



NEWRI Community Development (NEWRIComm)

Kandy Lake, Sri Lanka
Gift of Water ~ Flow of Hope



Introduction of Lien Environmental Fellowship (LEF)

The LEF Model

LEF CHAMPION

Key interface from ideation
to application of solutions



NEWRIComm-LEF

Incubator for innovative solutions,
tapping on NEWRI's strong
environment and water technologies

LEF STAKEHOLDERS

Network of local partners
for holistic solutions

- Government
- Community
- Schools

Widened reach of solutions
to locations with similar issues

Funded by the Lien Foundation, LEF since 2010 has benefited more than a million people through better water access and sanitation, access to know-how, and capacity building.

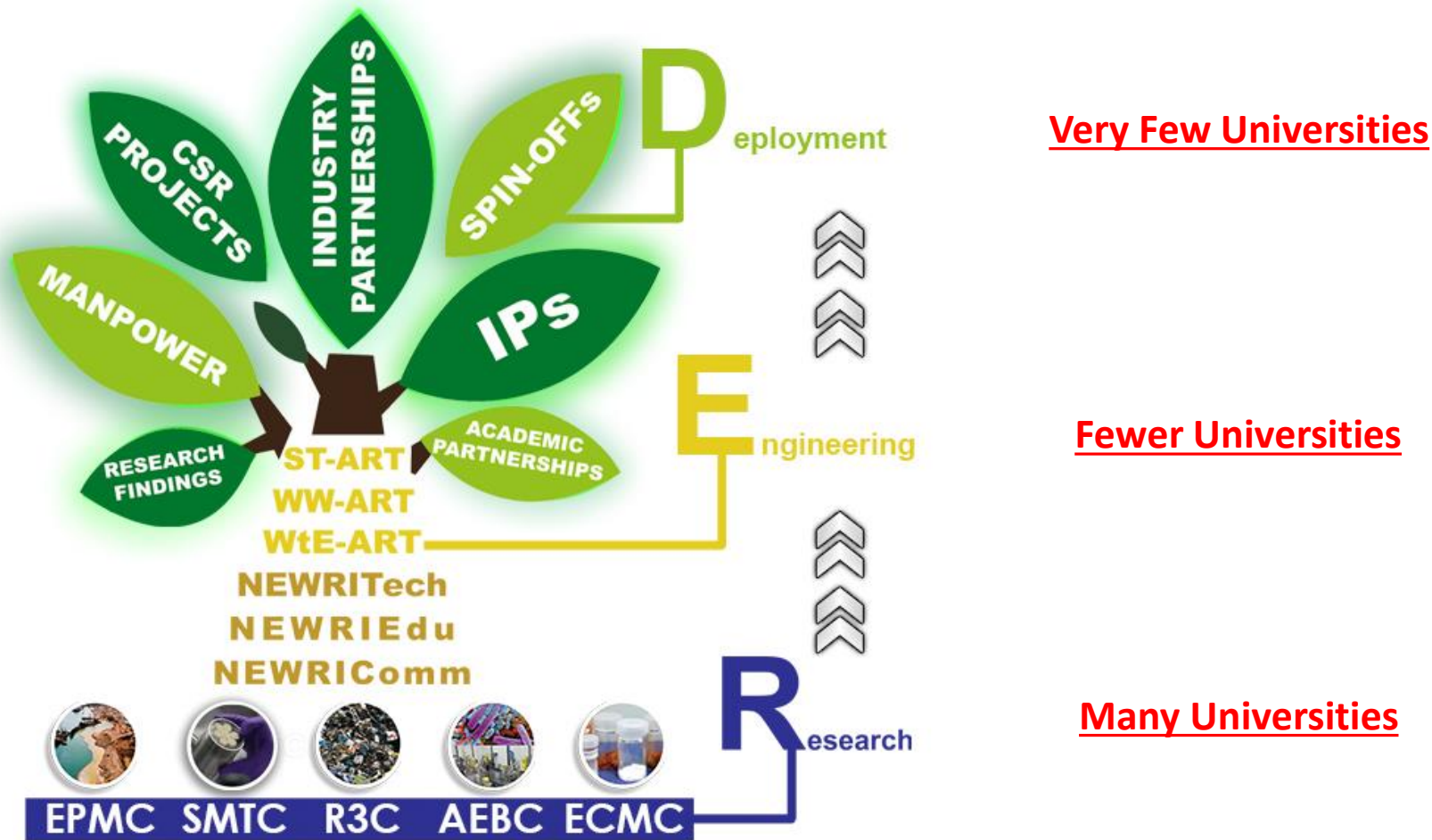
Projects generally consist of three consecutive phases:

- Fellowship (4 – 6 months),
- Implementation (12 months), and
- Monitoring (6 – 12 months)

The following activities in its community projects are tackled :

- a) Assessment of needs;
- b) Assessment of in-situ constraints – economic, cultural, and technical capabilities;
- c) Determination of possible package of solutions – technical and non-technical;
- d) Determining and building an appropriate “business” model to ensure project sustainability;
- e) Project implementation;
- f) Training and broadening education with the implemented facility serving as demonstration;
- g) Encouraging ownership and “informed copying”.

