

PROGRAM REPORT

Youth-based Substance Abuse Prevention Volunteer Training Program at Mahaweli System “Huruluwewa” - 2025



Introduction

Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka has collaborated with National Dangerous Drugs Control Board to enhance the quality of lives their farmers and reduce the use of substance in their areas since 2016.

In 2025 October, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka has organized Youth-based Five Day Training and Evidence based Substance Abuse Prevention Program in Mahaweli System “Huruluwewa”.

Evidences show that youth is a powerful force in drug prevention in the world. They have an outstanding understanding and ability to reach out their peers more than any prevention expert. This makes them easy to reach their own youth group members with positive drug prevention messages without stigmatizing. “Sujatha Daruwo” programme aims to train these youth groups as peer educators and drug prevention agents to deliver drug prevention message to community in their respective Mahaweli areas.

National Dangerous Drugs Control Board (NDDCB) is the pioneer government institution, which discharges its functions with an aim to control (Demand Reduction) the drug menace from Sri Lanka. In 1984, parliament enacted the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board Act No. 11 of 1984 and the board came into operation on 9th of April 1984.

The Prevention Education and Training Division is committed to fulfilling the responsibility of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board to reduce the prevalence of drug abuse and mitigate the harm caused by drugs in accordance with the statutory law and international conventions of Sri Lanka. In order to find solutions to the prevailing drug problem in the island, programmes with balanced and comprehensive approaches are implemented to reduce the demand for narcotics, focusing on prevention, social integration and sustainable development.

The Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka established in 1979 by an Act of Parliament. They are involving more than 40% of total land of Sri Lanka to innovative Agriculture productivity based on the latest technology supplementing the generation of renewable energy, best environment and tourism for the enrichment of the Sri Lankan community and their living standards.

Vision

- Drug Free Mahaweli

Goals

- Develop active volunteer youth work force for SUD prevention
- To avoid or delay drug use, especially adolescence in Mahaweli areas.
- Enhance the quality of living in Mahaweli villagers.
- Reduce the demand for the substances in Mahaweli areas.
- To Make an Active Drug Prevention work force in the area.

Objectives

- Conduct drug prevention activities (Awareness and Campaigns) in the area.
- Build a supportive group in the village for drug prevention.
- Empower government and non-government societies for Substance Abuse Prevention in own areas.

Five-day Workshop

Target Group

- Fifty (50) volunteer youth leaders

Method

- Interactive Sessions (Discussions ,Using Multi – Media, Group Activities, Role Plays)
- Group activities and Discussions
- Pre and Post Test

Date and Venue

- 27th – 31st of October 2025
- Auditorium of Mahaweli Training Center - Girandurukotte

Budgeted and Organized by

- Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

Conducted by

- Preventive Education and Training Division of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board.





Resource Panel

- Ms. Priyadarshani Rathnayake - Drug Education and Information Officer
- Ms. J. A. I. Sewwandi Jayakodi - Drug Education and Information Officer
- Mr. W. G. Supun Udana - Drug Education and Information Assistant

Project Responsible

- Mr. U. G. P. Ruwan Kumara – Director, Institutional Development Division, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.
- Mr. Pradeep Koholanegedara - Deputy Director – Preventive Education and Training, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board.

Operational Responsible

- Mr. W. G. Supun Udana – Drug Education and Information Assistant, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board.
- Ms. K. K. Sanjeewani Vasana Wijesekara – Institutional Development Officer, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

Special Thank

- Chairman of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board.
- Director General of Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.
- Director General of National Dangerous Drugs Control board.
- Residential Project Manager (RPM) – System “ Huruluwewa”.
- Director of Institutional Development Division – Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.
- Deputy Residential Project Manager (DRPM) – System “Huruluwewa”.
- Deputy Director of Preventive Education and Training Division.
- All supportive staff at Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka and National Dangerous Drugs Control Board

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