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The programme of rural renewal is very essential for the future development of the early colonization schemes utilising a fresh land use planning approach, due to the lack of planning for the second and third generation of the original allottees. However, during the last 60 years after its implementation, there are pressing socio-economic physical and environmental related problems, which need to be resolved.

Hence this study attempt to formulate a suitable land use planning approach for optimal agricultural and non agricultural production in a sustainable manner on a more scientific and rational basis including a field survey of a selected case study area.

The study has been structured in five Chapters.

The First Chapter describes the categorization of Settlements and its advantages and disadvantages. It has further discussed the settlement structures used for settlement planning in Sri Lanka. Chapter Two mainly deals with the general description of colonization schemes in Sri Lanka and its there relevance to land policies of the pre-colonial, colonial and post colonial periods. Chapter Three consists of the description of socio-economic, physical and environmental background of the selected case study area of the Kagama (Old) Colony. Chapter Four dealt with the constraints and potentials for land use planning in the colonization scheme in Sri Lanka. The final Chapter,

recommendations for land use planning in the colonization schemes in Sri Lanka. The recommendations have been made as short term (up to 03 years) recommendations, and long term (beyond 03 years) recommendations. The short term recommendations have been further divided two categories such as a short term specific recommendations only for case study area, and short term general recommendations applicable to all the colonization schemes in Sri Lanka.

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**OFC** Other Field Crops

**DS** Divisional Secretary

**DSD** Divisional Secretary Division

**NCP** North Central Province

**GN** Grama Niladhari

**GND** Grama Niladhari Division

**LDO** Land Development Ordinance

**LUPPD** Land Use Policy Planning Division

**MI** Maha - Illuppallama

**MASL** Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka

