

Annual Report

2021



National Child Protection Authority

Vision

To create a child friendly and safe environment for children.

Mission

To ensure that children are free from all forms of abuse

**The Board of Directors of the National Child Protection Authority in the
year 2021**

Serial no.	Names of the members of the Board of Directors	Designation and duration of the appointment	Address of the Service Station
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02.	Mrs. Sujatha Alahapperuma, Attorney at Law	Deputy Chairperson (From 1 st January 2020)	Retired High Court Judge
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07.	Mr. J.A.D.M.P.N. Jayakodi	Deputy Inspector General of Police (From March 2020 to June 2021)	Sri Lanka Police, 331, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo
08.	Mr. Ajith Rohana	Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police, Crime and Traffic, Organized Crimes, Prevention of Women and Child Abduction(From July 2021)	
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03	Mr. N.A.K. Wijenayake	Senior Assistant Secretary (From June 2020)	State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infra Structure and Education Services
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Review of the Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority

The National Child Protection Authority was established by the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998 in order to formulate a national policy and prevent child abuses, safeguard the children victimized by such abuses and treat them while coordinating and regulating the actions against all types of child abuses.

Functions assigned to the Authority have been mentioned in accordance with section 14 of the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998. A national policy should have to be prepared in relation to child protection as per section (a) under that. Accordingly, the formulation of the national policy framework on child protection is completed and approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted at their meeting held on 29.10.2019.

In par with the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, the first draft bill of the five - year action plan for implementation of the national policy on child protection was completed preparation in the year 2021, through joint access with 10 Ministries covering 10 sectors. Actions are being taken to obtain approval from the Cabinet of Ministers by now.

In 2020, the National Child Protection Authority prepared rules procedures and guidelines pertaining to child protection and accordingly, recognized five fields that should be revised in the law that are related to children after discussing the methodologies of settling the issues confronted by the children who take part in the legislative process. Based on those five fields, five intellect committees were appointed and actions were taken to prepare laws, procedures guidelines relevant to child protection. During the year 2021, workshops of stakeholders relevant to them were held and the relevant documents drafted were directed to the Ministry of Justice.

The National Child Protection Authority has conducted programmes in the year 2021 also to prevent child abuse. Furthermore, mediation to socialize the children who were discriminated against due to child abuse was performed.

Even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic in years 2019 and 2020, the National Child Protection Authority managed to safeguard the security of the nation's children across online methodology.

Ten (10) director board meetings were held in the year 2021. As a whole, it can be mentioned that a considerable performance could be achieved from every division that performed for child protection in the year 2021 as well. The assistance rendered by the board of directors, the line ministry as well and the staff of the National Child Protection Authority in this connection is commendable.

UdayaKumara Amarasinghe

Chairman

National Child Protection Authority

Introduction

The National Child Protection Authority having emphasized the need for a review of the measures to be taken for child protection has made arrangements to commence several activities within this year. The necessity of developing the National Policy on Child Protection as well as the guidelines related to child protection was emphasized. Accordingly, groundwork has been laid by the National Child Protection Authority for taking policy decisions in relation to child protection within this year.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted on the 20th of November 1989 as a universal declaration. This convention consists of 54 Articles and the rights that every child in the world is entitled to and the duty of the state towards realizing those rights for children have been analyzed through the convention. In analyzing the social situation that prevailed those days in relation to child rights, child trafficking, child prostitution and using children for pornographic films and publications and the rapid increase of international child trafficking were deeply concerned. Furthermore, the forceful recruitment or deployment of children in armed conflicts was identified as an international crime. Optional protocols were adopted to the Child Rights Convention in the year 2000 to prevent deployment of children in armed conflict and to protect children from trafficking, prostitution and pornography.

The government of Sri Lanka by entering into the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1990, convinced the consent to it. This Convention was ratified on 12th July 1991. A Presidential Task Force on Child Protection was established accordingly in December 1996 to recommend the measures required to safeguard child rights within Sri Lanka. The said Task Force having investigated the matters, recommended the necessity of a public institution empowered as an authority to minimize child abuse. Accordingly, the National Child Protection Authority Bill was presented in Parliament by the Minister of Justice in August 1998. This Bill was unanimously passed in Parliament in November 1998. Accordingly, the National Child Protection Authority was established under the National Child Protection Authority Act No.50 of 1998. In June 1999, subsequent to the appointment of the Chairman and the governing panel of the Authority, the Authority became operative. From the inception of the National Child Protection Authority up to now, it has been taking action to prevent child abuse, take proper steps relevant in incidents of child abuse and to reintegrate child victims into the society.

Action is taken for child protection under the provisions of the National Child Protection Authority Act No.50 of 1998 and the Authority has been empowered by the Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No.16 of 2005 as well to see to the advancement of the child victims of the Tsunami that occurred on 26th December 2004. Further, the Authority may intervene as a third party under the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act No.34 of 2005 when an incident of a child being subjected to domestic violence is reported. 1929 Child Help Line Sri Lanka, the 24-hour hotline, was established at the premises of the National Child Protection Authority on 22nd July 2010 for speedy and proper reporting of incidents of child abuse to act in the best interests of children. With the commencement of this telephone service, a

gradual increase in reporting incidents of child abuse that had been hidden in society has been observed. By now, child abuse is reported from all districts of Sri Lanka and counseling services also can be obtained through this. The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted on 29.10.2019 to “National Policy on Child Protection” which is a prime duty of the National Child Protection Authority. The five-year Action Plan pertaining to the implementation of this National Policy has been prepared.

The National Child Protection Authority has performed activities relevant to the national action plans for child protection during this year as well.

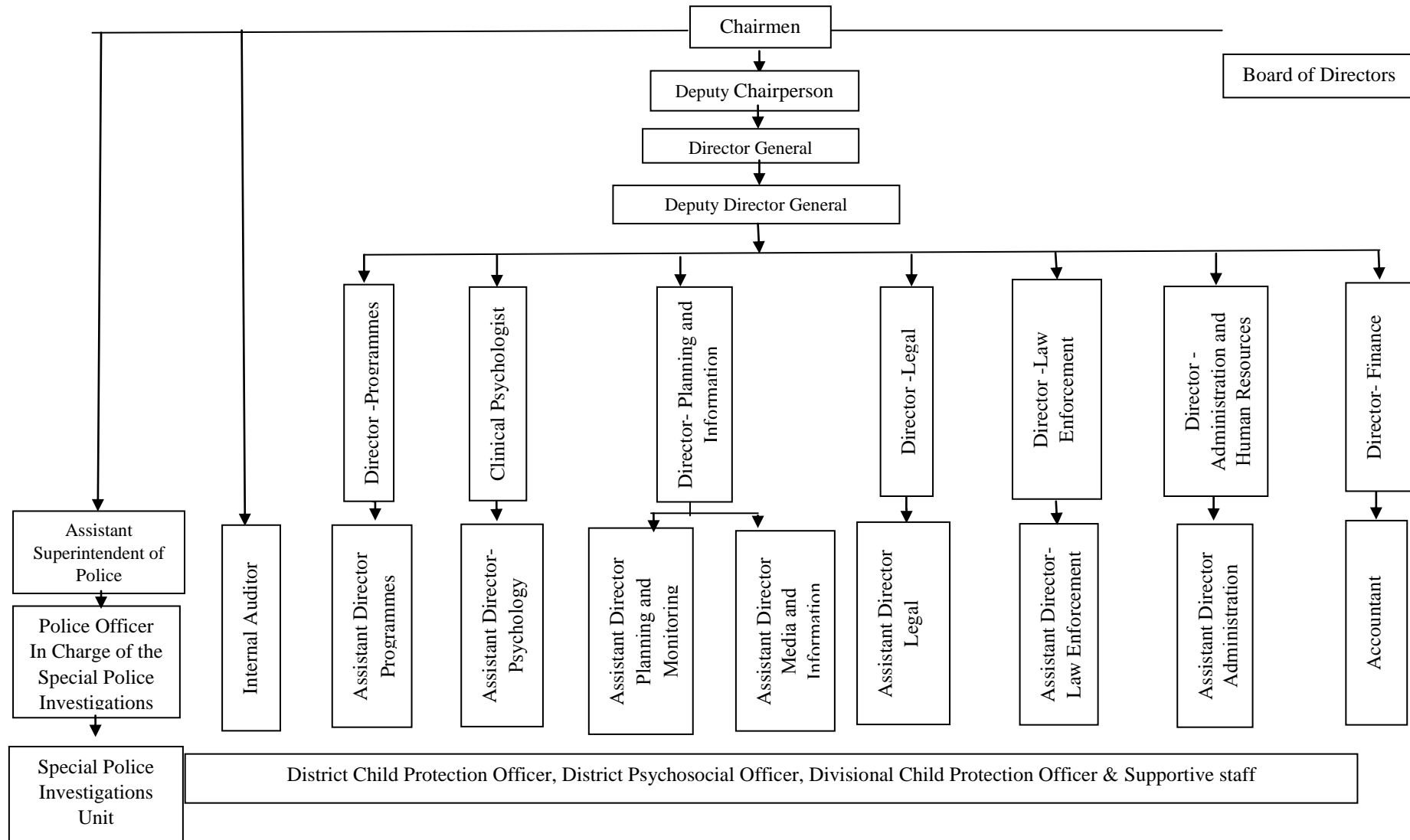
Key functions

As per the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, comprehensive functions have been assigned to the National Child Protection Authority.

- a) Advise the government in the formulation of a national policy to prevent child abuse and to protect and treat child victims of such abuse.
- b) Advise the government regarding the measures to be taken to prevent child abuse.
- c) Advise the government regarding the measures to be taken to protect victims of such abuse.
- d) Create awareness about the children’s right to be protected from abuse and the methods of preventing child abuse.
- e) Take all necessary measures to prevent child abuse and to protect the victims of abuse and their rights and consulting the relevant Ministries, Provincial Councils, Local Government Institutions, District and Divisional Secretaries and public and private organizations for that purpose where appropriate.
- f) Recommend the legal, administrative or other reforms required for productive implementation of the national policy for the prevention of child abuse.
- g) Monitoring the implementation of laws relevant to all forms of child abuse.
- h) Monitor the progress of all investigations and criminal proceedings related to child abuse.
- i) Recommend measures to address humanitarian concerns of child victims of armed conflicts and their protection including taking steps for their mental and physical well-being and their reintegration into society.
- j) Take appropriate steps where necessary for the care and protection of children connected to criminal investigations and criminal proceedings.
- k) Receive complaints from the public relating to child abuse where necessary and refer such complaints to the appropriate authority.
- l) Advise and assist provincial councils, local government institutions and non-governmental organizations in relation to coordinate campaigns against child abuse.
- m) Develop and maintain a national database on child abuse.
- n) In consultation with the relevant Ministries and other institutions supervise and monitor all religious and charitable institutions that provide child care services to children.

- o) Conduct, promote and coordinate research in relation to child abuse and child protection.
- p) Provide information and education to the public regarding the safety of children and protection of the interest of children.
- q) Engage in dialogue with all sectors involved in tourism to minimize the opportunities for child abuse.
- r) Organize and facilitate workshops, seminars and discussions on child abuse.
- s) Coordinate and exchange information with foreign governments and international organizations in relation to disclosure and prevention of all forms of child abuse

Organizational Structure of the national Child Protection Authority in 2021



Organizational Structure of the National Child Protection Authority in 2021

The following units are operated at the Head Office of the National Child Protection Authority

1. Office of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman
2. Office of the Director General
3. Administration and Human Resource Division
4. Finance Division
5. Planning and Information Division
 - 5.1 Planning and Monitoring Unit
 - 5.2 Information and Media Unit
 - 5.2.1 Library
- 6 Programme Division
- 7 Psychosocial Division
- 8 Legal Division
- 9 Law Enforcement Division
 - 9.1 1929 Sri Lanka Child Help Line
 - 9.2 Central Record Room
 - 9.3 Video Evidence Unit
 - 9.4 Cyber Crime Division
- 10 Internal Audit Division
- 11 Special Police Investigation Unit
- 12 District Officers and Divisional Officers have been attached to District Secretariats And Divisional Secretariats.

