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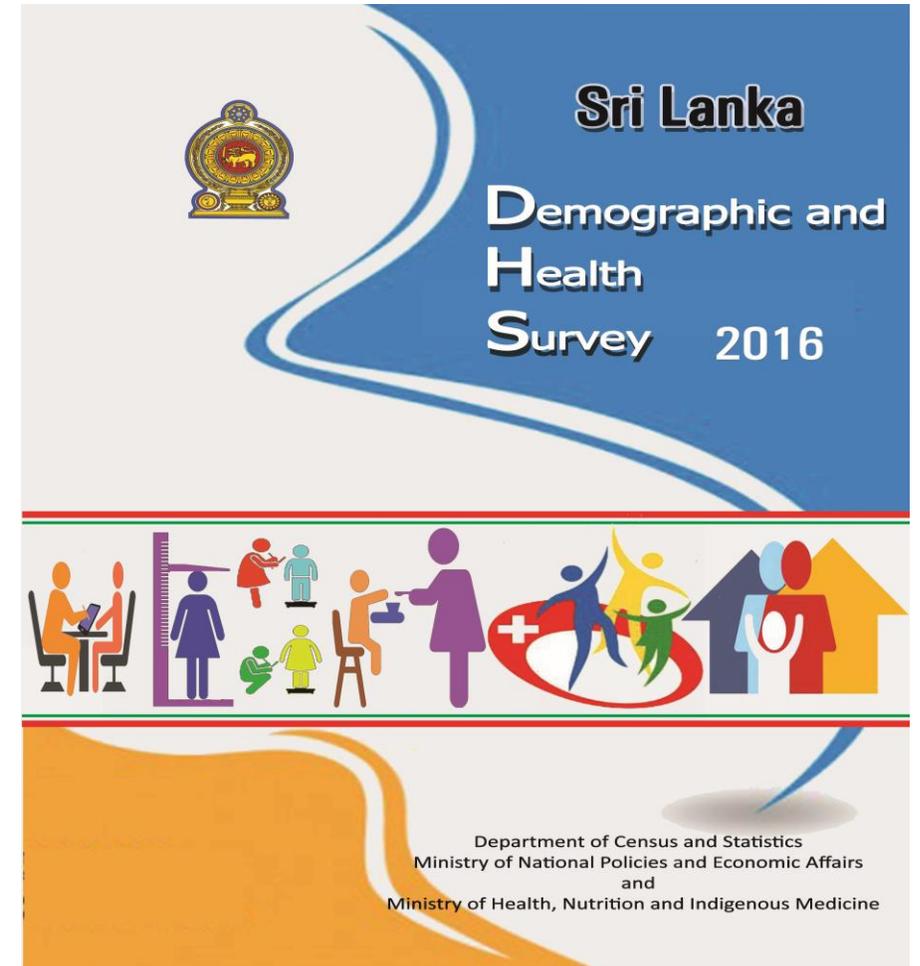
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Launching SLDHS, 2016

***Demographic and Health
Surveys in Sri Lanka: Past,
Present and Future***

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SLDHS - 2016

- **The fifth DHS in Sri Lanka**
- **Conducted at the request of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine**
- **Financial assistance from the World Bank**
- **Technical assistance from ICF - USA**



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PAST DHS AND CONSISTENCY OF SURVEY METHODS

Previous DHS surveys

- 1987
- 1993
- 2000 and
- 2006/07

Consistency of DHS methods

- Uses consistent survey methods and questionnaires to measure:
 - Infant and child mortality
 - Fertility
 - Family planning use
 - Maternal health and more
- Data are comparable across time and regions



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Special Significance of SLDHS - 2016

**First countrywide
DHS**

**First time, the
Computer
Assisted Personal
Interview (CAPI)
technique was
used in DCS**

**Baseline Data for
several SDG
Indicators**



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Significance of SLDHS – 2016: First countrywide DHS

- Earlier rounds could not cover the entire country
- The DHS is now included in the regular statistical activity plan
- DHS will be conducted at five-year intervals to provide the much needed
 - Health
 - Nutrition and other related information on women in the reproductive age and
 - Their children under five years



Significance of SLDHS – 2016: Use of CAPI for first time

- Interviews conducted using hand-held devices such as tablet computers
- The electronic copy of the questionnaire is loaded on to the device
- The enumerator reads the questions to the respondent, and inputs the responses directly into the device
- Eliminates the need for post-interview data entry
- Improve quality and timeliness of statistics





Availability of data for SDG indicators in Sri Lanka

Tier	Classification	Indicators	
		Number	Percent
1	Already compiled by the DCS	46	19
2	To be compiled by the DCS	29	12
3/4	Available with or to be compiled by other institutions in the NSS	131	54
5	Regional/Global Indicators	35	14
6	Not relevant to Sri Lanka	3	1
	Total	244	100



