

Quarterly Monitoring Report

Project Title	Technical support to advance Transitional Justice in Sri Lanka		
Countries Covered	Sri Lanka		
Implementer	UNDP		
Planned Start date	8 July 2016	Actual start date	8 July 2016
Planned End date	30 April 2017	Predicted/Actual end date	30 April 2017
Explain any variance in predicted start/end dates	n/a		
Quarter for this report	First Quarter [8 July – 30 September 2016]		

<p>Project Purpose</p> <p>Following the report of the comprehensive investigation on Sri Lanka by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/HRC/30/61) as well as the adoption of the Human Rights Council Resolution entitled “Promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka” co-sponsored by Sri Lanka (A/HRC/30/1) in October 2015, the Government of Sri Lanka embarked on the implementation of its key recommendations and provisions.</p> <p>Acknowledging that dealing with the past and establishing a new human rights culture is an enormous task that would be a major challenge for any country, the Government requested the support and guidance of the United Nations, so that it can strategically move forward with a nationally owned and victim-centric transitional justice process that addresses the needs of the people of Sri Lanka and advances accountability and reconciliation for all.</p> <p>Against this background, <u>the overall objective of the project is to strengthen the Government’s capabilities to develop a comprehensive transitional justice framework that is victim centric, and lays the ground for the establishment of transitional justice mechanisms that will help reconcile and heal Sri Lankan society.</u></p> <p>The project includes support to i) establish a Strategic Consultants Group (SCG) to support the Secretariat for Coordinating Reconciliation Mechanisms (SCRM) with strategic planning and design of transitional justice mechanisms, and ii) conduct a national perceptions survey on peacebuilding that will inform the design of a comprehensive communications and public outreach strategy for the government in support of transitional justice and reconciliation.</p> <p>The principal Government partner for the interventions under the project is SCRM.</p> <p>Describe key results and activities during this quarter</p> <p>During the first quarter of project implementation, in line with the project timeline, the SCG was established and the national perceptions survey on peacebuilding was designed in close partnership with SCRM and administered by an independent research firm.</p> <p>Strategic Consultants Group: The SCG was established in SCRM with the secondment of two international consultants, Eduardo Gonzalez and Louis Gentile who reported to duty</p>

on 8 August. While following an intensive month of orientation and relationship building with key stakeholders, the consultants have begun to work closely with SCRM and the four Technical Working Groups established by SCRM to inform the design of the transitional justice mechanisms and formulation of the comprehensive strategic framework for transitional justice. With regard to the strategic framework, the focus is on defining the linkages amongst the different mechanisms, the sequencing in terms of operationalisation and the complementarity with existing Government institutions. The Special Rapporteur for the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, Pablo De Greiff is engaging with the SCG and the UN to guide and steer the overall process. To ensure a victim centred approach, the consultants are working closely with the National Consultation Task Force to integrate the findings from the completed consultations process into the discussions of the Technical Working Groups. The UN is also in dialogue with SCRM to bring on board national experts to enhance Government capacities on transitional justice. The national experts would be part of the SCG, and would be funded through Government and PBF resources.

A) Orientation and Relationship Building: Taking into account sensitivities surrounding international involvement in the transitional justice process, the first priority was for the consultants to establish relationships with key national stakeholders and invest in understanding the local context and the perspectives of the different national actors, including those of victims. As such during the first two months of their nine month assignment, the UN¹ and SCRM have introduced them to a broad array of government and civil society partners, including the Technical Working Groups on the different transitional justice mechanisms and the National Consultation Taskforce. OHCHR has also supported the consultants to attend a National Consultations event in Anuradhapura and to meet different groups in civil society in the North of Sri Lanka (Mannar, Mullaitivu and Jaffna Districts). The purpose being to increase familiarity with the country realities and understand the different local perspectives on transitional justice.

As part of their initial orientation, the two consultants have also joined the UN Resident Coordinator, Senior Human Rights Advisor and Reconciliation and Development Advisor for detailed telephone conferences with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence. The purpose of these discussions has been to ensure that there is common understanding on the objectives of UN assistance, and to provide space for collective discussion on the way forward.

