to contribute to the ongoing flood relief program pls send your donations to the following account mentioned below:

Zonta Club 1 of Colombo.

Bank of Ceylon

Wellawatte.

Account number 0000986327

Bank code 7010

Branch code 023

Swift code BCEYLK LX

Thank you 🙏 for your kindness ❤️ in this difficult time of need .

December 1, 2025

In the aftermath of the devastating floods, our island is united in grief and resilience. As we navigate the challenges ahead, our thoughts are with the families and communities affected. May the spirit of hope and solidarity guide us through these trying times.

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November 30, 2025

Zonta - Club 1 of Colombo, Sri Lanka is with Zonta District 25 and Zonta International.

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Thousands of people have lost their homes and livelihoods due to extreme weather these past few days, many of them women.

Through our relief efforts we are mindful that with each climate-related disaster, women fall farther behind men, because systemic gender inequality has led to women having fewer resources and choices than men.

We are also mindful that women under disaster conditions are more vulnerable to Violence and we continue to safeguard the well-being of women and children during the 16 days of Activism and beyond.



Message from Zonta
Club 1 of Colombo



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November 28, 2025

Dear Friends ,

This is an urgent **!!** request for Flood Relief Donations for the ongoing catastrophic disaster.

Every contribution is valuable !

Pls share this msg and to spread the word

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Thank you for your kindness 

Pls donate and share widely

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Renuka Gamage

Wed, Dec 17, 2025,
9:02 AM

to Christina, me, CJ, Fen, Joelle, Kirsten, Margaret, Prem, Renuka, Sandra, Saraswathy, Sharon, Shirley, Susie, Valerie, Heather, Valerie, Aleena

Dear members of the Zonta Club of Ottawa,

Some of you may have heard about the catastrophic Cyclone Ditwah that recently hit Sri Lanka, causing the worst flooding in recent history. The devastation is being recognized as the deadliest weather-related disaster since the 2004 Tsunami.

I have received a request for an appeal from the Zonta Club of Colombo II to assist them with a project focused on rebuilding the businesses of female entrepreneurs who were severely affected by the cyclone.

I've included the following attachments for you: the original WhatsApp message and the formal request in PDF format.

I would appreciate your input on how our club might be able to help. Your feedback will help the board decide whether to move forward with this project and, if so, how to best execute our assistance.

Since our next board meeting is not until January 14th, and the membership meeting is on January 28th, I suggest we use your responses to inform the discussion.

Best regards,
Renuka Gamage

Please read the message below and the formal letter attached in PDF format.

WhatsApp message from the Club President, Roseanne Wijenayaka

Hi Renuka, hope you are doing well. Sorry haven't been in touch, but hope to see you next year at the convention in Vancouver:
Thankyou for following our social media pages.

I am sending you a request for an appeal , we are doing a project to get all small business female entrepreneurs back to their business. All applicants are severely affected from the cyclone Ditwa and have lost their business.

Will it be possible for you to speak to your club or any contacts you know to get us some support to assist these ladies.

Each case is different, from 75k to 150k rupees fund request:

We evaluate and then take a decision considering many factors and the continuity of the business including dependents.

Please let us know if you can work on supporting us any amount is welcome.

We need to empower and rebuild there women's lives.

Thankyou in advance



Compliments of the season

Renuka Gamage

Dec 17, 2025,
9:34 AM

to Christina, me, CJ, Fen, Joelle, Kirsten, Margaret, Prem, Renuka, Sandra, Saraswathy, Sharon, Shirley, Susie, Valerie, Heather, Valerie, Aleena

Hi

Sharing with you some of the details of the devastation.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/11/1166474>

<https://www.undp.org/asia-pacific/press-releases/one-fifth-sri-lanka-inundated-cyclone-ditwah-undp-analysis>

Best
Renuka

Cindy google searched the dollar equivalent, see below:

75,000 Indian Rupee equals

1,156.26 Canadian Dollar

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150,000 Indian Rupee equals

2,312.39 Canadian Dollar

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