NEWRI – Implementation Arm of LEF

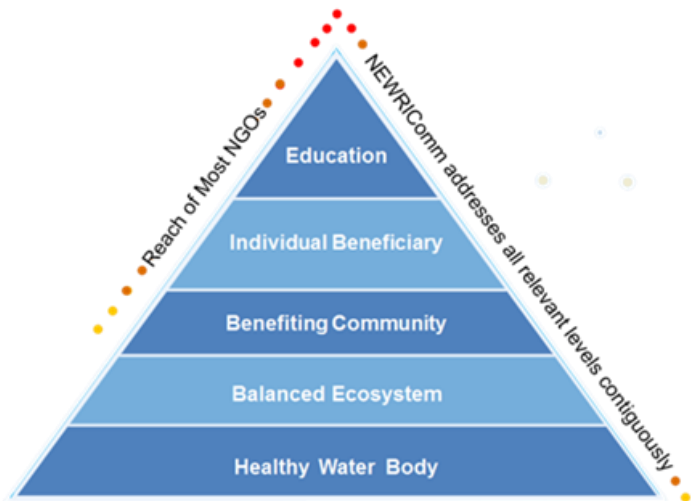


NEWRI's senior members – Profs Anthony G Fane, Wang Rong & Ng Wun Jern identified as the top 25 environmental engineering thought leaders globally.

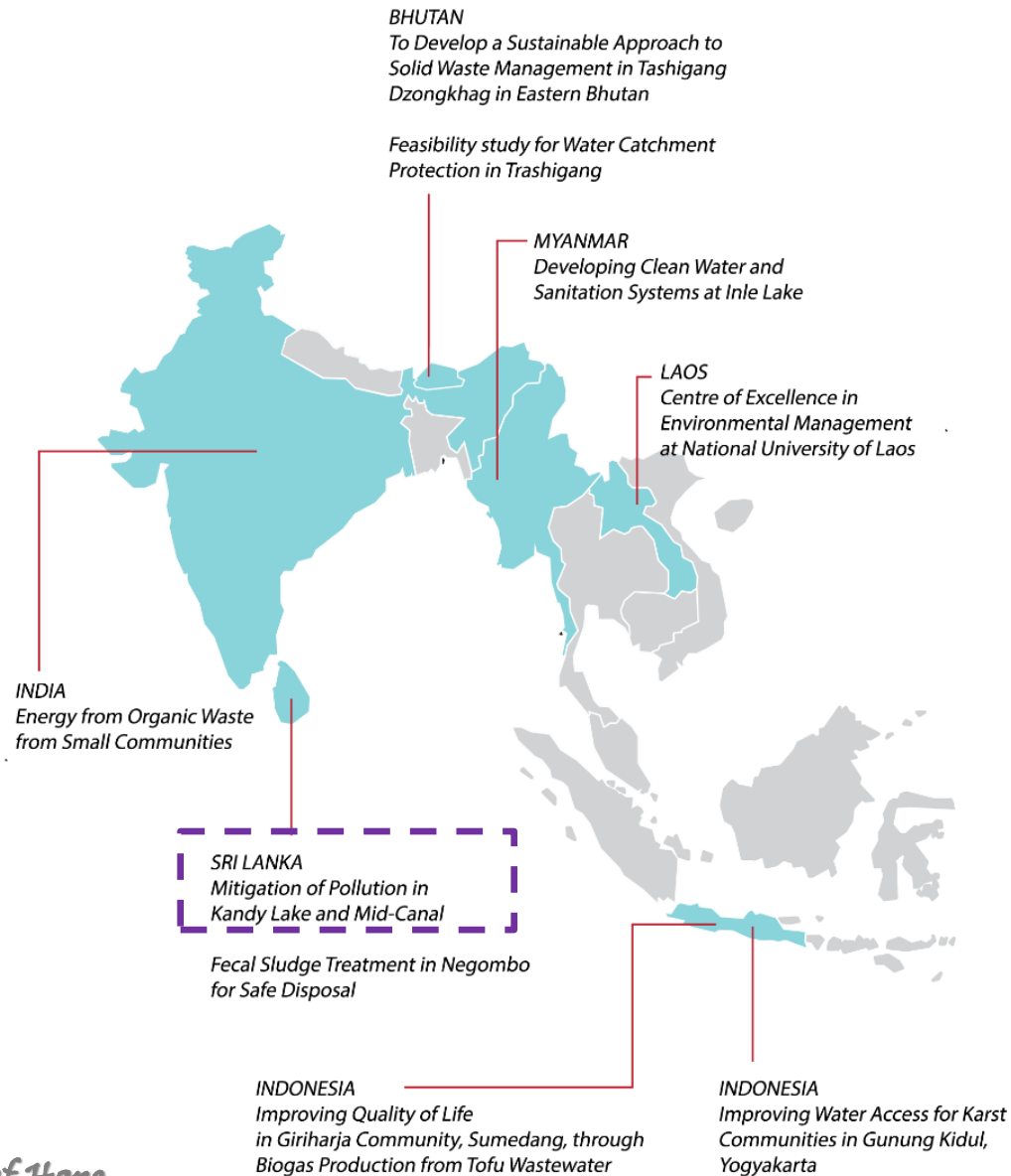
NEWRI identified by Lux Research (2013) as being among the 9 notable research organizations globally.

