

Ministry of Tourism

MDG Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Project

Community based tourism

Objective

Create meaningful opportunities for tourists to experience village life and to create economic benefits to the rural community

Programmes: Tourism Village programme 2008

Village based tourism is an emerging aspect of tourism increasingly becoming popular at many countries. Sri Lanka too has enough opportunities to promote traditional agriculture and rural industry based villages for tourists to visit and interact with the community. The following projects have been identified under this project for 2008:

Ballapana – Pottery Village

Alawatugoda Sri Sumana Saman Devalaya – Development of infrastructure facilities for domestic tourists

Kumbuk kandura, Lewella – Visitor facility development

Tourism Village Programme 2007 (Continuation)

Proposed for continuation of the village based tourism projects undertaken in 2007 at the following villages:

Kolonna Kamburugamuwa – Waulpane lime cave development

Ambagamuwa, Yatiyantota area – Aberdeen falls

Madurawala

Dambadeniya

Suriyawewa, Mahapelessa

Expansion of Handicrafts Village and Promotion of Tourism in Janakala Kendraya in Battaramulla

It is proposed to expand the existing handicrafts village under the National Crafts Council, bringing together an array of local handicrafts to one location.

Short term course on Tourism and Hospitality for youths

500 youths per year will be trained under this special course enabling them to find overseas jobs.

MDG 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

Project/Programme

Construction of washroom/toilet facilities at selected tourist attractions

It is expected to develop basic toilet facilities and washroom facilities at popular tourist attractions such as Archaeological heritage sites, religious places and natural attractions under this project.

The places identified are Medirigiriya, Dambadeniya, Rawana-Ella, Seenigama, Madurawala.

Distribution of tractors and trailers

Tractors and Trailers will be provided to Pradeshiya Sabhas for effective waste disposal in popular tourist areas. Past experience proves this to be an effective timely

step taken to assist Pradeshiya Sabhas. The locations selected for 2008 are Narammala, Hanguranketha, Dickwella, Pothuvil, Galigamuwa, Rambukkana.

Providing battery operated environmentally friendly car for tourists

The objective is to provide environment friendly transportation facilities for old and disabled tourists in areas such as Anuradhapura sacred city. One battery operated car was purchased with a capacity of 8 people. Action has been taken to hand over the car for operations.