

## **Introduction**

The government established the new State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services to have an active contribution to achieve its goal of building a prosperous country.

Education-based human resource development lays a solid foundation for the empowerment of women. Under the process, it is considered as significant to develop knowledge, skills and capacities as well as values based on education to mould a productive and contented society.

The functions of the present Ministry can be divided into 03 categories. The main functions in the women development sector include providing and implementing necessary resources and methodologies for empowering women to face social, economic, and professional issues and challenges without gender discrimination, and developing knowledge, skills and attitudes to have their active involvement in the country's development process.

The main functions in the child development sector include formulation, implementation and monitoring of rules, regulations and programmes required to mould a younger generation with balanced development and to ensure their active involvement in child-friendly and sensitive activities (specifically, priority will be for ensuring child rights and their safety)

The main functions of the spheres of Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services aim at moulding a community of students who are capable of involving in country's development process armed with Sri Lankan identity, skills and talents. Further, the Ministry takes action to implement, coordinate and monitor programmes to create such an environment and to develop infrastructure of schools.

For carrying out above functions, Children's Secretariat, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, National Child Protection Authority, Early Childhood Development Programme, Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka, and National Committee on Women and all the Divisions functioning under Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services sectors along with the Sri Lanka Thripasha Limited function under the purview of the Ministry.

This Ministry has been assigned with 14 top priorities. They include ensuring the security of women, providing relief to rural women victimized by unregulated microfinance schemes, empowering women with knowledge and skills to enjoy a successful life, saving children from

being violating all forms of rights and exposing to abuse, providing and monitoring methodologies that ensure their well-being, creating a child-friendly school environment, and ensuring education for all minimizing irregularities.

The Ministry could implement newly identified programmes for the safety and well-being of the entire women generation from children in early childhood to women even amid COVID-19 outbreak. Under the circumstances, the Ministry has spent a sum of Rs. 4728 million out of Rs. 6705 million of allocation under Child and Women Development Sector for 2020.

## **Development Division**

### **Main Functions**

The prime target under the 2015-2030 Sustainable Development Goals is to remove social, economic, and legal barriers providing an opportunity for every woman and child to live in equity without gender discrimination. The State Ministry functions to achieve this objective and acts as the key stakeholder of the government that implements nationally and internationally recognized Conventions and Charters such as the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly, The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the United Nations General Assembly held under the theme of “the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls”, 21<sup>st</sup> Session of Human Rights Council along with recommendations of the Lessons Learned and Reconciliation Commission, Prevention of Domestic Violence Act No. 34 of 2005 and National Human Rights Action Plan 2017-2021 (NHRAP).

The main functions of the Development Division of the Ministry include coordinating the development activities implemented by all the institutions and divisions under the purview of the Ministry for creating a sensitive society, and implementing, monitoring, and evaluating national level development programmes related to this task. Further, the Development Division launches projects utilizing funds granted by institutions affiliated to the United Nations and other local and foreign government and non-government institutions while promoting coordination between those institutions and the Divisions of the Ministry.

### **Main Development Programs implemented in 2020**

#### **01. Motivating Women to Engage in Eco-tourism and empowering them**

This project is conducted following the concept of “Hela Bojunhala”, and it encourages the sale of products manufactured using local raw materials and food items prepared without harmful flavouring. For the purpose, the Ministry planned to construct a Sales Centre to sell the products of ten (10) female entrepreneurs in the Kahatagasdigiya DS Division in Anuradhapura. The first phase of this construction work was commenced last year, and the second phase has already commenced.

## 02. Information Technology Unit

The Ministry established the Information Technology Unit to conduct its functions efficiently and effectively and promoting digital literacy. The said Unit carries out the following activities to achieve the above objectives.

- Provide internet and email facilities to the officers of the Ministry.
- Create and maintain software systems for the electronic correspondence and electronic communication required for the efficient functioning of the Ministry.
- Update and maintain the official website, Facebook page, and YouTube Channel of the Ministry.
- Maintain an internal computer network connecting all the divisions of the Ministry.
- Maintain Lanka Government Network (LGN).
- Manage and maintain hardware, software, and networking system of the Ministry and prepare technical specifications helping procurement of equipment for IT communication and make recommendations.
- Launch IT training programmes for the staff of the Ministry to raise their computer literacy.
- Implement the e-governance policy.
- Update the virus guard software of the Ministry.
- Introduce new technological strategies.
- Launch the “Suhuruliya” programme at the district level in collaboration with the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka for Sri Lankan women generation.
- Print two volumes of the annual magazine “Suhurukatha” to raise IT knowledge of Sri Lankan women.



“Suhuruliya” programme in Monaragala



“Suhuruliya” programme in Rathnapura

### **03. Media Programme**

Electronic and printed media, specifically through social networks and web sites, make a significant impact on society at present for the progress of society as well as for its regression. “Woman and child” have become one focal character portrayed by all these types of media. Accordingly, the contribution of media is obtained to sensitize the society and raise its awareness about the programmes/projects/activities implemented by the Ministry to empower women and children and to protect them. Under the process, necessary measures have been taken to carry out the following steps.

- Taking action to give publicity to International Women’s Day and International Day of the Girl Child on such days through news items, interviews, and newspaper supplements to sensitize society towards them.
- Created a script for a documentary on COVID-19 Pandemic

### **04. Establishing Gender Mainstreaming Programme at Ministry Level**

Our Ministry offered instructions and guidance on the establishment of the Gender Mainstreaming Programme in respective Ministries providing women as well as men with the opportunity of acting with equity and equality, achieving Sustainable Development Goals, and minimizing harassment against women in public institutions.

Arrangements were made to print a tri-lingual manual on Gender Mainstreaming, Gender Budgeting and Setting up of Committees to Eradicate Gender-based Violence for distributing among public institutions. The Project for Strengthening Democratic Governance and Accountability (SDGAP) of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

provided technical assistance, and the Consultant Ms Shriyani Perera, who advise (SDGAP) and the Ministry on the subject, compiled this book.

The action was taken to gather information through a questionnaire prepared by Consultant Shriyani Perera to identify requirements for conducting a training course on Capacity Building for focal points nominated at the ministry level.

The National Budget Department has already requested ministries to include gender budgeting in annual action plans for 2021 by sending a model format.



Tri-lingual manual on Gender Mainstreaming, Gender budgeting and setting up of Committees to eradicate gender-based violence prepared for distributing among public institutions

## **05. Establishing Child and Women Development Units at District and Divisional Secretariats -2020**

Our Ministry started establishing Child and Women Development Units at Divisional and District Secretariats for carrying out programmes on women and children launched by the government at divisional and district level with greater coordination and close supervision of District and Divisional Secretaries in 2013.

Provisions to the value of Rs. 0.950 million have been released to establish a Child and Women Development Unit in the Divisional Secretariat, Vavuniya North in 2020, and after signing agreements, its work has already commenced.

## 06. Economic and Social Empowerment of Vulnerable and Poverty-stricken Women- CEDAW Special Project

The Convention on Eradicating All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which Sri Lanka too has ratified in 1981, contains five recommendations about female heads of households. One out of five recommends launching a specific programme to save women from the exploitation of private companies since they have restricted access to loan facilities and getting them actively involved in the economic development process.

Further, among traditional industries, demand for garments such as handloom sarees, shirts, sarongs, shalwars, blouses, kurtas, lungees, and footwear and handbags from various parts of Sri Lanka rose, and lack of products to meet the demand caused the initiation of the project. Because of the above reasons, the action was taken to initiate the two projects, i.e.

- “*Diriya Vanitha Engalum ha Pavahan Nimavum* – Garment and Footwear Products by Courageous Women” Project
- *Diriya Vanitha AthYanthra Nimavum* – Handloom Products by Courageous Women” Project

Under the guidance of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-Schools & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services, an investment of Rs. 6.763 million, and with the full contribution of Ampara District Secretariat at the “*Diriya Kantha*” Welfare Centre in Ampara DS Division. A training session has been commenced for 37 beneficiaries selected from low-income families, widowed and female-headed families, and disabled families.

Here, it is expected to train them to produce and issue full attires containing handloom saree, lungee and kurtha, handbag and pair of shoes to the market and encourage them to gain access to the export market.



“*DiriyaKantha*” WelfareCentre in Ampara DS Division

## **07. Conducting Meetings of District and Divisional Child Development Committees**

District and Divisional Child Development Committees were established for implementing the Child Rights Convention that was declared in 1989 and ratified by Sri Lanka in 1991 and to do the relevant reporting through constructive approaches. The Ministry expects to intervene in the specific issues identified through the committee meetings. These meetings are conducted under the patronage of respective district secretaries, and all officers who are responsible for the development of women and children at district level attend the meeting.

## **08. Strengthening the Bureau for the Prevention of Child and Women Abuse**

This special project is in progress since 2014 for providing relief more efficiently to children and women victims of abuse and violence. Construction of Bureau in Rambukkan has already been completed and provisions for furnishing the building and preparing the name board. Provisions were released to prepare and fix the name board for the Bureau of Kalutara of which construction work commenced in 2018 in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2020.

Further, provisions were released for preparing and fixing the name board for Hettipola Bureau in Kuliyaipitiya (West), Sooriyawewa of which the construction work commenced in 2018.

## **09. Shelters for Women**

This project is implemented to provide temporary shelter for women victims of domestic or other forms of violence and their children until legal redress and security are provided. Provisions were released, under the Cabinet approval No: CP/17/0234/740/001 dated 07/02/2017, for the temporary shelters constructed by the Ministry in the Districts of Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Matara, Colombo, and Batticaloa, and maintained in collaboration with non-government organizations. These centres provide legal assistance, counselling, and medical facilities further to the rehabilitation and empowerment of victims by building their self-confidence.



