

Project Report

“Scotch Bonnet Chili Plant Distribution Initiative”

Date: December 25, 2024

Location: Woodland Ground, Kohuwala

Project Chairperson: Lion Rohan Samaradivakara

1. Project Overview

On December 25, 2024, the Lions Club of Colombo Royalty successfully conducted a community-driven project at Woodland Ground, Kohuwala, under the leadership of Lion Rohan Samaradivakara. The initiative focused on promoting **home gardening and sustainable living** through the distribution of **Scotch Bonnet chili plants**, a variety known for its fiery heat and exceptional flavor.

A total of **300 chili plants** were distributed to **60 community members**, with each participant receiving **5 plants**. The event aimed to encourage individuals to grow their own food, enhance environmental awareness, and promote self-sufficiency.

2. Objectives

- Promote **sustainable home gardening** practices.
- Introduce the **Scotch Bonnet chili**, a flavorful and high-value crop, to the local community.
- Encourage **environmental responsibility** and urban greening.
- Support **community engagement** and healthy living.

3. Activities

- Distribution of 300 Scotch Bonnet chili plants.
- Brief awareness session on planting techniques and care.
- One-on-one engagement with participants to provide guidance.
- Promotion of the benefits of locally grown fresh produce.

4. Community Impact

- **60 individuals empowered** to start or enhance their home gardens.
- Greater awareness of **organic gardening** and **sustainable food practices**.
- Strengthened **community bonds** through shared participation in an environmental cause.
- Long-term benefits including **improved food security**, **cost savings**, and **urban greening**.

5. Financial Summary

| Item | Cost (LKR) |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Scotch Bonnet Chili Plants | 7,500 |
| Transport | 1,300 |
| Total Project Cost | 8,800 |

6. Conclusion

The Scotch Bonnet Chili Plant Distribution Project was a well-received and impactful initiative, aligning with the Lions Club's mission of service and environmental advocacy. It provided a platform to educate and engage the community on the importance of home gardening and self-reliance, with measurable benefits for food sustainability and ecological awareness.

7. Acknowledgments

We extend our sincere gratitude to:

- **Lion Rohan Samaradivakara** for his vision and leadership.
- All **participants** for their interest and active engagement.
- The **organizing team and volunteers** for their seamless coordination.