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Empowerment Program Intended for the Victims of the Recent Disaster

This is with regards to Circular Number 08/2025 released on 2025/12/05 pertaining to the emergency situation that arose due to the adverse weather conditions caused by the “Ditwah” cyclone.

The Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) acknowledges and appreciates the circular and has observed that the circular is intended to rapidly reinstate the livelihoods of people in affected areas while covering a wide range of persons and sectors. However, The HRCSL has identified that this circular has not given the necessary weightage and attention to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

It must be acknowledged that PWDs have a different set of unique needs and requirements. PWDs face a wider range of difficulties including accessible housing and sanitary requirements which entail higher expenses. Therefore, we kindly request to amend the circular while taking into consideration the needs of PWDs when providing aid to individuals and households that include PWDs.

Please note that we write in accordance with the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka Act No. 21 of 1996.



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