Japan Social Development Fund Grant Proposal

( NOTE: The full text for Sections I, II, and III must fit on one page.)

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I. Basic Data

Name of Proposed Activity: Empowering Poorest of the Poor Women and Young Girls in Sri Lanka - Focusing on the most affected areas of Hambantota (South) and North and East.

Country/Program: Sri Lanka

Grant Amount Requested (US$): 944,245

Global/Regional Program: Yes

Grant Type: Project

II. Grant Development Objective(s) and Expected Key Performance Indicators

Grant Development Objectives (GDO):

The Grant aims to assist the most vulnerable groups of women, who are poor and/or are unemployed, in building their knowledge and capacity, and in starting up small or micro businesses for income generation. The three main features of this project are: (i) to promote self-help, bottom-up activities for capacity building of the village women, not only at the community level, but also at "cross-provincial" level; (ii) to empower more poor women to take charge of their economic, social, and financial affairs through participation in selected community activities and outreach programs; and (iii) to promote "women-run" social and community-based organizations and small village-level sustainable banking through broader partnership. The Grant primarily focuses in two geographical areas where there is a high level of poverty in particular among women and young girls.

1. The Hambantota District in Southern part of the country is particularly vulnerable due to its geographical and climatic conditions. Unemployment is high in an area where households are predominantly headed by women. The Grant aims at helping women in this area through the Women Development Federation (WDF), an NGO known as Janashakti, which is owned and managed by women. The Grant will help Janashakti to further strengthen its capacity, broaden its outreach in the neighboring areas in order to involve more women in social mobilization efforts and increase their participation in social/economic/financial activities, and further promote the community driven activities that would benefit a large number of female-headed households. All these efforts will involve community participation.

2. The Northern and Eastern Provinces have been devastated by twenty years of civil disturbances. The Grant aims to help women to follow a bottom-up self-development process for identifying their immediate and priority needs, to take charge of their lives, and improve their social and economic conditions. Sub-projects will include initial social mobilization, training, skills development, self-help community-based action programs as identified by the women, and matching grants for income generating activities. Two capable and active NGOs, one in each of the Northern and Eastern (N & E) Provinces, will be integrated into this effort with the objective of providing close assistance to improve women's livelihood. The Grant will also help North-East women in piloting efforts of Janashakti in areas such as women-run small village banking (at the community level), and social mobilization at the District level in order to gain financial and technical skills needed for managing their own affairs.

Expected Key Performance Indicators: (Maximum five indicators)

Percentage increase in number of women and young girls within each community to participate in the community's economic, social, and financial affairs.

Broader outreach measured by the number of women mobilized to join the Janashakti in Walasmulla.
Division and their access to village banking and other services provided by the NGO.
Formation of self-help women-run communities in the Northern and Eastern provinces and active participation of these women in the communities social and economic affairs.
Number of areas identified by women in the North-East as immediate needs and actions proposed to achieve their goals.
Percentage increase in incomes of women - Number of small and micro businesses established and operated by them.

Note: A table in section 8 provides the estimated number of women who will benefit from this project.
File name: number of beneficiaries.xls

### III. Grant Categories of Expenditure and Amounts

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<th>Category</th>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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Eligible expenditures include consultant services (including audit), local training & workshop, small civil works, goods, sub-grants and Bank incremental costs.