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#### **Foreword**

The conducting of annual national examinations in Sri Lanka are an important part of the country's educational activity calendar. They provide opportunities for students to enhance their knowledge, skills and personality. However, due to the pandemic and economic crisis, the Examination Department of Sri Lanka faced challenges in conducting the key government examinations as scheduled. Despite this, the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination is set to take place from May 29 to June 8, 2023, with 472,553 candidates sitting the examinations at 3,568 examination centres.

Given the current challenges faced by the country, it is important to be prepared for extreme weather patterns, particularly during the upcoming Southwest monsoon period. Early preparedness and swift response mechanisms are essential in ensuring the scheduled examination timetable can be adhered to. Additionally, following COVID-19 health guidelines and being mindful of the Dengue outbreak is imperative.



To ensure the uninterrupted conduct of examinations and the safety and security of all involved, the Disaster Management Centre is working closely with the Department of Examinations. A coordinated preparedness and response mechanism is in place, including the re-commissioning of the National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit and the District Examination Emergencies Coordination Office. This will enable a successful implementation of operational plans for examination emergencies.

I thank all partner organizations, with special reference to A-PAD Sri Lanka, in supporting the publication and preparation of this guideline book. I am confident that the assigned entities will implement their respective operational plans effectively in responding to any eventualities.

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) is committed to coordinating and facilitating the operational plans for the successful conduct of the national examinations.

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#### **Preface**

Access to Education is a fundamental right of every child, and successive Sri Lankan governments have placed a high priority on providing basic education to all. However, the COVID-19 pandemic, along with political and economic instability, has resulted in significant disruptions to the administration of key national examinations for school children in recent years, leading to delays and uncertainties for students and their families. As a consequence, the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination - 2022 (2023) has been rescheduled and is now set to take place from May 29th to June 8th, 2023.

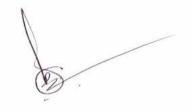


The General Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) examinations (G.C.E. O/L) is a significant milestone in the lives of Sri Lankan students, serving as a crucial step in determining their potential career path and contributing to their personal development. It is therefore essential to create a hazard-free and disaster-free environment that allows students to concentrate on performing to the best of their abilities during this crucial examination.

The Department of Examinations, in collaboration with the Provincial Education Directors, is dedicated to providing the necessary administrative support and resources to successfully conduct the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination - 2022 (2023).

The examination will be held at 3,568 examination centres with 536 coordinating centres, and a total of 472,553 candidates, including 394,450 school candidates and 78,103 private candidates, are expected to sit for the exam. Therefore, ensuring the safety and security of the students is of the utmost priority. Although Sri Lanka frequently experiences hazards and disasters, they should not be allowed to disrupt the successful administration of these vital examinations or disrupt the students' studies. As a proactive measure, the Department of Examinations has sought the assistance of the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) to create a disruption-free environment, even in the face of sudden adversities.

I believe that ensuring the safety and security of students, other candidates, and officials involved in organizing the examination is of utmost importance. Therefore, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) and other partner organizations for their unwavering support in preparing and publishing the guidelines book this year as well.



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#### **ACCESS TO EXAMINATIONS AMIDST DISASTERS**

#### **GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS IN EMERGENCIES**

#### 1. Introduction

The Department of Examinations (DoE) will conduct the General Certificate Examination, Ordinary Level (G.C.E. O/L) for 2022 (2023) from 29th May to 8th June 2023 in Sri Lanka. The examinations scheduled for 2022 had to be postponed due to multidimensional disasters exacerbated by the economic crisis.

G.C.E. O/L, both old and new syllabus examinations will be conducted across 3,568 centres for 472,553 candidates coordinated by 536 centres. For the period of the exams, 38 educational divisions have been established.

Examination	School	Private	Total	Coordinating	Examination	
	Candidates	Candidates	Candidates	Centres	Centres	
G.C.E. O/L	394,450	78,103	472,553	536	3,568	

The examinations that were scheduled to be held in 2022 had to be postponed due to the severity of the COVID-19 outbreak in 2021, which disrupted the studies of Ordinary Level (O/L) students. Additionally, the prevalent economic crisis in the country has posed significant challenges to the education sector. Although the pandemic situation in the country has improved, variants of the COVID-19 virus are still widespread globally, and other health concerns such as dengue have raised alarming levels of reported cases.

May and June are months which fall under the Southwest-monsoon season (i.e. May to September). Thus, adverse weather conditions are expected to coincide with the examination dates. Floods, landslides and high winds are some potential risks which could deny access to examination centres, delay travel arrangements of candidates and also disrupt facilities at the relevant coordinating and examination centres. A surge in the spread of COVID-19 could exacerbate the situation. Further precautions against air hazards, lightning, fire, explosions, animal attacks and road accidents are other risks that need to be considered well in advance.

Facilitating transportation for question papers and answer scripts require careful planning, strict adherence to guidelines, and the use of a secure and reliable transport services. It is recommended to have contingency plans in place in case of any unforeseen events or delays in transportation. Amidst these uncertainties, upon assessing possible risks to candidates sitting for the examination and also the officials supervising the exam, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) has recognised the need for a cohesive risk reduction plan to overcome any potential examination emergencies.

#### 2. Conduct of Examination

The Commissioner General of Examinations (CGoE) will execute the G.C.E. O/L examination in liaison with the Provincial Education Director (PED). Accordingly, 38 Educational Divisions have been established in the 9 provinces, for the purpose of conducting the examinations

No.	Province	Educational Divisions
01	Western	Colombo, Sri Jayawardhanapura, Piliyandala, Homagama, Gampaha, Kelaniya, Negombo, Minuwangoda, Horana, Matugama and Kalutara
02	Southern	Galle, Matara and Tangalle
03	Sabaragamuwa	Ratnapura and Kegalle
04	North Western	Kurunegala, Nikaweratiya, Kuliyapitiya, Chilaw and Puttlam
05	North Central	Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa

06	Central	Matale, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya
07	Uva	Badulla and Monaragala
08	Eastern	Ampara, Kalmunai, Batticaloa and Trincomalee
09	Northern	Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Jaffna I and Jaffna II

The 536 Examination Coordinating Centres (ECC) will be directed by the above 38 educational divisions for the conduct of the G.C.E. O/L examinations

• G.C.E. O/L Examination – will be held from 29th May (Monday) to 8th June (Thursday) 2023. There will be 472,553 candidates sitting for the examination in 3,568 examination centres. These examination centres will be provided with the question papers during the morning hours of each examination day. A total of 33 Regional Collecting Centres (RCC) have been established for the collection of answer scripts which will be handed over by the respective ECCs at the end of each day. Safe and timely travel for the officials in transporting the question papers and answer scripts will be vital without any interruptions.

Overall, examinations will be directed by DoE, the implementation will be via the Provincial Educational Offices. Provincial Education Directors of the 9 provinces will have 100 Zonal Education Directors ensuring the operations of the 3,568 examination centres

#### **Flow Chart of Synergies**

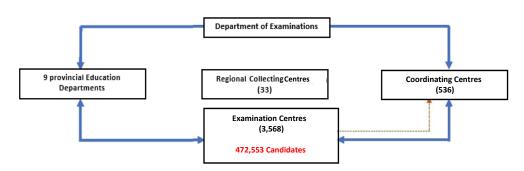


Figure 1: Synergies flow chart

In preparation and execution of any emergencies during the period of examination, a coordinated effort will be essential. As such, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) in liaison with the Department of Examinations (DoE) has formulated this document containing the preparedness and response guidelines, as a disaster risk reduction mechanism involving key stakeholders. Any emergencies which arise during the examinations, will be steered by the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) of the DMC.

#### 3. National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit (NEEOps)

NEEOps will be operational at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) of the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) as follows for the G.C.E (Ordinary Level) examinations;

• 29th May to 8th June 2023

The Commissioner General of Examinations (CGoE) and Director General of the Disaster Management Centre (DG-DMC) will co-chair NEEOps. The Operational command unit will be headed by the Director of EOC – DMC and a representative of CGoE.

Under the directive of the respective Government Agents/District Secretary, the twenty-five (25) Assistant Directors of District Disaster Management Coordinating Units (AD-DDMCU) will function as District

coordinators of District Examination Emergency Coordinating Office (DEECO). They will link with the thirty-eight (38) Educational Divisional representatives. The one hundred (100) Zonal Education Directors will link with DEECO and these offices will be directly linked with NEEOps in Colombo.

#### 3.1 Responsibilities

- In a disaster situation, coordinate and facilitate planning of examination emergencies; early warning mechanisms and communications among essential service organisations during the period of examinations.
- Support District Secretariats, Provincial Educational Offices, Local Government and other stakeholders in emergencies.
- Ensure operational functions of DEECO.
- Implement individual and collective organizational contingency plans in achieving examination emergency objectives.
- Identify needs and mobilize resources as required.
- Achieve objectives of examination emergencies.

#### 4. Objective

The main objective is to ensure that there are no interruptions to the planned conduct of the G.C.E. O/L examinations and provide safe access and security to school children/candidates sitting the examinations, including the officials.

#### 4.1 Specific Objectives

- Ensure timely accessibility of 472,553 candidates as per the examination timetable to the designated 3,568 examination centres without any impediments caused by hazards/disasters.
- Provide unimpeded access to officials of the Examination Department and uninterrupted services to 38 Examination Divisional offices, 536 Examination Coordinating centres and 3,568 Examination centres.
- Prepare, coordinate and execute emergency plans among all essential service organisations in emergencies to achieve the mandate of the Examination Department of Sri Lanka.

#### 5. Potential Scenarios

#### 5.1 Adverse Weather Conditions

The end of May and beginning of June is generally considered the onset of the monsoon season in Sri Lanka, and the country typically experiences increased rainfall and occasional thunderstorms during the Southwest monsoon season (May to September). Selection and establishing of examination centres should be safe from potential flood and landslide zones demarcated by the National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Irrigation Department (ID) and DMC.

#### 5.2 Pandemic/Epidemics

Health guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health on both pandemics and epidemics to be strictly adhered by students, officials and supporting staff for early detection of infected persons. (refer Annexes D & O)

#### 5.3 COVID-19 Detection

The detection of COVID-19 patient/s or the tracing of such person/s having visited the examination/ coordinating centres can cause immediate disruption to the conduct of examinations. Each centre should have contingency plans to isolate and continue functions in pre-identified alternative locations as advised by the Ministry of Health (Annexure D).

#### 5.4 Animal Attacks

Encounters with animals remain a considerable cause of harm to humans in certain areas. Stings from bees, wasps and hornets can be lethal. Access routes will need to be secured of animal encounters and bee/wasp nests. Further, areas identified with Human-Elephant Conflict (HEC) need considerable attention in planning and contingencies. Access to such examination/coordinating centres by candidates and officials with alternative routes need to be identified.

