



Social & Sustainability Progress Report

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ABOUT US

HVA Ceylon LLC, is at the forefront of importing premium quality coconut products as well as a wide range of Plant-Based culinary delights into the United States. Our company is a symbol of quality, dependability, and sustainability in the food import market.

We are passionate about bringing premium natural food products to the United States. Our mission is rooted in carefully selecting top-tier items from ethical sources, prioritizing quality, reliable service, and innovative offerings that truly benefit our customers.



OUR COMMITMENT

At HVA Ceylon we develop partnerships based on trust, respect, and mutual growth by collaborating with global partners and local communities. We actively engage with communities to promote social responsibility, economic empowerment, and sustainable development. Many ways showcase our commitment in these areas. We are deeply committed to supporting children, schools in need and wellbeing of our communities where we operate on infrastructure, sustainability initiatives, school supplies and food distribution for communities.

We believe access to clean and safe sanitation facilities is a basic human right that should not be compromised. Yet, many schools in the underprivileged communities lack adequate facilities, posing significant health risks to school children. To address this pressing issue, we have embarked on initiatives to improve school toilets and sanitation infrastructure.

Apart from safe sanitation, one of our other concerns was effective waste management in the schools. Unfortunately, many schools lack proper waste disposal infrastructure, leading to pollution and environmental degradation. To tackle this issue head-on, we have launched waste management Bin initiatives in partnership with our manufacturing partner Kandetiya Agro Products Pvt Ltd in Sri Lanka.

We are also in a mission of supporting community welfare by providing rations to employees and close approximate local communities of our partner manufacturing facilities.





ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

At HVA we, ensure the safety and well-being of all individuals involved in our supply chain and of paramount importance. As such, we are steadfast in our commitment to fostering safe and healthy working conditions for the employees of our suppliers.

We recognize that our suppliers play a vital role in our operations, and it is imperative that we uphold high standards of workplace safety and health throughout our entire supply chain. To achieve this, we monitor very closely our partner producers have implemented rigorous protocols and standards that our suppliers must adhere to.



Clean Minds, Bright Futures

Building sanitary facilities for underprivileged schools



Restore Earth

Solid waste management, waste disposal and effective recycle practices



No monkey business!
Responsibly sourced. No animals are involved in the production of our products. We certify a cruelty free harvest process

"Stay inspired. Never stop creating."

ur initiation to enhance infrastructure in rural schools in Sri Lanka to uplift sanitation and hygiene standards, by prioritizing the establishment of newly built sanitary facilities. We aim to create healthier learning environments.

Another initiation of HVA Ceylon is, introducing and ensuring effective solid waste management system in schools. At HVA Ceylon we aim to create healthier learning environments and nurturing sustainable habits among youth.

OUR ETHICAL COMMITMENT

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OUR CERTIFICATIONS



ORGANIC CERTIFIED



FAIR TRADE CERTIFIED



At HVA Ceylon, we are dedicated to empowering consumers, employees, and our community. We are committed to ensuring that each purchase contributes to positive social change at every stage of our supply chain, from our customers' ethical choices to our workers' livelihoods. With our Fair Trade Certification, we guarantee that our products adhere to rigorous social, environmental, and economic standards.

We proudly hold organic certification, ensuring that all our Plant-Based products meet the highest standards of quality and environmental sustainability. From our plantations to table, our commitment to organic practices ensures that products we offer are grown and processed with care, free from synthetic chemicals and harmful pesticides. Our USDA organic certification assures consumers that products meet health benefits as well as stringent standards for sustainability, environmental responsibility that promotes natural resource conservation, soil health, and biodiversity preservation.

WASTE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES IN SCHOOLS

- Restore Earth -

BACKGROUND

Our organization is committed to promoting responsible waste management within the school premises by providing specialized waste segregation bins for recyclables, organic waste, and general waste. These bins will be strategically placed in common areas for easy access, fostering a culture of proper waste disposal.

To educate and raise awareness among students, teachers, and staff, we will conduct interactive workshops and awareness campaigns in collaboration with local partners and authorities. These sessions will be tailored to different age groups and feature engaging activities to encourage active participation and understanding of waste segregation and recycling.

Our team, along with local partners, will provide ongoing support to ensure the effective implementation of the waste management system. Regular monitoring and maintenance of the segregation bins will be carried out to address any issues and promote their proper usage.



OUTCOME

The outcomes include fostering environmental awareness and responsibility among students, staff, and the wider school community.

This initiative also decreases landfill waste, fostering a cleaner environment, and encourages recycling and proper waste disposal.

Moreover, it enhances the school's reputation as an environmentally conscious institution while providing students with practical learning opportunities about waste management and sustainable living.

OBJECTIVE

Our object is to implement a comprehensive waste management system at five selected schools within the "Giriulla" educational zone.