## **10. Project under United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for Gender Equality, Reproductive Rights and Eradicating Gender-based Violence**

The UNFPA has granted Rs. 2.00 million to the Ministry for the final quarter of the year 2020. A few specific programmes/activities could be launched in the last quarter of 2020 under the technical and financial contributions of that institution.

The UNFPA offered technical and financial assistance to train officers to maintain a database of information on progress achieved by respective ministries by implementing the National Plan of Action for minimizing gender-based violence, and a database was established under the guidance of the SLIT.

The UNFPA provided financial assistance for the final session of the Diploma Course on counseling to build the capacity of 21 Counseling Officers who deal with complaints on gender-based violence received at field level.

Technical and financial assistance of the UNFPA was received for several training sessions held to impart knowledge on capacity building, referral counselling, and self-care to officers who handle Women Helpline 1938 operated by the National Committee on Women.

## **11. United Nations Development Fund (UNDP)**

In 2020, preliminary action has been taken to launch programmes for strengthening the referral system, assisting the Ministry to implement National Plan of Action for the Prevention of Gender-based Violence, and widows oppressed by war situation prevailed in the country and subjected to sexual bribery. The Ministry received provisions to the value of Rs. 1.85 million for this programme.

### **Key Development Programmes in 2021**

In 2021, programmes will be launched to ensure the safety and protection of women and children, promote policies and practices for the prevention of gender-based discrimination, empower women socially, ensure the well-being of vulnerable women and children, establish a technology-based government and society, ensure the safety of children and thereby preventing child abuse, promote and strengthen child rights and well-being, and strengthen Technical Capacity to render services to women and child.

**Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Project/ Activity</b>	<b>Financial Target (Rs. Mn)</b>	<b>Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)</b>	<b>Physical Target</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries/ participants</b>
1	Combined Model Villages Program	0.018	0.018	Awareness Programs 01	Health and psycho-social program in Siripura, Wellawayya 01-100%	175
2	Eco-tourism Industry	2.000	0.000	Stall 01	Provision amounting to Rs. 1.00 million has been released to the District Secretary for the continuation of the construction work of the second phase of the Sales Centre for the women entrepreneurs in Kahatagasdigiliya Divisional Secretary's Division, Anuradhapura. Procurement activities have been carried out. Construction work will be in progress once the provision is obtained.	Number of expected women beneficiaries is 10
3	Strengthening the Information Technology Unit	5.490	1.855	Conducting "Suhuruliya" program in Monaragala and Ratnapura districts, maintenance and administration of the network, Smart Rack & IT maintenance, development of a digital stage for the women entrepreneurs, publication of E-Women magazine, and training programs for the officers.	Conducting "Suhuruliya" program in Monaragala and Ratnapura districts, completion of the additional work in the LGN system (5th and 6th floors), Web site support & hosting 3 years agreement, LAN maintenance, smart rack license agreement, printing of Face Book leaflets for the Women's Day(Sinhala -500, English-150) - 75%	Women and children
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>7.508</b>	<b>1.873</b>			

S N	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries/ participants
4	Media and Publicity	3.370	0.000	01 You Tube channel, 01 article, 06 television programs , News lines, Live telecast on Women's' Day program.	A television program and a Radio broadcasting program to mark the women's day, live program on women's day, publication of articles in Dinamina, Lankadeepa, Tharuni, and Thinakaran to mark the women's day, 02 newspaper discussions to mark the World Children's Day, conducting 04 television programs and 02 radio programs -75%	Women and children
5	International Women's Day	0.008	0.008	01 Women's day	Events on Women's Day 01-100%	Women and children
6	Implementation of awareness programs to prevent gender based violence	0.205	0.176	Payments that were not made due to insufficient imprest in the year 2019 to have a suitable premises and to provide equipment for the counseling purposes in the Divisional Secretariats, were made in this year.	Payments that were not made due to insufficient imprest in the year 2019 to have a suitable premises and to provide equipment for the counseling purposes in Okewela and Dehiaththakandiya Divisional Secretariats, were made in this year.	Women and children
7	Gender Mainstreaming program	0.100	0.000	Review and update the progress on the gender based programs implemented at the ministry level. (Progress on gender performance indicators), maintenance of a gender based data of beneficiaries of programs conducted at national and provincial levels for the public officers, with the assistance of the Department of National Budget.	Reviewed the progress and followed up the key performance on gender with the Ministry of Industrial Export and Investment Promotion, Sri Lanka Air Force Headquarters and Army Headquarters. The data analyzed on gender is available. -30%	Women and children
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>3.683</b>	<b>0.184</b>			

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries/ participants
8	Economic and Social empowerment of vulnerable women- CEDAW	5.401	5.300	"Diriya Vanitha" garments and footwear production project- Ampara, "Diriya Vanitha" Handloom Project-Verugal	"Diriya Vanitha" garments and footwear production project- Ampara, "Diriya Vanitha" Handloom Project-Verugal garments and footwear production project- Ampara and , "Diriya Vanitha" Handloom Project-Verugal, Trincomalee in 2020 -90%	47
9	Program on the social empowerment of female heads of household	0.225	0.210	Payments that were not made due to insufficient imprest to provide provision for the program on social empowerment of female heads of household in 2019, were made in this year.	Payments were made pertaining to 10 self-employment opportunities provided to female heads of household in 2019 in Maspotha Divisional Secretary's Division, Kurunegala- 100%	10 female headed households
10	Conducting District women and Child Development Committee Meetings for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarters under the Project for minimizing of Violence against Women and Children	0.147	0.116	46 District Committee Meetings	18 Meetings (Meetings were held in the 1st and the 2nd quarters at Gampaha, Kaluthara, Kegalle, Kurunegala, Nuwaraeliya, Matale, Matara, Batticalo, Jaffna, Badulla districts). Meetings were held in the 3rd quarter in Jaffna, Kandy, Nuwaraeliya, Kaluthara, Hambanthota, Ratnapura, Gampaha and Polonnaruwa districts.)- 50%	Children in the region
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>5.773</b>	<b>5.626</b>			

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11	Establishment of Women and Child Development Units	1.000	0.000	Women and Child Development Units 01	Provision amounting to Rs. 0.950 million was released on 15th of September for Vaunia-North Divisional Secretary's Division. Construction work is in progress after signing the agreements.	Children and women in the region
12	Planning, Monitoring and evaluation	0.186	0.035	Annual Action Plan, 25 District Integrated Action Plans, 01 National Progress Review Meeting, 25 District Progress Review Meetings, 03 Field Inspections, 01 Performance Report, 01 Survey	Annual Action Plan, 25 District Integrated Action Plans, 06 progress review meetings, 03 field inspections, (Niyagama, Dodangoda & Pallama)	Women and children
13	Follow-up the National Action Plan for the Prevention of gender based violence	0.080	0.062	05 Training programs	Conducting of 04 training Programs on the entry of reports of the National Action Plan on SGBV to the Database System. - 80%	Ministry Officials
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1.266</b>	<b>0.097</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>18.230</b>	<b>7.780</b>			

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries/ participants
1	Setting Up of Police Bureaus for the Prevention of Child and Women Abuse	13.068	7.286	Construction of a new Police Children and Women Bureau in Yatiyanthota, provide equipment to Police Children and Women Bureau in Hasalaka, erecting Name Boards to Police Bureaus in Panduwasnuwara, Kuliypitiya, Rambukkana and Sooriyawewa.	01 Meeting, Work of Police Bureaus in Rambukkana has been completed. Commenced the construction work of Police Children and Women Bureaus in Yatiyanthota, provided equipment to the Police Units in Rambukkana and Sooriyawewa, provided a Name Board for the Police Bureaus in Kaluthara, Payments were made for the equipments provided to the Police Children and Women Bureau in Kuliypitiya- West for the unsettled bills relevant to the liabilities amounting to Rs. 0.5 million for the month of August 2019.- 60%	Women and children
2	Maintenance and the administration of shelters for women	9.043	5.722	Maintenance and the administration of 05 shelters for women	Maintenance and administration of shelter for Women in the districts of Colombo, Matara, Jaffna, Mulathivu and Batticaloe. -75%	10 helpless women
3	Conducting District Child Development Committee Meetings in the 4th Quarter under the Project for minimizing of Violence against Women and Children	0.174	0.000	19 District Children Development Committees	Provision for the month of September has been sent to Colombo, Galle, Monaragala, Matara, Nuwaraeliya, Batticaloe, Anuradhapura, Kegalle, Matale, Rathnapura, Puttlam, Hambantota and Ampara districts.	Children in the region
<b>Total</b>		<b>22.285</b>	<b>13.008</b>			

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries
1	UNFPA- Gender Equality, Reproductive Rights and Gender based violence.	2.000	0.569	Provide technical assistance required for the development of the evaluation activities, follow up and the maintenance of the data collection system of the Action Plan for the prevention of gender based violence, development of the facilities and preparation of the guidelines for the shelters for women, payment of the outstanding fee of 50% for Diploma on Counseling for the Assistant Cancellers, Training on Referral Counseling and Self Care Women and Child Development Units and 1938 helpline.	Field inspection on shelters for women in Jaffna, Conducting the awareness program on referring the complaints on stress management of 1938 officers, the guidelines were reviewed by the Ministry officials and the plans were afoot to finalize these guidelines after the discussions with the officers in the Mannar and Hambantota districts. The outstanding fee of 50% for Diploma on Counseling Course for the Assistant Cancellers has been paid. -37%	24 officers of 1938 (03 males and 21 females) and 21 Assistant Councillers .
<b>Total</b>		<b>2.000</b>	<b>0.569</b>			