#### 5.5 Ferry Incidents

The context of adverse weather conditions will lead to hazardous impacts on modes of transport, particularly ferries. It is, therefore, imperative that proper precautions, such as the adequate supply of life jackets, are put in place to ensure the safety of all individuals using the ferry to visit the examination centres.

#### 5.6 Fuel Restrictions

Issues regarding fuel restrictions in the country might affect the mobility of all individuals visiting the examination centres. Thus, due consideration should be given to ensure that all individuals make it to the examination centres on time. Adequate fuel allocation to be made in line with services rendered for the conduct of exams for both officials and students.

#### **5.7 Power Disruptions**

Power disruptions would have several effects with regard to the examinations. These effects include hindering students' ability to study for examinations, students' performance and preparing of necessary examination documents/papers.

To ensure that all the centres are provided with uninterrupted power supply and necessary backups to be implemented.

#### 5.8 Protests and Strikes

Instances of potential public protests could be a hindrance for candidates and officials making their way to the relevant examination centres, due to road blockages and violence or riots.

#### In the event of any emergency

#### **HOTLINE - 1911**

#### Department of Examinations (DoE)

The DoE has established a 24 hour Examination Emergency Coordinating Office for the period of 29<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 with access being provided through the hotline – 1911. In the event of any interruptions due to hazards/disasters, the DoE will direct the 38 Educational Divisional heads to allow affected candidates to overcome the disruptions by issuing a special directive to continue the examination from the nearest centre.

The list of contact numbers of the Educational Divisional Heads is attached (Annex M)

#### 6. Operational Guidelines for Examination Emergencies in Situations of Disasters

Safety and security of school and private candidates eligible to sit for the G.C.E. O/L examination and officials engaged in conducting the examinations will be of paramount importance, in the event of any potential disasters due to natural hazards. As noted, a total of 472,553 candidates will commute over a period of nine days between 29th May to 8th June 2023 with regard to the G.C.E. Ordinary Level Examination. Provision of public and private transport and mobility contingencies in the event of disasters will require detailed planning. The climate patterns and past extreme weather conditions indicate possibilities of heavy rains which could

lead to flooding, landslides and earth slips. Southwest monsoon conditions are expected to continue during the months of May-June. High winds, storm surge, coastal erosion, lightning, severe thunderstorms and industrial hazards are also possibilities while tsunami, fire and explosions too are considered as potential threats.

Road accidents and animal attacks (e.g. human elephant conflict) are on the rise, which are severe safety concerns of school children and officials.

Preparation in providing early warning, reducing risks and responding speedily in the event of a calamity would be a collective action by agencies involved in examination emergencies. The guidelines will support such agencies to be proactive, prepare, coordinate and implement plans to achieve the specified objectives.

#### 6.1 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka (DoE)

Commissioner General of Examinations (CGoE) of the DoE will be Co-Chair of NEEOps. He will share his operational plans with the other Co-Chair of DMC. Administrative activities will be managed by the CGoE. Operational aspects related to disaster management will be coordinated by DMC. CGoE will;

- a. Share deployment of officials/candidates and assets related to the examination with NEEOps to facilitate emergency response planning.
- b. Appoint DoE provincial and district representatives in respect of each district to coordinate with District Secretary and DMC in emergencies. The 33 divisional examination heads to be connected with DEECO.
- c. Ensure examination officials are to be briefed of contingency plans provided by NEEOps.
- d. Provide detailed briefing to invigilators and officials in examination centres about the immediate action drill in the event of a disaster during the examination process.
- e. Direct Emergency Response Calls received by DoE Hotline 1911 to NEEOps.
- f. Make the contact list of essential focal points available and link them with NEEOps and DEECO.

#### 6.2 Disaster Management Centre (DMC)

DMC will be responsible for the planning and execution of examination emergencies in liaison with DoE. It will function as Co-Chair of NEEOps. A coordination mechanism will be established to ensure essential and support organisations are prepared to implement contingency plans at national, provincial and district/divisional levels in the event of a disaster.

- a. Assign DMC representative as Operational Co-Chair of NEEOps and Director EOC to be assigned. EOC to be the central operations room for NEEOps.
- b. District offices of the DMC to be the District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Offices (DEECO) with Assistant Directors of DDMCU being the district based operational officers linked to NEEOps.
- c. Implement National Examination Emergency Plan in liaison with other ministries, departments and organizations via NEEOps.
- d. Create safe access routes to and from, the examination and coordinating centres for candidates and officials in the event of emergencies.
- e. Transport providers both state and private to be made aware of the needs and contingencies, inclusive of COVID-19 travel protocols. Coordinate and implement transportation requests of DoE with regards to question/answer scripts.
- f. Provide early warning of impending disasters timely and efficiently.
- g. National Council for Disaster Management to be appraised of action plans in the event of a national examination emergency.

#### 6.3 Ministry of Health

Emergency health response plans in support of examination emergencies to be prepared and resources allocated based on the potential threats. National and sub-national key focal persons will be linked with DMC and NEEOps to confirm readiness and activate contingency plans if required. The Disaster Preparedness and Response Division (DPRD) of the Ministry of Health will be the focal unit linking health and medical needs in examination emergencies with NEEOps and DEECO.

- a. A fulltime coordinating representative to be at NEEOps for the period stated
- b. National emergency health response action plan to be shared with NEEOps
- c. List of contact details of national, provincial and district health coordinators to be submitted
- d. Deployment of ambulances and required vehicles to be ensured
- e. Availability of sufficient health staff and medicinal stocks in hospitals to deal with emergencies in vulnerable districts to be confirmed.

#### 6.4 Ministry of Education (MoE)

The Ministry of Education will be overall responsible for providing guidelines and directives to the examination candidates via the Department of Examinations. The schools selected as examination and coordinating centres to be least vulnerable to effects of hazards. Potential areas and centres vulnerable to extreme weather or hazardous conditions, to be brought to the notice by relevant school principals to NEEOps and DEECO to mitigate such effects through prior planning.

#### 7. Guidelines for Implementing Ministries, Departments and Institutions

Response to examination emergencies will be carried out by relevant ministries, departments and institutions based on the nature of the hazard.

#### 7.1 Ministry of Defence (MoD)

MoD will be appraised by the DoE through the Ministry of Education with regard to troop deployment in support of National Examination Emergencies caused by natural disasters. MoD will provide assistance to any such emergency response through the Office of the Chief of Defence Staff (OCDS). NEEOps will link with OCDS for Tri Forces deployment plans during examination emergencies. Facilitate request by DoE in the transportation of question papers and answer scripts.

#### 7.1.1 Office of the Chief of Defence Staff (OCDS) and Tri Forces

Assigned under the Ministry of Defence, the OCDS ensures civil-military cooperation in humanitarian emergencies. The military assets, experience, exposure, rapid employment and speedy access are immense advantages the Tri Forces possess in saving lives. Plans of the OCDS, in preparing and responding to emergencies will support the conduct of examinations in the event of extreme weather conditions or any other interruptions. NEEOps will liaise with OCDS in connecting DoE, DMC, national and provincial/district-based stakeholders. OCDS is requested to;

- a. Assign OCDS representative to liaise directly with NEEOps
- Request from Commander of the Army, Navy and Air force to provide operational assistance to NEEOps through respective Directors of Operation to execute examination emergency responses
- Attach Tri Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force) senior representatives to NEEOps to assess, coordinate and authorise resources for emergency response relevant to respective service organisations
- d. Nominate Tri Forces representatives for 25 District Examination Emergencies Coordinating offices

- e. Provide examination emergency response plan/guidelines in respect of resource mobilisation for examination emergencies
- f. Link OCDS Operations room with NEEOps and DEECO
- g. Disseminate weather forecast, early warning, potential mobilization and other related information sent by NEEOps with relevant Tri Forces/ service organisations
- h. Collate and share contact details of key military coordinators at national and district levels assigned for examination emergencies

#### 7.2 Ministry of Public Security (MoPS)

The ministry will assign Police and Civil Defense Department in support of public security and responding to hazards and disasters in liaison with NEEOps. Resources to be allocated accordingly and deployed in such an event.

#### 7.2.1 Sri Lanka Police and Special Task Force (STF)

Assigned under the Ministry of Public Security, Sri Lanka Police with the support of STF require deploying officers on the directive of the Inspector General of Police. In emergencies, Police is to link with the NEEOps and DEECO to manage any interruptions to the examinations. Police HQ is requested to;

- a. Provide communication and deployment plans in examination emergencies.
- b. Assign focal officer/team for NEEOps.
- c. Link local police stations for information sharing with NEEOps at the national level and DEECO at the provincial/district levels.
- d. Disseminate alerts and warning sent out by NEEOps to reach candidates and examination officials.
- e. Harness community support and assistance as "first responders" in response to a disaster.
- f. Share list of Police Officers/ representatives to be linked with NEEOps and DEECO.

#### 7.2.2 Civil Security Department (CSD)

Assigned under the Ministry of Public Security, CSD is to provide its possible deployment in areas of vulnerability to support examination emergencies. CSD is requested to;

- a. Assign representative to link with NEEOps.
- b. Provide capacity and strength in support of examination emergencies for NEEOps and specific tasks will be assigned accordingly.
- c. Support dissemination of alerts and warning messages to candidates and examination officials in the event of such warnings.
- d. Assist DoE and NEEOps in support to overcome any impediments to examinations on ground.
- e. Link directly with DEECO for emergency assistance in respective districts.

#### 7.3 Ministry of Power and Energy

The ministry would facilitate the required uninterrupted power and provision of adequate fuel for the transportation requirement during the period of 25th May to 10th June 2023.

#### 7.4 National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit (NEEOps)

NEEOps will be the operational arm to coordinate and implement examination emergencies. EOC, with the support of DMC will lead the process in planning and operationalizing examination emergency procedures in liaison with DoE representatives. It will take necessary steps to counter any disaster or impending disaster in accordance with existing plans.

DMC appointed Operational Co-Chair for NEEOps will be the Director of Emergency Operations Centre (EOC – DMC). Office and command centre of NEEOps will be the EOC at DMC. District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Offices (DEECO) will be in the respective 25 District Secretariats under the patronage of the relevant District Secretary.