Cadre, Actual Staff and Vacancies of the National Child Protection Authority in the year 2021

No	Designation	Salary Code	Approved Cadre	Actual Cadre	Vacancies
1	Director General	HM 2-1	1	1	0
2	Deputy Director General	HM 1-3	1	0	1
3	Director (Admin & HR)	HM 1-1	1	1	0
4	Director (Finance)	HM 1-1	1	0	1
5	Director (Legal)	HM 1-1	1	1	0
6	Clinical Psychologist	HM 1-1	1	1	0
7	Director (Planning & Information)	HM 1-1	1	1	0
8	Manager (Programme)	HM 1-1	1	1	0
9	Director (Law Enforcement)	HM 1-1	1	1	0
10	Assistant Director (Administration)	MM 1-1	1	1	0
11	Assistant Director (Legal)	MM 1-1	1	0	1
12	Assistant Director (Programme)	MM 1-1	1	1	0

13	Assistant Director (Psychology)	MM 1-1	1	1	0
14	Assistant Director (Planning & Monitoring)	MM 1-1	1	1	0
15	Assistant Director (Media & Information)	MM 1-1	1	1	0
16	Assistant Director (Law Enforcement)	MM 1-1	1	1	0
17	Accountant *	MM 1-1	1	1	0
18	Internal Auditor	MM 1-1	1	1	0
19	Board Secretary	JM 1-1	1	1	0
20	Administrative Officer	JM 1-1	1	1	0
21	Programme Officer	JM 1-1	1	1	0
22	Accounts Officer	JM 1-1	1	1	0
23	Investigation Officer	JM 1-1	2	1	1
24	Media & Information Officer	JM 1-1	1	1	0
25	Planning & Monitoring Officer	JM 1-1	1	1	0
26	Research & Welfare Officer	JM 1-1	1	1	0
27	Evidence Recording Officer	JM 1-1	1	0	1
28	Psychosocial Officer	JM 1-1	1	0	1
29	IT Officer	JM 1-1	1	0	1
30	Cyber Crime Analysis	JM 1-1	1	0	1
31	Cyber Investigation Officer	JM 1-1	1	0	1
32	Law Enforcement Officer	JM 1-1	1	0	1
33	Translator Sinhala - English	MA 4	1	0	1
34	Translator Sinhala - Tamil	MA 4	1	0	1
35	District Child Protection Officer	MA 3	25	18	7
36	District Psychosocial Officer	MA 3	25	14	11
37	Divisional Child Protection Officer	MA3	369	227	142
38	Victim Protection Officer	MA3	1	0	1
39	Administrative Assistant	MA 3	1	1	0
40	Accounts Assistant	MA 3	3	2	1
41	Media Assistant	MA 3	3	1	2
42	Librarian	MA 3	1	0	1
43	Planning Assistant	MA 3	1	0	1
44	Legal Assistant	MA 3	3	1	2
45	Investigation Assistant	MA 3	6	0	6
46	Assistant Counselor	MA 3	15	2	13
47	Programme Assistant	MA 3	3	1	2
48	Evidence Recording Assistant	MA 3	10	1	9
49	Cyber Watch Assistant	MA 3	2	0	2
50	Therapist	MA 3	3	1	2
51	Video Technical Assistant	MA 2-1	10	1	9
52	Management Assistant (Tech)	MA 2-1	15	8	7
53	It Assistant	MA 2-1	2	1	1
54	Management Assistant (Non Tech)	MA 1-1	32	23	9

55	Management Assistant Typesetting Sinhala	MA 1-1	10	0	10
56	Management Assistant Typesetting Tamil	MA 1-1	10	0	10
57	Management Assistant Proof Reading Sinhala	MA 1-1	10	0	10
58	Management Assistant Proof Reading Tamil	MA 1-1	10	0	10
59	Driver	PL 3	7	5	2
60	Messenger	PL 1	1	0	1
61	KKS	PL 1	3	1	2
62	Labour	PL 1	2	1	1
Total			618	332	286

Performance

The National Child Protection Authority implemented its programmes under 3 action plans, in the year 2021. Financial provisions allocated for such programmes are as follows.

1. National Development Action Plan (Rs. 40 million)
2. 1929 – 24 Hour Child Hotline Action plan (Rs. 11.500 million)
3. Social Protection Action Plan for Children (Rs. 10.300 million)

Preparation of the Five-Year Action Plan related to the National Policy on Child Protection.

Five-year Action Plan has been prepared for the implementation of the National Policy on Child Protection. According to the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, this work has been completed in collaboration with 10 Ministries covering 10 sectors. The approval has been granted for this Five-year Action Plan at the 206th board meeting held on 29.07.2021. This has been submitted to the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infra Structure and Education Services and the Department of National Planning of the Ministry of Finance seeking their recommendations.

Preparation of the National Policy on Child Day Care Centers

The final draft of this policy was completed after conducting the literature review related to the preparation of the first draft. The first draft has been reviewed by a technical committee. This final draft was presented to the stake holders. The Board of Directors, on 16.12.2021 granted approval to this draft, which was formulated incorporating the proposals made by the stakeholders and this will be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval.

Preparation of National Guidelines and Minimum Standards for Child Development Centers in Sri Lanka

The National Guidelines for Child Development Centers in Sri Lanka have been approved by the Board of Directors and the Secretary of State Ministry and the book and the Cabinet Memorandum have been translated into Tamil and English languages. The guidelines were updated as per the recommendations mentioned in the Cabinet Memorandum. It has been submitted to the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infra-Structure and Education Services in order to seek the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers.

Introduce amendments to the Laws affecting to Children

Representatives of the National Child Protection Authority had a discussion with the Minister of Justice at the Ministry premises regarding the procedures to be followed in settling the issues faced by the children who have to involve in the court proceedings. Accordingly, five areas in the existing laws applicable to children have been identified as the sectors that should be amended. They are as follows:

1. Take necessary measures to enter into common agreement on the legal status of the definition for child since different ages have been mentioned in definitions given for the word “child” in Laws applicable to children, and the definition for child in different Laws and Acts imply different meanings.
2. Introduce a child-friendly court system for child-abuse cases.
3. Introduce a Guide for child-related Police Investigations.
4. Introduce a procedure on video evidences
5. Develop a Punishment Policy and Punishment Guide on child abuse and juvenile delinquents for judges.

Five sub-committees consisting of scholars in those particular fields have been appointed under the above five areas.

Committee membership was offered to the professionals in Law Education, freelance Law Professionals, officials of the Attorney General’s Department and other veterans in the subject area. Nomination for five committees was obtained from the Attorney General’s Department. Assigned committee coordination and providing facilities to 05 non-government organizations which have involved in the child protection. The assistance of 25 final-year students of the Law Faculty of the University of Colombo was obtained to carry out Law research activities in relation to the subject.

The Law Amendment committee was coordinated by the Deputy Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority Mrs. Sujatha Alahapperuma, Retired High Court Judge while they are headed by the Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority Prof. Muditha Vidanapathirana.

The final Proposal and Guidelines were submitted to the Ministry of Justice, upon completion of the Stakeholder Workshops. The draft recommendations were handed over to

the Ministry of Justice by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority, on March 31, 2021.



Implementation of the District Child Protection Committees (DCPC) as Technical Circles

The mechanism for child protection committees, which is the process of implementing the operating mechanism of the National Policy on Child Protection, has been prepared and sent to the Board of Directors and approval has been obtained.

Mapping of vulnerable children and the factors vulnerable to child protection

The first pilot program of this was launched in the Divisional Secretary Division of Beruwala in Kalutara District, prior to initiating the above tasks. Accordingly, an online questionnaire was prepared to collect information to identify vulnerable children and the factors vulnerable to child protection and the questionnaire and the program plan were discussed with the Child Protection Officers of the Beruwala Divisional Secretariat.

Make the politicians aware on Child Protection

A concept paper has been prepared at the provincial level for a program to educate politicians on child protection and it has been submitted to the District Officers for discussion.

Programme to distribute educational facilities to vulnerable children

Actions are taken to supply educational facilities for the victimized, marginalized, vulnerable and disregarded children who were identified in the cases where the complaints have been lodged with a complaint number of the victim. Accordingly, educational facilities were provided for about 1,356 children identified by the District and Divisional Child Protection Officers of our Authority when inquiring those cases, in the year 2021.

Programme to ensure Child Protection in disastrous/ emergency situations

Provisions to maintain a pool of resources at the district level to implement programs to ensure protection and well-being of children during disastrous/emergency situations that may occur in the island were allocated to all District Secretariats. This programme is launched by the District and Divisional Child Protection Officers utilizing those resources.

National Programme to implement Child Protection Programmes in District and Divisional level

Letters were sent to each District and Divisional Secretariat to call for proposals under the National Programme for the implementation of Child Protection programs at District and divisional levels. An internal committee consisting the officers of the National Child Protection Authority was appointed to evaluate the proposals received at the District and Divisional levels. Financial provisions were allocated to the District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats as per the recommendations made by those Committees. The number of Child Protection Programmes completed in District and Divisional level in the year 2021 is 257.

National Programme to Educate Health Professionals and Health Employees on Child Protection

Physicians play a vital role in the prevention of child abuse and intervention in preventing them as well. The National Child Protection Authority, in collaboration with the Post-Medical Institute of the University of Colombo, implemented a program during the year 2021 to educate the doctors studying at the Post-Medical Institute on child protection in order to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of doctors, with the objective of further strengthening their role. Accordingly, 02 programs were conducted through online platform in this year and the total number of doctors who were benefitted by this was 48.

National Program for the Implementation of School Child Protection Committees

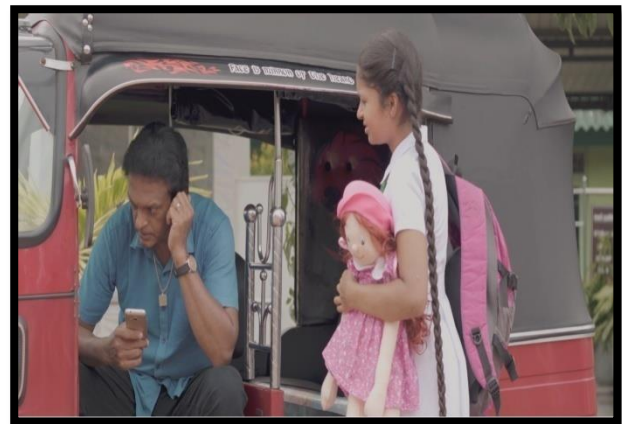
The production of two short films, “Chamudage Kathawa” and “Oya Den Loku Lamayek” with Tamil and English subtitles have been completed under the National Program for the Implementation of School Child Protection Committees. These short films have made school students, teachers, parents, the school community and adults aware of child protection. These tools are being used for making awareness further.

A coordination building program is being implemented to build up coordination through making phone calls to schools regarding School Child Protection Committees. Accordingly, phone calls have been made to schools as follows.