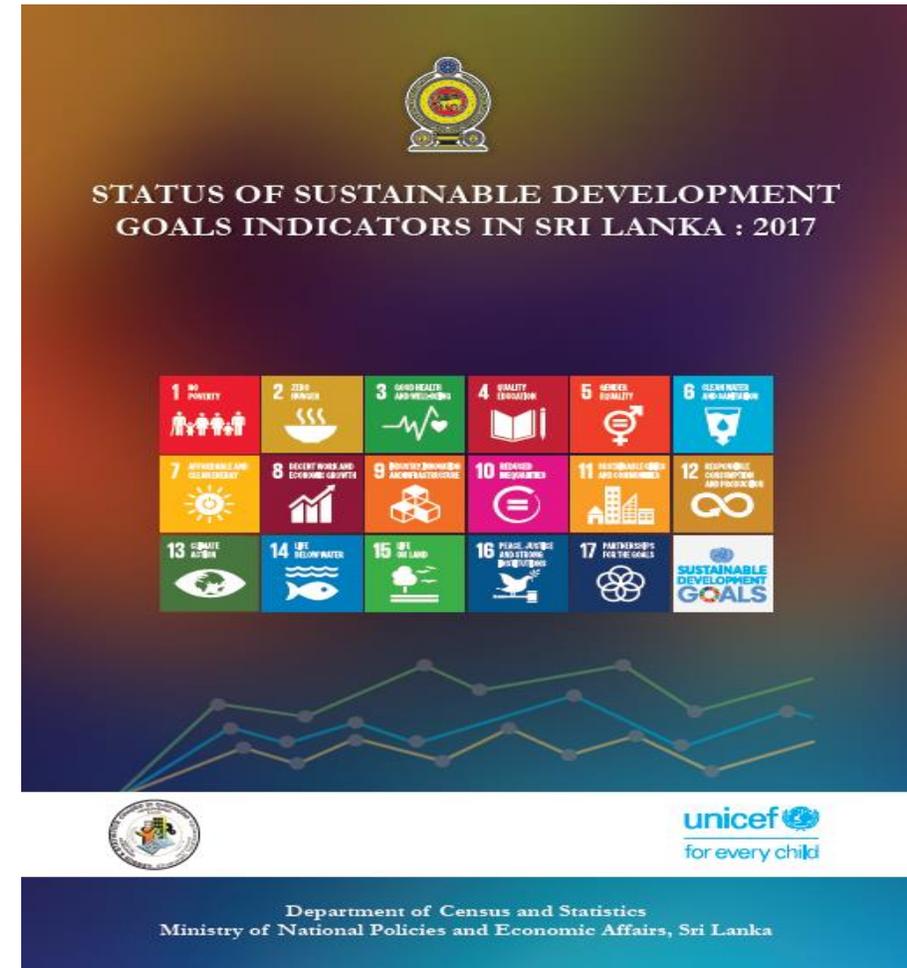
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Significance of SLDHS – 2016: Baseline Data for SDG

- SLDHS, 2016 provides baseline data for several indicators including
 - Stunting
 - Wasting
 - Underweight
 - Births attended by skilled health personnel
 - Gender violence and more





Sample of SLDHS 2016

- Country wide coverage
- 27,210 households
- 18,302 eligible women
- 8,146 Children under five years



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SLDHS – 2016 questionnaire

Core modules

- Maternal and child health
- Reproductive and fertility preferences
- Family planning
- Maternal and child health services
- Women's status
- Knowledge and behavior regarding HIV/AIDS etc and more

New modules in SLDHS 2016

- Non-communicable diseases
- Mental illness
- Suicides
- Smoking and drug consumption
- Child development status
- Domestic violence



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SLDHS – 2016 for making decision making

Impressive progress: Great achievements should be maintained

Infant and child mortality continue to decline

Almost all pregnancies receive antenatal care

Almost all births take place in a health facility

Contraception methods are universally known



Making evidence based decision making

- The report of the SLDHS – 2016 contains only a few of the key indicators
- To build the policy and programmatic evidence base, DHS data must be further analyzed
- The multiple reasons for hard to change areas must be understood through analysis
- If necessary current policies and programs can be realigned as necessary for addressing the obstacles
- Great achievements made so far should be maintained





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Collaboration: DCS and MOH

SARA-2016

- Brought to light some important issues on the national health status
- **Ex: One out of two elderly people was suffering from a chronic disease**
- **Service Accessibility and Readiness Assessment survey (SARA) measures readiness of our health system to treat the elderly population as well.**

SLDHS - 2016

- **Exemplary**
- **A good example for how government institutions can work together**
- **There were some challenges**
- **Stood firm and achieved goals overcoming challenges**
- **All those who worked hard deserve appreciation.**



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