

## Education and health

The Government has mobilized a significant support from the donor community for the development of its education and health sectors during the period 2005- 2010. The new commitment made for the education and health sectors from 2005 to 2010 was USD 465 million. Of this total commitment 53 percent or USD 249 million was pledged as grant assistance.

Donor	Loan	Grant	Total
<b>Bilateral</b>	<b>42.79</b>	<b>96.56</b>	<b>139.35</b>
Japan		48.30	48.30
Kuwait	6.92		6.92
Saudi Fund	22.97		22.97
France	12.90		12.90
USA		17.81	17.81
India		9.19	9.19
China		7.54	7.54
Germany		3.03	3.03
Netherland		5.30	5.30
Sweden		2.79	2.79
Korea		1.20	1.20
FAO		1.40	1.40
<b>Export Credit</b>	<b>35.60</b>		<b>35.60</b>
<b>Multilateral</b>	<b>141.22</b>	<b>148.99</b>	<b>290.21</b>
ADB	67.49	16.10	83.59
IDA	73.73	60.50	134.23
UN Agencies		72.39	72.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>219.61</b>	<b>245.55</b>	<b>465.16</b>

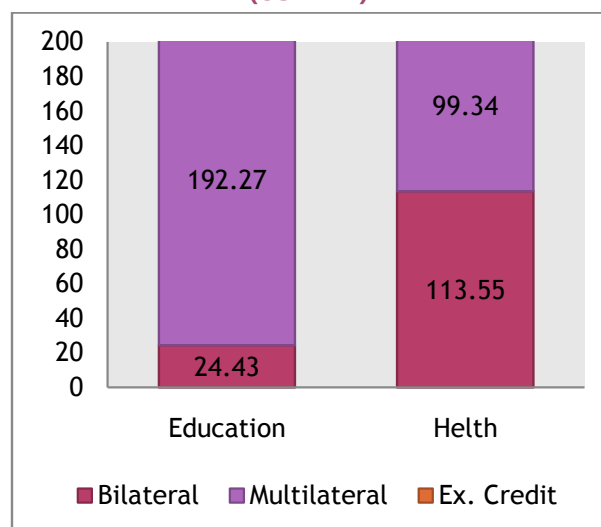
The total amount of funds disbursed for education sector development between 2005 and 2010 was around US\$ 241 million, of which 39 percent were grants. The total commitment made by development partners for education sector development in 2010 was USD 46.34 million.

The World Bank (WB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have been the key contributors to education sector development over the past 5 years and they jointly account for about 80

percent of foreign assistance for education. The other contributors include Governments of Kuwait, China, Sweden and Korea.

The health sector has received about USD 224 million over the last five years. Of this amount around 68 percent was received as grants.

**Chart 3.9 Foreign Assistance for Education and Health Sectors 2005- 2010 by type of providers (USD mn)**

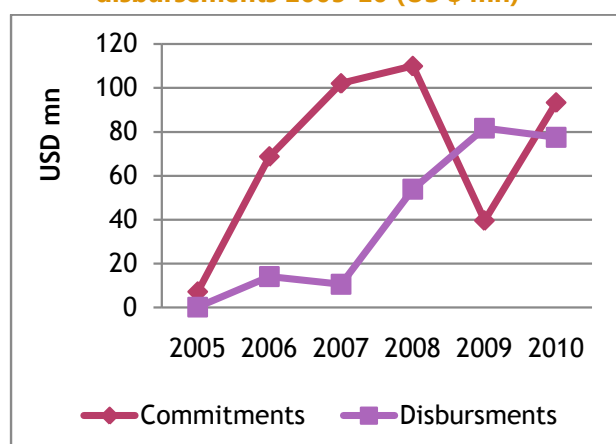


The total foreign aid commitment for the health sector in 2010 was USD 47 million which is 57 percent increase over 2009.

Government of Japan, International Development Association of World Bank, UN agencies, Saudi Fund and the government of United State of America accounts for about 83 percent of total foreign funds received by the health sector during the same period. The other key contributors to the health sector include several other lending and donor agencies such as governments of France, India, Federal Republic of Germany and Export Credit Bank of Austria.

The disbursement of foreign financing in the health and education sectors has been increasing since 2005 contributing to improvement in aid utilization rate. The total amount disbursed in 2009 and 2010 exceeded USD 159 million.

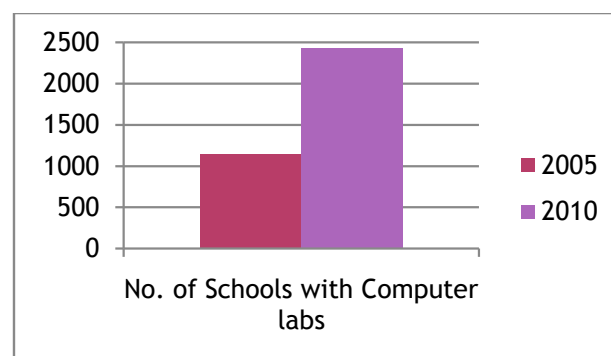
**Chart 3.10 New commitments and disbursements 2005-10 (US \$ mn)**



The total commitment received for education and health sectors in 2010 was USD 93.44 million.

Education			
Higher Education for the Twenty First Century Project	38.84	loan	IDA
Economic and Technical Cooperation 2010	7.49	grant	Gov. of China
Health			
Provision of Operating Theaters & Medical Equip to Tsunami Affected & Remote Hospitals	12.90	loan	Gov. of France
Improvement of Central Functions of Jaffna Teaching Hospital	24.86	Loan	Gov. of Japan
Improved Integration of Targeted Disadvantaged groups into the Community	9.35	grant	U.S.A
	93.44		

Increased financing has resulted in improving the educational and health facilities provided at both national and provincial levels over the last five years.



The number of schools with computer labs has been increased from 1,147 in 2005 to 2,033 in 2010 showing an increase of 77 percent. Also, the number of schools with libraries and sanitation facilities as a share of total number of schools has been increased from 78 and 53 percent in 2007 to 96 and 63 percents respectively in 2010.

## Main projects

### Higher Education for the Twenty-First Century.

The project aims to support national level developments in the higher education sector through improving the quality of educational programmes and the employability of graduates, supporting the development of the alternative higher education sector, and human resource development. The International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank provided USD 40 million for this Project. The Project is organized into four components. The first component supports national level developments in the higher education sector. The second component assists development of Universities, with a special emphasis on improving the employability of graduates and the quality of programs. The third component supports to develop alternative higher education sector, which provides employments-oriented programs in the field of economic development. The final component focuses on human resources development, monitoring and evaluation, and studies. In general, the project will help to produce a knowledgeable and skilled workforce meeting emerging job market requirements. Thus it will help to further reduce the rate of unemployment in the country.

## **Education for Knowledge Society Project (EKSP)**

The EKSP commenced with the ADB financial assistance of USD 80 million comprising USD 67 million loan and USD 15 million grant, and the project period is from 2008 to 2013. Up to end of 2010, 23 percent of the loan funds has been disbursed.

This project will support Government's strategies to upgrade 1,000 secondary schools to fully fledged schools. All necessary infrastructures including laboratory, ICT, multimedia, home science, sports, water supply, sanitation facilities and human resources will be provided to the selected schools. This will minimize the high demand for national schools located in urban areas. About 36,000 scholarships are to be awarded under EKSP Scholarship Programme for the students study in grade 10-13 in the school system and those who have obtained the scholarships under Secondary Education and Modernization Project (SEMP) II and but have not qualified to proceed for higher education.

The project has provided the assistance to strengthen the Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technology for Education by revising SLIATE's academic programs, upgrading workshops and facilities on Information & Communication Technology (ICT), developing Management Information System for SLIATE and implement Professional Development Programs for SLIATE staff.

Further, the EKSP has undertaken, the upgrading Centre of Excellence in English Education in Peradeniya from Teacher Training College status to National College of Education to enhance English language teacher training.

## **South Eastern University of Sri Lanka**

The project aims to bring relevant tertiary education to Eastern Province and act as a driver for regional development in line with the ten year horizon development framework of the government. The South Eastern University was founded in 1995 with minimal infrastructure and other facilities. Therefore, an attractive new campus, suitable for expanding university in the modern world is being built. The objectives of the project are to relocate and rebuild the

university to cater to the present demand for tertiary education in the region. The project is expected to increase student population from 3,000 to 5,000 (Regular and External Studies) within the project period. The project includes two Phases. The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has provided USD 7.06 million (Kuwait Dinars (KD) 2 million) for Phase I A of the project. The Phase I A commenced in 2008 and is scheduled to be completed in 2011. The Kuwait Fund has agreed to provide USD 10.6 million (KD 3 million ) for Phase I B.

## **Strengthening of Tertiary Education and Administrative Infrastructure in Tsunami Affected Areas**

The objective of the project which was completed in 2010 was to strengthen tertiary education in Universities and Advanced Technical Institutions and Civil Administration system at district, divisional and village levels in the tsunami affected areas. The main components of the project included construction work and provision of necessary equipment for Advanced Technical Institutions of Jaffna, Galle, Labuduwa, Ampara and Trincomalee. It also provided student housing facilities at the Jaffna University and the Galle Campus of the Ruhuna University, The Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development has provided USD 20 million (Kuwait Dinars 6 million) to finance this project. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2010.

## **Improvement of Curative Healthcare Services at Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital**

A new three storied building with a floor area of around 7,500 square meters to house the Obstetric Gynaecology Operation Theatre, Paediatric Unit (Intensive Care Unit) and Outdoor Patients Department (OPD) with all necessary equipment was built by using a grant of USD 20.5 million (Japanese yen 2,297 million) provided by the Government of Japan. Improved facilities at the Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital are now provide better access to specialized healthcare services to minimize difficulties faced by patients who travel long distances to obtain such services from other tertiary healthcare institutions. Over 1.3 million people who are residing in the Anuradhapura District and adjoining districts of

Vavuniya, Mannar, Trincomalee and Puttalam where the healthcare facilities are comparatively insufficient, have been benefited from this project.

### **Neuro-trauma unit at the Colombo National Hospital**

The 10 storeyed Neuro Trauma Centre at the National Hospital Colombo equipped with modern facilities built at a cost of Rs.3000 million and funded by the Saudi Fund for Development was declared open this year (2011) The project, fulfils an urgent need with regard to inadequate neuro-trauma facilities at the Colombo National Hospital. The facility houses 6 ultra-modern Operation Theatres, a 66-bed Intensive Care Unit (ICU), a 43-bed High Dependency Unit (HDU), a Spinal Injury Unit, a Neuro Surgical Unit and a ward complex for 150 patients.

### **Epilepsy Unit in the Colombo National Hospital**

The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) has provided Saudi riyal 75 million (approximately USD 20 million) for establishment of an epilepsy unit with a capacity of 242 beds and required facilities within the premises of the Colombo National Hospital. The unit will consist of operation theaters, incentive care units (ICU), High Dependency Unit (HDU), a male ward, a female ward, and provision and installation of medical equipment including MRI, CT Scanners and X-Ray machines. The project commenced in 2008 and scheduled to be completed by mid of 2013.