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries
1	United Nations Development Fund -UNDP	1.800	0.318	Assist the Ministry to implement SGBV National Action Plan including the strengthening of referral system at district level. Implementation of programs for widows affected by the war and widows who have been sexually bribed.	Sectoral Review Meetings for the National Action Plan were held with the Vocational Training Authority and the Labour and Family Health Bureau. Three short videos for men and boys have been produced. Preliminary preparations for the UNDP Para Legal Training Program have been made, the final draft of the shelters for Women Guidelines has been submitted, and the para Legal Training Manual and the Resource Book have been completed and translated into Tamil. Guidelines for the prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace have been drafted and are nearing completion.- 50%	Women who were affected
<b>Total</b>		<b>1.800</b>	<b>0.318</b>			

## **Social Protection of Children Project**

For the Social Protection of Children Project, Rs. 17.349 million was received as a total in 2020 and Rs. 7.240 million was recorded as financial progress as at 30.09.2020. By this project, the Development Division was received total allocation of Rs. 3.888 million and under this, Arrangements have been made to purchase equipment for the project unit; In collaboration with the Health Promotion Foundation, training workshops were conducted for the officers of the Children and Women's Affairs Unit of the Kolonnawa Divisional Secretariat and selected officers of the Ministry to improve the welfare of children in urban poor areas, currently the trainings for the mothers and youth groups are underway to develop and empower these communities; Billboards with awareness messages on prevention of child abuse in Sri Lanka have been upgraded and designed to be displayed in Arugambay, Kataragama, Ella, and Anuradhapura; The teenage pregnancy prevention training module has been developed and work is underway with its Sinhala and Tamil translations; MVC Mapping Framework has been finalized, The pilot area has been identified to conduct the MVC mapping, MEAL system (Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability & Learning System) will be set up to monitor the provision of services to these children; the draft of Code of Conduct is being prepared for regional and district field officers of all the institutions affiliated to the Ministry by reviewing the literatures and considering with the suggestions of the Heads of Institutions.

Children's Secretariat was received total allocation of Rs. 1.539 million and under this, 1 workshop on National Level Strategy for Promotion of Home-Based Education for Children 3 - 5 years and its Final Meeting on its Validity was held on 13/03/2020 and the relevant payments was made.

Department of Probation and Child Care Services was received total allocation of Rs. 8.512 million and under this, 181 care plans were developed; 80 first aid programs were conducted for the Children's Council; Children's Council meetings were held (District 5, Regional 74); 13 Children's Council Promotion Programs were conducted.

National Child Protection Authority was received total allocation of Rs. 3.410 million and under this, Handbook (Hard Copy) received in three languages on Identification, Referral and Specialized Services for Child Victims of Trafficking; Final proof reading in Sinhala & Tamil is ongoing related to Longitudinal Research on Child Disciplinary Methods and Positive Discipline.



# Children’s Secretariat

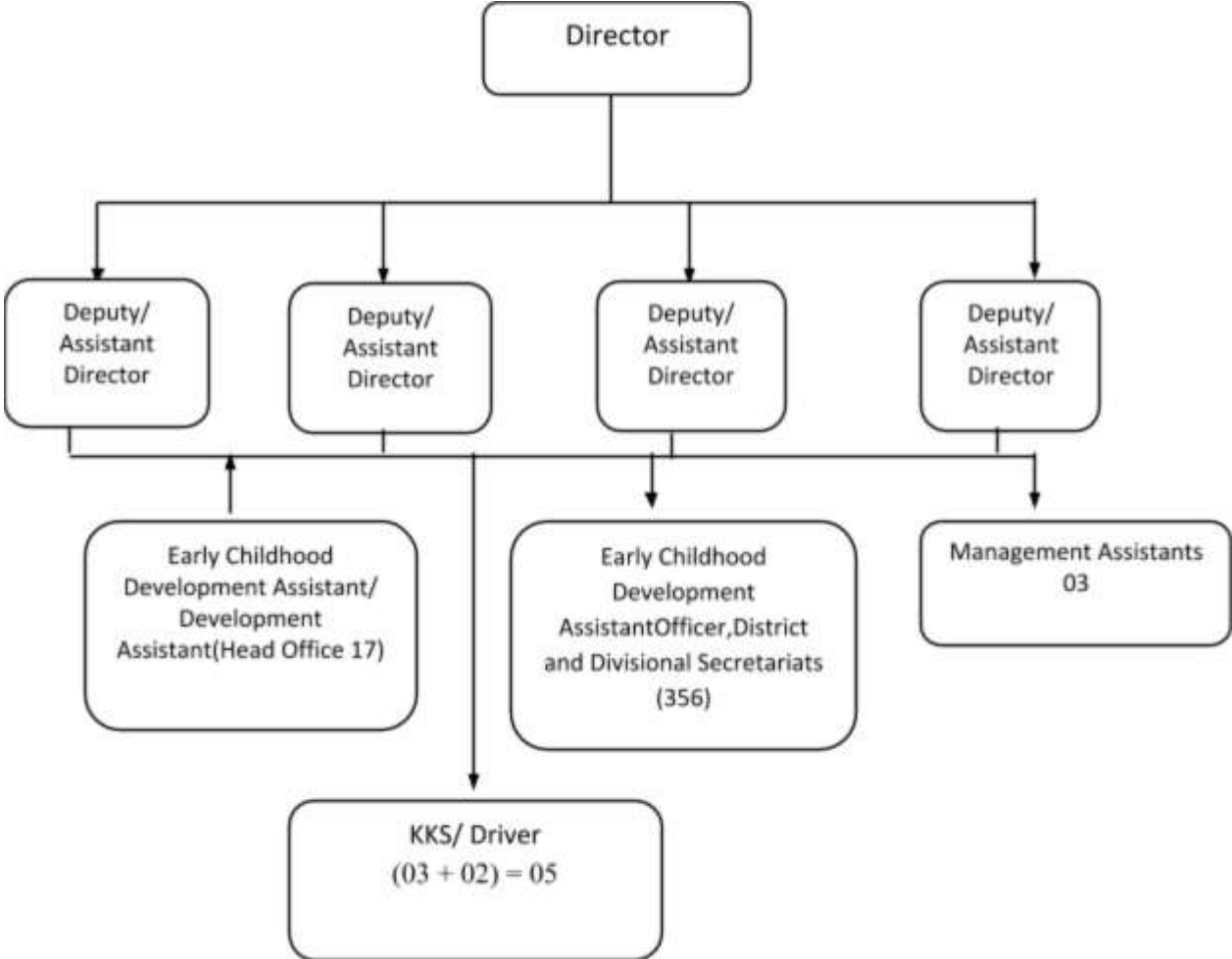
## Vision

Creation of a physically, psychosocially and cognitively developed generation of Sri Lankan children in their Early Childhood.

## Mission

Ensure the total development of Sri Lankan children in their early childhood through formulation, implementation, monitoring and following up of policies and programs as the national level focal Institution.

## Organizational Structure



## **Key Objectives/ Functions**

- Functioning as the mechanism for the formulation and implementation of National Policies on early childhood care and development.
- Coordinating and networking the early childhood development programs of the public, non-governmental organizations, and private sector.
- Conducting research, collection of data and formulation of programs relevant to early childhood care and development.
- Formulation and implementation of training programs relevant to the overall development of children in their early childhood.
- Development of human resources relevant to early childhood development.

## **Main Development Programs implemented in 2020**

### **1. Program for Providing Nutrition Allowance worth Rs.20, 000 to Pregnant and Lactating mothers**

This program, having started in 2015, provides 10 vouchers (each voucher worth Rs.2,000/-) at once to pregnant mothers registered at the maternity clinics in order to facilitate them to obtain foods containing additional nutrients which are required by them during pregnancy and lactating period. It can be utilized to purchase such foods during the last six months of the pregnancy period and first four months of the lactating period. Rs.3, 560 million has already been utilized by the end of September 2020 to implement this program and 178,000 mothers were provided with benefits.

### **2. Program to provide Morning Meal for Preschool Children/ Early Childhood Development Centers**

The program to provide morning meal for preschool children with nutritional deficiencies has been initiated in March 2017. The main objective of this program is to improve the nutritional status of underweight children of preschool age. 85,798 children of 3,465 preschools in 217 Divisional Secretariat Divisions benefit under this program. Rs. 165 million has been allocated to implement this program in 2020 and Rs. 8.630 million has been spent at the end of September 2020. However, this program couldn't be implemented in a proper manner due to the closure of preschools for long duration considering the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country.

### **3. Program for Strengthening Day Care Centers and Community Based Evening Care Centers**

Rs. 14.4 million has been allocated this year under the program for strengthening of day care centers and community-based evening care centers. Accordingly, the Day Care Centre at Kegalle, the construction of which had been completed in 2019, has now been opened to children and construction work of the Pallepola Day Care Centre has now been reached to its final stage. Even though provisions have already been allocated for the construction work of Day Care Centres at Bandarawela and Bibile, construction work has been halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation. The construction work of the Puttalam Day Care Centre is progressing now. As of now, Rs. 9.447 million has been spent out of the total provisions allocated for 2020.

### **4. “Lama Diriya” – A program to provide Rs. 250/- on monthly basis to Preschool Teachers**

The Children’s Secretariat undertakes provision of a monthly allowance of Rs. 250/- to qualified preschool teachers since 2015. It is being implemented in all provinces except for the Northern, North Central and Eastern Provinces. In the said 03 provinces, the allowance for teachers is paid by the respective Provincial Council. This allowance is credited to the teachers’ accounts in three installments in each year by the Divisional Secretariats. Rs. 17.546 million has been allocated in 2020 for this program. The total number of beneficiary preschool teachers in this year stands at 6,784. So far, a sum of Rs. 11.491 million has been spent on the said program.

### **5. Other Programs on Early Childhood Care and Development**

A provision of Rs. 11.216 million has been allocated in 2020 to implement programs under this category and the programs are implemented in the following manner.

