




Profile







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She has completed her bachelor's Degree in Physical Science at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. She has also worked as a Journalist (Feature Writing-Environment) at Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd (Lake House).

She has inherited the passion for photography from her maternal grandfather who was a great photographer and worked at the Irrigation Department half a decade ago. In her professional career, she gets a lot of opportunities to observe nature and meet people of different kinds. They have led her to capture what she sees as an amateur photographer.

Her photographs were selected among the best 100 in various national competitions held in Sri Lanka.

Theme	Free theme - The unpaid work
	<p>1. Women spend more time doing unpaid domestic work compared to men. She lives in a resettled village in Northern province of Sri Lanka. It is her duty every day to fetch water from a place that is 1km away.</p>
	<p>2. She takes her child to the monthly health clinic which is more than 3 km from her village in Northern Sri Lanka.</p>
	<p>3. She takes care of her grandchild till her daughter comes back from work in an IDP camp in Northern Sri Lanka.</p>
	<p>4. The photo could reflect women's vibrant participation in activism. But the unfortunate truth is, women are considered to be 'free' at home, thus invited for these processions.</p>

	<p>5. When development meetings are held in villages, women do attend while the men being out for paid work. Women are said to be 'free' at home. In many such instances, they won't be in a position to make decisions and just used for the headcounts.</p>
	<p>6. This young mother takes the role of take kids from tuition class to home. Being the soul bread winner of the family she smartly bears the extra burden of unpaid work.</p>
	<p>7. Water has always been a challenge for women. Fetching water consumes a lot of their time. This mother has taken both her kids to have a face wash at the water source to manage her burden. And she cares for the animals too. While she is pressing the pump to provide water to the animals, a boy is just waiting without helping her. It is the reality.</p>
	<p>8. 9. When semi-permanent houses are provided to relocated communities, in most instances, they are with beneficiary contribution and owner driven. As these vulnerable communities do not have access to finance , they contribute by providing labour. And it is the women whose labour is used to build the shelter because men will be gone for paid work to manage the daily expenses of the family.</p>
	
	<p>10. The situation is common in most of the developing countries. This woman is looking after her goats on a hot sunny day in an interior village in Rajasthan, India</p>