

***e*NABLE – ICTs FOR DISEMPOWERED & MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES IN SRI LANKA**

*e*NABLE – is a Project which could serve as a critical enabler for socio economic development, bridging, the gaps between female and male access to information, education, health, and poverty reduction by creating an equitable information society. By implementing the project known as *e*NABLE we are using ICTs for empowerment of disadvantaged citizens, marginalized communities in isolated villages with special focus on women and children.

The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) acting as a facilitator as well as an implementing agency spearheaded a process to serve marginalized communities and people with disabilities.

Primarily the intention was to provide basic telecommunication facilities to these groups of people in remote villages. In Sri Lanka Legislative provisions are available to protect the rights of people with disabilities and senior citizens.

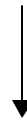
- Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996.
- A Condition in the licenses granted to Fixed Access Service Providers and Cellular Mobile Service Provides.

PAYPHONE FACILITIES



Ranaviru Village – Kosgama

Elders' Home in Matugama





Payphone – Council for the Blind



**Telephone with assistive technology
for hearing impaired students.**

eNABLE Project which is the brain child of Mrs. Pushpa Rénee Amarasiri, Director of Legal Affairs of TRCSL will be implemented in five phases. The first phase of the project was successfully completed in Talawa a remote village in Anuradhapura in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka.



Women helping in the empowerment of other Women



Mrs. Amarasiri explaining in detail the Project to the Hon. Mahinda Rajapakse, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka who ceremonially opened the Rural Information Centre (eNABLE) for Women with Disabilities on the 21st May 2005 at Talawa, Anuradhapura