



# Overview: National Strategic Review of Food Security and Nutrition

*Towards Zero Hunger*



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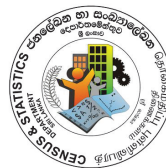
*An independent review commissioned by the World Food Programme*

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The National Strategic Review was designed as an analytical, inclusive and multi-stakeholder consultative exercise to provide a comprehensive and detailed understanding of the existing food and nutrition context and challenges in Sri Lanka. The strategic review adds to the government's initiative to nationalize Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The report was formulated with the consultation and active involvement of a multi-stakeholder group participation representing an inclusive view of; the government sector, represented by line ministries and including provincial and district officials; the academia and professional organizations; private sector; civil society and non-governmental organizations; and the United Nations.

It is envisaged that the National Strategic Review will provide a timely and meaningful contribution to the ongoing dialogue on the 2030 Agenda in Sri Lanka and the efforts to address the significant challenges of food security and nutrition.



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# H. E. President Maithiripala Sirisena



It gives me great pleasure to release this message on the occasion of the launching of the Report of the National Strategic Review of Food Security and Nutrition, leading to Zero Hunger. This event is the culmination of a dedicated and arduous process led by the Government of Sri Lanka, supported by the World Food Programme (WFP), and coordinated

by the South Asia Policy and Research Institute (SAPRI), towards ensuring food security and nutrition, and promoting sustainable agriculture in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka has endorsed the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030, containing 17 goals, foremost of which are Goals 1 and 2 that relate to Poverty Eradication and Zero Hunger respectively.

The Government of Sri Lanka has declared 2017 as the Year of Poverty Eradication, targeting human development through the alleviation of poverty. Therefore, the release of the report containing recommendations towards Zero Hunger is timely and significant as

they will contribute to accelerating the human development process.

I extend my sincere thanks to former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, Chair of SAPRI, for the dynamic leadership given to this endeavor as its Lead Convener. I also express my gratitude to the WFP for the assistance provided, and thank everyone involved in the process for their contribution.

# Hon. Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe



Against a background in which Sri Lanka is seeking to affirm its place within the international community, initiatives that empower human development of this nature are critical. Within this context, I note with pleasure the role played by former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga by assuming the responsibility of leading the strategic review towards a successful conclusion.

processes such as action planning and related sectoral policy reviews and formation.

I take great pleasure in acknowledging the Report of the National Strategic Review of Food Security and Nutrition, leading to Zero Hunger.

I would also like to offer my thanks to the World Food Programme for the generous support extended towards this initiative.

I am pleased to extend my congratulations and appreciation to all those who participated and contributed to the review process.

I am certain that the findings and recommendations of the report will contribute immeasurably towards a greater level of development via

# Mmd. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga

## Lead Convener



I am happy to see that the journey which began in September last year related the Strategic Review of Food Security and Nutrition in Sri Lanka leading to Zero Hunger has ended successfully and the report

of the strategic review is now being launched.

I am glad to have been a part of that process in the capacity of Lead Convener and follow the progress of its step-by-step approach. The most significant feature of this task was its inclusivity, the stakeholders having included the Government as well as the non-government at national, provincial and district levels.

The findings of the review and the recommendations that emerged will undoubtedly contribute to the national development planning and programmes in the multi-sectors of the country, leading towards achieving Zero Hunger, and

complement the national unity and reconciliation initiatives currently underway.

I deeply appreciate the patronage extended to this programme by the President and the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka and thank the World Food Programme for its support.



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