With the initial orientation period completed, the SCRM and UN will facilitate the SCG to engage with select international stakeholders during the second quarter of the project.

B) Technical Support: During the first two months of their assignment the consultants have provided technical advisory support by facilitating discussions with SCRM, the Technical Working Groups and other key stakeholders, undertaking research, sharing best practices and developing concept papers. A key priority of the SCG is to mainstream

¹ UN Resident Coordinator, UN Senior Human Rights Advisor, UN Reconciliation and Development Advisor

youth and gender concerns from a victim centred perspective into the strategy and across mechanisms of transitional justice. The key deliverables are as follows:

1. **Office on Missing Persons (OMP):** With Parliament having approved the Office on Missing Persons Bill in August, the SCG has provided technical support to facilitate its establishment. Having established contact with ICRC, and international forensic experts, the SCG has provided support to define the structure of the OMP including sharing best practice models and functional arrangements, and formulating the budget which has been submitted for approval to Cabinet.
2. **Reparations:** The SCG has participated in the Technical Working Group on reparations, and helped draft the concept note on the Reparations Office, ensuring it is informed by best practices and synergies with existing governmental institutions. Advice on witness and victim protection mechanisms, as well as gender-sensitivity considerations have also been included in the Reparations concept note. A briefing note for the Chair of the Technical Working Group and the UN on the potential funding options for reparations programmes has also been prepared. The SCG has ensured that the Technical Working Group and the National Consultation Taskforce will work jointly to enrich the concept note.
3. **Truth Seeking Commission:** The SCG is still building relations and trust with the Technical Working Group on the truth commission and has participated in meetings directly. However, given the methodology of the Working Group, they have contributed technical support to the group mainly through SCRM. This has included providing best practice models and recommendations for how to approach 'naming of names', and how to address linkages between the different mechanisms. They have also looked at how to incorporate economic, social and cultural rights and attention to the special needs of women.
4. **SCRM:** Being based at the SCRM, the SCG has provided support to the core functions of the office including i) contributing to appropriate management practices, ii) crafting key messages on transitional justice (in lieu of a wider communications strategy); ii) supporting SCRM to generate consensus on the transitional justice process by serving as a resource during dialogues with government representatives at the Provincial and District level and during SCRM's open dialogue sessions with civil society; and iii) providing mentoring and technical support to the core staff of SCRM on transitional justice

The two consultants in partnership with SCRM have developed a workplan for the period of their assignment and this is attached as an annex.

National Peacebuilding Perceptions Survey: The peacebuilding survey is being undertaken jointly with SCRM with the objective of informing a much needed communications strategy to accompany the design and roll-out of the transitional justice mechanisms. SCRM intends to institutionalise the survey as an annual exercise to support evidenced based communications.

The design of the survey was finalised in July with the support of an international peacebuilding survey expert, and in close consultation with the local market research partner, the Nielsen Company and SCRM. The President and the Prime Minister's Office have been informed of this survey, and the findings of the 2014 and 2015 surveys conducted by the UN have been shared.

Following translation and pilot testing of the questionnaire, the field work was conducted in August and September. In total 6,000 households were randomly selected and interviewed across the nine Provinces of the country. The survey has a margin of error of +/- 1.2% nationally with an average sample size of 600 for each Province. The random selection has ensured that the data set is representative by gender, age and ethnicity. The UN will draw on the support of the international peacebuilding survey expert and an international GIS expert for analysis, interpretation and presentation of the results. It is expected that a draft report will be available in November.

