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- Dr. Sanji Gunasekara, BHB, MBChB, DipPH, MA (Global Health and International Relations Specialist, Writer & Editor), New Zealand Drug Foundation
- Dr. Sandy Johnson, BA, Ph.D. (Scholar on Global Health), Director of & Lecturer in the International Studies Programme, Denver University, Colorado, USA & Visiting Scholar at Global Vision (Summer 2009). Her book "Challenges of Health and Development: Spatial, Political and Geographic Perspectives" will be published by Springer Publishing in 2010 Fall.
- Professor Ajay K Mehra, Ph.D., (Political Scientist), Visiting Professor, University of Delhi, India
- Mr. Sujan Nanayakkara, BA, MA, MBA, Attorney-at-Law, Management and Industrial Development Expert
- Ms. I. Sivaratnam, BSc, (Educationist), School Principal and Education Administrator (Retd)
- Mr. Jeevan Thiagarajah, MA (London), (Refugees and Displaced People & Disaster Management Specialist) Executive Director, Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies, Colombo.
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## ■ Vision

Our vision is to be a significant contributor to a united, peaceful and prosperous Sri Lanka and a dynamic South Asia.

## ■ Mission

Our mission is to harness the powerful global socio-economic, political and cultural forces to improve the lives of Sri Lankans and South Asians while retaining our respective identities.

## ■ Primary Objectives

- To conduct research, surveys, educational and training programmes and provide consultancy and advisory services focusing on the fields of economics, politics & governance, sociology, anthropology, management, environment and all other related fields.
- To prepare, compile and publish articles, reports, books and other related publications in soft and hard copy formats.
- To undertake feasibility studies, monitoring, evaluation, advocacy and management services related to above.
- To conduct, seminars, conferences, workshops and educational and public awareness programmes, for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge.

## ■ Research and Consultancy

The following is a sample of research and consultancy projects undertaken in the past few years by Global Vision and its Research Fellows and Consultants.

**TRAFFIC PROBLEMS OF KANDY:** This study reviewed the traffic and transportation problems of Kandy, Sri Lanka in the context of sustainable and equitable development needs and proposed a series of practical solutions (Sponsor: The Asia Foundation, Colombo)

**BEST PRACTICES IN LOCAL ECONOMIC GOVERNANCE IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE, SRI LANKA:** Global Vision conducted in-depth field research in two municipalities and three urban councils to identify best practices in local economic governance with a view to disseminating such practices in other urban centres to promote private enterprises and development. (Sponsor: The Asia Foundation, San Francisco)

**AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY FOR THE CENTRAL PROVINCE:** In collaboration with the Ministry of Industries of the Central Provincial Council, GV studied the legislative aspects and provisions pertaining to industrial development in the Central Province, assessed the needs of the business community and policy implementers and prepared a report for an Industrial Development Policy for the Province. (Sponsor: Central Provincial Council)

**POST TSUNAMI STUDIES IN EASTERN AND SOUTHERN COASTAL AREAS OF SRI LANKA:** In 2005 GV Executive Chairman Professor Samarasinghe led a multi-national team of researchers that assessed the immediate and long-term community needs of the 2004 tsunami victims. The reports prepared for each of seven districts formed the basis for a \$100 million tsunami reconstruction programme of World Vision Sri Lanka. (Sponsor: World Vision & International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy)

**TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS:** Mr. Palitha Elkaduwa directed a team that conducted workshops on good governance for civil society groups in the Central Province (Sponsors: International Republican Institute & International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy)

**THE CHALLENGE OF POSTWAR STATE BUILDING, PEACE BUILDING AND NATION BUILDING IN SRI LANKA:** The results of this study undertaken by Professor Samarasinghe have been published in Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, Vol. 15, Nos. 3-4, 2009, p.. 436-461, (Sponsor: Payson Center for International Development, Tulane University, New Orleans, USA)

**KNOWLEDGE OF AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS HIV/AIDS IN THE SRI LANKAN MILITARY:** Professor Samarasinghe led an inter-disciplinary research team for this study which was completed in December 2008 (Sponsors: The Clingendael Institute in The Hague, UNFPA and the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy).

**REGULATORY MAPPING AND USER GUIDES:** Professor Samarasinghe and Mr. Palitha Elkaduwa led a team that researched the regulatory practices of central government and local government agencies in Sri Lanka and designed a set of guidelines to streamline such practices. These guidelines have now been widely adopted, especially by Sri Lanka's local government authorities (Sponsors: The Asia Foundation, Colombo and International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy)

## ■ Information Dissemination

It is the policy of Global Vision to encourage public dialogue on issues of importance to the public. To achieve this objective, GV translates, when appropriate, its research and consultancy reports to Sinhala and Tamil and publishes them on the GV website to give the widest possible access to the public. GV also publishes on its website a monthly review on the Economy and the Business Conditions in Sri Lanka. In addition GV conducts seminars and public lectures on topics of current interest. In 2009 the topics covered under this programme included a discussion on Post Tsunami Reconstruction in Sri Lanka, IMF Standby Loan to Sri Lanka and Its Economic Implications, Devolution Beyond the 13th Amendment, and An Analysis on the Relevance of a Nationalistic Economy for Sri Lanka.