What Does NEWRIComm Do?

1. **Improving** access to good water and sanitation;
2. **Educating:**
 - The ‘train-the-trainer’ approach, across age groups, education levels, and social strata;
 - for sense of ownership;
 - for strong support network for project continuity and “informed copying”;
3. **Ensuring** better environmental sustainability:
 - the **systems approach**.



- The NEWRIComm philosophy **does not encourage** the donation of only devices and counting direct beneficiaries in projects.
- It **articulates the sharing of responsibilities** among the “receiving” partner, a local partner capable of absorbing the knowhow, the local government, and NEWRI.



Track record : LEF from 2010 – to date

Completed Projects – KANDY LAKE, SRI LANKA

- **Context:** Kandy City has a population of about 220,000 (of which 100,000 are transient). With a population density ranging from 3,800-8,400 people/km² -- the need for sewage and waste treatment competes with space availability and rapid growth. The city is located in the central highlands, from which water runs to the Mahaweli River, a major water source for Sri Lanka.
- **Immediate beneficiaries:** 220,000 residents + transient population in Kandy City
- **Solution deployed:** Treatment at source + interception + education
- **Partners:** University of Peradeniya, Kandy Irrigation Dept., Sri Dalada Maligawa, National Water Supply & Drainage Board

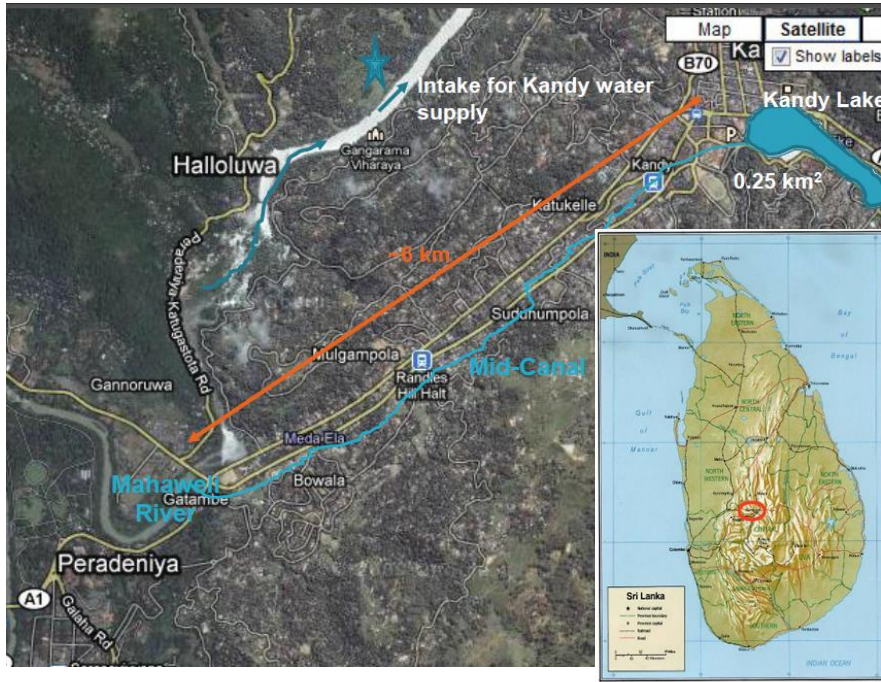
Significance of Kandy City & Kandy Lake

Kandy City:

- Capital of hill country
- 2nd biggest city
- UNESCO Heritage site
- Mahaweli River catchment

Kandy Lake:

- Landmark at Kandy City centre
- Tourist attraction
- Next to Sri Dalada Maligawa- Buddhist pilgrimage destination & national treasure



1. Improved living environment and sanitation:

- No cases of fish death;
- Dalada Maligawa had not needed gully bowers to remove wastewater.

2. Facilities well maintained by community post-handover:

- New Canna flower species from Peradeniya botanic garden introduced for the floating wetlands.

3. Increased awareness of need for sanitation and conservation:

- Fish feeding has stopped, and signboards advising visitors not to litter have been put up.

4. Human resource development:

Many students continued to work in environment & water domain.



“We had an advantage from [the project], as we learned how to work directly with the community”

–Ms HMWAP Premarathne, UOP graduate

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