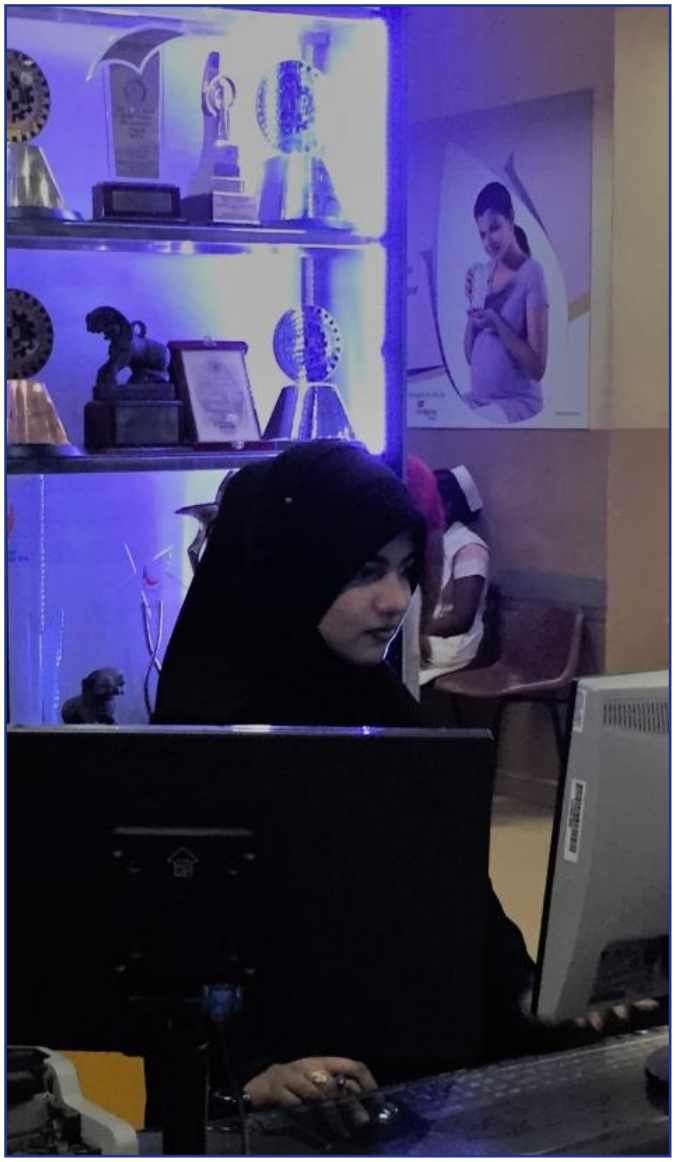
CASE STUDY: HALELUL RAHUMAN DHANIYA, ICT



Halelul Rahuman Dhaniya and her four brothers are from a single parent family where education is highly valued. Dhaniya completed her Advanced Level in 2015 but encountered challenges as a Muslim woman seeking employment.

Dhaniya was able to capitalize on WUSC's ASSET project, funded by the Government of Canada, that supported a computer training course. The course was delivered by isoft College in Puttalam. Puttalam is a predominately Muslim area of Sri Lanka with dynamic women in community leadership positions who actively encourage women to study in the ICT sector. The academic sponsorship from WUSC and the community role models paved the way for Dhaniya to join this certificate course to become a Computer Application Assistant.

The technical skills were enhanced with soft skills and Dhaniya participated in leadership training. She was also able to gain a better understanding of the ICT sector through an industrial exposure program.

Course completion led directly to employment as a Data Entry Operator at Balasooriya Private Hospital.

The 2017 Ramadan festival was particularly memorable for Dhaniya, as she used her earnings to buy gifts for her family. Dhaniya has successfully maintained her cultural and religious identify while entering the world of work.