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ADB grants $50M to tackle lifestyle diseases in Sri Lanka

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The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced a grant and loan package worth $50 million to support Sri Lanka's health care system. Sri Lanka has seen a decline in polio, malaria and filariasis in the past two decades but there has been a rise in non-communicable diseases such as cancer and heart disease, driven by lifestyle changes. This is putting more pressure on the country's health system.

The package will help Sir Lanka provide more responsive health services to provinces that are under-served and also strengthen skills within the sector.

The project will upgrade 135 medical care units and divisional hospitals in four provinces, providing new equipment, emergency treatment, dental and other clinical services. It will also refurbish 127 field health centres and provide equipment and staff training.

The total cost of the project is $60 million of which the ADB is providing a grant of $12.5 million and a concessional loan of $37.5 million.