The National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit (NEEOps) will;

- a. Direct and authorise Examination Emergency Action Plans of key disaster response stakeholders and support organisations for implementation in the event of any emergencies interrupting the conduct of G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination and the transportation of question/answer scripts. Ensure that, the identified organisations are operational to implement emergency plans at any given time during the period;
  - From 25th May 10th June, 2023
- b. Share district/divisional hazard maps for extensive circulation among officials and district administrators involved in the conduct of examinations. Take measures to identify and reduce risks, thereby facilitating access routes to examination centres.
- c. Carry out joint assessments on accessibility and alternate routes to examination centres at district/divisions through DEECO.
- d. Ensure critical service providers have special contingency plans in responding to power outages, transport exigencies, telecommunication failure etc.
- e. Create public awareness of examination emergency readiness.
- f. Support District Secretaries in the implementation of district disaster response plans.
- g. Support coordination of emergency relief through National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC) and link with other stakeholders including private sector for a coordinated emergency response.
- h. Provide early warning on hazards and impending disasters, in a timely manner and in liaison with technical agencies. Ensure speedy and efficient communication mechanism for warnings and instructions to reach examination candidates and officials.
- i. Identify and enhance facilities of alternate safety centres for immediate relocation of vulnerable examination centres for the continuity of examinations in the event of interruptions.
- j. Provide operational, administrative and logistical support for DEECO.
- k. Update respective Ministries, District Secretaries, OCDS, DoE of operational activities regularly. Maintain close liaisons with District Secretaries in sharing information and providing assistance in emergencies.
- I. Essential composition of NEEOps will be representatives of DMC/EOC, CGoE, Provincial/Zonal Education representatives, health representatives, Tri-forces, Police, assigned governmental and technical organisations.
- m. Request for senior representatives of essential service organisations in emergencies to facilitate coordination and implementation of tasks assigned to respective organisation. The presence of such officials/officers is required 24/7 from 25th May 10th June, 2023 during the conduct of the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) examination.
- n. Establish public, private and media partnership for dissemination of weather forecasts, warnings and safety instructions.
- o. Deploy pre-identified resources as per contingency plans to maximize efficiency in providing safety and security to candidates and officials of the examination department.

p. Provide timely situational reports/updates to Co-Chairs and relevant authorities.

#### **Inclusivity of Children with Special Needs**

The Co-chairs of NEEOps will ensure that all stakeholders involved in these guidelines ensure safe and inclusive environment for candidates with special needs. Early warnings, evacuation orders and response plans to include, adhering and catering to the special needs in liaison with DEECO and NEEOps.

The list of contact numbers of the Educational Divisional Heads is attached (Annex M)

#### 7.5 District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Office (DEECO)

Twenty five (25) district officers will be in operation at the District Secretariats from 25th May to 10th June 2023. DEECO will be headed by the respective District Secretaries in liaison with heads of the established Educational Divisions. Essential composition of DEECO will be the District Secretary; DoE representative and DMC representatives as district operational co-chairs; representatives of Triforces, health officials, Police and the officials/officers determined by the District Secretary. DEECO will;

- a. Operationalize DEECO, linking with Divisional Secretariats, Provincial Educational Directors, local government authorities, Tri-forces, Police and other organisations/stakeholders involved in examination emergency readiness and response.
- b. Maintain direct liaisons with NEEOps and provide frequent situational updates. Establish information sharing mechanisms from national to sub-national levels.
- c. Formulate essential composition of DEECO incorporating District co-chairs, Tri-forces representatives, Police and other partner organisations.
- d. Coordinate and implement district emergency response plans in the event of an examination emergency.
- e. Coordinate with district based essential service organisations for clearance of access routes, responding to power/communication outages and transport exigencies.
- f. Seek for alternate examination centres as safe sites in the event of relocation procedures.

#### 7.6 Department of Meteorology

Accurate, timely and impact-oriented weather forecast will support preparedness and rapid response through early warning. Due to the commencement of the Southwest monsoon season, adverse weather conditions have been predicted island wide. A detailed weather prediction chart for the period of examination is annexed (Annexure C). Department of Meteorology will;

a. Issue regular weather forecasts and disseminate same timely to NEEOps. Periodicity of issuing situation reports from 25th May to 10th June 2023 – G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination to be agreed with NEEOps. Proposed forecast report periods are given below;

Date	25th May to 10th June 2023 (G.C.E. O/L Examination)			
*Frequency of reports	6 hourly			

<sup>\*</sup>In the event of potential threats – hourly reports or even frequent as required.

- b. Designate senior officer to liaise with NEEOps.
- c. Provide Examination Emergency action plan with list of contacts.

- d. Formulate speedy and simple dissemination of early warning format, inclusive of local language for onward transmission to public/media without edits to save time and reduce risks.
- e. Connect with mass media to disseminate special weather forecasts / advisories.

#### 7.7 Irrigation Department

Threat of extensive rain could swell rivers, overspill reservoirs and force open sluice gates causing floods in low-lying areas (Annexure F). The department should provide adequate early warnings related to reservoir spill levels, opening of sluice gates and rising water levels of rivers. Early warning and potential threats in areas of high vulnerability needs to be identified in relation to examination and examination coordinating centres. The Irrigation department will;

a. Provide situational reports to NEEOps on water levels and alerts related to rivers, reservoirs and other water bodies which are detrimental and could overflow or cause a disaster. Frequency of submission of reports is given below;

Date	25th May to 10th June 2023 (GCE O/L Examination)			
*Frequency of reports	6 hourly			

<sup>\*</sup>In the event of potential threats – hourly reports or even frequently as required

- b. Provide details of potential threats and vulnerable areas to NEEOps to facilitate deployment plans. Access roads and safe locations will be vital.
- c. Make available the examination emergency action plan based mostly on early warning and dissemination to NEEOps.
- d. Agree on communication mechanism and simplified warning messages for direct dissemination to public through NEEOps.
- e. Provide list of key contact persons at national and sub-national levels to NEEOps.
- f. Ensure 24 hours operational, situation monitoring office from 25th May to 10th June 2023.
- g. Assign representative to connect with NEEOps during the same period.
- h. Disseminate information of potential threat to public via media and other sources.

# 7.8 Disaster Preparedness and Response Division (DPRD) & National Dengue Control Unit (NDCU) – Ministry of Health

Emergency health response plan in support of examination emergencies to be prepared and resources allocated based on the potential threat. National, provincial and regional key focal persons will be linked with NEEOps/DEECO to confirm readiness and active contingency plans, if required. Dengue and other epidemics are on the rise and therefore, necessary preventive measures at examination centres and surrounding areas, prior to examination period to be taken well in advance as per the guidelines (Annexure O) issued by National Dengue Control Unit – Ministry of Health.

The DPRD will be the focal unit linking health and medical needs in examination emergencies with NEEOps

- a. A fulltime coordinating representative will be at NEEOps for the period stated.
- b. National emergency health response action plan will be shared with NEEOps.
- c. Health guidelines for conducting of examinations amidst the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak to be shared with educational and relevant authorities for strict implementation.

- d. To ensure preventive measures in terms of epidemics and other potential threats are looked into. e.g. Dengue.
- e. List of contact details of national, provincial and district health coordinators to be submitted.
- f. Deployment of ambulances and required vehicles to be ensured.
- g. National hospitals to have contingencies to respond to influx of patients as a result of accidents caused by unprecedented events including road traffic accidents.
- h. Availability of sufficient health staff and medicinal stocks in hospitals to deal with emergencies in vulnerable districts to be confirmed.

The Epidemiology unit will require providing all relevant awareness, coordination and directives with regards to COVID-19 health protocols in liaison with its provincial health counterparts.

National Dengue Control Unit (NDCU) will be the focal point in paying special attention to epidemics such as Dengue. NDCU is to ensure that preventive measures with regard to Dengue is taken at examination centres and surrounding areas prior to the examination period. National, provincial and regional key focal persons will be linked with NEEOps/DEECO to confirm readiness and active contingency plans if required.

#### 7.9 National Building and Research Organization (NBRO)

Monitoring of potential landslides and consequences of aftermath which will hinder the conduct of national examinations would be NBRO's examination emergency contingency. Prior warnings will enable safety of examination candidates and those engaged in examination duties in 3,568 examination and coordinating centres.

- a. Identify the zones which are potential vulnerable areas for landslides and any established examination/coordinating centres in such areas which are difficult to access.
- Demarcate safe access routes in support of candidates/officials proceeding to and from examination/coordinating centres in landslide vulnerable areas. Provide alternate safe routes in the event of an emergency.
- c. Provide emergency response plan in the event of a disaster.
- d. Designate senior officer to liaise with NEEOps. Provide contact list of key personnel at national and subnational levels.
- e. Provide updated situational reports to NEEOps frequently.
- f. Provide timely warnings to NEEOps.

#### 7.10 Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC)

TRC will ensure both government and private telecommunication service providers are tasked to provide uninterrupted communication during the period 29th May – 8th June 2023. Additional emphasis in supporting examination emergency response through contingencies for back-up and communication revival to be made. Sufficient manpower to support such exigencies to be planned. TRC to connect with NEEOps and assign focal point.

#### 7.11 Road Development Authority (RDA)

Road access to implement response plan in the event of disasters will be vital. Access in support of candidates sitting for examinations and officials of Examination Department will require roads and pathways to be cleared of obstacles following a hazard/disaster.

a Routes which are likely to be affected need to be identified and contingencies drawn to clear

road/ pathways. Share such action plans with NEEOps.

- b Assign a representative to coordinate with NEEOps and share contact list of key persons involved in examination emergencies.
- c Provide list of machinery and human resources available for deployment in vulnerable areas.

#### 7.12 Electricity Supply – CEB and LECO

Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and Lanka Electricity Company Private Limited (LECO) are the suppliers and service providers of electricity island wide. Both organizations require having contingencies in providing continuous electricity supply during the period of examinations. Backup electricity in the event of hazard/disasters and also during power outages to be planned and pre-positioned with breakdown teams deployed in and around the areas of examination centres to deal with any interruptions. National and district representatives of the two entities to link with NEEOps and DEECO.

#### 7.13 Fire Brigade - Local Government Municipalities

Readiness of fire brigades under the relevant municipalities need to be directed in submitting contingency plans to respond to examination emergencies. Resource availability, fire-hydrant serviceability, contact details and reach of fire brigades to be submitted to NEEOps. Assign a coordinator to liaise with NEEOps, who is capable of coordinating all fire brigades. Complementing and supporting adjacent municipality fire brigades in the event of emergencies is suggested. Prior approval to be obtained to affect such mutual support.

#### 7.14 1990 Ambulance Service- "Suwa Seriya"

Suwa Seriya operations room to connect directly with NEEOps with an assigned officer. Deployment of ambulances and its services to be mapped. Suwa Seriya to brief its ambulance teams stationed in districts of the potential support required for examination emergencies. NEEOps will coordinate with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Suwa Seriya and maximize services, in the event of casualty transport and medical services.

#### 8. Communications

NEEOps will be the command centre linked directly to DEECO in twenty five (25) districts. NEEOps will communicate with Co-chairs of the DMC and DoE for execution of examination emergency plans. Whilst NEEOps and DEECOs will coordinate and facilitate the examination emergency process, individual essential service organisations mentioned above will have its internal and external communication plans.

