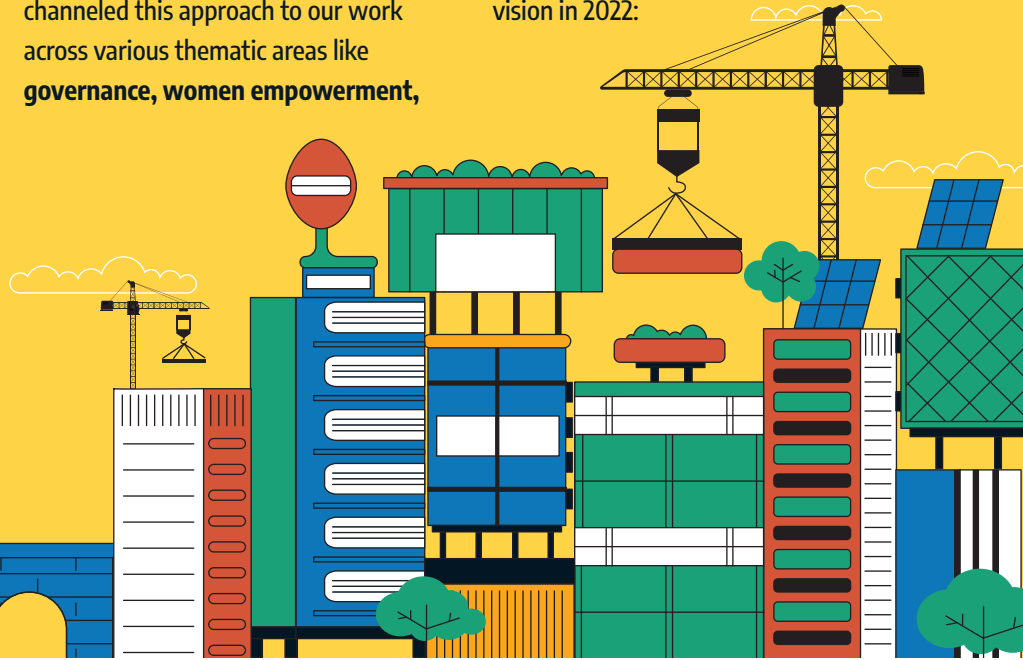


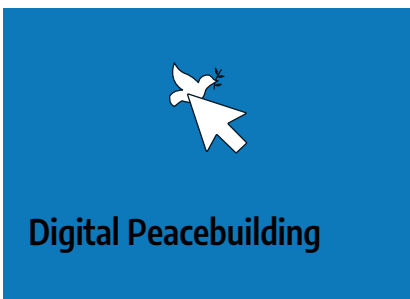
Hi! We're **peacebuilders** in Sri Lanka who are a part of the **world's largest locally-rooted peacebuilding organization**. Others like us are working across **33 countries** to change the way the world deals with conflict. We believe that conflict is natural, but violence is always avoidable. In our 40 years of working in the world's most intense conflict-zones we have learned that finding common ground takes trust, collaboration, and eventually results in breakthroughs for various

parties in conflict. Search Sri Lanka has been in action since 2011, adopting the same understanding to bring conflicting parties together. We have channeled this approach to our work across various thematic areas like **governance, women empowerment,**

**youth empowerment and pioneering new fronts like digital peacebuilding.** Here's how we got creative, stayed resilient, and pushed towards our vision in 2022:



## We worked in 3 thematic clusters:



## Across:

### 6 provinces:

Eastern, Western, Northern, North Central, North Western, and Central.

### 7 Districts:

Badulla, Ampara, Jaffna, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Mannar, Batticaloa, Colombo

### 16 Villages and with over 31 local government bodies



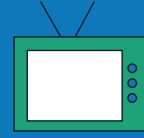
## To reach:



**2,526 people**  
who participated in  
project activities



**1,100,000**  
Radio listeners



**1,250,000**  
TV Viewers



**397,383 Social Media users** through our pages and **over 423,000 unique social media users** through our campaigns which also got **134,594 reactions** and **251,628 views**.

Despite the economic and political crisis in the country which resulted in fuel and food shortages, Search Sri Lanka implemented 236 Key Activities within projects:

## Social Cohesion:

### Women's Voices in Decision Making Spaces:



Worked with the Grameen Foundation and 4 partners- Affected Women's Forum Ampara, Centre for Women and Development Jaffna, Women Development Centre Badulla, Women's Resource Centre Kurunegala to establish a network of **16 Village level WILL (Women in Leadership and Learning) Clubs**. Around 400 Women Economic Leaders, Elected Women Leaders, and Civil Society Organization society organizations are part of this network.



