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Out of the 298 road sections identified as affected so far, 288 have already been opened for transportation. Further, the National Procurement Commission has been informed to increase the financial limit for awarding work contracts to community-based organizations—from Rs. 2 million to Rs. 5 million—for all Provincial Councils, Ministries, Departments, and Local Government Institutions from 01.12.2025 to 31.03.2026, in order to expedite the repair of affected roads, bridges, culverts, tanks, anicuts, and buildings.

Approval has been granted to the Department of National Community Water Supply to procure sludge pumps under the emergency procurement process, as there is a shortage of such pumps required to restore damaged community water supply systems. Recommendations have also been made to the Finance Commission to allocate necessary funds to the relevant Provincial Chief Secretaries in 2026 to permanently rehabilitate the damaged drinking water supply projects that were found impossible to restore within 2025.

To ensure the continuity of the water supply in the Central Province, where adequate tractors and water bowsers are currently unavailable, measures have been taken to deploy water bowsers of the Sri Lanka Army and the Secretary to the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government has been informed to expedite the necessary coordination with the other Provincial Councils to allocate and dispatch tractor-mounted water bowsers under their possession—suitable for water transportation—to the Central Province. Furthermore, necessary guidance and approval have been provided to obtain tractors and water bowsers from the private sector on a rental basis under the emergency procurement process to ensure a 100% uninterrupted water supply in the Central Province.

Discussions were held with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative, Ms. Azusa Kubota, focusing special attention on the Rapid Post-Disaster Impact

Assessment tool (RAPIDA), implemented with UNDP assistance. The ‘UNOPS Sri Lanka’ team has been engaged to provide equipment, machinery, and human resources needed to restore post-disaster services. The National Planning Department has been informed to commence the Post-Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) promptly. Ministries, provincial authorities, and institutions have been instructed to provide the required data and information for this purpose. Additionally, arrangements have been made to establish an office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) at the Kandy District Secretariat to prepare the Displacement Tracking Matrix (DTM) for identifying displaced persons in the Kandy District.

Since the National Disaster Management Centre does not have adequate storage facilities, the Orugodawatta warehouse complex of the Department of the Food Commissioner has been temporarily assigned for the storage of local and foreign donations until they are appropriately distributed. Approval has also been granted to obtain essential office equipment on a rental basis under emergency procurement procedures to ensure the smooth functioning of the Centre. Moreover, the Secretary to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Aviation has been informed to take necessary steps to temporarily assign the Mattala Airport Air Cargo warehouse complex to the Ministry of Defence for storing incoming foreign aid until such aid is properly distributed.

By 12.00 noon on 09 December 2025, the Essential Services hotline 1904 had received 1,340 calls. These issues are being forwarded to the relevant sectors for prioritised solutions. Meanwhile, 99% of the national communication network has now been restored.

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