Update on the results framework from the proposal document

Results and Milestones as per project proposal	Progress <i>Achieved / On track / Not achieved / Not on track</i>	R/A/G
Outcome 1 The Government of Sri Lanka adopts a credible and realistic transitional justice framework		
- SCG regular dialogue with Prime Minister's Action Group (PMAG) jointly led by SCRM and RC.	On track: The SCG is meeting regularly with the UN and SCRM. Regular dialogue with PMAG from January 2017	
- Cabinet approval of the recommended model for truth telling, reparations and judicial mechanisms	On track for April 2017	
Output 1.1 Strategic Consultants Group (SCG) is established to support the SCRM and the PMAG.		
- Two international consultants identified, deployed and workplan for their contract duration developed	Achieved	
- Expert in reparations deployed to support Government with development of a reparations scheme	Currently RCO and consultants in dialogue with the Special Rapporteur and IOM to assess the need for deployment	
Output 1.2 A comprehensive transitional justice framework, including a strategy and action plan is prepared		
- Transitional justice framework drafted, informed by national consultations	The SCG is supporting SCRM to develop this this by March 2017	
Output 1.3 SCG technical recommendations for truth telling, reparations and accountability inform the mechanisms adopted by PMAG		

- TRC recommendations put forward	As per the workplan the new timeline in February 2017	
- Recommendations on reparations put forward	As per the workplan the new timeline in February 2017	
- Recommendations on justice mechanisms put forward	As per the workplan the new timeline in April 2017	
Output 1.4 Government communications on transitional justice are informed by a national perceptions survey		
- National survey underway	Achieved	
- Results available with SCRM	Survey data will be shared in raw form by 7 October and will be analysed during October	

What have you done to manage your Risks in this quarter – please Update your Risk Register, add any NEW risks which have arisen, and show if any risks have been closed			
Risks to the achievement of PBF outcomes	Likelihood of occurrence (high, medium, low)	Severity of risk impact (high, medium, low)	Mitigating Strategy (and Person/Unit responsible)
Political/Strategic			
There is a significant change in the coalition Government or there is a new Government.	Medium	High	The UN will stay in close contact with the British High Commission in assessing the political context and will work with the Government to protect the project work. If the change in the political environment is significant, consideration will be given to terminating the project (see break point analysis below)
National government dynamics make it difficult for the team to deliver on time	Medium	High	The UN will work with key members of the Government to continually build consensus on issues. The UN will look at contingency plans should there be a request to extend the time line for the SCG (i.e. funding sources, cost-sharing models etc)
Potential backlash from Government being seen as having t/heir transitional justice strategy influenced and/or driven by	Medium	Medium	The UN adopts a measured approach to all engagement, with a lower profile ensured for any partnership in the more politically sensitive areas.

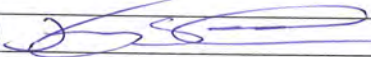
international/western powers			
Extreme Sinhala Buddhist nationalist groups boycott the process of consultations on transitional justice and use political influence to obstruct transitional justice agenda	High	High	<p>The UN will work with key members of the Government and political parties to promote ways and means of reaching out to the Sinhala Buddhist community to engage them in consultations on transitional justice.</p> <p>The Government's communication strategy also seeks to reach out specifically to this group, so as to reduce the influence of the more extreme elements.</p>
Extreme Tamil nationalist leaders encourage boycott of constitutional reform and/or transitional justice process	High	High	<p>The UN will work closely with key members of the Tamil community and Government to engage them in consultations on transitional justice.</p> <p>The Government's communication strategy will also include key messaging to the Tamil communities in the north and east to reduce the influence of more extreme elements.</p>
The majority of Tamil victims boycott all transitional justice mechanisms because of a perceived lack of objective, international involvement and a desire to push for a credible accountability mechanism as the most important.	High	High	<p>The UN will work closely with key members of the Tamil community and Government to engage them in consultations on transitional justice.</p> <p>The UN, SCRM and Government leaders will reach out to Tamil communities to encourage them to engage with new transitional justice mechanisms designed in accordance with international best practice and with strong minority participation.</p>
Government approach not credible or in line with international good practice	Medium	Medium	The project approach is designed to ensure government buy-in and prevent this. The UN and BHC will coordinate closely, continuously review progress and, if necessary, make lobbying interventions.
Operational			
National Consultations Taskforce encounter delays with the timeline for consultations extended	Low	Medium	SCG will ensure close liaison with the Taskforce to monitor progress, and enable real-time sharing of feedback so that initial design work can begin prior to submission of the final report.
One or more expert consultants cut short their consultancies before the work is completed	Low	Low	Deliverable based contracts will be issued, and a verbal commitment secured that aside from an emergency, they will provide their services for the agreed time period.

