



**PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND TRAINING
DIVISION
NDDCB SRI LANKA**

URC RECOVERY ALLIES

The URC -Recovery Allies curriculum is an opportunity to help 18 people of NDDCB as another great gift received by Sri Lanka through the Colombo Plan Drug Adversary Program (DAP) at the time of great influence. The 18 people who completed this course received global certification and their responsibility was to deliver and train the URC Recovery Allies curriculum to the appropriate professionals in Sri Lanka.

The Preventive Education and Training Division of NDDCB was able to train a group of 38 people at the Senapura Treatment and Rehabilitation Center in a five-day training workshop from 11th to 15th August 2024. The Senapura Center belongs to the Rehabilitation Bureau, the largest government agency in Sri Lanka which manages drug treatment and rehabilitation activities in Sri Lanka. Annually, more than 1500 substance use disorder persons are

rehabilitated and reintegrated into society. The staff currently consists of graduates and ordinary civilians and more than 100 staff are engaged in treatment, rehabilitation and recovery management in Kandakadu, Senapura and Vavuniya centers run by the Rehabilitation Bureau.

The training was conducted by Pradeep Kumara Koholanegedara, Assistant Director Preventive Education and Training Division and in the same division Supun Udana, Sudara Priyanath and Assistant Education Officers Danushka Sampath. Recovery Allies has undergone training as part of the curriculum and hopes to undergo their international certification in the near future.

The specialty of this five-day training is that all the 38 people who underwent the training are leading their efforts for the long-term care of clients. They lead aftercare activities in all districts of the island and prepare and implement aftercare plans for clients.

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The above-mentioned participants completed the five-day URC Allies course with great enthusiasm and full participation within the five-day period.

The labs of this course are ready to appear for the URC pencil exam which will be held in Sri Lanka in the coming days and all of them will get clinical experience The total

course time limit was 40 hours and it was possible to complete all the modules included in URC with the specified time and to complete all the small group exercises, large group exercises, participatory presentations and teach back sessions included in those modules without missing any time.

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