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## 900,000 + Citizens

## 13 Municipal Councils

















If you are the Authority

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If you are a Citizen

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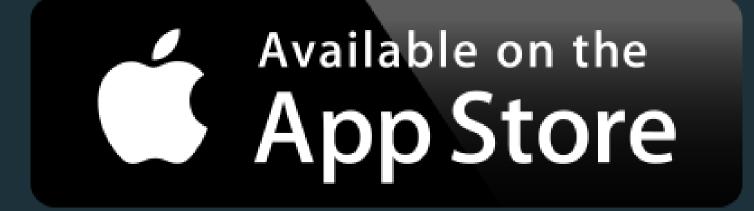


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### BRIDGING THE GAP BEWEEN PEOPLE AND POWER



### "ManKiwwa" is a,

## Service



## What authorities

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Fight	No Electricity	Flood	Landslide	Fallen Tree
5	5	5	5	4
Blown Street Lamp	Illegal Activity	Lost/Missing Person	Dead/Collapsed	Dengue
4	3	2	2	2
Help Me	Broken Water Pipe	Broken Sewage	Blocked Canal	Unrecognized Parcel
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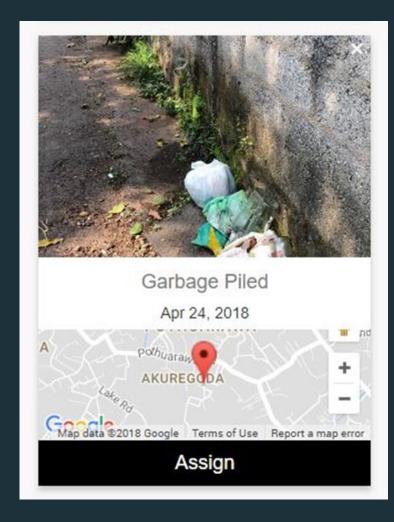
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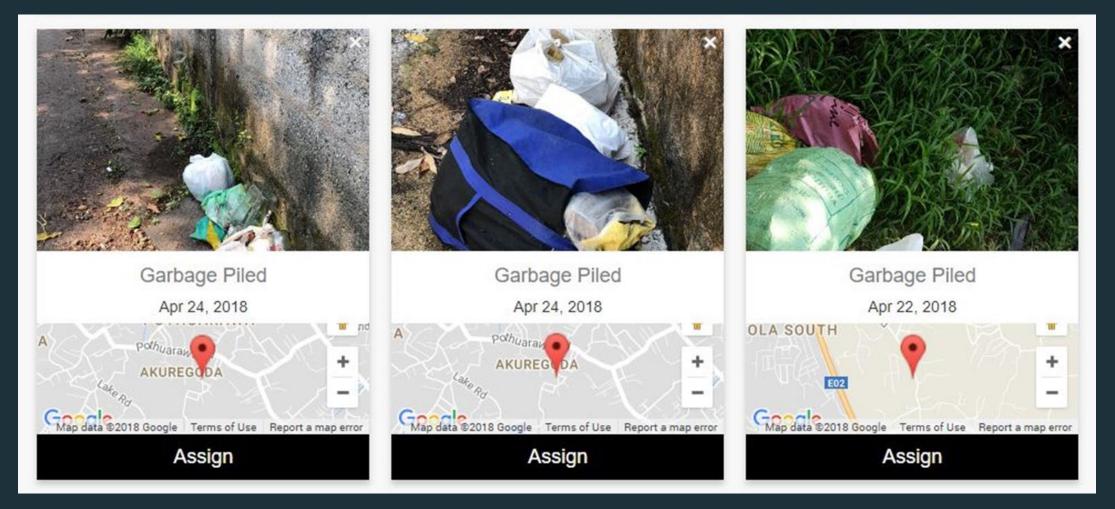
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#### Work Order Form