### **5.1 Provision of Sanitary Facilities to reopen preschools following the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country**

This program has been initiated as a program aimed at providing some sort of assistance to preschools which are faced with financial difficulties at the time of their reopening after the close down due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation currently being experienced in the country. Under this program, allocations were made to selected 10 preschools in each Divisional Secretariat Division. The allocations were given as follows: Rs. 4,000/- for preschools with less than 30 children and Rs. 5,000/- for preschools with more than 30 children. During the second stage, provisions were allocated to supply water sinks for the purpose of hand washing and other facilities to the selected preschools with financial difficulties in each Divisional Secretariat Division. Rs. 3.629 million under the expenditure head of the Children's Secretariat relevant to early childhood care and development was spent and further Rs. 20.000 million under the expenditure head of UNICEF has been allocated in order to implement the phase 2.

### **5.2 Training Program on Assessment tools for screening children with developmental delays and disabilities**

This program has been initiated as a process to diagnose developmental retardation and disabilities of children in their early childhood by the Children's Secretariat under the technical guidance of the Medical Faculty of Ragama. It is scheduled to be implemented island wide, and it is expected to conduct training sessions in this respect to preschool teachers. This will provide an opportunity to preschool teachers in practical terms to use the toolkit designed to preliminary diagnose developmental delays and disabilities of children. 02 training programs were conducted in Ja-Ela and Panadura Divisional Secretariats in 2020 and a sum of Rs.0.146 million was incurred in this regard.

### **5.3 World Children's Day**

The World Children's Day celebration of 2020 under the theme "Let us Build Our Nation" was held at the Battaramulla "Ape Gama" premises with the participation of around 500 children. An allocation amounting to Rs. 0.500 million has been distributed among 25 districts (Rs. 20,000/- per district) to conduct district level programs in parallel to the main national event.

#### **5.4 Implementation of Learning Circles Program for the Early Childhood Development Centers/ Preschools**

An allocation of Rs. 0.700 million has been made for the 03 quarters of 2020 to conduct “Play based Learning Circles” in the Early Childhood Development Centers. Accordingly, such learning circles have been established at the Divisional Secretariats of Maharagama, Rathmalana” Kesbewa, Colombo, Dodangoda, Palindanuwara and at the Children’s Secretariat. Further, allocations have been granted to conduct this program in selected preschools in the districts of Anuradhapura, Matale, Ratnapura and Colombo. A Pilot Program was held at the Children’s Secretariat to make the Preschool Teachers and Early Childhood Development Officers aware of this concept. Rs. 0.149 million has already been expended as at 30.09.2030 in this regard. Other programs are being implemented currently.

#### **5.5 Progress Review Meeting of the Early Childhood Development Officers**

These progress review meetings are being conducted in view of discharging the functions entrusted to the Children’s Secretariat in a more productive manner by maintaining coordination between the Children’s Secretariat and Early Childhood Development Officers attached to the District Secretariats, Officers in the Divisional Secretariats. Accordingly, 44 progress review meetings were already conducted during this year and arrangements have been made to conduct other meetings as virtual meetings considering the COVID-19 situation which restricts the gathering of people. The expenses incurred towards conducting progress review meetings amounted to Rs. 0.158 million as at 30.09.2020.

#### **5.6 Establishment of a Resource Pool consisting Experts in the field of Early Childhood Care and Development**

Rs. 0.200 million has been allocated under the Action Plan 2020 to establish a Resource Pool consisting Experts in the field of early childhood care and development. It is expected to train Resource Personnel encompassing the field of early childhood development. Accordingly, applications have now been called to create a pool of resource personnel.

### **5.7 Early Childhood Development Assessment Program**

Early Childhood Development Program have been designed in order to assess whether a child is reaching to “Early Childhood Development Standards” researched and formulated by the Children’s Secretariat and to provide necessary guidance in this regard. Under this program, all children in preschools under the age categories of 3-4 years and 4-5 years are included into the said assessment program. The programs planned for the first quarter of the year 2020 could not be implemented due to closure of the preschools amid the COVID 19 outbreak in the country and Rs. 1.000 million has been allocated for assessment programs after September 2020. It is also expected to conduct 22 preschool teacher training programs.

### **5.8 Pilot Program on Children Friendly Education under the theme “Weli Keliyen Pitu Atharata”**

The tasks envisaged to accomplish through this project are to clearly identify the difference between the role of a preschool teacher in a preschool and the role and responsibility of a primary school teacher in the formal school system and put it into the practice in the field level, to formulate a methodology to follow-up and to ensure smooth transition of a child from the preschool to formal school. Rs. 0.750 million has been allocated to this Pilot Project under the Action Plan 2020 for conducting 25 programs.

### **5.9 Implementation of Special Programs for those Deprived of Parental Care and Disadvantaged Children in Early Childhood**

On the request of the Western Province, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, it is expected to conduct a special program towards early childhood development for the children in the custody of Panadura Child Receiving Home. It has been planned to train the staff of Government Child Care Homes in the Kalutara district and to provide facilities to the Panadura Child Receiving Home. It is being implemented in collaboration with the Panadura Divisional Secretariat and Western Provincial Department of Probation and Child Care Services.

## **5.10 Conducting National Coordination Committee on Early Childhood Care and Development**

In terms of the Cabinet approved National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development, a “National Coordination Committee on Early Childhood Care and Development” was established. This Committee is the national level management committee responsible for implementation of the national policy, its supervision and to make necessary changes whenever it is required. It ensures multi sectorial coordination from national level to ground level in respect of formulation of action plans, its implementation and activities related to early childhood care and development. The committee is represented by all stakeholders of early childhood development. Even though it has been scheduled to conduct 04 committee meetings during the year, it could not be held as scheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation in the country. However, one committee meeting was held online in order to discuss about re-opening of preschools amid COVID-19 pandemic and to provide necessary guidance in this regard.

## **5.11 Delivering Necessary Instructions and Guidelines for reopening of Early Childhood Education and Care Centers following the COVID-19 Pandemic Situation**

A guideline, in view of introducing a procedure to minimize exposure of children in early childhood to COVID-19 pandemic at the early childhood education and care centres and limit the possibility of spreading of this disease in such centers, has been formulated and distributed among all preschools and day care centers in the country. In addition, action was taken to produce a short video documentary to make preschool teachers aware of this matter and circulated the same through social media, to create and distribute posters to all early childhood education and care centers to make the children aware of good health practices.

### **Key Development Programmes in 2021**

- Implementation of the programme to provide morning meal to preschool children whilst increasing number of beneficiaries and enhancing qualitative aspects of the current programme.
- Provision of water and sanitary facilities to identified preschools.

- “Mathru Abhimaani” – An awareness programme on health, nutrition and early childhood for pregnant mothers.
- Programme for enhancing facilities for preschools under “One Standardized Preschool for each Grama Niladhari Division”.
- Promotion of the concept of “Health Promotion Preparations” in Early Childhood Development Centers as part of the minimum standards specified for the preschools.
- Providing formal and compulsory teacher training for preschool staff encompassing necessary subject matter and practical knowledge inclusive of psychological knowledge as well and implementation of inspirational programs for teachers of disadvantaged preschools.

**Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020**

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries
01	Program for providing nutrition allowance worth Rs: 20,000/-	4762.916	3560.000	2,381,450 nutritional packs	1,780,000 (approximate no of packs distributed)	Approximately 178,000 pregnant mothers
02	Program to provide morning meal to children in pre schools and early childhood development centres	165.678	80.630	85,000 preschool children	85,798 preschool children	85,798 preschool children
03	“Lama Diriya” - Programme to Provide Rs. 250/- monthly allowance to Preschool Teachers	17.546	11.262	6,500 preschool teachers	6,784 preschool teachers	6,784 preschool teachers
<b>Sub Total ( Recurrent Expenditure)</b>		<b>4,946.140</b>	<b>3,651.892</b>			



SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries
04	Programme on development of Day Care Centres and Community based Evening Care Centres for children	14.448	9.447	Based upon request	Puttalam	General public of the relevant localities
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>14.448</b>	<b>9.447</b>			
<b>05</b>	<b>Early Childhood Care and Development Programmes</b>					
5.1	Implementation of programme of Learning Circles for the Early Childhood Development Centres/Preschools	0.700	0.150	70 Programs	15 programmes	Preschool Children
5.2	Provision of sanitary Materials and other Necessary facilities to Preschools to protect Preschool children from the COVID-19 pandemic	3.629	3.629	600 Preschools	869 Preschools	Preschool Children
5.3	Establishment of a Resource Pool consisting experts in the field of Early Childhood Care and Development	0.200	-	01 Pool of Resource Personnel	Scheduled to be held in October and November	Entire sector of the Early Childhood Development
5.4	Revising the minimum Standards of preschools/ Early childhood development centres In conformity To current context	0.400	-	25 Pilot Projects	Providing gifts to 24 programmes	Personnel involved in the preschool sector and preschool children
5.5	Early Childhood Development Assessment Programme	1.000	-	22 Training Programs	Scheduled to be held in October and November	Personnel involved in the preschool sector and preschool children
5.6	Pilot Programme On Children Friendly Education under the theme “Weli keliyen Pitu Atarata”	0.750	-	25 Programs	Scheduled to be held in October and November	Primary School Teachers, Pre-school Teachers, Parents, officials and Children
5.7	Implementation of Special Programmes for those Deprived of Parental Care and Disadvantaged Children in Early Childhood	0.200	-	01 programme	Preliminary action has been taken to implement it.	Children of Panadura Children Care Home
5.8	Progress Review Meeting of the Early Childhood Development Officers	0.307	0.160	154 Meetings	Meetings	380 officials

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries
5.9	World Children's Day Celebrations at Divional level	1.040	-	25 programs	Schedul -ed to be held in October and Novemb -er	2,500 school children
5.10	Conducting Committee Meetings of the National Coordination Committee on Early Childhood care and Development	0.140	-	04 programs	01 program (01 online meeting)	Could not hold due to COVID – 19 pandemic Situation
5.11	Payments relevant to Bills in hand of 2019	2.850	2.850	100%	100%	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>11.216</b>	<b>6.789</b>			
<b>6</b>	<b>Programmes implemented under UNICEF Expenditure Head (September- December 2020)</b>					
6.1	Provision of Sanitary materials, sinks and other facilities to selected preschools to protect preschool children from COVID 19 the pandemic situation	20.000	-	3000 Pre schoo ls	-	Currently in progress
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>20.000</b>	<b>-</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>4991.804</b>	<b>3668.128</b>			

# **Early Childhood Development Project**

## **Introduction**

Taking into consideration the shortcomings identified through the studies on the importance of the Early Childhood sector and situation of Early Childhood in Sri Lanka, in 2014, the government of Sri Lanka with the concurrence of the World Bank decided to improve the quality of the field of Early Childhood and turn it into a service which could be equally obtained by everyone. As a result, the Early Childhood Development Project was launched in 2016 with the financial assistance of the World Bank.

