

School and Community Substance Abuse Prevention Program Series at Mahaweli System “E” and “Digana” – 2024



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 2024 November, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka has organized an Evidence based Substance Abuse Prevention Program series in Mahaweli System “E” and “Digana” targeting schools and community organizations.

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

- 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.

Target Group

- Forty (40) Schools and 20 Community Organizations (Farmer Organizations)

Method

- Interactive Sessions (Discussions ,Using Multi – Media, Group Activities)
- Based on Developmental Stage of Students

Population

- Universal Prevention and Selective Prevention

Date and Venue

- 18th of November to 22nd of November 2024
- Mahaweli system “E” and “Digana”

Budgeted and Organized by

- Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.

Conducted by

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

Project Responsible

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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 E.
- Deputy Residential Project Manager (DRPM) – System E.
- Assistant Director of Preventive Education and Training Division.
- Assistant Director of Industrial Development Division – Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.
- All supportive staff at Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka and National Dangerous Drugs Control Board.