The Strategic Consultants Group is unable to work effectively with SCRM or other parts of the government.	Low	High	SGC will work closely with SCRM and will signpost any issues as early as possible to the UN and BHC. Progress will be reviewed regularly (at least monthly) and, if necessary, senior level discussions will be held between SCRM, UN and BHC.
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What Lessons have you identified this quarter, and what have you done as a result	
Lesson Identified	Action Taken
The strategy of being based within SCRM and investing in developing relationships with national partners as a first priority was sound and needs to be sustained.	<p>The consultants will continue to engage regularly with government and civil society partners, so as to retain and strengthen the level of trust, and continually assess the degree of commitment by key stakeholders.</p> <p>The consultants feel confident that with time, as trust and relationships develop, they will become more integrated into the Technical Working Groups.</p>
The translation process for the survey questionnaire can be lengthy due to the complexity of the terms and the lack of a direct equivalent terms in Sinhala and/or Tamil.	The translated drafts and the 'back translations' were reviewed by a number of different colleagues and counterparts, especially to validate the terminology used for complex words such as reconciliation.

Has the level of host/local Government support or engagement changed? If so, how?
The engagement has not changed. Both the survey and the functioning of the SCG remain a high priority for the Government.
Is the project still viable
Yes, the project continues to meet an urgent need and the model of support for both the SCG and the perceptions survey is working well.
Please give any other relevant information
<p>Priorities for the next quarter include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting SCRM to develop the comprehensive strategic framework for transitional justice. 2. Working closely with the Technical Working Group on reparations to finalise the concept note with a view to building consensus across Government while factoring in the findings emerging from the national consultation process. 3. Developing a basic communications package on transitional justice which will serve as briefing material for Ministers and other high-level officials*. 4. Supporting the on-boarding of OMP Commissioners and operationalisation of the office, in terms of best practice ways of working and structuring. 5. Sharing the key findings of the peacebuilding perception survey with the President and Prime Minister's Office while ensuring that the analysis informs the Government's communication strategy for transitional justice. <p>* It is also important to note that technical support to SCRM for development and implementation of a comprehensive communications strategy on transitional justice, building on the perceptions</p>

survey is included within the Peacebuilding Priority Plan. The UN is currently in discussion with the EU to secure funding for this initiative from the EU Instrument Contributing to Stability and Peace.

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Please now pass this to the Project Officer in the Post to complete the final section.

Project Officer / Post Comments	
Are you satisfied that this report is a fair and accurate description of progress to date?	Yes / No <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>
What checks have you done on progress this quarter?	Yes / No
Do you believe the Project is still viable?	Yes / No
Is the plan of activities for the next quarter realistic and appropriate?	Yes / No
If the answer to any of these questions is NO, please provide details	

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**SCRM Strategic Consultants Group
Work Plan: 1 August 2016 to 30 April 2017**

Output	Milestone	Target (date)
<p>1. The Government of Sri Lanka adopts a credible and realistic gender and victim centred transitional justice framework in conformity with international human rights and international humanitarian law</p>	<p>a) SCG to work from existing draft framework that the UN shared with the Government, which details functional linkages between TJ mechanisms, to develop a final version in coordination with the PMAG. The SCG will make key recommendations to the overall implementation of the strategy, including on funding/resourcing, staffing/capacities/training, coordination, and sequencing.</p> <p>b) Mainstreaming of youth and gender concerns from a victim centred perspective into the strategy and across mechanisms.</p> <p>c) Draft comprehensive TJ framework and action plan discussed with PMAG highlighting the interlinkages (i.e. with constitutional reform, security sector reforms, reconciliation).</p> <p>d) Cabinet approval of comprehensive TJ framework and action plan.</p>	<p>January 2017</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>April 2017</p>
<p>2. SCG supporting SCRM with its core functions of coordination and communication on transitional justice</p>	<p>a) A basic communications package with key messaging on TJ is developed informed by the findings of the Peacebuilding Survey for SCRM. Follow up on messaging will be required to ensure they are tailored to the respective communications channels, ranging from social media to official briefings. The SCG will also help identify/recommend communications experts to support the Government, including in consultations with bilateral partners.</p>	<p>November 2016</p> <p>Sept. 2016 to April 2017</p>