This is an island-wide project which has been implemented during a period of 5 years by the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-School & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services. This has become an excellent opportunity for the progress of this field, as a similar project has not been conducted in Sri Lanka for many years.

## **Main Details**

- The institutes involved in the implementation:
  - State Ministry of Women and Development, Pre-School & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services
  - Plantation Human Development Trust
- Financial Sponsorship: – International Development Association/World Bank
- Financial Investment: – USD 50 million
- The areas where the project is implemented: - Islandwide
- The time period of the project: – 2016-2021

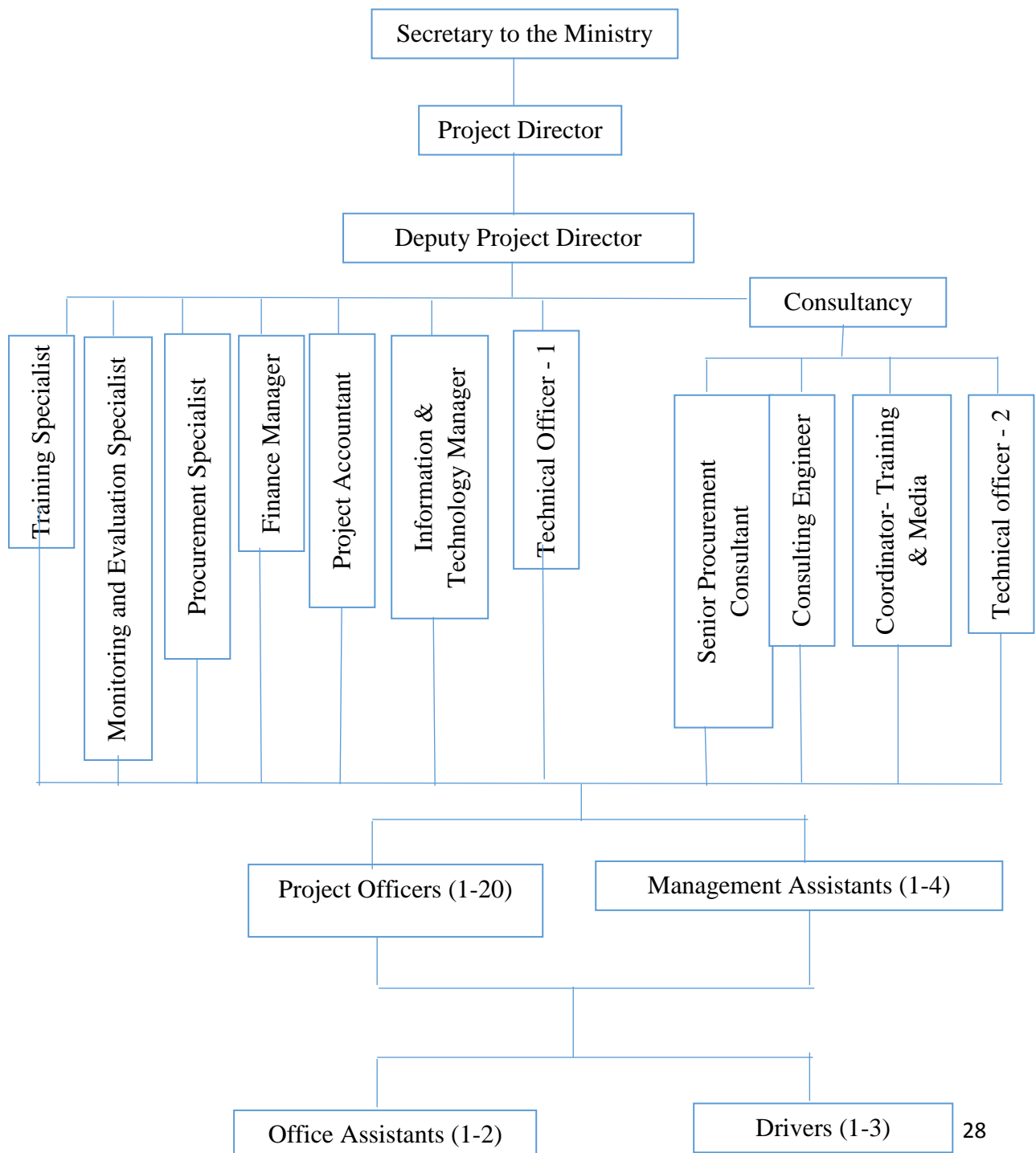
## **Objectives**

The development objective of this project is to enhance equitable access to and improve the quality of ECD services. In order to upgrade the Early Childhood Service in Sri Lanka, the quality management, improvement of infrastructure facilities in ECD centers relevant to the service of Early Childhood Development, provision of teaching and learning materials, training of early childhood development teachers and teaching assistants, training of trainers on ECD under standardized training, and centre based health and nutrition are carried out as main activities under this scheme.

## Beneficiaries of the Project

The direct beneficiaries of this project are children between 3-5 years who attend preschool island-wide and children between 0-5 who are at day care centers in the plantation areas. The other indirect beneficiaries are Early Childhood development teachers and teacher assistants, teacher trainers, early childhood development administrators, the early childhood development centers which receive facilities given by the project and families of children who are admitted to early childhood centers.

## Organizational Structure



## **Project Activities**

As the initial step of the project, a national census of Early Childhood development centers and preschools, was carried out island-wide in 2016/17. Based on the basic data of this census the following activities are carrying out.

- ECD centers receiving Facility Improvement Grant to improve infrastructure facilities (For the development of infrastructure facilities such as buildings, water, sanitation, outdoor play areas, safety fence)
- Tuition fee support for age 3-5 children in poor families
- Establishment of new ECD centers including daycare facilities in unserved/ underserved areas
- Development of Early Childhood Development Resource centers in 9 provinces.
- Distribution of Teaching Learning Material packages to Early Childhood Development centers.
- Training of Trainers on Early Childhood Development.
- 7-day in-service short-term training programme for Pre-school teachers/ teacher assistants.
- Parental awareness programmes on health, nutrition and development of children in Early Childhood.
- Pre-school teachers completing long term academic courses (certificate/ diploma) on Early Childhood Development/ Special Education/ Day care in Open University of Sri Lanka, National Institute of Education, Sabaragamuwa University and Vocation Training Institutes.
- Establishment of uniform ECD center registration system in provincial councils
- Establishment and utilization of M&E system

## **ECD Project Activities in Plantations:**

- Replacement of new Child Development Centers (CDCs) and renovation of existing CDCs
- Construction of new play areas in CDCs and renovation of existing play areas in CDCs
- National Diploma on Child Development/ Pre-school Education and Management for Child Development Officers (CDOs)
- Advanced Refresher training for Diploma holders (CDOs)
- Parental awareness Programmes

## **Key Development Programmes in 2021**

- ECD centers receiving Facility Improvement Grant to improve infrastructure facilities (such as building extension, water, sanitation, outdoor play areas, safety fence etc.)
- Establishment of new ECD centers including daycare facilities in unserved/underserved areas
- Development of Early Childhood Development Resource centres in 9 provinces.
- Parental awareness programmes on the health and nutrition of children in Early Childhood.
- Distribution of Teaching Learning Material Packages to Early Childhood development centres.
- Training of Trainers on Early Childhood Development.
- 7 day in-service short term training programme for Pre-school teachers/ teacher assistants.
- Establishment of uniform ECD center registration and monitoring system
- Establishment and utilization of M&E system
- Establishment of new centers for children with special needs and renovation of facilities at centers for children with special needs – Newly proposed.
- Facility improvement at Child Care Centers for children with special needs (below 5-year) (with partnership of Dept. of Probation and Child Care Services) – Newly proposed.