#### 9. Administration and Logistics

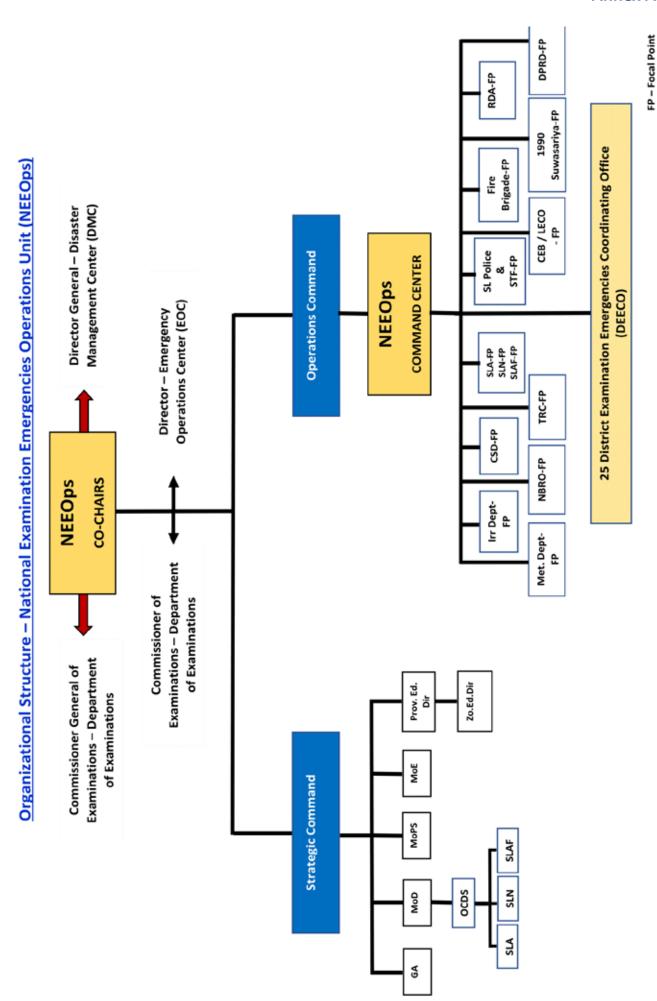
NEEOps will be housed at the DMC while DEECOs will be hosted by the respective District Secretariats of the twenty five (25) districts. Essential service organisations in emergencies are requested to internalise administrative and logistic support. Organisations may discuss further needs and requirements with DMC for resource allocation as required. DoE will liaise with the Provincial Education Directors in providing logistic support to staff and candidates.

#### 10. Conclusion

Preparing and responding to examination emergencies require collective effort. Around one million personnel including school children will be directly involved in the examinations and relevant duties. The collection of question papers in the morning hours and the submission of answer scripts in the evening hours to and from 3,568 examination centres will require timely planning and execution. Any interruptions due to hazards/disasters and other potential interruptions given the current circumstances in the country, can cause many a delay and deprive children of sitting for the examinations. Safe passage for candidates to travel to and from their homes to the examination centres, will be the collective responsibility of all organisations/ agencies. A coordinated and cohesive effort by organisations/ agencies in support of the Department of Examinations to conduct the examination amidst emergencies, is a positive initiative in providing the basic right to education.

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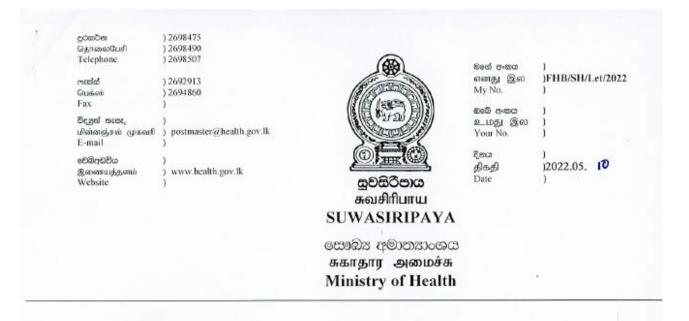
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#### **Guidelines for Conducting National Examinations During COVID-19 Pandemic**



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#### Guideline for conducting National Examinations during COVID-19 period - 2022

#### General measures

A National level coordinating center to be established which will function 24 hours to handle all emergency situations whenn conducting national examinations.

#### Specific instructions

#### For the management/organizers of the examination

- Appoint a responsible officer for each examination center to ensure that necessary arrangements are in place and the instructions are followed in accordance with the health guidelines.
- All staff members involving in examination duties should be given an orientation / instructions regarding COVID-19 prevention and universal precautions.
- Inform all candidates of the COVID-19 prevention measures that are in place prior to the examination.
- 4. Two isolated rooms /halls should be arranged in every examination center away from the examination halls assigned for normal candidates:
- Room 1- COVID-19 suspicious/ symptomatic candidates.
- Room 2 Confirmed COVID- 19 positive candidates

#### 5. Instructions for officers involved in conduction of Examinations

- If a candidate is having symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 at the examination center direct him/her to the Room identified for suspected/symptomatic candidates (Room1).
   If PCR /Rapid antigen for COVID -19 is negative that particular candidate can continue the examination in the examination center for normal candidates. Testing for Covid 19 is not compulsory.
- If a candidate is positive for COVID -19 and on home-based care, direct him/her to the Room assigned for confirmed COVID- 19 positive candidates (Room 2) and continue the examination at the same isolation room/ hall.
- If a staff members involving examination duties develop fever / respiratory symptoms they should not on duty in the area assigned for healthy candidates.
- Keep the examination hall well ventilated whenever possible. Proper natural ventilation in the hall is preferred. Avoid using A/C as much as possible.
- All precautions should be made to separate Covid 19 positive/ suspected/ symptomatic candidates from healthy students, especially during intervals

#### 6. Conducting practical / viva voce / interview examinations

- Candidates with fever / respiratory symptoms must be instructed to wear the mask at all times and be directed to the isolated area. This should be away from other candidates, preferably in another room.
- A mask should be worn by examiners during viva voce/practical/interview examinations. If the exam procedure cannot be conducted with masks, it is advised to maintain at least two meter of physical distancing and use a well-ventilated room.

#### 7. Direction for candidates

- If a candidate is found positive for COVID-19 during the commencement of examination or 7 days prior to the examination, he/she can continue the exam in the isolated rooms /halls for such cases in his examination center. (Room 2).
- ii. If a candidate has symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 at commencement of examination, he/she can continue the exam in the isolated rooms /halls for such cases in his examination center (Room1). If PCR /Rapid antigen for COVID -19 is negative that particular candidate can continue the examination in the examination center for normal candidates. However, testing for Covid 19 is not compulsory.
- All precautions should be made to separate Covid 19 positive/ suspected/ symptomatic candidates from healthy students, especially during intervals.
- iv. If a Covid 19 positive candidate is being hospitalized, and willing to continue with the examination, the candidate/guardian has to inform Department of Examinations in advance for necessary arrangements through the hospital authority/medical officer in charge

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#### 8. For parents / guardians

- If your child is having symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 such as fever/cough/sore throat/runny nose/headache etc. during exam period, inform School principal and or Chief invigilator.
- If your child is positive for COVID -19 and on home based care, direct him/her to continue with the examination at the isolation room/ hall for Covid 19 positive candidates at his / her examination center (Room 2)
- iii. If a Covid 19 positive candidate is being hospitalized, inform Department of Examinations in advance through the hospital authority/medical officer in charge, for necessary arrangements. (contact numbers are given above)

Please inform the relevant authorities to adhere to the above guidelines for successful conduction of examinations.

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#### Special Weather Report for G. C. E. Ordinary Level Examination – 2022 (2023)

#### **Expected General Weather**

Climatologically, end of May and beginning of June is generally considered the onset of the monsoon season in Sri Lanka, and the country typically experiences increased rainfall and occasional thunderstorms during this time.

There is a higher chance of having near normal rainfalls over Southern province and in Western coastal areas, slightly below over Central and Sabaragamuwa provinces and no signal for other areas of the country during May and June 2023 season as a whole.

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#### **Monthly Rainfall Forecasts for May and June 2023**

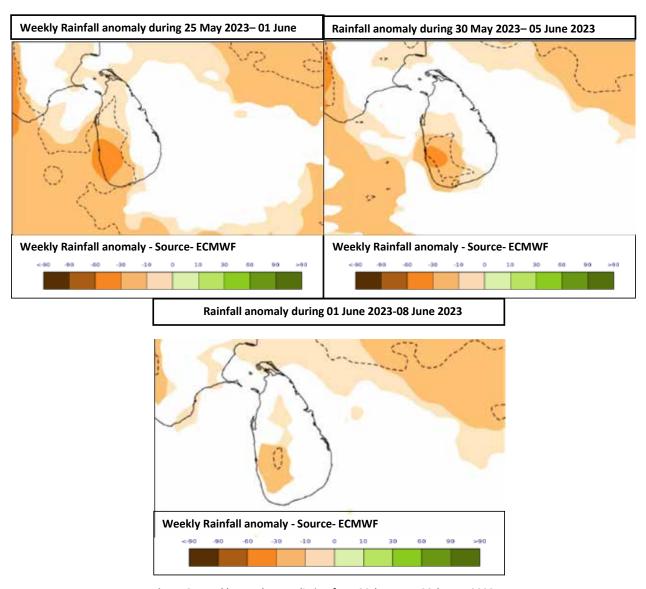
## Month Rainfall forecast Below normal rainfalls are likely over most parts except May Northern province where near normal rainfalls are likely during the month of May 2023. Rainy condition is expected during the first half of the month. However, there is a possibility for developing low-pressure area, depression or cyclone in the bay of Bengal, which could enhance the rainfall over the country, particularly over Southwest part of the country during the month of May. June There is a possibility for Near normal rainfalls over Southern and Western coastal areas and in Uva provinces and no signal for other areas where having equal probability for below or near or above normal rainfalls for remaining areas during June 2023. However, there is a possibility for developing lowpressure area, depression or cyclone in the bay of Bengal, which could enhance the rainfall over the country, particularly over South-west part of the country during first part of the month of June. If so rainfall could be enhanced.

Figure 1: Monthly rainfall forecasts for May and June 2023

#### Weekly Weather Prediction from 29th May to 08th June 2023

According to model prediction (European Center for Medium Range Weather Forecast (ECMWF Model) based on 05.05.2023 data, less rainfall than climatological average is likely from 29th May to 08th June, 2023 (Figs 2)

Located closer to the equator, day-to-day atmospheric changes can significantly influence the weather in Sri Lanka. Weather forecasts with sufficient Lead time can be particularly challenging due to a number of factors such as intense convection, which can lead to rapidly changing weather patterns that are difficult to predict, mountain ranges and other topographical features that can affect weather patterns by altering wind patterns and causing local variations in rainfall that contribute to uncertainty.