Serial number	District	Number of schools with which the coordination was developed	Number of schools in the district
01	Kegalle	133	529
02	Monaragala	120	293
03	Rathnapura	11	600
04	Badulla	54	606
Total number		318	10,194



Chamudage Kathawa



Oya Den Loku Lamayek

National Programme for ensuring the Protection of Children and community in the Plantation Sector

This programme has been implemented in Kurunegala, Kandy and Matale districts in 2021 with the objective of ensuring the protection of children who are living in the villages in and closeby the estates, from all forms of abuse. The prime objective of the programme is to make the estate sector, a community with people who spend happy lives while securing them from all forms of abuse and to form a group of officials from the estate sector to be involved in child protection activities,. Two programs containing psychosocial activities have been launched for the children living in Monarathanna Estate and Eidella Estate in Mallawapitiya and Polgahawela Divisional Secretary's Divisions of Kurunegala District, and the number of children benefited from this programme is 74. Moreover, a program including psycho-social activities has been implemented for the children living in HantanaWatta in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Gangavata Korale in Kandy district in the year 2021, and the number of children who were benefited from it was 41. Furthermore, an online awareness programme has also been conducted for the 22 officers in government and non-government organization in estates in Matale district.

Programme to ensure the protection of children in the Fishing Villages

The objective of this programme is to make the families living in fishing villages as child safe families, identifying the risks and challenges related to the children living there and protecting them from all forms of abuse and bringing them up to be a group who live happily and form a group of officials actively involving in child protection activities and are sensitive to child related issues. This programme has been implementing from the year 2021. Accordingly, 95 awareness programmes have been implemented targeting the officials of government and non-governmental organization, fishing community leaders and members working in the fishing villages of Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Colombo, Kalutara, Ampara, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Mannar, Mullaithivu, Kilinochchi and Jaffna districts. The total number of individuals benefited by these programmes were 3383. Furthermore, 25 programs that contain psychosocial activities for children living in fishing villages have been conducted in the year 2021 and the total number of children benefited is 992.

Conducting School Media Club National Programme

The main objective of this programme is to disseminate information through the school media units regarding the protection of children from all kind of abuses. The use of media in the schools, the impact of effective communication on child protection, the role of the Child Protection Authority in relation to child protection, and the use of the media in ensuring child protection in schools are some of the factors discussed in such programmes. This programme has been conducted covering all 25 districts.



Programme to make aware on Child Protection through electronic, print, social media and other various media

The National Child Protection Authority, in coordination with media institutes, various individuals and institutions involves in the dissemination of information to the public in order to ensure child protection in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, a number of awareness programmes

have been conducted through electronic, print and other various media to educate elders and children on child protection.

The National Child Protection Authority created the poster shown below with a view to raising awareness on the manner of developing child protection and it displays the individuals, officials and institutions whose support have to be sought or contacted when and where required. The objective of creating this is to protect children from abuse.



A programme was initiated to conduct awareness programmes separately for parents and children through zoom platform during the period of Covid 19 pandemic amidst all quarantine laws and restrictions on movement between provinces, with a view to reducing child abuse during such pandemic season. Accordingly, 02 programs were organized for parents and children in collaboration with the Urban Development Authority while 02 programs were conducted for children living in SOS Children's Villages, parents, officials and children and parents of neighboring villages of SOS Children's Villages. Furthermore, another program was conducted for scouts and scout trainers.

Children, youth and adults were educated on child protection through social media as well as through YouTube, Facebook and Twitter official accounts of the National Child Protection Authority





Officials of the National Child Protection Authority upon the request of the media institutions to disseminate awareness regarding child protection, on the basis of the current increase in child abuse and the possible influence of the media in the society, contributed as resource personal in media programmes conducted in electronic media namely; Sirasa, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, Rangiri Sri Lanka National Television, Derana, TNL and Siyatha and print media such as Lankadeepa, Island, Daily News and Daily Mirror.



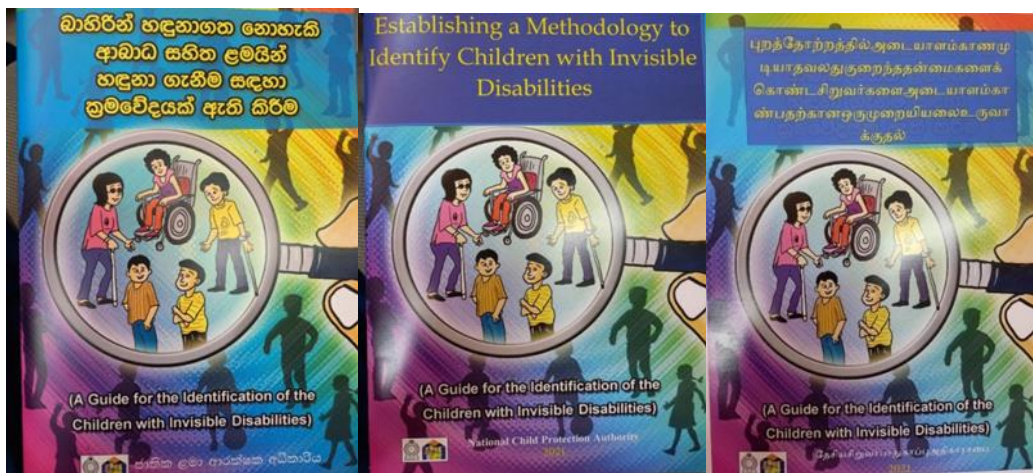
Official Website of National Child Protection Authority

At present, the mobile phone has become the most popular and commonly used mode of communication and the mode of getting information in all sectors in the society. Realizing that social need, the National Child Protection Authority has developed its new website as to view it through mobile phones while the institution called AFFNO Pvt Ltd developed it as a social service.



Publish the book “Establishing Methodology to Identify Children with Invisible Disabilities”

This book was compiled targeting the officials in judiciary system who are engaging in safeguarding the rights of all children with disabilities, child protection officers and all the officers working for the betterment of children in Sri Lanka in order to minimize the inconvenience, injustice and legal problems caused due to considering the children with disabilities that cannot be identified externally as ordinary children. It was published in Sinhala, Tamil and English media.



Making necessary arrangements for the release of the official song of the National Child Protection Authority.

An official song has been made for the National Child Protection Authority. The song was written by Mr. Deshbandu Amila Moremada, the music was composed by Mr. Thilina Ruhunage, and the singing was done by Miss. Aditya Weliwatta.

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Use of new media in child protection

The Information and Media Unit of the National Child Protection Authority disseminate information related to child protection to children, the public, academics, professionals and researchers using social media. The official Facebook, YouTube and Twitter accounts of the National Child Protection Authority have been updated.

Introduction of Online payment platform

There was no online payment platform on the authority's website so far, hence the Authority, with the support of the Bank of Ceylon included this new facility in the new website. Accordingly, this facilitates all those who wish to contribute the Children's Fund of the National Child Protection Authority's to make immediate financial contributions.

National Program on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

This project provides psychosocial support to children who come for video evidence recording, children who come for counseling, children who visit National Child Protection Authority to get psychosocial assistance, and children who have special requests made based on the needs identified at the District and Divisional Secretariat levels. Accordingly, psychosocial support has been provided to 164 children within this year.

Preparation of guidelines for scientific treatment to drug addicted mothers and their affected children.

The approval of the Board of Directors has been received in May for the compilation of “Evidence based Treatment Guideline for Neonatal Substance Use Disorders” for drug addicted pregnant mothers and their affected children. A sub-committee was appointed for this purpose. This subcommittee, after having several discussions, has finalized the clinical guideline and follow-up regulatory guideline sections. It was also planned to have discussions with the Department of Probation and Child Care Services in order to maintain uniformity in the decisions made during case conferences at the hospital level.

Translation of Child Abuse Recovery Curriculum into Sinhala and Tamil languages and standardization of the translation.

It has been observed that in many countries abused children have faced various problematic situations due to their abusive childhood experiences. The most important fact here is that the developed countries successfully manage the problems of such children and successfully resolve the post-abuse issues of the child by rehabilitating the child. This programme aims to prevent the child from being abused again and to prevent the child being compelled to abuse another child or person in the future. Furthermore, the main objective is to prevent the child from becoming a victim again in the criminal judiciary system and let not the child to be prejudiced in cases where it is possible to formally obtain his or her evidence. The recovery curriculum used in many countries is being translated into Sinhala and Tamil languages. When the translation is completed, it would be further standardized by an expert committee.

Tsunami Foster Parent Care Program

The Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No. 16 of 2005 is being implemented in order to ensure protection and welfare of children who were victimized by the tsunami disaster in 2004 and the National Child Protection Authority carries out several functions in accordance with its provisions. Accordingly, 03 District Tsunami Foster Parent Care Evaluation Boards were conducted in the year 2021 to ensure protection and welfare of those children. The number of children benefitted under such programme within this year was about 41 and financial provision of about Rs. 122,000.00 was allocated monthly for 25 children as educational aids.

Educate the school primary teachers on positive pedagogy (education).

This program is implemented under the Social Protection Action Plan, and under this programme primary teachers were educated on positive education in coordination with the Ministry of Education. Accordingly, this program has been conducted in Uhana, Medadumbara and Beliatta Divisional Secretariats in the year 2021.

“Sith Saviya” National Child Centered Psychosocial Assistance Service

The Authority commenced the remote psychosocial support service with a view to granting maximum support to ensure welfare of children during the Covid-19 pandemic period, while many of the public and private institutions were inoperative. The "Sith Saviya" National Child Centered remote psychosocial support service was introduced as per the idea of Prof. Muditha Vidanapathirana, Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority.

At this venture, the Psychosocial Division of the National Child Protection Authority acted as the main operational unit while a service network was established covering the entire island by connecting District Psychosocial Officers, District Child Protection Officers and Divisional Child Protection Officers. Furthermore, the data on the divisional Officers of the Department of Social Services, the data on the divisional Officers of the Women's Bureau, as well as the data on Mithuru Piyasa and Specialist Psychiatric units established in hospitals are fed into that data system.

Accordingly, some of the services rendered under this programme contains, re-unification of families where children and parents were separated, connecting the families with economic difficulties with the relief services implemented by the government, voluntary organizations and individuals, providing counseling services for the persons with mental stress and other mental problems, directing persons who are in need of medical treatment to such support services etc. In addition, the officers provided necessary psychological support and counseling for these mental problems through Zoom and Microsoft Teams facilities.

Celebration of National Day against Child Abuse.

The National Day against Child Abuse was fallen on 04 January 2021. Child Protection Authority conducted a sticker campaign to popularize 1929 Child Help Line. Accordingly, the stickers were pasted in vehicles to promote the 1929 Child Help Line.



Celebration of International Day against Child Labor

Following actions were taken to commemorate the International Day against Child Labor which fell on 12th June, 2021

- Release of Info graphics related to International Day against Child Labor on FB, Twitter social media network.
- Release of an awareness video about child labor on YouTube, FB, Twitter social network.
- Issuance of a press release.



Celebration of the World Children's Day

The “ World Children’s Day ” was commemorated under the theme "Children First", at the National Child Protection Authority Auditorium on October 5th, on which date the Ministry recommended to commemorate it. This ceremony was held under the patronage of the State Minister Hon. Piyal Nishantha De Silva with the participation of the Secretary to the State Ministry, Mrs. K. M. S. D. Jayasekara, present Chairman of the Authority, Prof. Muditha Vidanapathirana, staff and some other guests.

World Children's Day (01.10.2021) was celebrated on 05.10.2021. The new website was launched on this day and the official song of the National Child Protection Authority also was released. Furthermore, the book “Establishing Methodology to Identify Children with Invisible Disabilities” was launched in three languages.

Awareness program conducted in parallel with the World Children's Day

The World Children's Day awareness programs were conducted in October 2021 under the theme “A Good Family - A World of Happy Children” with physical participation and online, targeting children and adults in 25 districts. Judicial Medical Officers and Pediatricians participated in this programme as resource personnel.