This includes providing waste segregation bins to facilitate proper waste disposal, recycling, and composting practices.

Additionally, we aim to educate students, staff, and the wider school community about the significance of waste segregation and its positive environmental impact.



SANITARY FACILITIES FOR SCHOOLS



BACKGROUND

Public health and wellbeing depend heavily on a clean infrastructure, particularly in schools. Endeavor to build new washrooms in schools in order to improve sanitary conditions, personal hygiene and healthy mind and environment, HVA Ceylon designed this project during December 2023.

A dearth of clean and adequate washrooms in many schools puts children's health at danger. Poor hygiene has a detrimental effect on student performance, attendance rates, and overall educational achievements.

OUTCOME

By effectively building and equipping new restrooms in the targeted schools, the inadequate sanitary infrastructure was addressed. Monitoring system has been placed to update improvement in student hygiene and their overall habits and mindset.

Our local stakeholders together with local authority will carry our monitoring responses from educators, parents, and students emphasized how important improved restrooms are to improving their general health and learning opportunities.

- Clean Minds, Bright Futures -

HVA's effective engagement, communication and stakeholder engagement has helped to initiate the project successfully and will drive the project taking sustainability into account, and the necessity of continual upkeep and monitoring of sanitation infrastructure.

OBJECTIVE

Our objectives include improving hygiene and cleanliness standards in schools, instilling better hygiene practices among children, and constructing new washrooms that meet hygienic regulations and cater to the basic needs of students.

Additionally, we aim to evaluate how improved sanitation infrastructure can impact academic achievement, health, and overall attendance. Furthermore, we seek to provide financial support to schools in need to develop sustainable, hygienic, and accessible washroom facilities.



DISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL FOOD FOR COMMUNITIES



In HAV Ceylon commitment to fostering a supportive and resilient community, we have initiated a program to distribute essential food items to our neighboring communities in the manufacturing facilities. Recognizing the importance of access to nutritious food for overall well-being, we aim to address food insecurity challenges and support those in need during these unprecedented times.



By partnering with local stakeholders, we aim to reach those most in need and contribute to building stronger, more resilient communities.



This initiative aligns with our belief in corporate social responsibility and our commitment to making a positive impact beyond business.

Through these efforts, we strive to foster a culture of compassion, solidarity, and support. By nourishing both our employees and neighboring communities, we aspire to create a ripple effect of positive change, spreading hope and resilience in the face of adversity.



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES NURTURING SUSTAINABILITY

By fostering local connections, supporting equitable growth, and embracing environmentally-conscious practices, we try to cultivate thriving communities that endure for generations. Through collective action and a commitment to sustainable practices, we help in some way to preserve our planet's resources and ensure a brighter future.



OUR MANUFACTURING PARTNER

ABOUT KANDETIYA AGRO PRODUCTS (PVT) LTD

Our manufacturing facility Kandetiya Agro Products (KAP) stands as a pinnacle of technological advancement in the production of coconut-based products. Accredited with the highest export, food safety, and manufacturing certifications in the industry, our facility stands as a beacon of excellence. Renowned as one of the largest exporters of coconut-based products worldwide, we cater to every continent on the globe, delivering quality products that meet the highest standards of safety and reliability.

Situated across 800 acres of lush organic coconut farms in Sri Lanka, the production facilities are renowned for crafting some of the most exquisite organic coconut products available. KAP state-of-the-art UHT coconut milk production facility is certified with BRC AA grade, which has the impressive capability to churn out over 2000 metric tons monthly.

All the premium organic products manufactured at KAP's facilities uphold the highest quality standards, adhering to ISO/FSSC 22000, BRC, HACCP, USDA Organic, EU Organic, SEDEX, Kosher, and Fair Trade certifications. Leveraging cutting-edge manufacturing technology, our plant implements rigorous production methodologies to guarantee consistent excellence and product integrity at every stage of the harvesting to manufacturing process.

KAP'S ESG

KAP Sri Lanka's commitment to making a lasting difference in the community through various CSR initiatives and responsible business practices promoting environmental sustainability.

Sustainability

We are committed to sustainability innovative practices, eco-friendly initiatives, and our journey towards a greener future.

CSR

At KAP our Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives empowering communities, driving positive change, and creating societal impact together.



For Better Tomorrow

CERTIFICATIONS

Quality is the primary objective across all KAP products and manufacturing processes. An ethos that is upheld through extensive investment in research and development as well as continuous training and development initiatives for staff and personnel. The group's relentless pursuit of quality has enabled to acquire the BRC AA grade that complies with GFSI and ISO 22000.



"Naturland" certification, which is from one of the oldest and most respected organic certification organizations in the world, ensures that the products you buy are produced in a way that is good for the environment, animals, and people.