**Figure 2:** Weekly weather Prediction from 29th May to 08th June 2023

#### **Expected flood situation around the country from 29th May to 08th June 2023**

When digging through past data, it is obvious that the number of flood events that occurred are very high throughout the Island when compared to other periods of the year. According to Meteorological Department, there is a forecast of above-normal rainfalls over Western and Northwestern regions and below-normal rainfall for the Central region while there is no signal for the rest of the Island during the period of South-West Monsoon of May 2023. However, it should be considered that the possibility of occurring floods does not solely depend on the amount of rainfall. Another factor that has to be considered is that some of the major reservoirs are now closed to the full supply level and most of the major reservoirs are above 50% of the full storage. This fact can be considered as a triggering factor for occurring floods at downstream areas of such reservoirs.

Therefore, disaster management authorities, governmental and non–governmental organizations who are interesting in managing floods, authorities of examinations, pupils who are sitting the exam and their parents and guardians, and specially the general public shall be on high alert about possible floods which could lead to inundation of roads, houses, schools, etc.

Considering the current water level situation of rivers and reservoirs and the historical records of events additionally, the Hydrology & Disaster Management Division of the Irrigation Department would like to make the following recommendations.

- 1. Colombo, Rathnapura, Kaluthara, Kegalle, Gampaha, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Galle, Mathara, Mannar and Hambanthota districts shall have to be given the highest priority in taking preparatory measures for any kind of flood threats (Please see the Fig: 01 for possible flooding areas).
- 2. As well as there is a chance of occurring flash floods in the hilly areas and the urban areas of the said districts.
- 3. The schools that are to be conducted examinations shall be carefully selected considering factors such as the possibility of inundating those schools in a flood event, safe access to their schools etc.
- 4. Flood threats in other areas cannot be omitted and therefore better be in alert with some preparation.
- 5. In addition, as most of the major reservoirs are having high storage, there is a possibility of spilling in a heavy rainfall event. This fact also should be taken in to account for preparatory activities (Please see the Table 01 for understanding Current Water Level situation in major reservoirs around the country).

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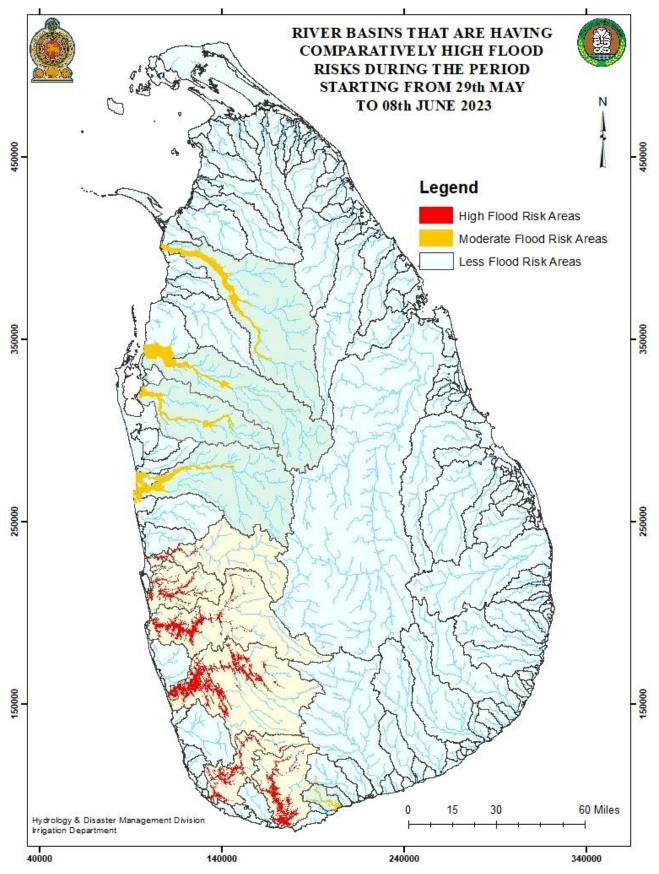


Figure 3: Flood prone areas during Southwest monsoon 2023

Table 01: DAILY WATER LEVEL & STORAGE OF MAJOR RESERVOIRS 2023-05-08

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1	Ambalan Oya	AMPARA	5,251	25.50	35,914	3,500	15.40	17680	14,180	43.7%	No
2	Ekgal Oya	AMPARA	2,501	33.00	23,511	1,200	19.80	11372	10,172	45.6%	No
3	Namal Oya	AMPARA	3,699	39.00	42,724	4,000	32.00	31250	27,250	70.4%	No
4	Pallan Oya	AMPARA	3,499	55.00	93,718	2,250	34.70	39960	37,710	41.2%	No
5	Pannalgama	AMPARA	4,601	41.00	27,564	2,500	19.50	10665	8,165	32.6%	No
6	Rambakan Oya	AMPARA	2,246	38.45	45,481	2,500	36.75	42,211	39,711	92.4%	No
7	Rottikulama	AMPARA	1,428	15.50	5,107	0	14.00	4,183	4,183	81.9%	No
8	Senanayaka Sam	AMPARA	120,204	110.00	770,012	0	82.00	340,000	340,000	44.2%	No
9	Kalugaloya	AMPARA	1,124	27.83	8,188	309	26.00	7,115	6,806	86.4%	No
10	Huruluwewa	ANURADAPURA	10,400	27.50	54,966	2,250	19.95	30,850	28,600	54.3%	No
11	Mahakandarawa	ANURADAPURA	6,101	23.00	36,239	3,800	17.75	28,000	24,200	74.6%	No
12	Mahawilachchiya	ANURADAPURA	2,664	22.15	32,509	1,000	19.75	27,771	26,771	85.0%	No
13	Manankattiya	ANURADAPURA	1,050	18.08	4,864	403	12.67	2,395	1,992	44.7%	No
14	Nachchaduwa	ANURADAPURA	7,000	25.00	45,157	100	22.42	36,160	36,060	80.0%	No
15	Nuwara Wewa	ANURADAPURA	2,599	23.00	36,077	1,000	19.34	23,830	22,830	65.1%	No
16	Padaviya	ANURADAPURA	8,700	24.00	84,962	4,000	18.16	52,800	48,800	60.3%	No
17	Rajangana	ANURADAPURA	16,000	35.00	81,638	4,500	31.60	68,740	64,240	83.3%	No
18	Wahalkada	ANURADAPURA	1,999	47.50	42,968	2,025	0.10	23,187	21,162	51.7%	No
19	Yan Oya	ANURADAPURA	14,922	118.08	137,010	8,505	23.29	135,837	127,332	99.1%	Yes
20	Ambewela	BADULLA	1,006	17.00	1,946	650	17.00	1,960	1,310	100.0%	Yes
21	Dambarawa	BADULLA	1,500	20.25	12,890	1,834	19.00	12,000	10,166	91.9%	No
22	Kande Ela	BADULLA	2,301	27.50	1,784	60	8.41	280	220	12.8%	No
23	Mapakada	BADULLA	1,500	27.00	7,702	180	24.75	6,588	6,408	85.2%	No
24	Nagadeepa	BADULLA	4,201	41.00	23,835	1,414	35.00	18,083	16,669	74.3%	No
25	Sorabora	BADULLA	2,002	21.67	16,782	0	21.08	16,175	16,175	96.4%	No
26	Morana	BADULLA	1,302	29.53	13,450	0	29.50	13,475	13,475	100.0%	No
27	Navakiri	BATTICALOA	18,399	31.00	53,020	1,000	26.40	38,915	37,915	72.9%	No
28	Rugam	BATTICALOA	9,753	15.67	18,565	0	15.50	18,263	18,263	98.4%	Yes
29	Unnichchai	BATTICALOA	15,389	33.00	55,047	85	31.67	51,132	51,047	92.9%	No
30	Vakaneri	BATTICALOA	9,842	19.25	13,539	0	19.25	13,500	13,500	99.7%	Yes
31	Badagiriya	HAMBANTOTA	1,749	14.00	9,080	250	12.00	7,075	6,825	77.3%	No
32	Kekiriobada	HAMBANTOTA	12 400	53.15	2,183	69	46.24	1,675	1,606	76.0%	No
33	Lunugamwehera	HAMBANTOTA	13,499	191.00	183,788	13,320	23.42	131,495	118,175	69.3%	No
34	Mau Ara	HAMBANTOTA	3,800	19.85	33,239	6,177	15.30	23,233	17,056	63.0%	No
35	Muruthawela	HAMBANTOTA	4,426	49.00	38,914	4,200	21.70	16,855	12,655	36.5%	No
36	Ridiyagama	HAMBANTOTA	8,498	19.50	26,024	1,600	21.75	26,240	24,640	100.0%	No
37	Tissa wewa	HAMBANTOTA	2,750	15.50	3,486	50	10.08	3,250	3,200	93.1%	Yes
38	Weheragala	HAMBANTOTA	2.500	302.00	61,000	6931	24.50	56,248	49,317	91.2%	Yes
39	Weerawila	HAMBANTOTA	2,599	13.25	11,674	1,300	9.92	11,225	9,925	95.7%	Yes
40	Yodawewa	HAMBANTOTA	3,499	12.50	8,350	275	9.50	8,650	8,375	100.0%	Yes
41	Ellewela	GALLE	1,305	32.48	811	0	28.63	764	764	94.2%	No

