

Sri Lanka

LOW-COST SUICIDE PREVENTION INTERVENTIONS

Sri Lanka implemented policies to limit access to and availability of pesticides thus reducing deaths by suicide.

1980

Pesticide poisoning accounted for more than

67%
of all suicides
in Sri Lanka

1984

National Pesticide Ban initiated



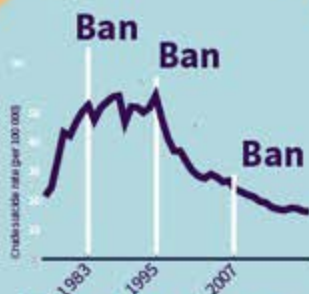
1994

Supportive policies introduced



1995 - 2011

Sri Lanka banned 36 highly hazardous pesticides



70%
drop in the
annual suicide
rate by 2016

93 000
lives saved

US\$ 43
direct
government
cost for each
life saved



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