## **ECD Project Activities in Plantations:**

- Replacement of new Child Development Centers (CDCs) and renovation of existing CDCs
- Advanced Refresher training for Diploma holders (CDOs)
- Parental awareness Programmes

## Highlights

### 1. ECD centers receiving Facility Improvement Grant to improve infrastructure facilities

Then



Now



Polonnaruwa District – Ashoka Preschool, Hingurakgoda Division (2018)

Then



Now



Kalutara District – Samanala Preschool, Kalutara Division (2018)



**Then**

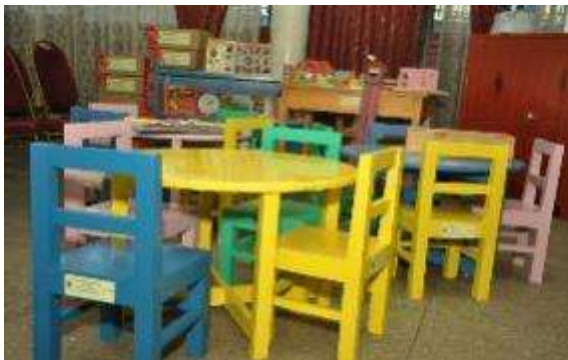


**Now**



Jaffna District – St. Mary Preschool, Jaffna

**2. Distribution of Teaching Learning Material Packages to Early Childhood development centers.**



**3. Development of Early Childhood development Resource centers in 9 provinces.**



North Western Province, Early Childhood Education Development Center, Preschool Teacher Training School, Kurunegala





Southern Province – Kalegana, Bope-Poddala



Nothern Province- Kilinochchi

**4. Establishment of new ECD centers including daycare facilities in unserved/underserved areas**



i. Monaragala District – Monaragala District Hospital Premises – Work in Progress



ii. Batticaloa District – Manmunaipattu – Work in Progress



Polonnaruwa District – Elahera – Work in Progress

**5. Parental awareness programmes on the health and nutrition of children in Early Childhood.**



Lectures



Participants for the training

**6. Distribution of Teaching Learning Material Packages to Early Childhood development centers.**





**07. Training of Trainers on Early Childhood Development**



**Trainer's Manual**



At training program

**8. 7-day in-service short term training programme for Pre-school teachers/ teacher assistants.**



At training programme



Certificate for trained preschool teachers



A trained group of preschool teachers/ teacher assistants in Gampaha District

**9. Pre-school teachers completing Certificate/ Diploma/ Courses on Early Childhood development/ Special Education in Open University of Sri Lanka, National Institute of Education and Sabaragamuwa University**



Elkaduwa Estate- Kandy



**10. National Diploma on Child Development/ Pre-school Education and Management for Child Development Officers (CDOs)**



**11. Construction of new Child Development Centers (CDCs) and renovation of existing CDCs**

Then



Now







Elkaduwa Estate - Kandy

**12. Construction of new play areas in CDCs and renovation of existing play areas in CDCs**



Henfold Estate - Nuwaraeliya

Eildon hall Estate - Hatton

**13. Training of daycare givers in Vocational Training Institutes.**



Training at Galle, Baddegama Vocational Training Authority



Training at Wellawatta Vocational Training Authority

**14. COVID 19 Disaster – Immediate Relief Intervention to Island wide identified preschools including plantations (A Child Friendly Wash Basin Unit and A Non-Contactable Infrared Thermometer)**



**Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020**

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No of beneficiaries/ participants
<b>Project Activities implemented by Project Management Unit</b>						
1	National Census on Early Childhood Development (ECD) centers	7.000	-	Mini Census of ECD centers completed.	Data collection is in progress. 6,181 ECD centers completed Mini Census.	-
2	Distribution of Teaching-Learning Material packages to ECD centers	40.000	1.607	2,100 packages	118 packages distributed to ECD centers under 2018 plan. Delayed due to COVID 19 pandemic.	2,360 children
3	Support to ECD Centers in conducting annual Child Development Assessments (CDA)	5.000	-	Procurement of CDA tools on need basis.	-	-
4	Tuition fee support for 3-5 year preschool children in poor families	100.000	75.259	21,000 pre-school children	15,790 pre-school children	15,790 pre-school children (31,480 parents)
5	ECD centers receiving grant for development of infrastructure facilities	792.080	582.763	2,065 ECD centers	1,575 selected ECD centers (For the development of infrastructure facilities such as Water, Sanitation, Outdoor play areas, Safety fence)	31,500 children in 1,575 ECD centers.
6	Development of ECD Resource Centers in 9 Provinces	49.600	1.942	5 ECD resource centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Civil Works completed in 2 centers (Southern and North Western Provinces)</li> <li>• Northern Province – Work completion stage.</li> <li>• Construction works are going on centers in Central Province and North Central Province. (Partnering with Provincial Councils)</li> <li>• Suitable sites identified for centers in Western, Uva, Eastern and Sabaragamuwa Provinces.</li> </ul>	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>993.680</b>	<b>661.571</b>			

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No of beneficiaries/ participants
7	Establishment of new ECD centers including day-care facilities in unserved/ underserved areas	44.400	18.819	12 new ECD centers	11 centers – Work in progress. Another 35 centers - Ready to commence procurement process.	385 children
8	Training of Trainers (Master Trainers) on Early Childhood Development	5.500	0.063	100 trainers	Postponed due to COVID 19 pandemic.	-
9	ECD teachers and teacher assistants completing In-service Short-term training	11.000	5.910	2,250 pre-school teachers/ teacher assistants	1,010 preschool teachers/ teacher assistants	1,010 preschool teachers/ teacher assistants (20,200 children)
10	Parental Awareness Programs	4.000	3.232	400 programs	270 programs	14,085 parents
11	Persons completing ECD Certificate/ Diploma/ Degree Courses	6.000	0.833	343 preschool teachers/teacher assistants completed courses and new 100 preschool teachers/ teacher assistants receiving scholarships	88 preschool teachers/ teacher assistant enrolled to follow courses and 333 preschool teachers/ teacher assistants are undergoing courses.	421 preschool teachers/ teacher assistance (8,420 children)
12	Administrative staff completing standardized ECD training	1.000	0.109	3 programs	-	-
13	Periodic Interaction Programme among Preschool Teachers	1.500	0.107	30 programs	03 programs	231 preschool teachers/ teacher assistants (4,620 children)
14	Establishment and utilization of M&E system	0.300	0.286	System functioning	100% of baseline data in MIS 100% of Tuition Fee Waiver in MIS 60% FIG centers in MIS	Divisional Secretariats (331 ECD officers)
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>73.700</b>	<b>29.359</b>			



SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No of beneficiaries/ participants
15	Uniform ECD center registration system established in Provinces	-	-	9 provinces	Dummy system developed partnering with UNICEF. Presented to Western Province. Provincial data set is being uploaded to the system developed.	-
16	Community monitoring, evaluation and oversight in Provinces through social audits	-	-	6 provinces (Cumulative 9 provinces)	Selection of Consultancy firm is in progress.	-
17	Training of Day-care givers	15.000	7.675	369 daycare givers completing course and new 300 daycare givers receiving the scholarship.	369 daycare givers are undergoing the course and new 166 daycare givers enrolled to courses in Vocational Training Authority and National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority.	535 daycare givers (10,700 children)
18	Nutrition Programe (Home Garden Concept)	0.300	-	Pilot in one district	-	-
19	COVID 19 Disaster – Immediate Relief Intervention (A child friendly Wash Basin Unit and Non contactable Infrared Thermometer)	403.35	186.473	<b>Non-plantation sector</b> – For 10,100 ECD centers and <b>Plantation sector</b> - For 1,400 CDCs	<b>Non-plantation sector</b> – For 3,176 ECD centers. Procurement process commenced to support balance 7,000 ECD centers. and <b>Plantation sector</b> - For 1,324 CDCs	90,000 children
20	Operational Cost	137.400	65.975	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>556.05</b>	<b>260.123</b>			
<b>Sub Total - Project Management Unit</b>		<b>1623.430</b>	<b>951.053</b>			

SN	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No of beneficiaries/ participants
<b>Project Activities in Plantations (Implemented through Plantation Human Development Trust)</b>						
1	Replacement of new Child Development Centers (CDCs)	223.000	177.983	75 CDCs	30 CDCs constructed. Another 35 CDCs – Work in progress.	600 children
2	Renovation of existing CDCs	26.000	17.769	39 CDCs	23 CDCs renovated. Another 10 CDCs – Work in progress.	460 children
3	Construction of new play areas in CDCs	9.960	8.852	42 new play areas	36 new play areas constructed. Balance 6 – Work in progress.	720 children
4	Renovation of existing play areas in CDCs	2.700	7.970	42 existing play areas renovated.	39 existing play areas renovated. Balance 3 – Work in progress.	780 children
5	Construction of new ECD resource centers in plantations.	47.570	11.944	2 centers in Galle and Hatton.	2 centers completed.	
6	National Diploma on Child Development/ Pre-school Education and Management for Child Development Officers (CDOs)	1.320	-	50 CDOs	Postponed due to COVID 19 pandemic.	
7	Advance Refresher training for Diploma holders (CDOs)	0.880	0.843	2 programmes	1 program	44 CDOs (880 children)
8	Parental awareness Programmes	0.990	0.351	110 programmes	42 programs	2,202 parents
9	Administrative staff in plantations completing standardized ECD training	1.730	0.724	150 officers	89 officers trained	89 officers
10	Support to CDCs in plantations in conducting annual Child Development Assessments (CDA)	0.320	-	300 CDCs	-	-
11	Operational Cost	35.600	17.925	-	-	-
<b>Sub Total – Plantation Human Development Trust</b>		<b>350.070</b>	<b>244.361</b>			
<b>Grand Total – ECD Project</b>		<b>1,973.500</b>	<b>1,195.414</b>			

# **Department of Probation and Child Care Services**

## **Vision**

A child sensitive and a child friendly society with ensured child rights.

## **Mission**

In line with national policies and international standards, ensuring the rights of all children and providing equal opportunities to them with specific attention to orphaned, abandoned and destitute children and children in conflict with law.