"USDA Organic" is a labeling term that indicates that the food or other agricultural product has been produced according to the USDA organic standards.



The "EU Organic Logo" makes it easier for consumers to identify organic products and helps farmers to market them across the entire EU, once they have been certified as organic by an authorized control agency or body.



"Fairtrade" Standards ensure fairer terms of trade between farmers and buyers, protect workers' rights, and provide the framework for producers to build thriving farms and organizations.



The "Fair for Life" logo is a guarantee that the product meets the standards of fair trade. A fair price for producers, decent working conditions, environmental protection and social responsibility.



The "BRCGS" (AA) Food Safety Certificate is the highest certification that is awarded to food manufacturers and foodservice organizations that meet the requirements of the BRCGS Global Food Safety Standard.



The "Star-K Kosher" certification is a mark of approval that is given to food products and businesses that meet the standards of kashrut, the Jewish dietary law.



"Sedex" certification is a voluntary program that helps organizations improve their social and environmental performance in their supply chain.



"Control Union ISO 22000" is an internationally recognized standard for food safety management systems, offered by Control Union Certifications, a global certification body.

SOCIAL COMMITMENT

KAP's Holistic approach to improve the well-being and sustainability of the community



FAIR FOR LIFE

Kandetiya Agro Products, Sri Lanka started its Fair for Life journey in 2021, Fair for Life is a certification ensuring fair treatment, ethical practices, and sustainability across supply chains, promoting social responsibility and equitable benefits.

Fair for life program supports the community by enhancing healthcare, fostered education, enhancing coconut cultivation, supported livelihoods, elevate farm safety and enhancing coconut home gardening.

“SHILPABHISHEKA”

“For Better Tomorrow”

KAP's Shilpabhisheka - “For Better Tomorrow” program was developed for investing in the future & building a brighter tomorrow with the focus of helping the students in socially and economically disadvantaged schools in Sri Lanka.

Our CSR efforts on helping rural schools and students in Sri Lanka. By bridging the gap in resources and opportunities, we are empowering these kids to reach their full potential and contribute to the future.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

GOALS



1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



13 CLIMATE ACTION



15 LIFE ON LAND



17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



New energy source

Our partner Kandetiya Agro has now taken steps towards implementing renewable energy in the production facilities. It is aimed at making our production process greener and more dependable. The solar panels installed in the KAP processing plants, cutting down on need for traditional electricity.

This is also a way of ensuring to deliver the goods, sustainably and consistently without any interruptions. KAP's commitment to compensate 25% electricity requirement by the year 2025.



Regenerative agricultural practices

Our regenerative agricultural practices focus on restoring soil health, enhancing biodiversity, and sequestering carbon. In all the plantations we practice minimized soil disturbance, keep the vegetative cover, rotational grazing, no use of Synthetic fertilizers or pesticides, use of compost and rainwater harvesting for irrigation.

Minimal soil disturbance, vegetative cover, rotational grazing, no use of No Synthetic Fertilizers or Pesticides. Use of Compost and Rainwater harvesting

A Tree for life

"Tree for Life" is KAP's dedication to nurture a sustainable future, while reducing our carbon footprint. Through this initiative, we pledge to plant trees abundantly, not just for today, but for the health of our planet tomorrow. By partnering with local communities, employing eco-friendly practices, and advocating for responsible forestry, we aim to replenish forests and promote biodiversity with the aim of planting 50,000 plants by year 2025.

We have successfully planted and up bringing 15,000 + plants up to date.

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KAP'S SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES



Responsible Consumption
Water

Chemicals

Energy



Responsible Discharge
Emission

Effluent

Solid Waste



Bio-diversity
Sustainable Architecture

Biodiversity Preservation

Reforestation

Responsible Consumption

Using resources efficiently and reducing waste.



Water

Optimized usage in processing plants.

Rainwater collection.

Soil moisture conservation.



Chemicals

Organically certified processing units and plantations.

Optimized CIP chemical usage.

Free from hazardous chemicals.



Energy

Moving from fossil fuel to biomass.

Responsible Discharge

Managing waste disposal responsibly and minimizing pollution.



Emission

Boiler running hour optimization



Effluent

Treating and recycling wastewater and using for agricultural purposes



Solid Waste

Burnt Ash in boilers use as fertilizer for coconut plantations

Recycling packing waste

Bio-diversity

Protecting and promoting diverse ecosystems and habitats.



Designing factory layouts with minimum harm to biodiversity.



Maintaining natural habitats in coconut plantations.



Contribution in tree planting campaigns with national forest department.





We are dedicated to fostering positive change in communities through impactful education and environmental initiatives.

Our partner KAP Sri Lanka is dedicated to fostering community well-being and environmental sustainability through impactful CSR initiatives and responsible business practices.



Any Questions ?

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