



Press Note

Survey on Economic Impact of COVID-19 Department of Census and Statistics

The COVID 19 pandemic affected various economic activities in Sri Lanka in varying degrees depending on the nature and structure of those businesses. Some parts of the country were completely locked down for more than 2 months, and as a result enterprise struggled hard to survive with their businesses. Millions of employees, on the other hand, faced a severe threat of losing their jobs. Considering the hardships experienced by the people, the government took immediate relief measures to both the enterprises and the employees to mitigate the severity of the impact. At this juncture, the country needs very accurate and timely information on the impact of COVID 19 pandemic caused to the economy, for effective recovery plan for all sectors of the economy. Several institutions are said to be engaged in measuring the impact, but a proper scientific survey covering the entire country and all economic activities including informal sector has not been conducted. Therefore, the Department of Census and Statistics (DCS), being the main government statistical organization in Sri Lanka, has initiated a sample survey, covering the entire country and all sorts of economic activities, to assess the impact of Covid-19 to Sri Lankan economy. The survey has been proceeding via a representative sample of over 20,000 entities including both formal and the informal entities representing the entire economy across all divisional secretariats of the country.

The large and medium scale entities are requested to participate in the e-survey by invitation by the DCS and the data collection from the small, micro and the enterprises which are not directly invited for e-survey are done by the staff of the DCS.

DCS sincerely welcome the enterprises willing to participate in the survey, through the following link.

<https://data.statistics.gov.lk/covidimpact/>

Department of Census and Statistics kindly requests the co-operation of the economic entities scattered over the country to make this national endeavor a success.

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