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42	Kekanadura	GALLE	1,100	34.80	2,270	0	31.75	1,693	1,693	74.6%	No
43	Dewahuwa	KANDY	3,000	29.30	11,026	100	25.07	7,377	7,277	66.6%	No
44	Nalanda	KANDY		70.26	12,856	0	64.63	10,015	10,015	77.9%	No
45	Wemedilla	KANDY	1,999	36.00	4,621	286	34.78	4,309	4,023	92.8%	No
46	Ambakolawewa	KURUNEGALA	840	16.50	6,700	300	15.58	5,869	5,569	87.0%	No
47	Attaragalla	KURUNEGALA	1,035	15.50	3,648	0	14.58	3,350	3,350	91.8%	No
48	Batalagoda	KURUNEGALA	7,635	13.16	5,107	150	12.58	4,739	4,589	92.6%	No
49	Deduru Oya	KURUNEGALA	6,499	70.79	60,965	0	16.07	59,647	59,647	97.8%	No
50	Hakwatunawa wawa	KURUNEGALA	6,373	27.00	19,700	3,020	12.60	7,904	4,884	29.3%	No
51	Kimbulwanaoya	KURUNEGALA	2,451	20.00	6,891	450	19.62	6,621	6,171	95.8%	No
52	Mediyawa	KURUNEGALA	1,441	14.00	2,594	0	15.50	3,350	3,350	100.0%	Yes
53	Magalla	KURUNEGALA	7,000	18.00	7,459	70	18.33	7,652	7,582	100.0%	Yes
54	Jayawewa	KURUNEGALA	2,399	27.30	7,702	15	24.75	6,566	6,551	85.2%	No
55	Usgala Siyabalan	KURUNEGALA	2,100	21.00	21,646	1,665	19.33	18,890	17,225	86.2%	No
56	Ethimale	MONARAGALA	1,003	16.50	5,513	450	16.50	5,510	5,060	99.9%	No
57	Handapanagala	MONARAGALA	1,700	26.00	14,795	390	19.92	7,438	7,048	48.9%	No
58	Muthukandiya	MONARAGALA	1,999	37.00	24,565	1,800	28.17	16,788	14,988	65.8%	No
59	Giritale	POLONNARUWA	7,601	45.58	21,889	800	36.00	14,922	14,122	67.0%	No
60	Kaudulla	POLONNARUWA	14,502	30.00	104,014	4,500	28.64	95,600	91,100	91.5%	No
61	Minneriya	POLONNARUWA	22,476	38.10	110,013	4,000	34.40	87,616	83,616	78.9%	No
62	Parakrama Samudraya	POLONNARUWA	25,187	26.00	116,094	15,000	25.00	109,000	94,000	93.0%	No
63	Inginimitiya	PUTTALAM	6,005	22.00	58,858	8000	18.17	41,814	33,814	66.5%	No
64	Tabbowa	PUTTALAM	2,093	73.00	15,403	400	17.33	14,264	13,864	92.4%	No
65	Kantale	TRINCOMALEE	18,560	38.75	113,986	0	38.06	109,430	109,430	96.0%	No
66	Mahadivul Wewa	TRINCOMALEE	2,100	21.00	19,943	800	19.70	17,590	16,790	87.7%	No
67	Mora Wewa	TRINCOMALEE	4,801	29.83	34,779	1,700	19.50	17,350	15,650	47.3%	No
68	Vendrasan	TRINCOMALEE	1,749	39.75	20,268	0	35.91	16,370	16,370	80.8%	No
69	Wan Ela	TRINCOMALEE	1,621	14.00	2,351	55	14.25	2,387	2,332	100.0%	Yes
70	Pavatkulam	MANNAR	4,134	19.40	26,997	500	15.75	17,000	16,500	62.3%	No
71	Akathimuruppu	MANNAR	6,350	10.70	7,621	0	3.50	1,300	1,000	13.1%	No
72	Giants Tank	MANNAR	31,340	11.56	30,969	175	11.56	30,982	30,807	100.0%	Yes
73	Viyathikulam	MANNAR	1,552	10.30	1,784	0	9.30	1,493	1,493	83.7%	No

#### Potential landslide vulnerable areas identified during the Southwest monsoon

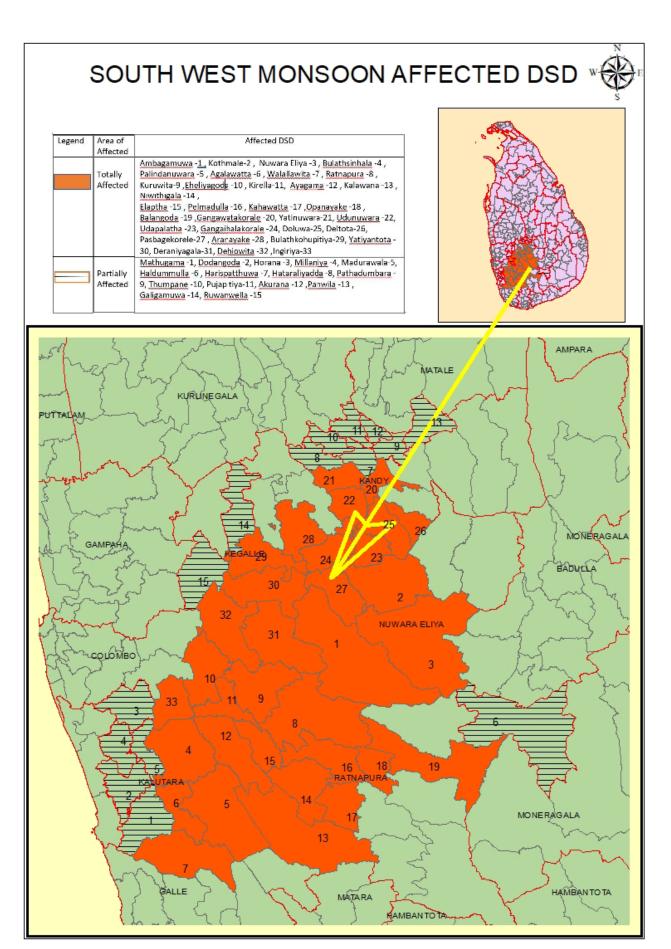
The potential landslide vulnerable areas during the prevalent South-West monsoon is forecasted by the National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) according to the available information and gathered experiences during the last monsoon periods (refer map of the landslide priority areas – Figure 4).

#### Other general guidelines:

- 1. Especially within the first priority areas, please do not use the schools, which were identified as a high-risk location for landslide, cutting failures or rock falls by the National Building Research Organisation (NBRO) according to the previous investigations (as much as possible).
- 2. Especially within the first priority areas, please do not use the buildings identified as high risk for cutting failures or rock falls by the NBRO according to the previous investigations (as much as possible).
- 3. Maintain vigilance on the access roads to the schools in the aforementioned areas as first priority for landslide vulnerable for North East monsoon (as much as possible).
- 4. If a red warning is issued, please do not use any schools identified as having a high risk for landslides, cutting failures or rock falls for the exam duties (compulsory).

No.	District	DS Division for SW monsoon
1	Badulla	Haldumulla
2	Nuwara Eliya	Kothmale, Ambagamuwa, Nuwara Eliya
3	Matale	Wilgamuwa, Laggala Pallegama (Riverstern). Expect to get fairly heavy falls
4	Kandy	Gangawatakorale, Yatinuwara, Udunuwara, Udapalatha, Gangaihalakorale, Doluwa, Deltota, Pasbagekorele and some areas of Harispatthuwa, Hataraliyadda, Pathadumbara, Galagedera, Pujapitiya, Akurana and Panwila
5	Ratnapura	Ratnapura, Kuruwita, Eheliyagoda (Highest RF) Kirella, Ayagama, Kalawana, Niwithigala, Elaptha, Pelmadulla, Kahawatta, Opanayake Balangoda (Sabaragamuwa range)
6	Kegalle	High impact: Aranayake, Bulathkohupitiya, Yatiyantota, Deraniyagala, Part of Dehiowita.  Medium impact: Galigamuwa, Ruwanwella, remaining part of Dehiowita
7	Kalutara	Bulathsinhala, Baduraliya (Palindanuwara), Agalawatta, Walallawita, Ingiriya, and certain other GN divisions in Mathugama, Dodangoda, Horana, Millaniya, and Madurawala
8	Galle	All districts may affect with cutting failures, but landslides are possible in Neluwa, Tawalama, Nagoda, Niyagama, Elpitiya, Yakkalamulla
9	Matara	All districts may affect with cutting failures, but landslides possible in Kotapola, Pasgoda, Pitabeddera and Akuressa DS
10	Hambantota	Landslide possible in Katuwana, Walasmulla (Matara and Rathnapura district boarder). Cutting failures are possible in Okewela, Weeraketiya, Belliatthe, Tengalle
11	Kurunegala	Hilly areas near Gampaha and Kegalle border
12	Monaragala	The hilly areas of Monaragala district will not be affected
13	Colombo	Landslides possible in Seethawaka.Cutting failures are possible in Padukka, Kesbewa, Kaduwela, Kolonnawa, Malabe, Maharagama, Homagama
14	Gampaha	Cutting failures are possible in Attanagalle, Dompe, Mahara, Mirigama

Information of potential landslide vulnerable areas in DS Division level



**Figure 4:** Southwest monsoon affected DSDs

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DATE	MORNING		TIME	AFTERNOON		TIME
29 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Monday	11 Buddhism 12 Saivanery 14 Catholicism 15 Christianity 16 Islam	Paper I, II	0830 - 1140			
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 Tuesday	21 Sinhala Language & Literature 22 Tamil Language & Literature	}Paper I, II	0830 - 1140	21 Sinhula Language & Literature 22 Tamil Language & Literature	Paper III	1300 - 150
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 Wednesday	33 History	Paper II	0830 - 1140	33 History	Paper I	1300 - 140
01 <sup>et</sup> June 2023 Thursday	31 English Language	Paper II	0830 - 0930 0945 - 1145			
02 <sup>nd</sup> June 2023 Friday	34 Science	Paper II	0830 - 1140	34 Science	Paper I	1400 - 150
05 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 Monday	80 Information & Communication Technology 81 Agriculture & Food Technology 82 Aquatic Bioresources Technology 84 Arts & Crafts 85 Home Economics 86 Health & Physical Education 87 Communication & Media Studies 88 Design & Construction Technolog 99 Design & Mechanical Technology 90 Design & Mechanical Technology 90 Design, Electrical & Electronic Tec 92 Electronic Writing & Shorthand (Sinhala) 93 Electronic Writing & Shorthand (Tamil) 94 Electronic Writing & Shorthand (English)	3,31	0830 - 1140			
06 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 Tuesday	32 Mathematics	Paper I	0830 - 1030	32 Mathematics	Paper II	1300 - 161
07 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 Wednesday	40 Music (Oriental) 41 Music (Western) 42 Carnatic Music 44 Dancing (Indegenous) 45 Bharatha Dancing	Paper I. II Paper III	0830 - 1140 0830 - 0930 0945 - 1145	46 Appreciation of English Literary Texts 47 Appreciation of Sinhala Literary Texts 48 Appreciation of Tarmi Literary Texts 49 Appreciation of Arabic Literary Texts 50 Drama & Theatre (Sinhala) 51 Drama & Theatre (Tamil) 52 Drama & Theatre (English) 43 Art	Paper II	1300 - 161
08 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 Thursday	60 Business & Accounting Studies 61 Geography 62 Civic Education 63 Entrepreneurship Studies 64 Second Language - Sinhala 65 Second Language - Tamil 66 Pali 67 Sanskrit 68 French 69 German 70 Hindi 71 Japanese 72 Arabic 73 Korean 74 Chinese 75 Russian	Paper I, II	0830 - 1140			