Output	Milestone	Target (date)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Workshops and trainings for the core staff of SCRM to strengthen skills in transitional justice and strategic planning. c) SCG participate as resource persons in SCRM led open dialogues with civil society on TJ mechanisms to build consensus and support. d) SCG participate as resource persons in SCRM led dialogues and workshops with district, provincial and national level civil servants to generate consensus and support. e) SCG support the military dialogue that has been initiated under the guidance of SR Pablo de Greiff, DPA and SSR experts with military personnel on TJ. 	<p>Sept. 2016 to April 2017</p> <p>Nov. to April 2017</p> <p>Nov 2016 onwards</p>
3. OMP is established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The SCG drafts the OMP concept note with proposed structure based on Act and shared with PMAG. b) OMP budget and concept note is submitted to cabinet by SCRM. c) SCG assists with on-boarding new Commissioners. d) SCG pre-identifies core capacity requirements of OMP and potential partners to provide technical assistance on specialized databases and forensics. e) The SCG participates as resource persons, or helps identify experts, in SCRM led training modules for civil servants. 	<p>Sept. 2016</p> <p>Sept.2016</p> <p>Jan. to April 2017</p> <p>Sept. 2016 to April 2017</p> <p>Nov. 2016 to April 2017</p>
4. Reparations law passed by Parliament	a) A reparations concept note is drafted, in line with international best practice, and with proposed linkages	November 2016

Output	Milestone	Target (date)
	<p>to other TJ mechanisms and GOSL institutions in coordination with the technical working group. The note considers and incorporates relevant CTF recommendations and is shared with the PMAG. The note also addresses funding arrangements.</p> <p>b) Note prepared on best practices in mainstreaming gender and youth concerns into reparations programmes</p> <p>c) Reparations policy is approved by Cabinet and law passed by Parliament</p> <p>d) The SCG identifies reparations technical expertise to assist in establishing reparations system including victim assistance programmes</p> <p>e) The SCG develops the draft Reparations Office structure and budget which is shared with the technical working group prior to it being finalised for cabinet submission.</p> <p>f) The SCG participates as resource persons, or identifies experts, in SCRM led training modules for civil servants and members of parliament.</p>	<p>November 2016</p> <p>January/February 2017</p> <p>February 2017</p> <p>February 2017</p> <p>Jan 2017 onwards</p>
<p>5. Truth seeking commission is passed by parliament</p>	<p>a) The SCG develops recommendations based on international best practices with appropriate linkages to other TJ mechanisms for the technical working group for truth seeking Commission. Ensure CTF recommendations are incorporated.</p> <p>b) Note prepared on best practices in mainstreaming gender and youth</p>	<p>December 2017</p> <p>December 2017</p>

Output	Milestone	Target (date)
	<p>concerns into Truth Seeking Commissions.</p> <p>a) SCG coordinates with the technical working group to develop the draft structure, budget and the technical assistance requirements for the truth seeking commission. This will form the basis for discussion with bilateral and multilateral donors.</p> <p>b) Proposed truth seeking commission concept approved by Cabinet</p>	<p>January 2017</p> <p>February 2017</p>
<p>6. Concept note on accountability mechanism is submitted to cabinet</p>	<p>a) SCG facilitates bilateral contacts (i.e. south-south agreements) and drafts MOUs between GOSL and bilateral partners and regional organisations (i.e. Commonwealth) to support capacity building on forensics, prosecutions, defence and adjudication of war crimes and crimes against humanity.</p> <p>b) South to South technical dialogue on prosecutorial strategies and judicial capacity on IHL and human rights law is commenced</p> <p>c) South to South technical assistance to build forensics capacity is commenced. SCG facilitates bilateral contacts and drafts MOU between GOSL and bilateral partners.</p> <p>d) Model for accountability mechanism concept note, with linkages to other mechanisms and institutions is presented to Cabinet. The note incorporates relevant CTF recommendations. The note will also consider funding arrangements.</p> <p>e) A proactive communication strategy to engage all parts of the country on this issue is developed.</p>	<p>November 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>January 2017</p> <p>April 2017</p> <p>April onwards</p>