## **Introduction**

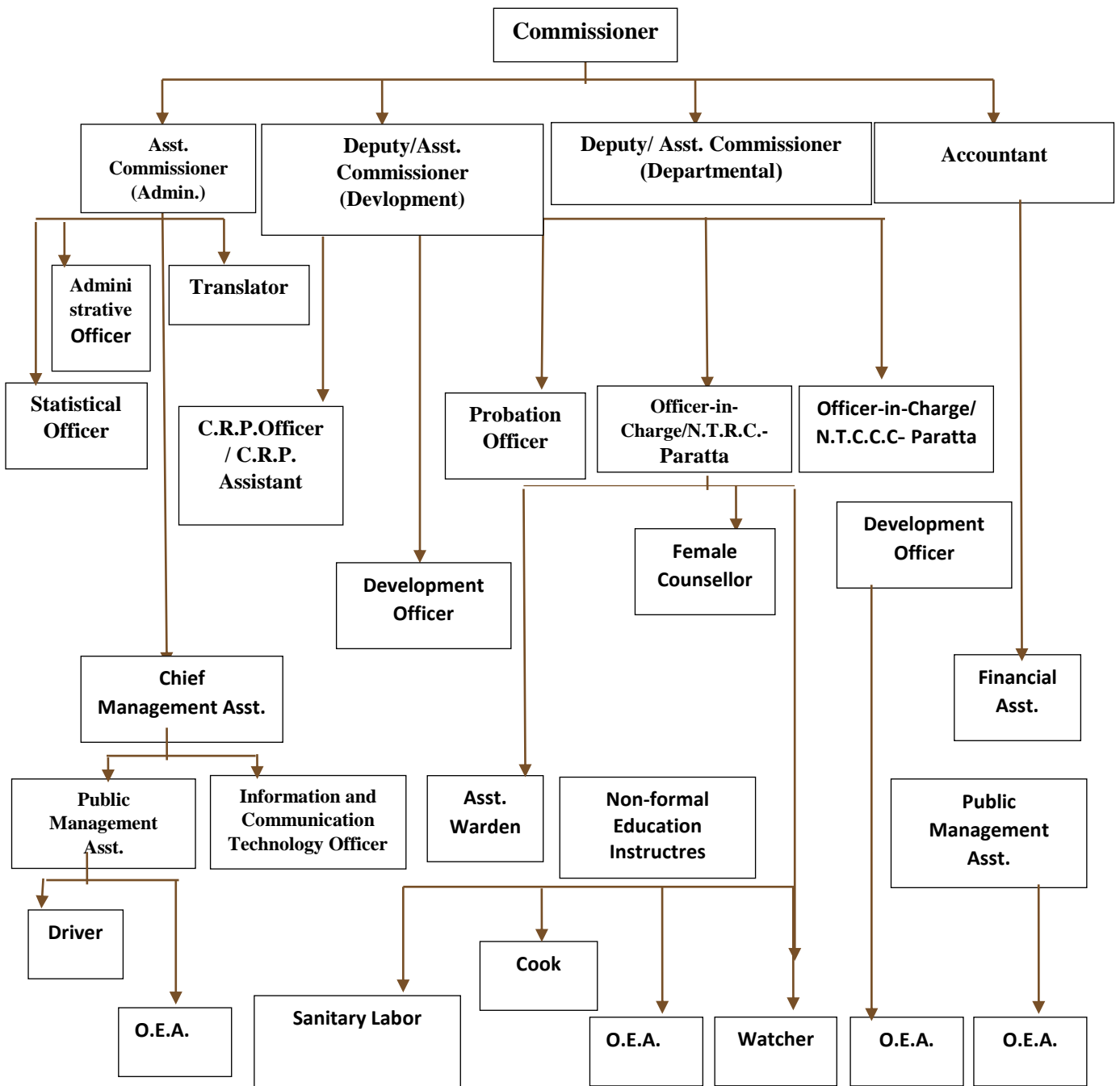
The Department of Probation and Child Care Services established in the year 1956, is a key government institution involved in ensuring and promotion of child rights. Since its establishment, the department has been functioning under various ministries and is currently under the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Preschool and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services. Being the oldest institution providing services for children, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services shoulders leading role in the sector.

With the introduction of the Provincial Council system in 1987, the scope of Probation and Childcare services became almost completely decentralized. Since then, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services has been functioning under the central government with only a several specific objectives.

Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by the government of Sri Lanka in the year 1991 and declaration of the Children's Charter in 1992 are landmark events that inclined the department towards its current trend. Accordingly, the responsibility of establishing and implementing the structures related to the Convention was assigned to the department

With the intention of implementing these tasks efficiently and effectively, department recruited a new category of officers from the graduates recruited to the public service in 1999 and were absorbed as Child Rights Promotion Officers. These officers were then attached to all Divisional Secretariat divisions. Raising awareness on the Children's Charter at village level and taking action to ensure children's rights in the society, identifying various factors that can lead children to various forms of abuse and taking measures to safeguard them from such situations are the main duties assigned to these officers. The department, through attaching the Child Rights Promotion Officers and Child Rights Promotion Assistants to all Divisional Secretariats and by introducing new approaches for childcare and child development, has now been able to play a significant role from grass-root to national level in the promotion of child rights.

## Organizational Structure



N.T.R.C - National Training and Research Center

N.T.C.C.C- National Training and Child Councelling Center

C.R.P – Child Rights Promotion

## Key Functions

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services implements its services for children under two main divisions, the Probation Service and Childcare service.

Probation Service	Childcare Service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Coordination of activities, providing assistances and reviewing the progress of Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services</li><li>❖ Providing guidance to the Probation Service and to various other agencies operating under it, and formulation of national policies/standards.</li><li>❖ Formulation and amending of laws related to children</li><li>❖ Amendment of the Children and Young Persons Ordinance</li><li>❖ Amendment of the Orphanages Ordinance</li><li>❖ Implementation of the Alternative Care Policy</li><li>❖ Conducting Research and training</li><li>❖ Provision of assistances to upgrade the child care institutions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Formulation of national policies and plans related to children</li><li>❖ Implementation of the National Case Management Policy</li><li>❖ Implementation of various assistance programs intended for children's survival and development</li><li>❖ Conducting research and training</li><li>❖ Implementation of the Children's Charter</li><li>❖ Implementation of the Children's Club/Children's Council program intended for the ensuring of children's participation right</li><li>❖ Establishment and strengthening of social structures intended for the protection and care of children</li><li>❖ Coordination, monitoring and progress reviewing of the activities implemented for children at Divisional Secretariat level</li><li>❖ Taking action to fulfill the national needs in partnership with Non-governmental organizations working throughout the island for the protection and care of children.</li></ul>

## **Implemented Programs**

Providing protection and care for children is a sheer social responsibility that should be implemented together with the participation of community. Community plays a leading role in the care and protection of children. The Department of Probation and Child Care Services identifies tools and techniques necessary to create structures required for this purpose and makes interventions from grass-root to national level to put such structures into operation.

The department is blessed with a well-focused and competent human resource base for the implementation of these services and have introduced several community-centered child protection mechanisms and systems as well. With the due application of these mechanisms and systems, structures intended for the protection and care of children are operating from village to national level in a strong and powerful manner. Currently, the department implements a series of programs from village to national level for the protection and care of children.

### **1. Child Rights Monitoring Committees**

Child Rights Monitoring Committees have been established as a promising mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Sri Lanka. The circular, MSS/3/4/161 issued in year 2000 by the Ministry of Social Services lays the guidelines for this mechanism and approval has also been granted for the subsequent Cabinet Memorandum, MWCA/CA/ 2017/05 of 23.08.2017, submitted to strengthen further the committee process to suit the current requirements of the society. Accordingly, it has been possible to implement the committee process from village to national level in a robust manner and Village Child Development Committees, Divisional Child Rights Monitoring Committees and 25 District Child Rights Monitoring Committees and the National Child Rights Monitoring Committee are fully functional at present. Steps have also been taken to strengthen the provincial level Provincial Child Rights Monitoring Committee mechanism and the committees of the Southern, Eastern, Central and Northern provinces have already been established.



Village and Divisional Child Rights Monitoring Committee meetings –Kandy District-Kandy

## 2. Children’s Club/Children’s Council Program

The Children’s Club project, which was introduced to make the participation right stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child more meaningful for children in our country, is itself a structure of the children. Accordingly, Children’s Clubs at the Grama Niladhari division level, Divisional Children’s Councils at the Divisional Secretariat level, District Children’s Councils at District level and the National Children’s Council at the national level function actively under this program.

Accordingly a powerful children’s organizational structure has been established from the farthest village to the national level. This has created a wonderful opportunity to obtain the opinion of children on matters affecting them.



Conducting a training program and an Environmental activity for Children’s Club members –Kandy district

### **3. Child-led Research**

The primary objective of this program implemented through District Children's Councils of the department is strengthening the intervention necessary for the children to conduct a study on a negative situation faced by fellow children in the district and to suggest suitable solutions and implement those suggestions themselves. Exposure to evidence based approaches and broadening the knowledge are among the positive experiences children gain through this program.

### **4. Child-Centric Disaster Risk Reduction Program**

Sri Lanka has been identified as a disaster prone country and has experienced several natural disasters during the recent past. Being a small island in the Indian Ocean, climatic and weather changes in the country primarily results from the South-West and North-East monsoon rains. Floods, landslides and flash floods resulted from heavy rains and droughts, cyclones and other disasters as well are prevalent throughout the year. Therefore, strengthening the children to protect themselves from such disasters has become a need of the day.

Under this situation, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services took steps to introduce the Child-Centric Disaster Risk Reduction Program. The program provides knowhow to children to identify disaster risk reduction techniques and on taking action accordingly in disaster situations, strengthens children to cope disaster situations and also introduces child-led disaster risk reduction approaches to the children.

### **05. Child Friendly Model Village Program**

Child Friendly Model Village program operates with the objective of fulfilling the basic facilities required for a total child development. Elimination of harmful factors in the village that pose threats for children's safety and protection, making interventions necessary in that regard, and providing the intervention necessary in carrying out all village activities in such a way that promotes children's rights are covered through this program. Under this, all services and guidance necessary to ensure child rights and prevent child abuse in the village are made available within the village and coordination of matters in this regard are also attended to.



## 06. Awareness Raising Programs

Awareness raising programs are conducted to strengthen the civil society with the objective of ensuring child rights and ending child abuse in the society.

These programs are conducted throughout the year to improve understanding of children and community on child rights and as well to prevent child abuse. The requirement of making the community aware on them, stated in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, will fulfilled through this program.