Supported the Women of the WILL Clubs to carry out 48 Community Action Plans and Resource Mapping in consultation with their communities. Women Leaders implemented 35 Citizen's recommendations based on consultations with them. Civil Society Leaders carried out **15 campaigns to promote women's role in political decision making and carried out 27 advocacy campaigns**.

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3 WILL Clubs which are self sustaining spaces for 150 Elected Women Leaders were set up across three districts.

Set-up 3 multi-stakeholder working groups (MSWG) with the support of community leaders to support Women Leaders of the WILL Clubs. These MSWGs contained a diverse group of professionals like journalists, community leaders, and technical specialists on e-commerce, and finance mechanisms.

Worked with Muslim Women's Development Trust (MWDT), Puttalam Muslim Women's Research and Action Forum (MWRAF), Ampara Women's Resource Centre, Kurunegala Sarvodaya Shanthi Sena, Batticaloa to build a network of over 100 Young Women Leaders (YWLs). Cohorts of YWLs from each of the 4 districts experienced exchange visits, knowledge sharing sessions to strengthen their peacebuilding skills.

After a series of training on the Women Peace and Security Agenda, 8 small grants were provided for YWLs to carry out needs assessments and stakeholder mappings in their communities. This was followed by initiatives designed and implemented by the Young Women Leaders.



## Highlights:

75 elected women were appointed to decision making bodies within the local governing bodies.



Community leaders like journalists and Grama Niladharis started thinking positively about women in leaders

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Young Women Leaders carried out small projects long after we ended our project support

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## Religious Leaders as a Powerful Force for Peace:



Search convened 25 religious actors from different religious groups as well as Civil Society Activists to work towards advocacy initiatives aimed at shaping more inclusive national policies.



## Highlights:

Religious leaders and actors came together to produce a series of videos to reduce polarization during the uncertain economic and political climate.

▶ We are the Digital Generation!  
Click here for full video.

▶ Women as Active Citizens.  
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## Digital Peacebuilding:



Conducted and documented consultations with Elected Women Leaders and LGBTQIA ++ community members to understand their requirements and concerns when using the internet.



Produced a framework for monitoring social media to capture how Gendered Online Hate Speech manifests.

Started work on a Learning Management System where over 350 youth will be launched into cyberspace with skills to positively counter hate speech. The youth will also be able to develop their soft skills to improve their careers and have networking spaces with experts and mentors in a variety of professional fields on this platform.

Worked with two partners, Hashtag Generation and Centre for Equality and Justice to strengthen existing response mechanisms and support the innovation of new ones to resolve issues faced by victims, victim survivors, and vulnerable users of the internet. Search also aimed to understand drivers of violence online and proactively prevent hate speech and gendered online hate.



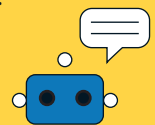
Produced and disseminated a brief fact sheet based on results of monitoring the online space for Gendered Online Hate Speech.



Added 244 words which are now identified as hate speech in a lexicon used by monitoring groups. Working on an evolving lexicon in all three languages used in Sri Lanka.



Started work on a chatbot to teach skills such as active listening, identity, and how to deal with conflict in a non adversarial manner.



## Highlights:

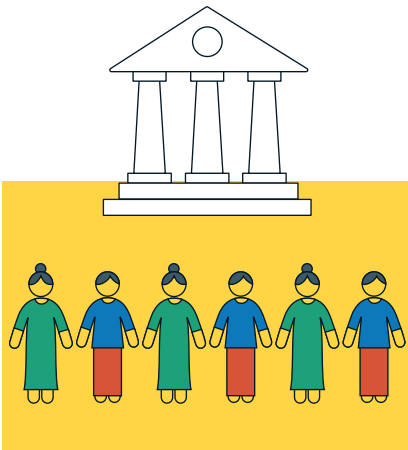
Trained an international pool of digital community stewards. This aimed to enhance their skills and perspectives to foster social cohesion within their digital communities. A Digital Community Stewards Training Toolkit in English was also published to support organizers, facilitators, and trainers on

how to conduct training for digital community stewards on building social cohesion in online communities.



Access the training material here!

## Governance and civic engagement:



In response to the mass protests which erupted around the country Search used social media to advocate for healthy ways of showing dissent. Recognizing that showing dissent is a healthy practice of civic engagement, Search advocated for creative ways of doing this without resorting to violence.



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**Burning vehicles is their game. Not ours.**

We are a non violent generation

## Reporting and accountability:



Search closed 2 projects in 2022 and worked with a total of 12 different donors.

4 new projects commenced, resulting in 10 ongoing projects during the year. One of our donors returned with new funding after successfully closing a project with us.

We produced 3 clean audits as required by projects and scored the highest rank in the Asia Monitoring and Evaluation Protocol Assessment Score within the SFCG network.

# The challenges of 2022 and the road ahead:



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