

Walawe Banana Project

Udawalawa project of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka has the largest irrigated banana cultivation in Sri Lanka. The main objective of the joint development program is to promote high quality banana for both local and export markets.

A major constraint that prevented the market expansion of Sri Lankan specialty bananas was poor quality, which is highly associated with the supply of planting material for cultivation. In view of this the joint project for banana development has initiated action to select and multiply quality planting material for farmers in the target area. In this regard a tissue culture laboratory with modern facilities has been established in the proximity of the target location. The planting material issued is guaranteed of uniform fruit quality and are free from disease and capable of giving higher yields than normal planting materials obtained from the local area.

This has been proved by the farmers themselves and presently the demand for tissue culture banana is rising significantly. We are proud to announce that our joint effort is blooming with an extent of 4000 ha of quality bananas being cultivated under irrigation. Other major success story is this extent comprises more than 7000 farmer families and additionally providing employment to more 1000 people in the vicinity and outside. They are miracle fruit and continue to do miracles with small farmer groups in the Walawe region. Why not share this miracle experience by linking directly with the producers.

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