Awareness Programmes conducted with physical participation and through online in parallel with the World Children's Day

Conducted through online				
Serial no.	District	Date	Beneficiaries	Number of beneficiaries
01	Matale	08.10.2021	Parents	55
02	Galle	11.10.2021	Students and parents	186

03	Matara	12.10.2021	Pre-school teachers	213
04	Kalutara	12.10.2021	Pre-school teachers	243
05	Vavuniya	13.10.2021	Parents	83
06	Polonnaruwa	13.10.2021	Students	84
07	Nuwaraeliya	14.10.2021	Students	84
08	Rathnapura	14.10.2021	Students	70
09	Kandy	15.10.2021	Students	405
10	Hambantota	18.10.2021	Pre-school teachers	281
11	Puttalam	18.10.2021	Pre-school teachers	205
12	Kurunegala	21.10.2021	Students	175
13	Jaffna	22.10.2021	Students	202
14	Gampaha	22.10.2021	Students and parents	282
15	Batticaloa	23.10.2021	Students, parents and teachers	167
16	Mannar	25.10.2021	Students and parents	63
17	Anuradhapura	25.10.2021	Pre-school teachers and officers who work with children	120
18	Badulla	26.10.2021	Principals, teachers and officers who work with children	40
19	Trincomalee	26.10.2021	Pre-school teachers	102
20	Mullaithivu	27.10.2021	Students, parents and teachers	60
21	Kegalle	27.10.2021	Students and parents	118
22	Ampara) Sinhala medium)	28.10.2021	Public officers, teachers, pre-school teachers and parents	66
23	Ampara)Tamil medium)		Pre-school teachers and parents	63
24	Kilinochchi	29.10.2021	Pre-school teachers	102
25	Monaragala	29.10.2021	Parents	200
Physical participation				
26	Colombo	30.10.2021	Students	200

“Sithuvili Siththam” All Island Art, Poster and Cartoon Competition - 2021

National Child Protection Authority organized an all-island Art, Poster and Cartoon Competition called “Sithuvili Siththam” -2021 with the aim of conducting the same every year in conjunction with the World Children's Day. Accordingly, the receipt of creations was started in June 2021 and the closing day was on 01.10.2021

The People's Bank played the role of the main sponsor of this competition while electronic media contribution was by Guru Tv Institute and official print media support was granted by Wijaya Children's Newspaper Institute.

The National level Award ceremony was held on 11.10.2021 and International Day of the Girl Child celebrations were held on that day



W. Chamalka Nethmithu Kumar
First Place (Drawings)
Grades (4-5)
Christudeva Boys College, Galle



K.I. Senudi Kariyawasam
First Place (Drawings),
Grades (6-8),
Viharamahadevi Girls High School,
Kiribathgoda



K.P. VinuthTejaka - First Place (Art)
Grades (9-11)
St. Aloysius National School,
Ratnapura



I.K. Dimalka Induranpitiya -First Place
(Poster)
Grade (9 -11)
Dharmaloka College,
Pelmadulla



W. Navoda Perera - First Place (Art)
Grades (12 13)
Sri Dharmaloka M.M.V., Kelaniya

RamasamyRavana - First Place (Poster)
Special Needs Division,
Vocational Training Institute, Wategama

Celebration of International Day of the Girl Child

The International Day of the Girl Child was celebrated this year with the theme "Digital Generation, Our Generation". Here, the National Award Ceremony of "Siththam" All-island Art, poster and cartoon competition, organized for the first time in Sri Lanka, was held in parallel with this programme. Accordingly, the Hon. Minister Mr. Piyal Nishantha De Silva, Secretary to the Ministry Mrs. S.D. Kumari Jayasekara, Founder Chairman of National Child Protection Authority Professor Harendra Silva and other distinguished guests awarded the prizes and certificates to the winners of the all-island "Art, posters and cartoon competition - "Siththam" organized by the National Child Protection Authority.



Completion of the Child Protection Video Game App

The Video App on Child Protection was initiated as a pilot program with the financial support obtained from the institutions namely, Save the Children, World Vision, Sarvodaya and Leads. The objective of this is to ensure child protection through guiding children to take correct decisions when and where necessary.



The Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority to serve as resource persons

The workshops, seminars and discussions conducted under the dissemination of information and education of the people on the child protection and the protection of children's rights in terms of the National Child Protection Authority Act are mentioned below.

01	07.01.2021 TV 1- <i>JathikaMehewara</i>
02	05.03.2021 TV 1- <i>JathikaMehewara</i>
03	03.05.2021 TV 1 - <i>Uththara Horawa</i>
04	20.06.2021- Irida Ayubowan
05	21.06. 2021 - <i>PinbaraUdesana</i>
06	29.06. 2021 - <i>PinbaraUdesana</i>
07	07.07.2020- Siyatha Interview
08	05.07.2021- withDerana
09	11.07.2021TNL - <i>ObageGetalu</i>
10	12.07.2021- <i>Hathwenipeya</i>



Launching of 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection App for the Children and General Public

National Child Protection Authority has developed 1929 Mobile app using modern technology for the first time. This has been launched as a pilot project for the first time with the assistance received as a grant from Save the Children International, World Vision, Sarvodaya Fusion and Leads.

Accordingly, complaints can be made to the Authority as text messages, voice tapes and videos along with evidence through this App.

Issuing of News Releases

By virtue of the powers vested with the National Child Protection Authority under National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998 on the rights of children to get protected from abuse and the methods to prevent child abuse, special police investigations conducted by the Special Police Investigation Unit of the National Child Protection Authority, special announcements made to the public, announcements made by the Chairman to the public etc are issued to the mass media through news releases. The number of such announcements made in 2021 accordingly was 16.

Number	Date	Media Release
01	04 th January 2021	All parties should join in hand to protect children from all kinds of abuses in order to gift them a safer future.
02	20 th January 2021	Launching 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection App to the public.
03	03 rd March 2021	A person who sexually abused a minor girl was sentenced to 12 years of rigorous imprisonment
04	26 th March 2021	The National Child Protection Authority seeks the support of the Public to find a missing child.
05	16 th April 2021	The National Child Protection Authority seeks the support of the Public to find a missing child.
06	20 th May 2021	If there is any information about children who are unprotected due to the Covid-19 pandemic, immediately inform the National Child Protection Authority's Hotline -1929.
07	12 th June 2021	Message of the International Day Against Child Labor : The age limit to employ Children as workers has been increase from 14 to 16 years.
08	14 th June 2021	National Child Protection Authority has organized an all-island Arts, Posters and Cartoon competition for children and adults staying at home due to the Covid-19 pandemic
09	03 rd July 2021	A person who abused a 15-year-old girl and a woman who supported it were arrested by the National Child Protection Authority.
10	11 th July 2021	A person who abused a 14-year-old girl was arrested by the National Child Protection Authority.
11	19 th July 2021	A monk and 03 suspects who have molested a 13-year-old girl was arrested by the National Child Protection Authority
12	31 st July 2021	The 62-year-old suspect grandfather who sexually abused an 11-year-old girl was arrested by the National Child Protection Authority.
14	01 st October 2021	A number of programs from the National Child Protection Authority for World Children's Day 2021

15	11 th October 2021	A number of special programs from the National Child Protection Authority for the national celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child in 2021.
16	23 rd November 2021	The message of the new Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority, Senior Lecturer Mr. Udaya Kumara Amarasinghe.

National Program to supervise and monitor Child Development Centers

In accordance with the provisions of Section (14 n) of the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, the National Child Protection Authority shall supervise and monitor all religious and charitable institutions which provide child care services to children. Accordingly, minimum standards for monitoring Child Development Center were set within the year 2021. Nearly 320 voluntary child development centers were monitored through ODK software via an online system in 2021 and those institutions were grouped based on the final results. The report on the final data collected through the monitoring process have been forwarded to the Secretary of the Ministry and the National Probation Commissioner for necessary action.

Monitoring of daily news papers

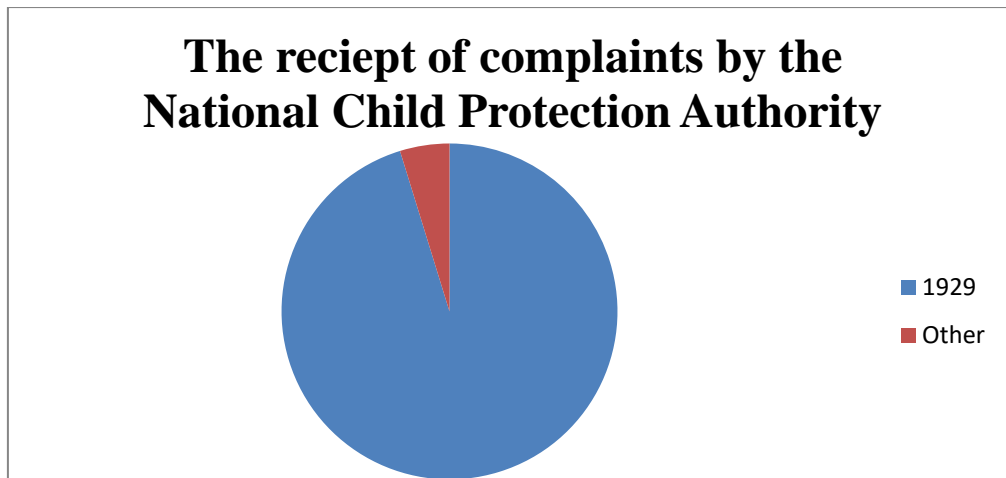
The daily newspapers are monitored to trace whether news reporting on children, published in daily newspapers, reveals the identity of children subjected to the reported case. Also take action on unethical news reporting. These actions are taken daily and such information is distributed to all officers through WhatsApp. Furthermore, the relevant media organizations are made aware pertaining to the matters for which necessary legal measures to be taken.



Sri Lanka Child Helpline 1929

This unit has been established in terms of Section 14 (k) of the National Child Protection Authority Act. This has been established and maintained within the National Child Protection Authority since 22nd July 2010 and operates throughout 24 hours of the day. During this year, this unit has received 10,654 complaints and in parallel to this hotline 1929 Mobile App was also introduced in 2021. The number of complaints reported via that App is 43. When it is

considered as a percentage, 95% of the total complaints received by the Authority have been accepted by this unit.



Recording of Video Evidence

This unit has been established in terms of Section 14 (i) of the National Child Protection Authority Act and is supported by Section 14 (e) of the same. Furthermore, these actions are taken in accordance with the Evidence Special Provisions Act No. 32 of 1999 and 143 requests for video evidence recording were received during this year, of which 63 were recorded and completed. 78 video tapes of such recordings were presented to the court and type writing of 76 of the recorded video evidences has been completed. Also, during this year, the number of instances appeared before the High Courts to provide evidence for video evidence recording was 29.

Furthermore, necessary arrangements were made to set up 09 video evidence units at provincial level with the approval of the Cabinet of ministers in order to further decentralize this service to make it more child-friendly. In addition to this, proposals have been made to develop this video evidence recording unit into a distance/remote live audio-visual evidence studio.

Investigations and Cyber Surveillance activities

The National Child Protection Authority has established the Investigation and Cyber Surveillance Unit to carry out the necessary activities as per Sections 14 (e) (g) and 24, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 of the Act.

During this year, this unit has received 1066 complaints and necessary actions have been taken regarding all those complaints. Of those 1066 complaints, 268 complaints were referred to the Director of Law Enforcement. 252 complaints related to abuses made through internet were received and all those complaints were investigated and monitored by this division. Out of the complaints received to this unit in the year 2021, a total of 272 have been referred for follow-up action. Furthermore, 23 B reports have been summoned in order to investigate and monitor child abuse in police stations. Also, investigations and interventions in connection

with 02 court orders have been carried out and the reports have been submitted to the respective courts.

The Child Protection Authority has made necessary coordination and monitoring to conduct 77 seminars related to child abuse during this year. Necessary actions have been taken by summoning 7 cases pertaining to requests for evidences made under the (NCPA/INV/24/1a) regarding child abuse complaints received by the authority. Calling of 115 telephone information have been made under NCPA/INV/14/1b in order to detect the criminals and necessary investigation activities regarding the same were carried out and coordinated.

In terms of Section 33 of the Child Protecting Authority Act, 02 appointments of authorized officers have been made and it is in operation as authorized investigations of the authority itself. The total number of PP-Personal Presentation received by the authority is 231.

Four (04) NCPA/INV/24/1k alias the monitoring the calling of periodical reports and information have been issued and the relevant reports have been submitted for necessary actions. 2229 "Guidelines for Monitoring Complaints" prepared for regularizing the investigations of the National Child Protection Authority have been distributed among all the officers of the Authority and rest of the books are to be given to the officers who will be recruited in the future. During this year, this division has received 02 court orders and necessary action pertaining to them has been taken and reported.

With regard to cybercrime related complaints of children, 35 involvements has been done to stop publishing contents online.

This unit has taken over an investigation which was handled by other police stations as it was confirmed that it would not receive due justice.

A comprehensive report on child abuses reported to the Authority in 2020 was prepared and an analysis report on the complaints received up to 31st June 2021 and an analysis report on complaints reported to the Authority within ten years were also prepared.

In order to regularize the investigation process of the National Child Protection Authority, the necessary forms and form books have been prepared in accordance with the "Guidelines for Monitoring Complaints".

- Inquiry notebook
- Inquiry receipt book
- Register to take over of goods
- 33 Order Form Book

Necessary arrangements have been made to enter into agreement with IMF to expedite cyber investigation activities of the National Child Protection Authority.

Effective handling of Institutional Case Conference conducted in the hospitals

The children who are victimized due to abuse should be placed in appropriate custody before they are discharged from hospitals. In such instances the appropriate guardianship is decided after an institutional case discussion conducted at the hospital. Offices at district and divisional level participation in this process.

The primary objective of this is to review cases of institutional child abuse through a multifaceted approach while ensuring the utmost interests of the child. The assistance of the officials of the National Child Protection Authority has been received for this. In addition, arrangements have been made to display a document containing the contact information of the officials of the National Child Protection Authority, in every hospital.

Serial Number	Classification of Hospitals	Number of hospitals
01	National Hospitals	01
02	Teaching hospitals	21
03	Main Provincial Hospitals	02
04	District General Hospitals	19
05	Base Hospitals	71
Total number		114

Recommendations and instructions have been given for 77 case conferences received by the Authority this year.

Programme to educate officials of the National Child Protection Authority on Child Protection regarding the guideline “Training Curriculum, Learning Manual and Tools for Detecting, Reporting and Investigating Child Trafficking”

The Center for Human Rights Studies of University of Colombo conducted a training of trainers program to train officers of the National Child Protection Authority officers on “Training Curriculum, Learning Manual and Tools for Detecting, Reporting and Investigating Child Trafficking”. Accordingly, 02 Sinhala and Tamil media TOT programs were conducted for 261 officers through 17 sessions covering 32 hours through Zoom technology.

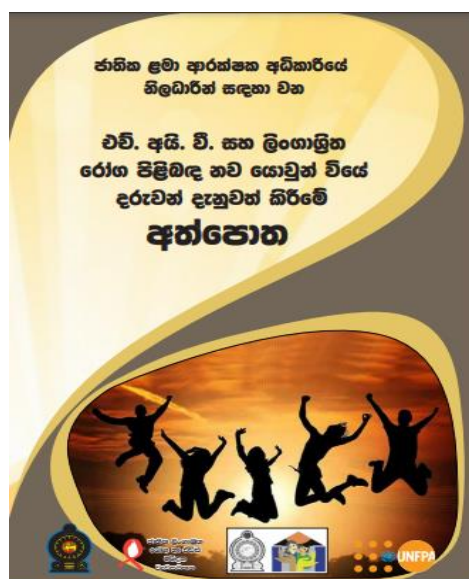
Programme to educate police officials on Child Protection regarding the guideline “Trained Curriculum, Learning Manual and Tools for Detecting, Reporting and Investigating Child Trafficking”

This programme was implemented in the year 2021 with a view to further strengthen the service of police officers who are handling the issues related to children, in a child-friendly manner through improving their knowledge and developing attitudes and skills of police officers regarding the “Training Curriculum, Learning Manual and Tools for Detecting, Reporting and Investigating Child Trafficking”.

Accordingly, arrangements were made for conducting this awareness programme in 19 districts in the island. Thus, 1439 police officers of the 19 districts of Colombo, Gampaha, Ratnapura, Kegalle, Matara, Hambantota, Matale, Monaragala, Anuradhapura, NuwaraEliya, Kandy, Polonnaruwa, Ampara, Jaffna, Mannar, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Trincomalee, Puthuthalam and Mandakalapu participated in this programme .

Training Program for the officers of the National Child Protection Authority on “Handbook to Educate the Teenagers on HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases”

Two online training programmes were conducted in Sinhala medium in 2021 on how to use the handbook: “Handbook to Educate the Teenagers on HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases” which has been designed to guide officers of the National Child Protection Authority in educating teenagers who are sexually abused or victimized by such an act, and their parents on HIV and STDs. The total number of officers trained under this programme was 147. The doctors of the National STD and AIDS Control Program of the Ministry of Health participated in this programme as resource persons.



Updating knowledge related to child protection and developing skills of the officers

A 03-hour Continuous Professional Development Training –CPD is conducted every month through Zoom technology to update the knowledge of the officers.

01. A training has been conducted for all officers of the Authority. - Physical Humiliating by Professor Priyanjali De Zoysa

02. A training programme has been conducted for all officers of the Authority under the Continuous Professional Development Training Program - Child protection case management by Mr. J. Thathparan.

03. A training program was conducted by Mr. Ananda Galappatti- on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support.

Legal Functions

The National Child Protection Authority was established under the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998.

In addition to the Authority Act, the legal division of the Authority deals with the following Acts.

- Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No. 16 of 2005 and
- Prevention of Domestic Violence Act No. 34 of 2005

The National Child Protection Authority takes action to ensure the protection of children by promoting the best interests of the child in accordance with the provisions of the International convention on Civil and Political Rights Act No. 56 of 2007.

Functions of the Legal Division of the Authority can be categorized as follows,

- Mechanism for the prevention of abuse to ensure child protection and
 - Mechanism to make response
- Advise the government on measures for the prevention of child abuse.
 - Advise the Government on measures for the protection of victims of such abuses.
 - Recommend legal, administrative or other amendments required for the effective implementation of the National Policy for the Prevention of Child Abuse.
 - Facilitation, monitoring and coordination of statutes, policies, laws, regulations and circulars related to child protection.
 - Consultation and make influence on child protection issues.
 - Facilitation response to final observations and recommendations on international obligations of the Government of Sri Lanka in relation to child protection.

1. United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and its Optional

Protocols 2

2. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
3. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)
4. United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)
5. GSP ± Incentive Scheme of the European Union

➤ Facilitation related to the preparation of school curriculum on law and child.

➤ Providing legal advice and support on child protection issues.

Providing legal advice in 2021

Serial no.	Method used to give legal advice	Number
01	Over the telephone	1091
02	By visiting National Child Protection Authority	45
Total number		1,136

➤ Provide advice and legal assistance to children who are victimized due to abuse, tsunami, provide legal assistance to children subjected to domestic violence and take action regarding child labor issues and make relevant coordination.

The number of cases filed in the year 2021 under Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No. 16 of 2005

Serial No.	Magistrate Court	Number of Cases
01	Galle	02
02	Hambantota	12
03	Matara	06
04	Battaramulla	02
05	Balapitiya	02
06	Walasmulla	02
07	Ampara	07
08	Batticaloa	09
Total		42

Handling complaints related to cases of child abuse as a result of violating any of the provisions of the following Acts

- Employment of Women, Young Persons and Children Act
- Children and Young Persons Ordinance

- Orders formulated relating to compulsory education made under the Education Ordinance

Handling of Complaints in 2021

Serial No.	Description	Number
01	The total number of complaints referred to the Legal Division through 1929 hotline	2123
02	Number of follow-up action taken regarding complaints reported between the period of 2011 – 2020	873
03	Number of complaint files completed during the period 2011 – 2021	1884
04	Number of complaints completed in the year 2021 of the complaints referred to the Legal Division in the year 2021	544
Total number		5,424

Representing the National Child Protection Authority in legal matters

- Judiciary – Magistrate Courts and District Courts
- Commissions - Human Rights Commission, Right to Information Commission, Press Complaints Commission
- Labor Tribunals

Number of Appearances before Court in the year 2021

Serial No.	Name of the Court	Number of Court Appearances
01	District Court Colombo	01
02	Magistrate Court Colombo	01
03	Magistrate Court Gangodawila	04
04	Magistrate Court Negambo	03
05	Magistrate Court Dambulla	01
06	Magistrate Court Balapitiya	01
07	Magistrate Court Battaramulla	03
08	Magistrate Court Galle	03
09	Magistrate Court Gampaha	01
10	Magistrate Court Polgahawela	01
11	Magistrate Court Nuwara Eliya	02
Total number		21

Monitoring the legality of media reporting on children

- Inspecting the legality - 1089 cases have been made in the year 2021.
- Five legal guidance have been conducted to guide the media organizations to avoid problematic/illegal use of media in reporting.

Preparation of legal documents of the National Child Protection Authority

- Memorandum of Understanding – 22
- Legal documents - 134
- Preparation of documents – 530

Supervision of child abuse criminal trials

Act as resource persons in distributing knowledge and skills on the rights of children and child related laws, regulations and circulars etc.

Participation in Webinar

Serial No.	Title	Date	Venue
01	Law in an pandemic - Awareness in Justice	06.02.2021	Visakha Vidyalaya
02	Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy	17.03.2021	State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services
03	International Day to End Corporal Punishment of Children	30.03.2021	UNICEF
04	Custody of Minors - Law and Procedure	15.05.2021	Bar Association of Sri Lanka
05	Child Rights and Covid 19	15.06.2021	Bar Association of Sri Lanka
06	Are our children really safe ?	01.07.2021	C4 Legal Organization
07	Preventing Child Abuse – Role of a Stronger National Policy	12.07.2021	UNICEF
08	Child safety and well-being in an era of uncertainty	14.08.2021	Sri Lanka Space
09	Model of Children's Rights -	11.09.2021	Musaeus College

	United Nations organizations		
10	Legal role and Responsibility of Mass media for a safe child generation	14.09.2021	Department of Mass Communication, University of Kelaniya
11	Reporting incidents related to Children and Responsibility of Mass media	30.09.2021	Sri Lanka Press Council

Organizing Webinar (Sinhala and Tamil Media)

01. Best interests of the child in legal eye and child abuse categorized under the National Child Protection Authority Act.
02. Protection of the child in the criminal justice process and the responsibility of the National Child Protection Authority.

Lectures and resource persons

01. Child Protection Laws - University of Sri Jayawardenepura, Department of Criminology - on 19.07.2021.
02. Combating Child Trafficking and Child Labor – Mirihana Service Training Centre.
03. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine – Diploma in Child Health – Role of the National Child Protection Authority – on 29.11.2021.
04. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine – MD Community Medicine – Role of the National Child Protection Authority on 09.11.2021.

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Complaints received to the Special Police Investigation Unit through the Child Support Service 1929 or other means

Complaints received through 1929 or other forms from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021		Number
1.	Number of information received	8022
2.	Information directed to outside police stations	803
3.	Number of replies received for information referred	5139
4.	Number of investigations of which the result pending	2883
Total number of complaints investigated		8022

Conduct investigations through the Police Unit of the National Child Protection Authority and arresting the suspects and prosecution against them

In the instances where the local police investigations are not satisfactory, investigations are conducted through the Special Police Investigation Unit of the National Child Protection Authority and suspects are arrested and prosecuted.

Duty performed from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021		Number
01	The number of juvenile delinquencies investigated by the Special Police Investigation Unit	19
02	Number of minor crimes investigated by the Special Police Investigation Unit, Offenses, protection and trust under the Penal Code Act No. 22 of 1995 (Amended 345)	02 04
03	Number of extract files prepared and forwarded for the advice of the Attorney General	49
04	Total number of cases filled	25

The Special Police Investigation Unit performs the functions of filing cases in the courts in relation to child abuse.

Duty performed from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021		Number
01	Number of cases filed in the High Courts in the provinces other than in western province	51
02	Number of cases filed in High Courts in Colombo	39
03	Number of cases filed in the Magistrate Courts of the provinces other than in western province	12

04	Number of cases filed in Magistrate Courts in Colombo	10
05	Number of cases filed in Children's' Magistrate Court - Baththaramulla	4
	Total number	116

Officers of the Special Police Investigation Unit appear before courts relating to child abuse cases

Role performed from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021		Number
01	Number of instances appeared in High Court cases	73
02	Number of instances appeared in Magistrate Court cases	353
03	Number of instances appeared in Children's' Magistrate Court-Battaramulla	193
	Total number	619

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITY(NCPA) OF SRI LANKA

ACCOUNTING POLICIES - YEAR ENDED 31 ST DECEMBER,2021

1. General Information

The NCPA has been established under National Child Protection Authority Act No.50 of 1998 and its Head Office is located at No;330, Thalawathugoda Road,Madiwela,Sri Jayewardenepura.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Principal Accounting Policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. The financial statements includes financial position (Balance sheet), financial performance (Income statement), Changes of Equity, cash flow statement, Accounting policies and notes .

3. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards . NCPA is not liable to pay income tax in Sri Lanka in accordance with Inland Revenue Act No.28 of 1972 under the provision of section 8(a)(xxvi) & Section 42 (f). The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

NCPA has adopted the following Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS).

SLPAS 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements

This Standard is to prescribe the manner in which general purpose financial statements should be presented to ensure comparability both with the entity's financial statements of previous periods and with the financial statements of other entities. To achieve this objective, this Standard sets out overall considerations for the presentation of financial statements, guidance for their structure, and minimum requirements for the content of financial statements prepared under the accrual basis of accounting. The recognition, measurement and disclosure of specific transactions and other events are dealt with in other SLPSASs.

SLPAS 2 -Cash flow Statement

The cash flow statement identifies the sources of cash inflows, the items on which cash was expended during the reporting period, and the cash balance as at the reporting date. Information about the cash flows of an entity is useful in providing users of financial statements with information for both accountability and decision making purposes. Cash flow information allows users to ascertain how a public sector entity raised the cash it required to fund its activities and the manner in which that cash was used. In making and evaluating decisions about the allocation of resources, such as the sustainability of the entity's activities,

users require an understanding of the timing and certainty of cash flows. The objective of this Standard is to require the provision of information about the historical changes in cash and cash equivalents of an entity by means of a cash flow statement which classifies cash flows during the period from operating, investing and financing activities.

SLPSAS 3 - Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

This Standard is to prescribe the criteria for selecting and changing accounting policies, together with the accounting treatment and disclosure of changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and the corrections of errors. This Standard is intended to enhance the relevance and reliability of an entity's financial statements and the comparability of those financial statements over time and with the financial statements of other entities.

1. Depreciation

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on the other assets is calculated using the straight line method to allocate their cost over their estimated useful lives, as follows. Depreciation begins when an item of property, plant and equipment is available for use and will continue until it is derecognized.

Building	2%
Motor Vehicles	10%
Office Furniture	15%
Office Equipment	15%
Computer & Accessories	25%
Sports Items	15%
Musical Instrument	25%
Agro Equipment	25%

NCPA does not include any item of property, plant and equipment which is purchased for

utilizing the project funds in accordance with the agreement signed with particular donor agency. The property, plant and equipment which are purchased out of project funds belong to the donor agency. The separate assets register is being maintained for the projects until the transfer of ownership of those to NCPA.

2. Amortization

Land is amortized based on the lease period. Other assets should be amortized equal to the depreciation rates. Rates as follows,

<u>Details of Land</u>	<u>Lease Duration (Years)</u>
Land (2000)	50
Land (2016)	30

<u>Other Assets</u>	<u>Amortization Rate</u>
Building	2%
Motor Vehicles	10%
Office Furniture	15%
Office Equipment	15%
Computer & Accessories	25%
Sports Items	15%
Musical Instrument	25%
Agro Equipment	25%

Notes to the Accounts

Note 01:- Amortization

Grants are recognized in profit or loss on a systematic basis over the periods in which the entity recognizes as expenses the related costs for which the grants are intended to compensate.

Note 02:- Contingency liability

The NCPA has contingency liability in respect of legal cases arising in relating to the one interdicted employee of Authority.

Note 03:- Differed Income

Annual capital grant amortization value, against the fixed assets in 2021 is included to the differed income account in Note 1 B.

Note 04:- Accrued Expenses

Total Accrued expenditure stated in finance statements includes only the reported accruals as at 31.01.2022.

Note 05:- Gratuity Provision

Gratuity provision for the year,2021 was calculated for the employees who completes the service, over one year.

Note 06:- Closing Stock

Closing stationery stock have been valued at "Average Cost Basis".

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITY			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, DECEMBER 2021			
		Rs.	Rs.
DESCRIPTION	NOT	2021	2020
REVENUE			
Recurrent Grant -Treasury		249,600,000.00	254,708,000.00
-Other Agencies	1A	552,975.00	-
Other Income	1B	17,306,116.83	19,143,869.44
Treasury Grant for Implementation of NPA		24,300,000.00	19,546,813.41
Receipts for National Child Protection Fund	1C	18,380.00	-
TOTAL REVENUE		291,777,471.83	293,398,682.85
EXPENSES			
Administration Expenses	2	229,747,957.81	235,815,823.63
Other Operating Expenses	3	62,302,800.73	60,550,953.74
Project Expenses	4	552,975.00	-
National Child Protection Fund - Expenses	5	-	-
Finance Cost	6	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		292,603,733.54	296,366,777.37
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD	7	(826,261.71)	(2,968,094.52)

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITY			
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31,DECEMBER 2021			
		Rs.	Rs.
DESCRIPTION	NOTE	2021	2020
ASSETS			
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, Plant & Equipments	8	91,926,688.40	58,538,978.40
Lease Hold Land		19,370,783.21	20,149,824.31
Investments & Savings	9	1,804,310.56	5,830,997.94
Long Term Receivables	10	-	58,676.82
Project Deficit	14-A	-	602,508.69
		113,101,782.17	85,180,986.16
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventory - Stationery		847,118.77	1,422,866.73
Distress Loan Repayment		470,734.14	470,734.14
Accounts Receivable	11	9,048,548.64	4,447,066.10
Prepayments	12	543,062.95	521,848.57
Cash & Cash Equivalentents	13	15,613,666.58	14,108,345.94
		26,523,131.08	20,970,861.48
TOTAL ASSETS		139,624,913.25	106,151,847.64
LIABILITIES			
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Gratuity Provision		59,270,622.50	53,637,415.00
Project Surplus	14-A	1,868,850.27	3,358,669.02
National Child Protection Fund	14-B	603,377.27	584,997.27
		61,742,850.04	57,581,081.29
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accrued Expenses	15	3,146,749.75	6,101,123.80
Short Term Provisions	16	2,069,525.14	2,315,710.64
		5,216,274.89	8,416,834.44
TOTAL LIABILITIES		66,959,124.93	65,997,915.73
NET ASSETS		72,665,788.32	40,153,931.91
FINANCED BY			
Capital Grants	17	53,405,510.34	31,979,326.60
Revaluation Reserve		34,038,634.65	722,241.10
Retained Earnings		(14,778,356.67)	7,452,364.21
		72,665,788.32	40,153,931.91

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITY			
CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, DECEMBER 2021			
		Rs.	Rs.
PARTICULARS	NOTE	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITES			
Surplus / (Deficit) from ordinary activities		(826,261.71)	(2,968,094.52)
Prior Year Adjustments			
Retained Earnings		(21,386,079.17)	(4,159,148.04)
Government Grant-Capital Aqvisishion		21,852,684.05	
Non Cash Movements			
Depreciation	8	FALSE	15,218,792.02
Amortization of Lease Land	8.1	779,041.10	779,041.10
Received Fixed Asset from Donations		(7,882,665.28)	-
Revalued Fixed Assets		(33,683,917.00)	-
Depreciation of Remooval Assets		(1,861,333.94)	-
Capital Grant Donations		7,882,665.28	-
Amortization of Capital Grant		(12,109,165.59)	(14,778,474.17)
Amortization of Project Funds		(1,911,310.06)	-
Amortization of Revaluation Reserves		33,316,393.55	(1,219,358.95)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITES			
Increase/Decrease in Payables		(2,954,374.05)	224,833.89
Increase/Decrease in Short term provision		(31,360.00)	384,000.00
Increase/Decrease in Inventories		575,747.96	(1,058,770.67)
Increase/Decrease in Receivables		(4,601,482.54)	4,442,259.27
Increase/Decrease in Prepayment		(21,214.38)	117,708.90
Gratuity Provishion		7,889,925.00	11,939,223.50
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities		(14,972,706.78)	8,922,012.33
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITES			
Purchase of Fixed Assets		(3,518,775.66)	(5,833,714.39)
Fixed Asset Removals		1,913,765.74	-
Increase/Decrease in Long term Receivables		58,676.82	72,470.43
Proceeds from Investment		4,026,687.38	1,863,091.50
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities		2,480,354.28	(3,898,152.46)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITES			
Gratuity Payment		(2,471,543.00)	(2,035,545.50)
Grants for Tsunami Sponsorship - Daily Mirror	14	1,024,000.00	36,000.00
Proceeds from Capital Grant	17	3,800,000.00	5,833,714.39
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities		2,352,457.00	3,834,168.89
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents		(10,139,895.50)	8,858,028.76
Cash and Cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		14,108,345.94	5,250,317.18
Cash and Cash equivalents at the end of the period	13	3,968,450.44	14,108,345.94

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION AUTHORITY				
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, DECEMBER 2021				
				Rs.
	Capital Grant	Revaluation Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total Equity
Restated balance at 1 January 2020	40,924,086.38	1,941,600.05	10,420,458.73	53,286,145.16
Comprehensive Income				
Profit for the year	-	-	(2,968,094.52)	(2,968,094.52)
Total Other Comprehensive Income / Expenses	(8,944,759.78)	(1,219,358.95)	-	(10,164,118.73)
Balance at 31 December 2020	31,979,326.60	722,241.10	7,452,364.21	40,153,931.91
Correction of prior period error	21,852,684.05	-	(22,252,525.24)	(399,841.19)
Restated balance at 1 January 2021	53,832,010.65	722,241.10	(14,800,161.03)	39,754,090.72
Comprehensive Income				
Profit / Loss for the year	-	-	(844,641.71)	(844,641.71)
Total Other Comprehensive Income / Expenses	(426,500.31)	33,316,393.55	866,446.07	33,756,339.31
Balance at 31 December 2021	53,405,510.34	34,038,634.65	(14,778,356.67)	72,665,788.32

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 1 A	2021	2020
RECURRENT GRANTS - OTHER DONOR AGENCIES		
Peoples Bank	552,975.00	-
TOTAL	552,975.00	-

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 1 A	2021	2020
RECURRENT GRANTS - OTHER DONOR AGENCIES		
Peoples Bank	552,975.00	-
TOTAL	552,975.00	-

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 1 B	2021	2020
OTHER INCOME		
Reimbursement By Ministry	3,911,784.75	2,218,050.00
Interest Income	258,578.87	463,307.03
Distress Loan Interest	4,448.68	7,049.67
Sundry Income	707,047.29	457,629.62
Differed Income	12,424,257.24	15,997,833.12
TOTAL	17,306,116.83	19,143,869.44

		Rs.
NOTE 1 B (1)	2021	2020
Breakup of the Reimbursement By Ministry		
Trust Fund Action Plan	3,911,784.75	1,955,450.00
24 Hour Tall Free Help Line Action Plan	-	262,600.00
Total	3,911,784.75	2,218,050.00

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 1 C	2021	2020
RECEIPTS FOR NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION FUND		
NCPF Receipts	18,380.00	-
TOTAL	18,380.00	-

NOTE 2 - ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 2.1	2021	2020
PERSONNEL EMOLUMENTS		
Staff Salaries	143,995,583.53	148,092,519.32
E.P.F	21,009,553.80	21,631,522.75
E.T.F	5,252,388.52	5,407,880.74
Monthly Allowances	3,022,669.16	2,812,868.21
Cool Allowance	33,938.00	33,653.20
Overtime	2,805,415.09	2,930,772.17
Holiday Pay	201,051.75	145,882.75
Cost of living allowances	30,986,155.09	32,033,999.74
Gratuity Contribution	7,889,925.00	11,939,223.50
Acting Payment	4,814,652.01	2,647,908.50
Allowance for Apprentices Training	610,000.00	709,000.00
Fuel & Vehicle Allowance	5,951,581.60	3,881,895.45
TOTAL	226,572,913.55	232,267,126.33

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 2.2	2021	2020
TRAVELLING		
Travelling & Subsistence Payments - District officers	2,716,432.30	3,104,666.69
- Office Staff	122,374.50	126,135.00
Vehicle Hiring Charges	318,087.46	317,895.61
Transport	18,150.00	-
TOTAL	3,175,044.26	3,548,697.30

NOTE 3 - OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 3.1	2021	2020
SUPPLIES & CONSUMEBLES		
Stationary & Office Requisites	2,459,401.75	2,399,326.49
Stationary for District Officers	1,324,452.82	1,727,960.90
Newspapers	66,540.00	145,310.00
Fuel	852,024.53	912,800.00
TOTAL	4,702,419.10	5,185,397.39

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 3.2	2021	2020
MAINTENANCE		
Motor Vehicles	1,730,018.53	1,337,291.20
Computer & Equipment	934,137.41	1,455,881.81
Building & Office	399,520.77	581,601.18
TOTAL	3,063,676.71	3,374,774.19

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 3.3	2021	2020
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES		
Telephone	5,572,625.93	3,826,574.34
Stamp & Postage	410,430.00	372,832.68
Electricity	2,329,186.35	2,522,676.28
Water	195,226.35	172,641.10
Insurance	689,258.83	758,092.02
Security service	3,237,991.81	2,753,502.39
Cleaning Service	1,603,082.50	1,419,272.11
Advertisements	395,118.00	1,718,820.00
Printing	1,080.00	9,630.00
Translation fees	34,912.50	56,745.00
Rates & Taxes	81,699.38	124,846.38
Audit Fees	414,000.00	384,000.00
Board Expenses	693,068.00	595,338.50
Interview Board Expenses	106,244.00	3,765.00
Audit & Management Committee	99,603.00	38,443.00
Web Maintenance	442,987.59	213,840.00
Service agreement - Computer & Other	400,933.41	420,879.57
1929 Meal Allowance	110,800.00	-
TOTAL	16,818,247.65	15,391,898.37

NOTE 3.4	2021	2020
DEPRECIATION / AMORTIZATION		
Lease Land	779,041.10	779,041.10
Building	1,050,872.85	1,050,872.85
Motor Vehicles	4,354,083.00	4,794,500.00
Furniture	2,058,872.29	2,034,176.11
Equipments	3,077,477.37	6,147,636.84
SAIEVAC Project		
- Furniture	-	7,914.72
- Equipments	2,750.00	10,025.70
UNDP Furniture	-	3,311.28
UNICEF Project		
- Motor Vehicle	745,700.00	806,700.00
- Equipments	124,063.63	140,713.63
GIZ - Motor Vehicle	211,300.00	211,300.00
SAVE THE CHILDREN - Equipments	20,097.00	11,640.89
TOTAL	12,424,257.24	15,997,833.12

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 3.5	2021	2020
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES		
Sundry Expenses	32,898.00	177,938.54
Chairperson Entertainment	643,778.00	570,139.70
TOTAL	676,676.00	748,078.24

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 3.6	2021	2020
NPA - IMPLEMENTING EXPENSES		
National agenda on child protection Develop national policies	654,393.00	640,460.00
School Child Protection Committee (SCPC)	1,684,540.00	724,682.50
Community based engagement (CBE)	5,970,973.49	65,065.00
Individual Programmed for each division	106,064.06	-
Trainings on child protection, child rights & child development	10,577.50	3,547,240.39
Information, Education and Communication tools (IEC Tools)	1,534,373.00	2,985,727.24
Child Protection propaganda as knowledge development	-	43,165.00
Legal Proceedings	3,184,009.08	2,469,472.11
Strengthening of Child Protection Mechanisms	4,236,935.28	2,528,216.55
Child Protection Strategy/Mechanisms development process	49,540.00	-
Strengthening capacity, Monitoring and Evaluation	1,070,208.37	-
Other	1,566,008.00	1,304,110.80
Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital asset & Capacity Building	638,117.50	3,326,782.84
NCPA Social Protection for Children	3,911,784.75	1,955,450.00
Action Plan for 24 Hour Toll Free Help Line	-	262,600.00
TOTAL	24,617,524.03	19,852,972.43

NOTE 4	2021	2020
PROJECT EXPENSES		
Sithuvili Siththam Expenses - 2021	552,975.00	-
TOTAL	552,975.00	-

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 5	2021	2020
NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION FUND EXPENSES		
NCPF - Payments	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 6	2021	2020
FINANCE COST		
Bank Charges	-	-
TOTAL	-	-

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 7	2021	2020
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD - Treasury	(844,641.71)	(2,968,094.52)
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD - Projects	-	-
NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD - NCPF	18,380.00	-
TOTAL	(826,261.71)	(2,968,094.52)

NOTE 8					Rs.
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	Balance B/F as at 1/1/2021	Additions	Removals	Prior Year Adjustment	Balance C/F as at 31/12/2021
COST/ VALUATION					
NCPA					
Building	52,543,643.30	-	-	-	52,543,643.30
Motor vehicle	48,155,825.00	35,100,000.00	(34,810,825.00)	-	48,445,000.00
Furniture	16,041,511.82	600,571.56	(49,681.50)	-	16,592,401.88
Equipments	56,271,337.62	2,918,204.10	(640,494.25)	(303,736.99)	58,245,310.48
	173,012,317.74	38,618,775.66	(35,501,000.75)	(303,736.99)	175,826,355.66
Fixed Assets Received From Projects					
Rehabilitation Project	501,446.00	-	-	-	501,446.00
Trafficking ILO Project	754,701.00	-	-	-	754,701.00
ILO Research Project	6,969.00	-	-	-	6,969.00
Tsunami Donor Project	2,232,158.65	-	-	-	2,232,158.65
Tsunami Training Project	1,035,193.00	-	-	-	1,035,193.00
Code of Conduct Project	96,275.00	-	-	-	96,275.00
PCN Project - Computer	2,121,560.00	-	-	-	2,121,560.00
SAIEVAC Project					
- Furniture	79,147.50	-	-	-	79,147.50
- Equipments	85,757.00	-	-	-	85,757.00
UNDP Project					
- Furniture	33,112.80	-	-	-	33,112.80
- Equipments	-	1,782,665.28	-	-	1,782,665.28
UNICEF Project					
- Motor Vehicle	10,599,711.00	6,036,000.00	(8,257,102.00)	-	8,378,609.00
- Equipments	8,660,634.68	-	(111,000.00)	-	8,549,634.68
GIZ - Motor Vehicle	2,113,000.00	-	-	-	2,113,000.00
SAVE THE CHILDREN - B	133,980.00	-	-	-	133,980.00
	28,453,645.63	7,818,665.28	(8,368,102.00)	-	27,904,208.91
TOTAL	201,465,963.37	46,437,440.94	(43,869,102.75)	(303,736.99)	203,730,564.57

NOTE 8 Cont.					Rs.
DEPRECIATION	Balance B/F as at 1/1/2021	Depreciation for the Year 2021	Removals	Prior Year Adjustment	Balance C/F as at 31/12/2021
NCPA					
Building	15,309,532.22	1,050,872.85	-	-	16,360,405.07
Motor vehicle	43,057,139.20	4,354,083.00	(33,771,242.00)	-	13,639,980.20
Furniture	11,174,439.70	2,058,872.29	(49,058.50)	-	13,184,253.49
Equipments	46,876,753.69	3,077,477.37	(619,120.25)	(301,052.19)	49,034,058.62
	116,417,864.81	10,541,305.51	(34,439,420.75)	(301,052.19)	92,218,697.38
Fixed Assets Received From Projects					
Rehabilitation Project	501,446.00	-	-	-	501,446.00
Trafficking ILO Project	754,701.00	-	-	-	754,701.00
ILO Research Project	6,969.00	-	-	-	6,969.00
Tsunami Donor Project	2,232,158.65	-	-	-	2,232,158.65
Tsunami Training Project	1,035,193.00	-	-	-	1,035,193.00
Code of Conduct Project	96,275.00	-	-	-	96,275.00
PCN Project - Computer	2,121,560.00	-	-	-	2,121,560.00
SAIEVAC Project					
- Furniture	79,147.50	-	-	-	79,147.50
- Equipments	78,257.00	2,750.00	-	-	81,007.00
UNDP Project					
- Furniture	33,112.80	-	-	-	33,112.80
- Equipments	-	-	-	-	-
UNICEF Project					
- Motor Vehicle	9,566,211.00	745,700.00	(7,944,602.00)	-	2,367,309.00
- Equipments	8,302,048.32	124,063.63	(83,250.00)	-	8,342,861.95
GIZ - Motor Vehicle	1,690,400.00	211,300.00	-	-	1,901,700.00
SAVE THE CHILDREN - E	11,640.89	20,097.00	-	-	31,737.89
	26,509,120.16	1,103,910.63	(8,027,852.00)	-	19,585,178.79
TOTAL	142,926,984.97	FALSE	(42,467,272.75)	(301,052.19)	111,803,876.17

NOTE 8 Cont.			Rs.
NET BOOK VALUES	COST	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
NCPA			
Building	52,543,643.30	16,360,405.07	36,183,238.23
Motor vehicles	48,445,000.00	13,639,980.20	34,805,019.80
Furniture	16,592,401.88	13,184,253.49	3,408,148.39
Equipments	58,245,310.48	49,034,058.62	9,211,251.86
	175,826,355.66	92,218,697.38	83,607,658.28
Fixed Assets Received From Projects			
Rehabilitation Project	501,446.00	501,446.00	-
Trafficking ILO Project	754,701.00	754,701.00	-
ILO Research Project	6,969.00	6,969.00	-
Tsunami Donor Project	2,232,158.65	2,232,158.65	-
Tsunami Training Project	1,035,193.00	1,035,193.00	-
Code of Conduct Project	96,275.00	96,275.00	-
PCN Project - Computer	2,121,560.00	2,121,560.00	-
SAIEVAC Project			
- Furniture	79,147.50	79,147.50	-
- Equipment	85,757.00	81,007.00	4,750.00
UNDP Project			
- Furniture	33,112.80	33,112.80	-
- Equipment	1,782,665.28	-	1,782,665.28
UNICEF Project			
- Motor Vehicle	8,378,609.00	2,367,309.00	6,011,300.00
- Equipment	8,549,634.68	8,342,861.95	206,772.73
GIZ - Motor Vehicle	2,113,000.00	1,901,700.00	211,300.00
SAVE THE CHILDREN - B	133,980.00	31,737.89	102,242.11
	27,904,208.91	19,585,178.79	8,319,030.12
TOTAL	203,730,564.57	111,803,876.17	91,926,688.40