NATIONAL SURVEY

(SHOW CARD 1) EDUCATION CARD

1. Could you please look at this card and tell me the highest level of education that you have obtained?

No education	01
Pre school / initial education (upto grade 2)	02
Grade 3 – 5	03
Grade 6 – 10	04
Passed GCE Ordinary Level	05
Passed GCE (O/L) but below A/L	06
Passed GCE Advanced Level	07
Passed A/L and above but below degree	08
Graduate/Post graduate	09
Professional	10
Others (specify) _____	11

2. **[SHOW CARD 2]** Can you tell me in which economic activity you are involved in? Are you working now, a student, retired, a housewife etc.?

Employee -Government	01
Employee -Semi government	02
Employee -Private Sector	03
Employee -Cooperative sector	04
Employer	05
Own account worker /self employed	06
Unpaid family worker	07
Unemployed	08
Student –University students	09
Student – Other students	10
Household work (House wife)	11
Retired / cannot work	12
Other	13

3. Generally speaking, do you think things in Sri Lanka today are going in the right direction, or do you think they are going in the wrong direction?

Right direction	1
Wrong direction	2
Some in right, some in wrong direction	3
Don't know/Can't say/ Refused to answer	9

4. Thinking about the current national Government how would you rate its overall job performance? Would you say that it is doing a very good job, a somewhat good job, a somewhat bad job or a very bad job?

Very good job	1
Somewhat good job	2
Somewhat bad job	3
Very bad job	4
Neither good nor bad (VOL)	5
Too soon to tell (VOL)	6
Don't know/Can't say / Refused (VOL)	9

13. **SHOW CARD 10** Please tell me if you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE with each of the statements which I am going to readout about the current national government. I would like to remind you that there are no right or wrong answers and we are only looking for your personal opinion. **[READ EACH STATEMENT]** Do you agree or disagree with that statement? **[Follow up:]** Do you strongly or somewhat AGREE/DISAGREE? **SHOW CARD: NEITHER/REFUSED/DK/CS SHOULD NOT APPEAR**
SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT

ROTATE	Strongly Agree	Some what Agree	Some what Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree (VOL)	Refused (VOL)	Don't Know/ Can't say (VOL)
1. The relationship between the Tamil and Sinhalese communities is improving since the current government has taken office	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
2. The relationship between the Muslim and Sinhalese communities is improving since the current government has taken office	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
3. The current government is effective	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
4. The current government is strong	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
5. The current government is trustworthy	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

14. **SHOW CARD 11** Who are your closest friends? Are they ALL from your ethnic-religious group, MOSTLY from your ethnic-religious group, MIXED ethnic-religious groups, MOSTLY OTHER ethnic-religious groups, or ALL from OTHER ethnic-religious groups?

ALL from MY ethnic-religious group	1
MOSTLY from My ethnic-religious group	2
Mixed ethnic-religious group	3
MOSTLY OTHER ethnic-religious group	4
ALL OTHER ethnic-religious group	5
Don't know/can't say/refused	9

15. **SHOW CARD 12** Please tell me if you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE with each of the statements which I am going to readout. I would like to remind you that there are no right or wrong answers and we are only looking for your personal opinion. **[READ EACH STATEMENT]** Do you agree or disagree with that statement? **[Follow up:]** Do you strongly or somewhat AGREE/DISAGREE? **SHOW CARD:** NEITHER/REFUSED/DK/CS SHOULD NOT APPEAR **SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT**

ROTATE	Strongly Agree	Some what Agree	Some what Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree (VOL)	Refused (VOL)	Don't Know/ Can't say (VOL)
1. I understand the ways and customs of other ethnic-religious groups.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
2. Most people feel free to express their religious opinions in this area.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
3. The religion that I practice is increasingly disrespected in Sri Lanka.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
4. People of other ethnic-religious groups are just as trustworthy as those from my group.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
5. Integrated schools will improve ethnic-religious relations.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
6. Ethnic conflict can be solved within the framework of a united Sri Lanka	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
7. I would like to volunteer for peacebuilding efforts	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