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1	2023 මැයි 29 සඳුදා	11 මුල්ධ ධර්මය 12 යෙවෙනෙර් 14 සහෝදික ධර්මය 15 කිස්වියාහි ධර්මය 16 ඉස්ලාම	} ı, 11 ===	0830 - 1140			
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3	2023 මැයි 31 මදාදා	33 ඉතිහාසය	II පතුය	0830 - 1140	33 ඉතිහාසය	I ega	1300 - 1400
4	2023 ජූති 01 මුහස්පතින්දා	31 ඉංගුසි භාෂාව	и обо п обо	0830 - 0930 0945 - 1145			
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6	2023 ජූති 05 සඳුදා	80 තොරතුරු හා සන්නීවේදන තාක්ෂණය 81 තමේ හා ආතාර තාක්ෂණය 82 ජලප් ජීව සම්පත් තාක්ෂණවේදය 84 ශිළුප සඟ 85 හාහ ආවර්ක වදාහව 86 සොමනය හා ශාර්ථක අධ්යායනය 87 සන්නීවේදනය හා ශාර්ථක අධ්යායනය 88 නිර්මාණයෙන්නය හා ඉදිසිරීම් පාක්ෂණවේදය 89 නීර්මාණයෙන්නය හා ගැන්ලික පාක්ෂණවේදය 90 නිර්මාණයෙන්නය, වදාගීය හා ඉදෙක්ටෙන්න තාක්ෂණවේදය 92 විදුන් දේඛනකරණය හා ලකුදේඛනය (සිංහල) 93 විදුන් දේඛනකරණය හා ලකුදේඛනය (ඉදේඛින	) I, II 003	0830 - 1140			
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8	2023 ජූති 07 මදාදා	40 සංගීතය සෙපරදිගා 41 සංගීතය (අපරදිග) 42 සර්ණාවක සංගීතය 44 තැටුම් (දේශීය) 45 තරන නැටුම්	I, II cop II {	0830 - 1140 0830 - 0930 0945 - 1145	46 ඉංලීයි සාතික රහාස්වාදය 47 සිංහල සාතික රහාස්වාදය 48 දෙමළ සාතික රහාස්වාදය 49 අරාබි සාතික රහාස්වාදය 50 නවාප හා රංග සලාව (සිංහල) 51 නාවස හා රංග සලාව (දෙමළ) 52 නාවස හා රංග සලාව (ඉංලීයි) 43 විසු	I, II co	1300 - 1610 1315 - 1515
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திகதி	முற்பகல்	நேரம்	பிற்பகல்	நேர
2023 மே 29 நிங்கள்	11 பொத்த சமயம் 12 சைவ நெறி 14 கத்தோலிக்க திருமறை 15 விறிஸ்தவம் 16 இஸ்லாம்	0830 - 1140		
2023 மே 30 செவ்வாய் 2023	21 சிங்கள மொழியும் இலக்கியமும் 22 தமிழ் மொழியும் இலக்கியமும் } விணத்தாள்கள் I, II	0830 - 1140	21 சிங்கள மொழியும் இலக்கியமும் 22 தமிழ் மொழியும் இலக்கியமும் }விணத்தாள் III	1300 - 1
Gio 31 Lygeir	33 வரலாறு வீணத்தாள் II	0830 - 1140	33 வரலாறு விளாத்தாள் I	1300 - 1
2023 தூன் 01 வீயாழன் 2023	31 ஆங்கில மொழி இனந்தாள் I	0830 - 0930 0945 - 1145		
grai 02 Gastiefi	34 விஞ்ஞானம் வினாத்தான் II	0830 - 1140	34 விஞ்ஞானம் விளத்தாள் I	1400 -15
2023 ஜுன் 05 திங்கள்	80 தகவல், தொடர்பாடல் தொழில்றுட்பனியல் 81 விவசாயல், உணவத் தொழில்றுட்பனியல் 82 நீருபிரினவைத் தொழில்றுட்பவியல் 84 றுண்கலை 85 மணைப்பொருளியல் 86 ககாதாரமும் உடற்கல்வியும் 87 தொடர்பாடலும் கடைகக்கற்கையும் 88 ஷவணம்ப்பு, நிருமாணத் தொழில்றுட்பனியல் 90 ஷவணம்படு நிரைச்சி தொழில்றுட்பனியல் 90 வடினைம்படுத்தலும் கருக்கேழுத்தும் (திங்களம்) 92 மீன் ஆவணப்படுத்தலும் கருக்கேழுத்தும் (தமிழ்) 94 மீன் ஆவணப்படுத்தலும் கருக்கேழுத்தும் (அமீலில்)	0830 - 1140		
2023 ஜுன் 06 செவ்வாய்	32 montgud oberthystel I	0830 - 1030	32 கணிதம் வினாத்தாள் II	1300 - 1
2023 gr-sit 07 Lysek	40 சங்கீதம் (கீழைத்தேயம்) 41 சங்கீதம் (மேலைந்தேயம்) 42 கிநாடக சங்கீதம் 44 நடனம் (கதேச) 45 பரத் நாட்டியம்	0830 - 1140	46 இலக்கிய நயம் ஆங்கிலம் 47 இலக்கிய நயம் சிங்களம் 48 இலக்கிய நயம் தமிழ் 49 இலக்கிய நயம் அரபு 50 நாடகமும் அரங்கியலும் (சிங்களம்) 51 நாடகமும் அரங்கியலும் (தமிழ்) 52 நாடகமும் அரங்கியலும் (தமிழ்)	1300 - 10
	43 சித்திரம் } வினாந்தாள் II	0830 - 0930 0945 - 1145		1315 - 1
2023 ஜுன் 08 வியாழன்	60 வணிகமும் கணக்கீட்டுக் கல்வியும் 61 புவீயியல் 62 குடியியும் கல்வி 63 முயற்சியாண்மைக் கற்கை 64 இரண்டாம் மொழி (சிங்கணம்) 65 இரண்டாம் மொழி (தமிழ்) 66 பாளி 67 சமஸ்கிருதம் 65 பிரெந்க 69 ஜேர்மன் 70 ஹீந்தி 71 ஐப்பான் 72 கருபு 73 கொரியன் 74 சீன மோழி 75 ரஷியன் 75 ரஷியன் 75 ரஷியன் 75 ரஷியன் 76 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 77 தரியன் 78 தரியன் 7	0830 - 1140		
	ப்பரீட்சையின் எப்பாடத்திற்காவது கணிப்பாள்கள், அழின ஸ்லீடத் தொலைபேசி உட்பட வேறு இலத்திரனியல் உப			
இலங்கை	ப பரீட்சைகள் ஒழுங்கமைப்பு, பெறுபேற்றுக் கிளை, பரீட்சைகள் திணைக்களம், பத்தரமுல்ல.		எச்.ஜே.எம்.சீ. அமித் ஐயக பரீட்சை ஆணையாளர் நா	

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01	Colombo	0001	-	0131	131	001	-	009	09
02	Sri Jayawardhanapura	0132	-	0211	080	010	-	016	07
03	Piliyandala	0212	-	0272	061	017	-	022	06
04	Homagama	0273	-	0325	053	023	-	027	05
05	Gampaha	0326	-	0409	084	028	-	036	09
06	Kelaniya	0410	-	0485	076	037	-	044	08
07	Negombo	0486	-	0562	077	045	-	050	06
08	Minuwangoda	0563	-	0617	055	051	-	056	06
09	Horana	0618	-	0673	056	057	-	061	05
10	Matugama	0674	-	0707	034	062	-	065	04
11	Kalutara	0708	-	0794	087	066	-	072	07
12	Galle	0795	-	0972	178	073	-	096	24
13	Matara	0973	-	1113	141	097	-	119	23
14	Tangalle	1114	-	1223	110	120	-	132	13
15	Ratnapura	1224	-	1405	182	133	-	160	28
16	Kegalle	1406	-	1551	146	161	-	184	24
17	Kurunegala	1552	-	1657	106	185	-	198	14
18	Nikaweratiya	1658	-	1737	080	199	-	224	26
19	Kuliyapitiya	1738	-	1821	084	225	-	236	12
20	Chilaw	1822	-	1876	055	237	-	243	07
21	Puttalam	1877	-	1943	067	244	-	257	14
22	Anuradhapura	1944	-	2121	178	258	-	285	28
23	Polonnaruwa	2122	-	2198	077	286	-	298	13
24	Matale	2199	-	2296	098	299	-	313	15
25	Kandy	2297	-	2543	247	314	-	343	30
26	Nuwara-Eliya	2544	-	2688	145	344	-	364	21
27	Badulla	2689	-	2851	163	365	-	390	26
28	Monaragala	2852	-	2946	095	391	-	406	16
29	Ampara	2947	-	3003	057	407	-	417	11
30	Kalmunai	3004	-	3106	103	418	-	428	11
31	Batticaloa	3107	-	3225	119	429	-	442	14
32	Trincomalee	3226	-	3320	095	443	-	459	17
33	Vavuniya	3321	-	3360	040	460	-	473	14
34	Mannar	3361	-	3388	028	474	-	491	18
35	Mullativu	3389	-	3417	029	492	-	502	11
36	Kilinochchi	3418	-	3447	030	503	-	512	10
37	Jaffna I	3448	-	3504	057	513	-	524	12
38	Jaffna II	3505	-	3568	064	525	-	536	12

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4	Mr. A. S. M. Ziyath	Batticaloa	077 395 7885
5	Wing Comm. W. M. D. T. Bandara	Colombo	077 395 7870
6	Lt Col P. W. Karunarathna	Galle	077 395 7873
7	Mr. A. M. A. N. Chandrasiri	Gampaha	077 395 7871
8	Wing Comm. J. A. A. P. Jayakody	Hambantota	077 395 7875
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10	Lt. Col. E. A. U. A. Amarasekara	Kalutara	077 395 7872
11	Mr. K. A. D. K. S. D. Bandara	Kandy	077 395 7878
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15	Mr. K. Thileepan	Mannar	077 232 0 529
16	Mr. Chaminda	Matale	077 395 7890
17	Lt. Col. K. A. Ariyawansa	Matara	077 395 7874
18	Mr. A. H. Ravindra Kumara	Monaragala	077 395 7889
19	Mr. S. Lingeshwarakumara	Mullaitivu	077 395 7886
20	Mr. H. M. N. P. Bandara	Nuwara Eliya	077 395 7879
21	Mr. A. M. R. N. K. Alahakoon	Polonnaruwa	077 395 7882
22	Wing Comm. S. D. D. J. Ranasinghe	Puttlam	077 395 7888
23	Mr. S. H. M. Manjula	Rathnapura	077 395 7877
24	Mr. K. Sugunathas	Trincomalee	077 395 7884
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1	Office of Chief of Defence Staff	0112674503 / 0112674506 / 0112674505
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3	Navy HQ	0117190000 / 0117192250/0112445368
4	Air Force HQ	0112441044 / 0112495495/0112342576
5	Irrigation Department	0112581162
6	Department of Meteorology	0112694846
7	National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC)	0112665258
8	Department of Health	0112694033 / 0112675011 0112675449 / 0112693493
9	Police HQ	0112421111
10	Ministry of Mass Media	0112513459 / 0112513460 0112512321 / 0112513498
11	Petroleum Resources	0112564969 / 0112370033 / 0112370032
12	Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (TRC)	0112689345 / 1900
13	Ministry of Power & Energy	0112574922
14	Road Development	0112046200 / 1968
15	National Building Research Organization (NBRO)	0112588946 / 0112501834 / 0112500354 / 0112503826
16	Transport Board	0112581120
17	Private bus services	0716550000
18	Sri Lanka Telecom	0112021000 / 1212
19	Ministry of Defence	0112441146 / 0113668031 / 118
20	Operation Commander Colombo (SL ARMY)	114
21	Disaster Management Centre (DMC) Call Centre	117
22	Sri Lanka Police Department	119 /118
23	Fire Brigade	110
24	National Water Supply & Drainage Board (NWSDB)	1939
25	Suwa Seriya Ambulance	1990
26	Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB)	1987

