

## Annex 4: Newspaper clipping published in Newspapers about project activities

*Article 1: National advocacy event focused on the Land Issue faced by the war affected families in Anuradhapura District published in Ceylon Today on 27 March 2019*

# DISPLACED VILLAGERS OF A'PURA THEY STRUGGLE TO GET BACK THEIR HOMES

LEGAL DOCUMENTS PROVING OWNERSHIP MISSING

By KALANA KRISHANTHA

Villagers of Anuradhapura, who faced the threats of war and fled their homes are now facing difficulties in connection with their ownership of the lands to which they seek to return to, the Women's Conference of Anuradhapura said.

Addressing a seminar on Transitional Justice, organised by the National

Women's Platform, which was held yesterday (26) in Colombo, a Representative of the Organisation, K. Rajapaksha added that basically the legal documents related to lands were not available currently with the original owners of the lands. "Legal documents are not available, so, they are being occupied illegally by others while the

original owners are helpless." She further added that some lands have also become a part of large forest reserves.

"During wartime, forest undergrowth spread into the vacated lands. So much so, the Wildlife Department has nominated those as forest sanctuaries."

She added that lands which had

been used for chena cultivation have now become forest lands.

Rajapaksha further added that there were issues related to the livelihoods of people.

"People had their traditional livelihoods and they lost all these due to the 30-year-long war which prevailed until 2009," she said.

*Article 2: Women's Participation in TJR process in Sri Lanka at National Advocacy event publishes in Ceylon Today on 27 March 2019*

## Reconciliation Process Women participation needed — HIO

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The participation of women in the Sri Lankan transitional justice process has been relatively low, Project Manager of the Humanity and Inclusion Organisation (HIO), Gayani Meegamananage said. Participating in a seminar related to the transitional justice process held yesterday (26) in Colombo, she noted that women were suffering more than men after the 30-year long civil war. "In the civil war, both men and women faced similar difficult conditions. But after the end of the war, women have been suffering more than men due to the socio-economic conditions." "There is no proper opportunity for women to engage in the reconciliation process." She added

She emphasised that to establish long-lasting sustainable peace, involvement of women is required for the reconciliation process.

**Article 3: Advocacy actions implemented by the Jaffna Women's Federation by demanding the government to provide benefits for the Missing Persons Families published in Uthayan on 1 April 2019**



**Article 4: Handing over an advocacy recommendations on Livelihood issues of the war affected women to the political authority published by Veerakesari on 2 April 2019**