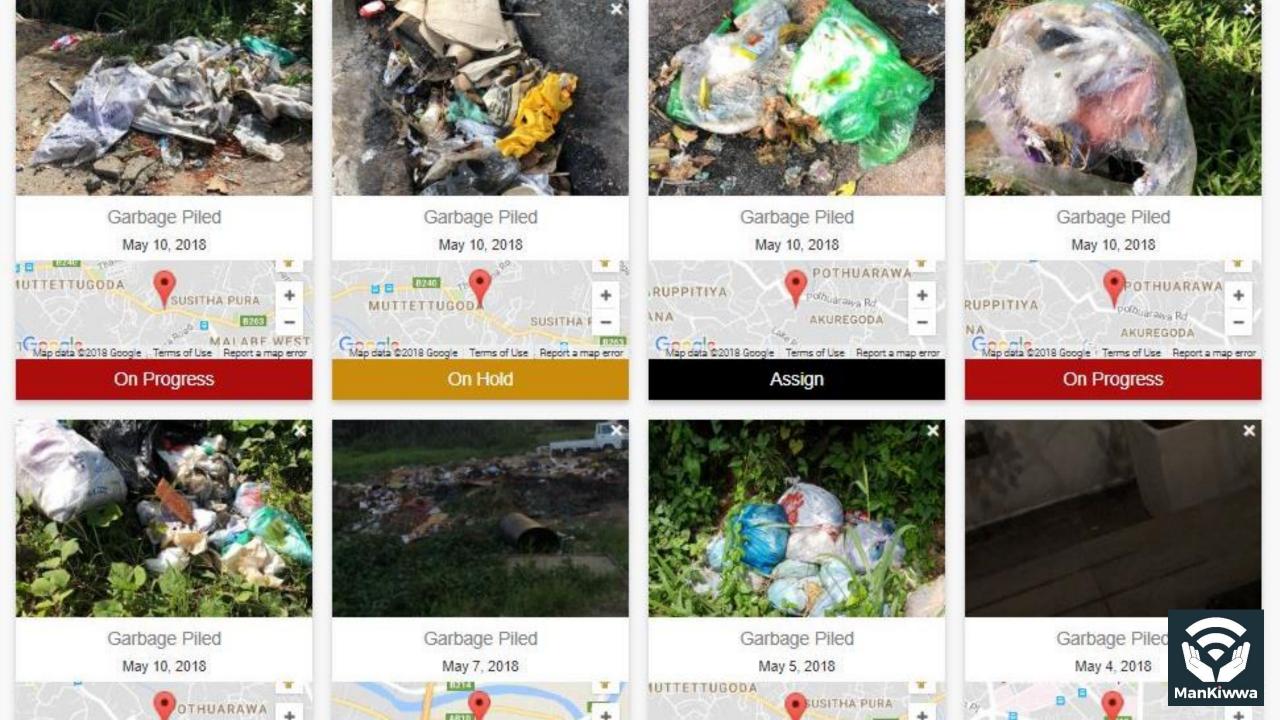






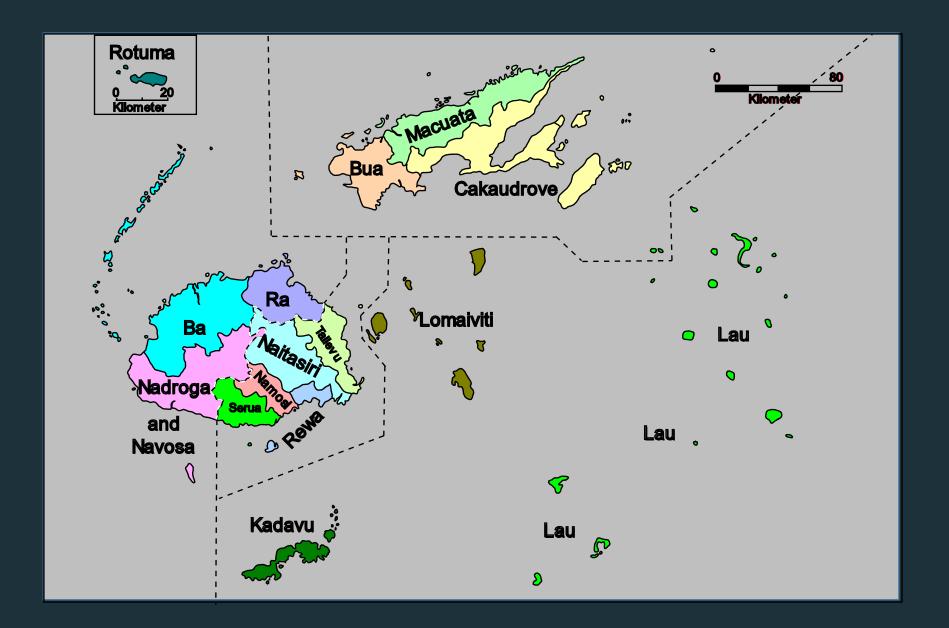
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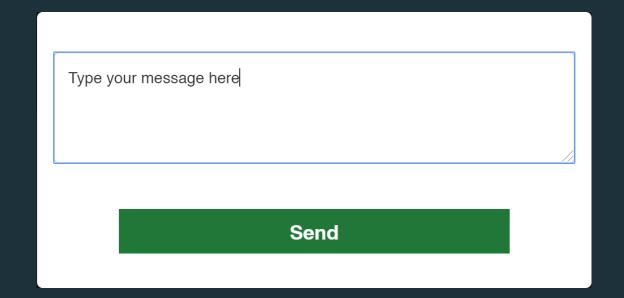














# Report issues from the App









## Help the Authorities Help them back













#### INSIGHT

#### BY UWIN LUGODA

A major breakthrough in the technological field was the introduction of applications. From the very beginning, apps were used to bring convenience and efficiency to people's day-to-day lives, covering a wide scope of areas. This concept, however, was elevated to a whole new level in recent years, as apps were launched for everything from transport to finding a date. But what about an app that not only makes our everyday lives easier, but also fixes the issues we face daily? This is where "ManKiwwa" comes in.

ManKiwwa is one of the latest apps to hit the Sri Lankan market and is one of the few apps that help society move forward as a whole. Local authorities are notoriously slow at repairing or upgrading infrastructure-related issues. While there is a myriad of reasons for this, a primary factor is the inefficiency in raising awareness in a timely and consistent manner. This is due to the lack of communication with the public. The lack of communication on the part of the public can be attributed to not knowing whom these problems should be reported to: with around 342 local authorities spread across Sri Lanka, it is easy to confuse which authority one should reach to seek support. Problems also arise when the

authorities don't receive enough information on the problem, i.e. what is broken and where. The current procedure dictates that although a civilian calls/visits the authority and informs them about the problem, the inability to keep tabs on the situation would eventually lead to it being overlooked.

#### Many solutions in one app

ManKiwwa Founder Shohan Kulasuriya created the app to solve these problems by connecting both the public and local authorities on one platform.

"I got the idea when I saw people post public issues on social media platforms like Facebook, but this isn't the proper solution to the between the authority and the citizen that the problem isn't overlooked,"

## Blocked drains to broken lamps The app that helps fix issues

•ManKiwwa signs up four local authorities in three months

#### REPORT IN THREE SIMPLE STEPS



problem. I feel people are reluctant to go to the authorities and inform them of an issue if it isn't personally affectine them ManKiwwa digitises the process of informing the authorities by directly connecting citizens with the relevant authorities, making it convenient for them to play a role towards the betterment of the country in the long run." Kulasuriya explained.

The system is fully automated requiring zero human involvement. All one has to do is take a picture of the problem, for example a blocked ManKiwwa Founder Shohan Kulasuriya drain or a broken traffic light, select the issue, and send it. Then, the app - a feature soon to be available with automatically geofences the area via the app's next update.