16. **SHOW CARD 13** Please tell me if you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE with each of the statements which I am going to read out. I would like to remind you that there are no right or wrong answers and we are only looking for your personal opinion. **[READ EACH STATEMENT]** Do you agree or disagree with that statement? **[Follow up:]** Do you strongly or somewhat AGREE/DISAGREE? **SHOW CARD:** NEITHER/REFUSED/DK/CS SHOULD NOT APPEAR **SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT**

ROTATE	Strongly Agree	Some what Agree	Some what Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree (VOL)	Refused (VOL)	Don't Know/ Can't say (VOL)
1. It is sometimes necessary to use violence to make a point or be heard	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
2. Violence is acceptable to punish those whose actions offend my religious values	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
3. Violence is acceptable to uphold moral standards	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
4. Extremist religious views lead to violence	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
5. Leaders of my religion sometimes condone violence	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
6. Violence is acceptable if government does not meet my expectations	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
7. Sri Lanka today is a society divided along ethnic-religious lines	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
8. Some members of my ethnic community could be responsible for human rights violations or war crimes	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
9. Serious crimes were committed by all sides during the conflict	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

17. **SHOW CARD 14** There is a lot of discussion about reconciliation in Sri Lanka. How well do you feel you understand what this term means? Do you understand reconciliation VERY WELL, SOMEWHAT WELL, NOT VERY WELL or NOT AT ALL? **[SHOW CARD]**

Understand reconciliation VERY WELL	1
Understand reconciliation SOMEWHAT WELL	2
Do NOT understand reconciliation very well	3
Do NOT understand reconciliation at all	4
Refused (VOL)	8
Don't know/Can't say (VOL)	9

18. **SHOW CARD 15** Some people have started to use the phrase transitional justice in Sri Lanka. How well do you feel you understand what this term means? Do you understand transitional justice VERY WELL, SOMEWHAT WELL, NOT VERY WELL or NOT AT ALL? **[SHOW CARD]**

Understand transitional justice VERY WELL	1
Understand transitional justice SOMEWHAT WELL	2
Do NOT understand transitional justice very well	3
Do NOT understand transitional justice at all	4
Refused (VOL)	8
Don't know/Can't say (VOL)	9

19. **SHOW CARD 16** There is a lot of discussion about what Sri Lanka needs to do to move forward after conflict to ensure lasting peace. Please tell me how important you think each of these actions is for the country. **SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT, ROTATE** How important is it to **[INTERVIEWER READ EACH STATEMENT]** to ensure lasting peace? **[Follow up:]** Is it very important, somewhat important, not very important or not important at all?

Action [Rotate]	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know/ Can't say/ Refused
1. Encourage communities to interact more across ethnic lines	1	2	3	4	9
2. Address pain and suffering of victims of conflict bring healing to survivors	1	2	3	4	9
3. Ensure a fair power-sharing arrangement	1	2	3	4	9
4. Find a common vision for the country	1	2	3	4	9
5. Learn the truth about the fate of all missing persons from the conflict.	1	2	3	4	9
6. Disclose the truth about all gross human rights violations	1	2	3	4	9

20. **SHOW CARD 17** Please tell me if you STRONGLY AGREE, SOMEWHAT AGREE, SOMEWHAT DISAGREE OR STRONGLY DISAGREE with each of the statements which I am going to readout. I would like to remind you that there are no right or wrong answers and we are only looking for your personal opinion. **[READ EACH STATEMENT]** Do you agree or disagree with that statement? **[Follow up:]** Do you strongly or somewhat AGREE/DISAGREE? **SHOW CARD: NEITHER/REFUSED/DK/CS SHOULD NOT APPEAR SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT**

