



EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE JUSTICE

SRI LANKA

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) works in partnership with the people of Sri Lanka to increase prosperity and stability using a variety of approaches, projects, and partners.

USAID’s Efficient and Effective Justice project strengthens rule of law in Sri Lanka by partnering with the Ministry of Justice and other key institutions to support improvements to the justice system to meet international rule of law and justice standards. The project supports the adoption of modern technology, training, and reforms to introduce the features of a well-functioning and modern justice system. Activities to advance gender and social inclusion are integrated into every component of this project.

This project is one component of the longstanding partnership between the American and Sri Lankan people to support self-reliance, strengthen stability, and promote economic growth. USAID’s program in Sri Lanka, totaling more than \$2 billion since 1961, promotes a healthy, educated, and employed population.

Implementing Partner: Chemonics International Inc.; Total Estimated Cost: \$15 million; Performance Period: September 2021 – July 2025

OBJECTIVES

USAID’s Efficient and Effective Justice project supports the Government of Sri Lanka’s efforts to advance judicial reforms by increasing judicial efficiency, modernizing services, and improving transparency and accountability in the administration of justice. Its objectives are to:

PHOTO: CHEMONICS. STUDY TOUR FOR LAW STUDENTS.

- Improve judicial administration policies and standard operating procedures.
- Promote international best practices and tools to improve case and court management.
- Strengthen the qualifications and professionalism of justice sector actors, including judges, lawyers, and non-judicial staff.

AREAS OF FOCUS

- **MODERNIZE CASE AND COURT MANAGEMENT:** Improve case flow management procedures and court administration; support the adoption of internationally accepted case management systems, court management practices, and tracking tools.
- **IMPROVE LEGAL EDUCATION:** Support law schools to revise curricula, develop new methods of legal education, and localize and adopt international frameworks for quality assurance.
- **STRENGTHEN PROFESSIONALISM:** Support the development of standardized judicial education strategies and continuing legal education plans, based on international best practices and mechanisms to improve the capacity of non-judicial personnel.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Improved case management systems.
- Improved court operations and public services.
- Integrated alternate dispute resolution processes into courts.
- Improved litigant access to case-related information.
- Introduced modern technology tools that improve coordination and communication.
- Standardized and improved law school curricula, based on international standards.
- Expanded access to quality, formal continuing education for professionals in the justice sector.
- Improved performance management systems.