SRI LANKA

Location: Southern Asia, island in the Indian Ocean, south of India
Capital: Colombo
Government Type: Presidential Republic
Area:
  - Total: 65,610 sq km
  - Land: 64,630 sq km
  - Water: 980 sq km
Population: 22.235 million (July 2016 est.)
Population Density: (per sq KM) 334 (2015)
Population Growth Rate: 0.8% (2016 est.)
Population below Poverty Line: 8.9% (2010 est.)
Ethnic Groups: Sinhalese 74.9%, Sri Lankan Tamil 11.2%, Sri Lankan Moors 9.2%, Indian Tamil 4.2%, other 0.5% (2012 est.)
Climate: Tropical monsoon; northeast monsoon (December to March); southwest monsoon (June to October)
Natural Resources: Limestone, graphite, mineral sands, gems, phosphates, clay, hydropower.
Languages: Sinhala (official and national language) 74%, Tamil (official and national language) 18%, other 8%
Religions: Buddhist (official) 70.2%, Hindu 12.6%, Muslim 9.7%, Roman Catholic 6.1%, other Christian 1.3%, other 0.05% (2012 est.)
Land Use:
  - Agricultural Land: 43.5% (arable land 20.7%; permanent crops 15.8%; permanent pasture 7%)
  - Forest: 29.4%
  - Other: 27.1% (2011 est.)
Natural Hazards: Occasional cyclones and tornadoes
Literacy: 92.6%
GDP - Real Growth Rate: 5% (2016 est.)
GDP - Per Capita (PPP): $11,200 (2016 est.)
Exports: $10.12 billion (2016 est.)
Export Commodities: Textiles and apparel, tea and spices; rubber manufactures; precious stones; coconut products, fish
Improved Drinking Water Source: 95.6% of population
Improved Sanitation Facility Access: 95.1% of population