Google Maps after which the app "Sometimes, when an individual sends the information to the closest reports something like a broken lamp relevant authorities. The app also post, there could be a small delay from the authority's side for reasons keeps the reporter anonymous to both the authorities as well as the like not having the particular type of app developers to ensure complete bulb needed at that moment. In that privacy. The citizen will then receive case, the app allows that authority to updates on the status of the problem, message the citizen to inform them allowing a two-way communication of the issue. This assures the citizen



Kulasuriya added. This app looks to make processes.

convenient for the local authorities as It took Kulasuriya six months to well. The relevant authority gets an email once a citizen sends a problem. the Gampaha Municipal Council - to This email will be sent to the head of the authority, commissioner, and department heads, making sure the issue gets the attention it needs. The app then provides the authority with a dashboard containing the location. the issue, and the photograph uploaded by the citizen. This gives all relevant officers of the authority the information necessary to understand the problem and decide who to assign to fix it. The process is

taken a step further by updating the citizen whenever a task is completed. Since its launch in April last year, four authorities have signed up with the app - Gampaha Municipal Council, Negombo Municipal Council, Attanagalla Pradeshiya Sabha (PS), and Kuliyapitiya Urban Council with the Biyagama PS and Kuliyapitiya PS also looking to join this month.

"The app first launched in April, Although posting on sites like out I started earlier this year because Facebook and Instagram garners a I had to do a lot of research and lot of attention, it rarely gets the job testing. It took me six months to done, often leading to the problem convince one authority." being completely overlooked and forgotten. He went on to say

#### Positive responses

At the moment, ManKiwwa information usually does not reach does not have any key performance the right people in these authorities. indicators (KPI). Choosing to solely Therefore, he said, it was important focus on getting the authorities to the citizens played an active role join at present, Kulasuriya stated that KPIs will be introduced later, adding: "We cannot overrule the authorities,

so we have to just work with them, introduce this app, and then show them the importance of this solution. We can then focus on the KPIs." The ManKiwwa team not only helps local authorities incorporate the app into their systems, but also

trains them on how to use it and helps them transition from the old method. This led ManKiwwa to one of its biggest challenges - getting local authorities to join the initiative.

convince officials at one authority come on board with ManKiwwa. However, since then, the council responded positively to the app and has acknowledged its usefulness and value addition.

Kulasuriva mentioned that 95% of the responses from the local authorities were positive, with a very few people being hard to convince. But with tremendous positive responses from the public and 2,000plus downloads, he believes it will be two years.

easier to convince the remaining 5%. "Because of ManKiwwa, authorities can now speed up their process. For example, a broken street light which would have taken at least a couple of days to get fixed can now be fixed in a day."

Another challenge Kulasuriya wants to overcome is getting people to use the app for reports, rather than posting it on social media.

## ManKiwwa App: Empowering citizen-led reporting, bags 3 national innovation awards

MANKIWWA, Sri Lanka's only self-help citizen-led governing app bags three awards for innovation and social impact at Sri Lanka's top ICT awards. ManKiwwa won Silver award at National Best Quality ICT Award (NBQSA) 2018 organised by BCS Sri Lanka, won Merit award for Inclusion and Empowe at e-Swabhimani 2018, Digital Social Impact Awards organised by ICTA and 1st Runner up award for Best Use of

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ManKiwwa and Director reporting to relevant Kubeira IT Park Ltd. and local authority or emer-Kubeira Holdings Ltd. gency services, while He said that the biggest baridentifying the geo locarier for authorities to help tion of the incident or citizens is the disconnecemergency. The app also tion between them and the allows response monitorcitizens. By bridging this gap ing for users and a host of with ManKiwwa, authorities planning, activating and can swiftly engage multiple response management featypes of resources to manage tures for authorities. and address different types of One of the key features incidents at a fraction of time. of the ManKiwwa app is "It's just simple, the it's an anonymous reportpublic can download the ing feature where users do 'ManKiwwa' app from App not require to disclose any store or Play store for free information about themand just start reporting," selves. However, the user Kulasuriya said. can type personal infor-

ManKiwwa app sup- mation in the description ports a variety of situation section if they so wish.