27	Lanka Electricity Company (LECO)	1910
28	Road Development Authority (RDA)	1968
29	Expressway Emergency Hotline	1969
30	Ministry of Child Development & Women's Affairs (Child helpline)	1929
31	Sri Lanka Air Force (Emergency Service)	116
32	National Safety (Police Emergency)	118
33	Power & Energy	1901
34	Public Administration & Home Affairs	1905
35	Department of Examinations	1911
36	Tourism complaints	1912
37	National Agriculture & Insurance Board	1918
38	Government Information Centre	1919
39	National Mortgage & Investment Board	1922
40	Sri Lanka Police (CID)	3990 / 011 2320141- 4
41	National Transport Commission	1955
42	National Hospital	1959

#### **Annex L**

#### **District Secretaries' Contact Details**

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Gampaha	District Secretary	Mr.S.D.Pandi Korala	033 2222841/235	0777911488	033 2222900
Kandy	District Secretary	Mr.Chandana Thennakoon	081 2222235	0717810990	081 2233186
Matale	District Secretary	Mr. Thejani Thilakarathne	066 2222236	0718050132	066 2222235
Nuwaraeliya	District Secretary	Mr. G.K.G.A.R.P.K.Nandana	052 2222235	0718047427	052 2222610
Galle	District Secretary	Mr. Shantha Weerasingha	091 2234235	0718060660	091 2222972
Matara	District Secretary	Mr.Y.Wickramasiri	041 2222235	0777264374	041 2222234
Hambantota	District Secretary	Mr.H.T.Sumanasekara	047 2256235	0718348412	047 2256247
Jaffna	District Secretary	Mr. A.Shivabalasundaran	021 2222235	0777456465	021 2222355
Mannar	District Secretary	Mr. Stenly De Mel	023 2222235	0779677733	023 2222232
Vavuniya	District Secretary	Mr.T.A.Sarathchandra	024-222235	0718088083	024 2222212
Mullativu	District Secretary	Mr. K.Wimalanadan	021 2290035	0773264540	0212290035
Kilinochchi	District Secretary	Mrs.R.Ketheeswaran	021 2283965	0773184119	021 2283966
Batticaloa	District Secretary	Mrs.Kalamathy Pathmarajah	065 2222236	0777353466	065 2222234
Ampara	District Secretary	Mr.J.M.A.Daglas	063 2222206	0762670197 0714420197	063 2222130
Trincomalee	District Secretary	Mr.B.H.N.Jayawickrama	026 2222235	0773658560	026 2222233
Kurunegala	District Secretary	Mr. R.M.R. Rathnayake	037 2222235	0714416696	037 2222134
Puttalam	District Secretary	Mr. H.M.S.P.Herath	032 2265235	0772640153	032 2265239
Anuradhapura	District Secretary	Mr. J.M.J.K.Jayasundara	025 2235479	0713884327	025 2222235
Polonnaruwa	District Secretary	W.A.Dharmasiri	027-222235	0714178394	027 2225578
Badulla	District Secretary	Mr.K.B.A.M.S.Abekoon	0552222510	0705975000	055 2222295
Monaragala	District Secretary	Mr.R.M.P.S.B.Rathnayake	055 2276235	0714336221	055 2276025
Rathnapura	District Secretary	Mr. Wasantha Gunarathne	045 2222235	0714500909	045 2222140
Kegalle	District Secretary	Mr. J.M.R.T.Jayasinghe	035 2222235	0714412038	035 2222535

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7	North Central	Mr. S.W.M Samarakoon	M-0714422897 / 0714422897
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#### **Annex N**

### **Zonal Education Directors' Contact Details (23.01.23)**

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	DISTRICT	ZONE	NAME OF Z.D. OF EDU	NUMBER
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05	GAMPAHA	GAMPAHA	H.A.A. PREMALAL	0714496916
06		KELANIYA	P.D.I.K. PARANAGAMA	0708619473
07		NEGOMBO	D.F.P.S.D. PERERA	0718356279
08		MINUWANGODA	A.W.R. PERERA	0714476855
09	KALUTARA	HORANA	J.D.L.V.K. JAYASINGHE	0767656322
10		MATHUGAMA	W.A. PREMA WIJETHUNGA	0779825380
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12	GALLE	GALLE	W.A. MADHUSRINI WASANA	0779502174
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14		AMBALANGODA	S. KULASOORIYA	0702995855
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16	MATARA	MATARA	O.D. MUDALIGE	0718107913
17		AKURESSA	I.U. WEERASINGHE	0718125458
18		MULATIYANA – HAKMANA	M.T.M. AAKIL	0718148591
19		MORAWAKA - DENIYAYA	H.Y.D PRIYADHARSHANI	0719005685
20	HAMBANTOTA	TANGALLE	H.V.T. SENADEERA	0718581591
21		HAMBANTOTA	O.P.G. NILANI	0705121025
22		WALASMULLA	C.U. WEERASEKARA	0719776778
23	RATNAPURA	RATNAPURA	D.A.S.S. WIJESINGHE	0718240733
24		BALANGODA	C.G.A. ABEWICKRAMA	0719783574
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26		EMBILIPITIYA	G.G.A. ABEYWICKRAMA	0719783574
27	KEGALLE	KEGALLE	M.I.D.D. IDDAMLGODA	0714396576
28		MAWANELLA	M.A.P PRIYADHARSHANI	0719129835
29		DEHIOWITA	D.D.R. RUPASINGHE	0716210225
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31		IBBAGAMUWA	R.M.C.B. RATHANAYAKA	0703698765
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33		GIRIULLA	S.A.P.S. JAYAMAHA	0718255445
34		NIKAWERATIYA	H.A.L.P. HAPUARACHCHI	0718340148
35		МАНО	C.D.B. BASNAYAKE	0714433482
36	PUTTALAM	PUTTALAM	H.A.L.P. HAPUARACHCHI	0718340148
37		CHILAW	W.P.S.K. WIJESINGHE	0718075147
38	ANURADHAPURA	ANURADHAPURA	M.M. HETTIARCHCHI	0716714929
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40		KEKIRAWA	B.G.S.K.S. BANDARA	0767317965
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42		KEBATHIGOLLAWA	D.M.K. ARIYAWANSA	0718178157

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45		DIMBULAGALA	W.M.L.C.K. WASALAMUDALI	0702382422
46	MATALE	MATALE	I.R.W.K. JAYASOORIYA	0718215313
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48		NAULA	S.A.K. KULATHUNGA	0717801422
49		WILGAMUWA	M.P. KARUNARATHNA	0711372733
50	KANDY	KANDY	D.C.I. ANDARAGE	0711878169
	KANDI	DENUWARA	T.N. HETTIARACHCHI	+
51				0774160316
52		GAMPOLA	NIHAL ALAHAKOON	0766388868
53		TELDENIYA	K.A.C.A PERERA	0775919077
54		WATHTHEGAMA	T.N. GUNARATHNA	0718107241
55		KATUGASTHOTA	Y.M.M.K. YAPA	0714054210
56	NUWARAELIYA	NUWARAELIYA	D.M.P.L. ABEYRATHNA	0715596639
57		KOTMALE	P.V.S.S. PANANWALA	0710896259
58		HATTON	A.R. SATHYENDRA	0776545799
59		WALAPANE	K.D.M.A. ELIKEWELA	0705523275
60		HANGURANKETHA	W.N. WIJETHUNGA	0718197730
61	BADULLA	BADULLA	SARATH RANASINGHE	0713772087
62		WELIMADA	P.G.K.K.S.W. WIMALAWEERA	0712006254
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64	•	PASSARA	SAREENA BEGAM	0774264979
65		MAHIYANGANAYA	D.M. PREMARATHNA	0725366418
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96	JAFFNA	JAFFNA	M. RATHNAKRISHNAN	0773653822
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# Operational guidelines for prevention and control of dengue during G.C.E Ordinary Level Examination May/June 2023

With the onset of South Western monsoon, gradual increase in the dengue cases s expected across Sri Lanka especially in Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Trincomalee, Kandy, Galle, Matara, Puttalam, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Rathnapura and Kegalle districts. In this context, It Is essential to initiate prompt dengue prevention and control activities thus preventing the occurrence of dengue outbreaks.

Further, entomological studies conducted in high-risk premises including schools have indicated a rise in positive and potential mosquito breeding places. According to hospital sources nearly 25% of dengue patients belong to school going age. Therefore, it is important to make school environment free of dengue breeding places prior to and during the GCE O/L examination which is to be held from in May /June 2023.

Adherence to following health measures are advised to ensure dengue free environment in the Examination centers

- 1. Appoint an officer from the zonal education office as the focal point to coordinate with area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) on dengue prevention and control activities in examination centers.
- 2. Conduct source reduction and cleaning campaigns in the centers prior to the examination with the technical inputs from area MOH and public health team.
- 3. Collaborate with MOH team for premise inspection activities to identify and remove dengue breeding places.
- 4. MOH will advise on the necessity for vector control activities including application of larvicides and fogging based on the risk. If deemed necessary, this should be conducted strictly under the technical guidance and supervision of MOH team.
- 5. Encourage students to wear clothes covering the body as much as possible, such as long sleeve shirts, full length trousers.
- 6. Special emphasis should be given to educate parents and school children on the application or mosquito repellents on exposed areas of the body during time of the examination, especially if dengue cases are reported among students or staff of the school or in the neighborhood.
- 7. School principals with the assistants or MOH should make sure that school Dengue prevention committees are activated and operational prior to opening of schools for examinations to sustain the Dengue prevention activities.
- 8. Proactive engagement or school authorities and MOH team with school development societies, parent and past pupil associations and local community-based organizations for Dengue prevention in school is recommended.
- 9. All Dengue prevention and control activities conducted in examination centers should be documented and available at the school for perusal and review.
- 10. Assistance and technical inputs of the district health team at the office of the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) can be requested to plan district level activities, supervisions, and reviews.
- 11. National Dengue Control Unit will liaise with the Ministry of Education and Disaster management Center for any emergencies and priority activities related to dengue, requiring national level involvement during the examination period.

Your highest cooperation is warranted and appreciated to prevent and control dengue during this critical period of time to ensure smooth functioning of the G.C.E. O /L examination.

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#### Map of Historical Disaster Events from May - June (2005 - 2023) - Floods

