This planned reservoir by the Department of Irrigation brings benefits to both districts by providing much needed water for the development of 2000 ha of arid lands in Monaragala and industrial and drinking water need for the development of mega city of Hambantota including the Hambantota harbour and Weerawila international air port in addition to 312 Gwh of annual electrical energy needed to the industrial sector.

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