ROTATE	Strongly Agree	Some what Agree	Some what Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree (VOL)	Re fused (VOL)	Don't Know/ Can't say (VOL)
1. Sri Lanka is ready for constitutional reforms that address minority concerns about power sharing	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
2. Sri Lanka is ready for constitutional reforms that limit executive powers of the president	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
3. A federal system of government can work in Sri Lanka	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
4. The government is including minority communities in decision-making	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
5. The government is including the opposition in decision-making	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
6. The North and the East should be merged into one province	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
7. The 13 th Amendment to the Constitution should be fully implemented	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

21. **[SHOWCARD 18]** Do you agree or disagree with taking the actions that I am going to read out in Sri Lanka? Do you agree or disagree with
[INTERVIEWER READ EACH STATEMENT] in Sri Lanka? **[Follow up:]** Do you strongly or somewhat AGREE/DISAGREE? **SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT**

ROTATE	Strongly Agree	Some what Agree	Some what Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree (VOL)	Refused (VOL)	Don't Know/ Can't say (VOL)
1. Giving more power to provincial councils	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
2. Teaching both Sinhala and Tamil in all Sri Lanka schools.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
3. Setting up a Truth Commission to investigate human rights violations	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
4. Setting up a judicial mechanism with foreign judges to prosecute human rights violations	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
5. Releasing land occupied by the military	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
6. Offering amnesty to those who hurt others during the war	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
7. Scaling back the military presence in the northern and eastern provinces.	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
8. Giving government reparations to those affected by the war	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
9. Memorializing lives lost in the conflict	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
10. Implementing a tri-lingual (Sinhala, Tamil, English) language policy	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
11. Directly electing members of parliament for each electorate	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
12. Providing psychological/social counseling to victims of conflict	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
13. Repealing the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA)	1	2	3	4	5	8	9
14. Punishing all perpetrators of gross violations of human rights	1	2	3	4	5	8	9

22. **SHOW CARD 19** How much of barrier to ensuring lasting peace in Sri Lanka is each of the aspects that I am going to read out? **SHOW CARD FOR EACH STATEMENT**

ROTATE	Major barrier	Moderate barrier	Low barrier	Not a barrier	Don't know/Can't say/Refused
1. Socio-economic status	1	2	3	4	5
2. Political parties	1	2	3	4	5
3. Ethnicity	1	2	3	4	5
4. Religion	1	2	3	4	5
5. Language	1	2	3	4	5
6. Province	1	2	3	4	5
7. Education	1	2	3	4	5
8. Western countries	1	2	3	4	5
9. U.N.	1	2	3	4	5
10. India	1	2	3	4	5

23. **SHOW CARD 20** For statistical purposes only, could you please look at this card and tell me which category describes best your average total family monthly income from all the sources.

Below Rs 3,000	01
Rs. 3,001-Rs 6,000	02
Rs. 6,001-Rs 9,000	03
Rs. 9,001-Rs12,000	04
Rs. 12,001-Rs 15,000	05
Rs. 15,001-Rs 25,000	06
Rs 25,001-Rs 35,000	07
Rs 35,001-Rs 45,000	08
Rs 45,001-Rs 60,000	09
Rs 60,001-Rs 75,000	10
Rs 75,001-Rs 90,000	11
Rs 90,001-Rs 100,000	12
Above Rs 100,001	13
Refused to answer	98
Don't know/Can't say	99

24. Do you own or have access to a working mobile phone?

Yes, own a mobile phone	1
Have access to mobile phone	2
No, do not own/have access to mobile phone	3
DK/can't say/refused	9

25. Which languages are you comfortable conversing in? [**Circle all that apply; Do not ask about language of interview**] (**Multiple Answers MA**)

Sinhala	1
Tamil	2
English	3
Other (Specify) _____	4
Refused	8
Done know/ Cant say	9

26. **SHOW CARD 21** If anybody asks you what your ethnicity is, what would you say?

Sinhalese	1
Sri Lankan Tamil	2
Indian Tamil	3
Sri Lankan Moor	4
Burgher	5
Malay	6
Chetty	7
Bharatha	8
Other (specify) _____	9

27. If anybody asks you what your religion is, what would you say?

Buddhism	1
Hinduism	2
Islam	3
Roman Catholicism	4
Other Christianity	5
Other (specify) _____	6
None	9