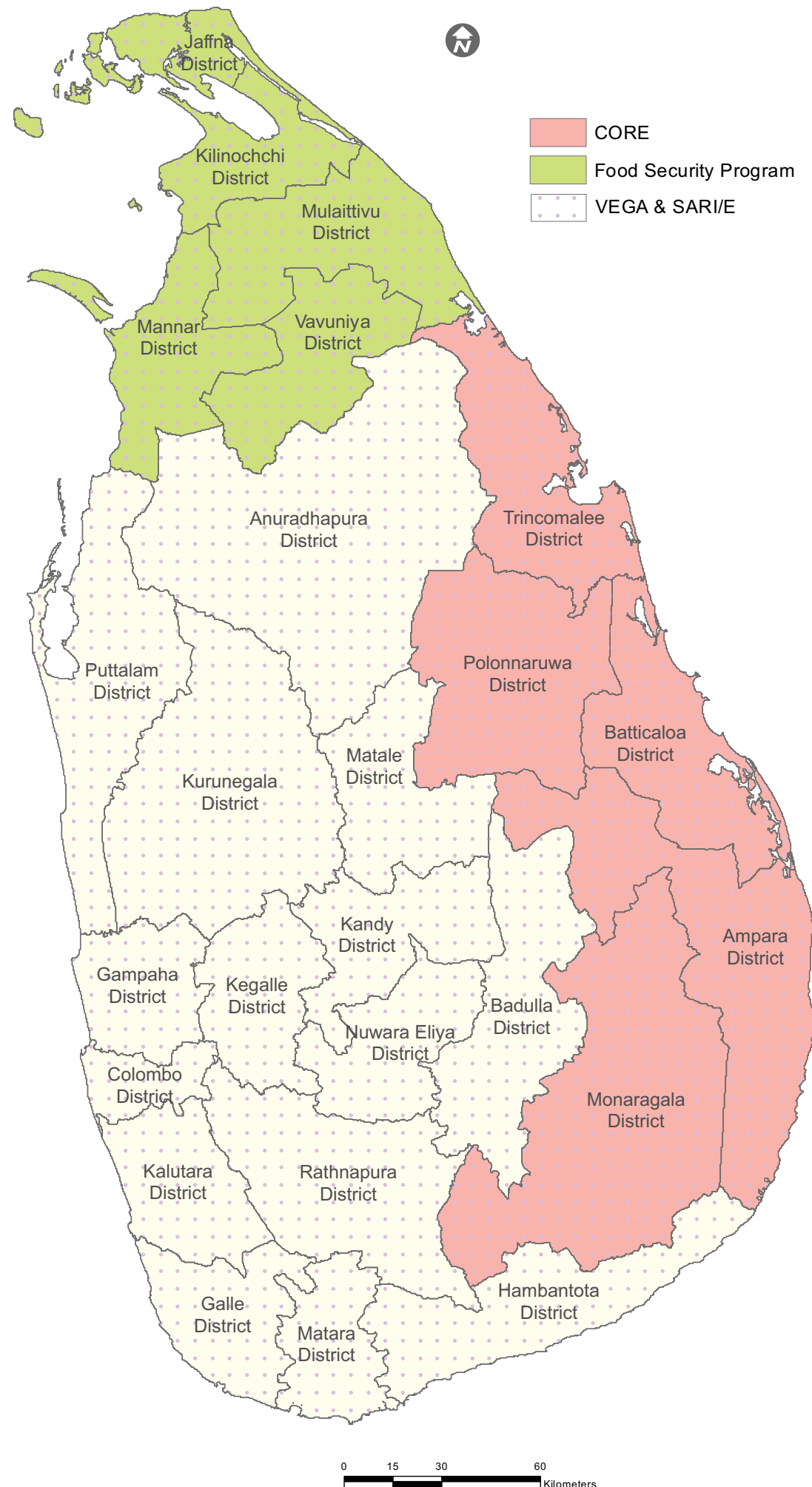


USAID/Sri Lanka – Economic Growth Program

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) supports activities to spur economic growth for all Sri Lankans through assistance primarily to the private sector. USAID strongly believes that the private sector is the engine for economic growth in Sri Lanka.

Building on a successful track record with the private sector, USAID economic growth programs are developing public-private alliances, fostering stability, creating sustainable jobs, and jump-starting much-needed economic growth, particularly in conflict-affected areas.



Connecting Regional Economies (CORE)

USAID links producers in the East with new markets and helps create new jobs, increase the quantity and quality of production, and raise incomes. CORE provides workforce development through training in ICT, apparel, media, tourism, construction and agriculture. In addition, CORE has livelihood, value chain development and policy dialogue components.



Food Security Program

USAID's Food Security Program implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) extends humanitarian assistance to returning Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) of conflict affected families in Northern Province by providing essential agricultural inputs to enhance food security and improve agriculture based income.



Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA)

USAID provides direct, targeted technical assistance and capacity development for local government institutions and private sector organizations. Program achievements are measured by increased private sector employment and business opportunities. VEGA volunteers are recruited from Sri Lanka and internationally.



South Asia Regional Initiative for Energy (SARI/E)

The program promotes energy security in South Asia through three activity areas: cross border trade, energy markets, and clean energy access. SARI/E partnered with the Sustainable Energy Authority to establish the Regional Lighting Center in Colombo.

