



HLP WG MEETING
SHELTER, LAND & SITE COORDINATION SECTOR
SRI LANKA

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3 SCENARIOS

- 1. Urban/peri-urban** (Colombo, Gampaha, secondary cities): dense informal settlements, urban regeneration pressures, rental housing, state/private land complexity
- 2. Rural/reservation areas** (river basins, NBRO red zones, state land): buffer zones, environmental restrictions, agricultural livelihoods, flood-prone village patterns
- 3. Tea plantation areas** (Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Kegalle): estate line housing, plantation company land, worker rights vs land ownership, landslide risks



3 CONTEXTS / SCENARIOS

Geography	Deliverable	Purpose
Urban	Beneficiary selection criteria for urban/peri-urban repair schemes	Clarify eligibility for tenants, informal occupants, renters
Rural	Options matrix for river basin/reservation area relocation	Safe land options + livelihood preservation
Tea estates	Eligibility rights for estate line housing: repair vs relocation decisions	Balance equity in the Gov assistance + pathways to ensure both transitional and durable shelter/housing



THE WAY OF WORKING: 2 WORKSTREAMS

- **Workstream 1: Framing guidance + most pressing HLP deliverables (20 min)**
- **Lead:** [Gowthaman, Aziza, Rasika] / CSO Collective, UN-Habitat, expert land rights.
Scope: Support drafting of immediate, high-priority products for caseloads needing urgent HLP clarity.
- **Workstream 2: Documentation & referral pathways (20 min)**
- **Co-leads:** CRS + IOM (Antony and Angela/ Sushil)
- Other key partners: TBC
- **Scope:** Develop a **practical guidance note** on required documentation + clear referral pathways.

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