NOTE 8.1						Rs.
Lease Hold Land	Lease Period (Years)	Lease Cost	Accumulated Amortization up to last Year	Balance B/F	Amortization for the Year 2021	Balance C/F
Lease Hold Land (2000)	50	8,422,459.89	3,537,433.16	4,885,026.73	168,449.20	4,716,577.53
Lease Hold Land (2016)	30	18,317,757.08	3,052,959.50	15,264,797.58	610,591.90	14,654,205.68
		26,740,216.97	6,590,392.66	20,149,824.31	779,041.10	19,370,783.21

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 9	2021	2020
INVESTMENTS & SAVINGS		
Gratuity Fund Investment A/C - 261605	1,743,758.92	1,192,339.02
Tsunami Savings A/C - 679016	60,551.64	58,764.34
TOTAL	1,804,310.56	1,251,103.36

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 10	2021	2020
LONG TERM RECEIVABLES		
Distress Loan	-	58,676.82
TOTAL	-	58,676.82

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 11	2021	2020
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Psychosocial Program - UNICEF	-	235,379.00
Festival Advance	261,000.00	196,500.00
Cash Advance	3,391,812.58	1,454,621.96
Reimbursable from Save the Children	-	256,509.99
Receivable A/C	513,477.64	2,217,392.04
Distress Loan Receivable	58,676.81	86,663.11
Fixed Deposit	4,823,581.61	4,579,894.58
TOTAL	9,048,548.64	9,026,960.68

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 12	2021	2020
PREPAYMENTS		
Insurance	377,054.29	345,562.31
Service agreement	166,008.66	176,286.26
TOTAL	543,062.95	521,848.57

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 13	2021	2020
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Bank of Ceylon - Current Account 228076	11,852,259.83	10,836,344.19
- Current Account 71252941	2,843,882.01	2,378,477.01
People's Bank - Current Account 174-1-001-4-0347385	917,524.74	893,524.74
TOTAL	15,613,666.58	14,108,345.94

NOTE -14 A					
BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT FUND BALANCES					
					Rs.
Project Name	Balance /B/F	Prior Year Adjustment	2021		Balance C/F
			Funds/Receipts	Expenses	
Tsunami Sponsorship - Daily Mirror	893,524.74	-	24,000.00	-	917,524.74
Italian Project	128,493.81	(128,493.81)	-	-	-
UNICEF- IDP	42,815.07	(42,815.07)	-	-	-
Save the Children	1,281,816.93	(1,281,816.93)	-	-	-
SAIEVAC	507,717.94	(507,717.94)	-	-	-
Child Fund	504,300.53	-	-	-	504,300.53
Peoples Bank	-	-	1,000,000.00	(552,975.00)	447,025.00
Sub Total	3,358,669.02	(1,960,843.75)	1,024,000.00	(552,975.00)	1,868,850.27
GIZ	(22,723.70)	22,723.70	-	-	-
UNICEF Action Plan	(557,913.17)	557,913.17	-	-	-
Save the Children USAID	(21,871.82)	21,871.82	-	-	-
Sub Total	(602,508.69)	602,508.69	-	-	-
Total	2,756,160.33	(1,358,335.06)	1,024,000.00	(552,975.00)	1,868,850.27

NOTE -14 B						
BREAKDOWN OF NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION FUND						
						Rs.
Fund Name	Balance /B/F	Prior Year	Receipts (Note - 1C)	Expenses (Note 12)	Surplus/ (Deficit) for the year 2021	Balance C/F
National Child Protection Fund	584,997.27	-	18,380.00	-	18,380.00	603,377.27

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 15	2021	2020
ACCRUED EXPENSES		
Overtime	325,952.98	586,924.45
Security Service	307,336.31	338,860.77
Cleaning Service	148,041.25	96,350.41
Travelling & Subsistence	1,018,200.00	1,226,075.00
Electricity	234,531.80	205,205.60
Water	2,448.24	5,200.70
Stationary	50,000.00	50,000.00
Advertisement	-	847,800.00
Telephone Expenses	566,288.36	345,678.55
Sundry Creditors	209,922.39	2,122,462.50
Web Maintenance	41,249.24	17,820.00
News Paper Expenses	13,190.00	10,500.00
Holiday Payment	8,029.50	-
Allowance For Apprentis Training	73,500.00	48,000.00
NDAP 2.1.7	-	16,900.00
NDAP 4.1.1	-	144,500.00
NDAP 7.1.1	-	29,919.27
NDAP 7.1.3	-	586.56
NDAP 7.1.4	-	8,339.99
Salary Payable	148,059.68	
TOTAL	3,146,749.75	6,101,123.80

	Rs.	Rs.
NOTE 16	2021	2020
SHORT TERM PROVISION		
Provision for Audit Fees	798,000.00	829,360.00
Provision for Distress Loan Repayment	470,734.14	470,734.14
Provision-Gratuity Fund Short Term	800,791.00	1,015,616.50
TOTAL	2,069,525.14	2,315,710.64

					Rs.
NOTE 17	Balance B/F as at 1/1/2021	Receipts for the year 2021	Expenses for the year 2021	Prior Year Adjustment	Balance C/F as at 31/12/2021
CAPITAL EMPLOYED					
Capital Grants					
Government Grant - Capital	3,882,689.21	3,800,000.00	(9,460,768.39)	21,852,684.05	20,074,604.87
British High Commission - Building	10,502,194.26		(338,780.46)	-	10,163,413.80
UNICEF - Grant	1,392,086.36		(958,513.63)	-	433,572.73
GIZ - Grant	422,600.00		(211,300.00)	-	211,300.00
Capital Grant - UNDP	-	1,782,665.28	-	-	1,782,665.28
Capital Grant - Asset Acquisition Dev. Activities	156,277.75		(143,075.75)	-	13,202.00
Capital Grant -Lease Land	15,264,797.57		(610,591.90)	-	14,654,205.67
Capital Grant - SAVE THE CHILDREN	122,339.11		(20,097.00)	-	102,242.11
Ministry Grant (Capital Acquisition)	236,342.34	-	(10,205.46)	-	226,136.88
Capital Grant - President Office - Motor Vehicle	-	6,100,000.00	(355,833.00)	-	5,744,167.00
TOTAL	31,979,326.60	11,682,665.28	(12,109,165.59)	21,852,684.05	53,405,510.34

The Report of the Auditor General

National Audit Office

Chairman,

National Child Protection Authority

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of National Child Protection Authority for the year ended 31 December 2021 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of National Child Protection Authority for the year ended 31 December 2021 comprising the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and as at 31 December 2021 and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Finance Act No. 38 of 1971. My report to Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (6) of the Constitution will be tabled in due course.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of National Child protection Authority as at 31 December 2021 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2021 of the Authority

The information which I obtained prior to the date of this audit report and not included in the financial statements and my audit report but included in the Annual Report 2021 of the Authority is intended as “other information”. The management should be responsible for such “other information”.

In my opinion on the financial statement, any other information is not covered and I am not expressing any pinion or any assurance on that matter.

My responsibility on the financial statements in my audit is to read the above mentioned identified information as and when received and to consider whether it is not in accordance with the financial statements quantitatively or with my knowledge obtained in the audit or any other way.

When the Annual Report of the authority is being read, if I conclude there are quantitative errors shown in this other information, such matters should communicate to the controlling parties for the corrections. I have nothing to communicate this regard.

1.4 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Institute’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Institute or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority’s financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Authority is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Institute.

1.5 Auditor’s Responsibility for the Audit of Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an

auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Institute's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control I have identified during my audit.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

2.1. Special provisions have been set out in the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, with respect of the following requirements.

2.1.1 that as per the requirement of Section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, I have

obtained all the information and explanations required for the audit and as observed through my examination, proper financial reports have been maintained by the authority.

- 2.1.2 The financial statements presented is consistent with the preceding year as per the requirement of section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.1.3 Recommendations made by me in the previous year as per the requirement of section 6 (1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, have been included in the financial statements presented.
- 2.2 Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained, my observations were limited to matters that are material and nothing has come to my attention to state;
- 2.2.1 That any member of the governing body of the Institute has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Institute out of the normal cause of business as per the requirement of section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.2.2 to state that the Institute has not complied with any applicable written law, general and special directions issued by the governing body of the Institute as per the requirement of section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 except for the following observations.

**Reference to Laws, Rules, Regulations
etc.**

Non-compliance

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- I. Section 6.5.3 of Public Enterprises Circular No. P.E.D./12 of 02nd June 2003.**
- II. Financial Regulation No. 371(5) as amended by the Fiscal Policy Circular No. 3/2015 of 14th July 2015.**
- III. Fiscal Policy Circular No. 05/2016 of 31st March 2016.**

Though the annual reports should be tabled in the parliament within 150 days after the ending of the financial year, annual reports of the year 2019 and 2020 had not been tabled in the parliament by 19th May 2022 even.

Though the advances obtained should be settled after 10 days of the completion of the relevant task, steps had not been taken even, by the 31st of December 2021, to settle advances amounting to a sum of Rs.2, 487,448, issued in 93 occasions and the duration of the delay was 01 – 09 months.

Though the Report of the verification of stocks of the preceding year should be presented before 15th June of each year, the reports for the year of 2019 and 2020 had been respectively presented on the 08th of February 2021 and on the 09th of November 2021.

2.2.3

that the Authority has performed incompliant to its powers, functions and duties as per the requirement of section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, except for the following observations.

Powers, functions and duties

Observations

I. Section (a) (b) (c) (e) of the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998

Since the National Child Protection Policy which had been approved on 2019 on the 29th of October, after the elapse of 20 years from the establishment of the Authority had not been implemented even by 05th May 2022, the date of audit, it has been impossible to perform tasks related to recommending of legal, administrative or other amendments for the effective implementation of the National Child Protection Policy, and other incidental duties including advising the government on measures to prevent child abuse.

II. Section (e) of the Act

to consult the relevant ministries, Provincial Councils, local authorities, District and Divisional Secretaries, public and private sector organizations and recommend all such measures as are necessary, for the purpose of preventing child abuse and for protecting and safeguarding the interests of the victims of such abuse;

National Child Protection Fund has been formulated to provide for taking all measures for preventing child abuse and protecting the victims of such abuse and to safeguard their rights. As at 29th of March 2021, the date of audit, a balanced sum of Rs.2, 843,882 has been remaining idle in the fund from the year 2018.

Section (i) of the Act

to receive complaints from the public relating to child abuse and where necessary, to refer such complaints to the appropriate authorities;

In the year under review, a total of 11187 complaints of child abuse and violence that can be divided into 28 categories have been received from all the 25 districts. Even though prompt actions had to be taken for such issues, final actions have not been taken regarding 7492 incidents of abuse even by the date of audit.

(iv) Section (k)

Though 21 years have been elapse from the establishment of the National Child Protection Authority, a formal data base as per the Act has not been formulated and maintained.

Resources of the Authority had not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws as per the requirement of section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.3 **Other matters**

- (a) An officer not possessing basic qualifications and experience stipulated in the recruitment procedure had been recruited for the post of Director (Media and Information) which remained vacant for a period of 4 ½ years, in March 2021
- (b) A land obtained in the year 2016 on 30 years lease basis for the value of Rs.18,317,757 has been remained idle up to the date of the report.

Since the Assistant Manager (Programmes) of the Authority has been released for external institutions for a period of more than 11 years, due performance of the duties of the relevant post has been disrupted.

- (c) Three funds being in existence for a period of 01 to 11 years, existence amounting to a total sum of a total sum of Rs.1,868,850 has been remained idle.

W.P.C Wickramarathne
Auditor General.