Government authorities will This feature has been built in accept this platform to manto encourage citizens to take age the public issues." Kubeira IT Park has tied up initiative and to promote a

reporting culture. with the Gampaha Municipa The information is report-Council to provide this inno ed real time without delays vative service and plans to activate responses from to partner other local and authorities. Currently Government authorities as response to incident reports well as emergency and distake hours to be activated aster management service and in some instances days. island-wide to provide speedy The company believes that responses to ManKiwwa this new app will cut down reports.

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cept of citizen led govern

ment in this day and age and

empowering citizens to report

incidents as and when they

empower the authorities to

swiftly act on those situations

to solve and help," Kulasuriya

said. "We provide this ser-

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in using the app to get the work done by helping the authorities help themselves. While the app is free to download for the public, he expects to charge a subscription fee from the authorities as the service provided by the app goes well beyond merely presenting the app. The subscriptions are set to be allotted for maintenance and future developments of the app. "This is going to be a service from

me where I give year-round support. I will be involved in the whole process, with both the people and the authorities."

#### **Future prospects**

Speaking about the future of ManKiwwa, Kulasuriya stated that there will be a lot more value-added features and A1 involvement in the app. The second phase of the app will see it gathering data to estimate future problems and help authorities plan ahead to face them. He also stated that he hopes to make the app usable

islandwide by getting the rest of the authorities on board within the next "This is not only part of introducing a solution - this is part of transforming the government authorities as well. We don't simply provide the solution and a platform. We sit with them, we work with them,

and we train them on how to use it. So it's a bigger role than what you see or assume because just providing people the mobile app is not going to solve any problems," Kulasuriya concluded.



#### EVENTS

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BY KAMANTHI WICKRAMASINGHE

B roken pipelines, potholes, lampposts with no bulbs, uncollected garbage and clogged drains are sites that we encounter on a daily basis. While we expect authorities to attend to them, part of our responsibility lies in reporting these issues to the relevant people. Today, we have a tendency to click a photo and post it on social media. This way, it has become much quicker to bring it to their attention. This was what inspired Shohan Kulasuriya, a software expert to create the latest mobile application 'Man Klwwa'.

"The App is connected to the authorities," he explained in an interview with the Daily Mirror Life. "So far the feedback has been very positive from them. My company provides software solutions and which are sometimes customised as per the customers' requests. Therefore, developing the App was quite easy when compared to the application process which was difficult. I had to ensure that the authorities responded because otherwise, the App will not have any credibility."Shohan's mission is to make authorities responsible for their issues and through this platform that can respond to public queries. "The main feature of this App is that the reporter can remain anonymous," he continued. "We initiated it in Gampaha and have included the Negombo and Attanagalle Pradeshiya Sabha offices. In addition to that the Kuliyapitiya Urban Council came aboard and the latest addition would be the Kuliyapitiya and

Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabhas. 'Man Kiwwa' which translates to 'I Told' aptly suits this App and by using it, users can take pride in the fac that they are responsible citizens.

The process is quite simple. You only have to take a photograph and forward it to the relevant authority via the App. The App notifies the reporter about the solution given by the authority. So far the App has won three awards including a silver awards including a silver award at the National ICTA Awards ceremony in 2018, a merit award at the 2018 e-Swabhimani Awards ceremony and the 1st Runnerup at the SLT 01 Awards 2018.

The App connects several other authorities including the Water Board, Ceylon Electricity Board and so on. In future, Shohan and his team would be conducting public awareness campaigns and educating the public on how it could be used. It is available on Google Store and App Store.





### Recognition

## Best Social Innovation of the Year National ICT Awards 2019

### Best Social Innovation of the Year The Kubeira IT Park (Pvt) Ltd





## Recognition Highest Social Impact Innovation of the year awards Disrupt Asia 2019





## Recognition Winner – Inclusion & Empowerment at e-Swabhimani 2019

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