Awareness raising programs for estate community –Kandy District and awareness raising program for Children- Kalutara District

## 7. Programs Implemented to Ensure the Right to Survival and Development stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Child rights enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child are summarized as right to development, right to survival, right to protection and right to education and programs are implemented by the department under these to ensure the rights of the children. Special attention is focused here on the children of marginal communities. Programs are implemented for street children under that.



Training Program for street children- Gampaha district

## **8. Programs implemented to ensure the Right to Education**

Since education is a factor that impacts directly on a child's development, department implements several key programs to ensure children's right to education.

- **“*Sevana Sarana*” Foster Parent Scheme**

This is a program that offers scholarships under the financial sponsorship of foster parents to make the education successful of children doing studies amidst financial difficulties. Facility has been established to collect the donation made monthly by the foster parent from the post office and the duration of the scholarship is decided by the foster parent.

- **“*Nena Diriya*” Scholarship Program**

*Nena Diriya*” Scholarship program has been initiated to assist the children at risk of losing school education who were identified from the island-wide survey on vulnerable children conducted in year 2011. This program operates as a sub-project of the hundred-percent private sector funded “*Sevana Sarana*” Foster Parent Scheme. Facility has been established to collect the monthly scholarship grant from the post office

- **Re-entering of school-dropouts to schools**

Provision of school equipment necessary to re-enter school dropouts to schools and to make attendance of children with irregular school attendance regular, are done under this program. Financial provisions are made to the Divisional Secretariat for the children identified in the Divisional Secretariat division and the Divisional Secretariat takes action to provide the relevant school equipment to the children.

- **“*Kepakaru Deguru*” Scholarship Program**

This has been implemented as a monthly scholarship for school children with financial difficulties. Facility has been provided to collect the monthly grant every two months a time from the Divisional Secretariat. A child receives Rs. 500/- per month under this program

## **9. Programs Implemented to Ensure the Right to Health and Nutrition**

Following activities are being conducted to ensure the Right of the Child to Health and Nutrition stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- **Provision of assistances to meet the nutritional requirements of children affected by sudden disasters.**

This is a one-time assistance made to meet the nutritional and other welfare needs of children affected by natural disasters and other causes. A minimum of Rs. 5000.00 and a maximum of Rs. 10,000.00 is given to the children of a single family. Measures are in place to make the relevant payment suitably from the Divisional Secretariat.

- **Provision of assistances for twins**

This is an assistance provided for twins and multiples born into low income earning families. The program is implemented with the objective of providing support to meet the nutritional and other welfare needs of such children. This provides Rs. 7500/- for a family with twins and Rs. 15,000/- for a family with triplets is a one-time payment. Payment will be made suitably by the Divisional Secretariat.

- **Provision of medical assistance**

This is a financial assistance provided for children in low income families with illnesses. The assistance is provided to meet the medical expenses of child's illness. A minimum of Rs. 5000.00 and a maximum of Rs. 15,000.00 is provided for a child based on the nature of the illness and medical reports. Payment of the assistance is made through the Divisional Secretariat.

- **Provision of assistances for children affected by the Tsunami disaster/floods ("Senehasa" Savings Program)**

This is an assistance scheme initiated for the children affected by the Tsunami disaster. Rs. 1500.00 is deposited monthly in a National Savings Bank account under the child's name and the child will be able to withdraw the money after attaining the age of 18 years. The assistance scheme addresses children who have lost both parents from the Tsunami disaster. Assistances are also provided under this for children who have lost either the mother or father from the floods that took place in 2017.

- **Preparation of Care Plans for Vulnerable Children**

Children become victims of various forms of abuse as a result of various vulnerable situations they experience. Care Plans are prepared to identify these vulnerable situations and after a technical analysis to take appropriate measures to address the vulnerable situation and ensure the protection of such children.



A Case Conferencing session and construction of a house for a vulnerable family under a Care Plan–Kandy District

This will ensure the protection of vulnerable children before subjecting to abuse and will also help to strengthen their families as well. A multiple approach is used in the preparation of these Care Plans and will cause to provide long-term protection and development for the child within the family.

#### **10. Implementation of Programs to Commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Child Rights Promotion Officers**

A Research Symposium on child rights related research was conducted by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services in year 2019 to commemorate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and held simultaneously the Annual Convention of the Child Rights Promotion Officers to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Child Rights Promotion Officers' service established in the public service to implement the convention.

The program was attended by about 400 Child Rights Promotion Officers and gave opportunity to discuss the challenges faced in the field of childcare during the past 30 year period on evidence based research sources and in the subsequent session, to share the knowledge among officers on 04 important current issues in the field of childcare and protection. The officers also got the opportunity here to present best practices they have gathered during their twenty year service experience that spans from grass-root to national level.

## **11. Implementation of Programs for Children in Children's Homes**

Action is taken to upgrade infrastructure facilities of children's homes to provide a safer environment for children in them. Providing a congenial environment for children is one of the key objectives of this. For this purpose, children's home staff is given regular trainings and in order to maintain proper standards in children's homes and to bring the services for children to an optimum level a strict supervision process is also implemented.

Vocational training programs and skills development programs for children are also implemented and is given prominence. Reintegrating the children into the society without keeping in the centers for ever is one of its objectives. Further, factors that hinder the reintegration of children are looked into and measures are taken to address them as well. All these programs are implemented through Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services. Necessary financial provisions, technical assistances and other guidance are provided by the National Department and implementation of programs is done entirely by the Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care.

## **12. Formulation of National Policies and Plans related to children**

Formulation of policies and national guidelines in relation to fields of probation and childcare is a key role coming within the scope of this department. By now, the department has made arrangements in relation to the formulation of following policies and guidelines.

- Formulation of the Case Management Policy for the Prevention of Child Abuse (National Case Management Guidelines for Prevention of all forms of Violence against Children of Sri Lanka) and its implementation with Cabinet approval
- Alternative Care Policy
- Amendment of Standing Orders on Child Care Institutions and Probation Officers
- Guidelines on Meaningful Child Participation
- Guidelines on Village Child Development Committees

## **13. Research and Training**

Consistent development of knowledge, skills and attitudes of officers of this department is of primary importance. Training programs on the subject area are conducted annually for this purpose and all officers including the Commissioners of Provincial Departments of Child Care Services, Probation Officers, Child Rights Promotion Officers, Child Rights Promotion

Assistants and Officers-in-Charge of Child Care Institutions have received the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and attitudes through these trainings.

The National Research and Training Center affiliated to this department functions with the objective of conducting research on areas relevant to the field of childcare and for maintaining a collection of research papers of other institutions conducted on this area. Arrangements have been made this year to conduct 13 researches of children at district level.

### **Key Development Programs in 2021**

Programs intended to ensure the right to survival and right to development stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- Ensuring the rights of street children
- Strengthening and promoting meaningful child participation
- Elimination of violence against children and child rights
- Promotion of child rights of children in marginal communities
- Strengthening and promotion of community-led child protection and care
- Strengthening children's intervention in the disaster risk reduction process
- Implementation of the child-led research
- Ensuring the safety of children in cyberspace
- Implementation of the Alternative Care Policy and introducing an alternative care system for children staying in prisons with imprisoned mothers
- Introduce a Foster Parent system for highly vulnerable children
- Simplification of the child adoption process
- Strengthening the Case Management process and preparation of Care Plans for vulnerable children
- Human Resource development
- Training and research
- Organizing national level ceremonies
- Formulation of policies and advocacy
- Awareness raising program on Good Parenting
- Media and publications

### Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020

S N	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ participants
1	<b>Ensuring the rights of children (Convention and Charter on the Rights of the Child) Provision of assistances for children with needs</b>					
1.1	Ensuring the rights of children (Convention and Charter on the Rights of the Child) Provision of assistances for children with needs	2.094	1.180	400 children	212 children	212 children
1.2	Provision of Assistance for Twins	1.799	0.522	239 families	69 families	69 families
1.3	Assistances in Sudden Disasters	0.269	0.073	53 families	12 children	12 children
1.4	“Senehasa” Assistances (for children affected by Tsunami disaster)	0.860	0.662	48 children	48 children	48 children
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>5.022</b>	<b>2.437</b>			
<b>02</b>	<b>Provision of Educational Assistances and Scholarships</b>					
2.1	Provision of “Kepakaru Deguru” Assistances	9.704	4.685	2000 children	2000 children	2000 children
2.2	Provision of Educational Assistances	1.716	1.716	1716 children	1716 children	1716 children
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11.420</b>	<b>6.401</b>			
<b>03</b>	<b>Implementation of Programs for Children in Vulnerable and Marginalized Families</b>					
3.1	Implementation of Welfare program for Street Children	0.307	0.103	1 Program	1 Program	20 children
3.2	Preparation of Care Plans for Vulnerable Children	5.615	2.046	180 Care Plans	116 Care Plans	225 children
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>5.922</b>	<b>2.149</b>			
<b>04</b>	<b>Strengthening the Community-based Child Protection mechanisms</b>					
4.1	Strengthening the National, District, Divisional and Village Child Development Committee Program.	0.359	0.359	145 Committees	145 Committees	4730 Officers
4.2	Conducting Child-Centric Disaster Risk Reduction programs	0.190	0.090	5 Programs	3 Programs	150 children
4.3	Media and publications	0.042	0.042	10 Districts	10 Districts	250 children
4.4	Commemoration of the World Children's Day	0.282	0.010	25 Programs	3 Programs	325 children and adults
4.5	Implementation of Child Rights Promotion programs in a joint approach	0.058	0.058	17 Programs	17 Programs	15000 Community members
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.931</b>	<b>0.559</b>			

S N	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ participants
<b>05</b>	<b>Implementation of programs to strengthen meaningful child participation</b>					
5.1	Conducting training programs on Sustainable Development Goals for members of the children's councils	0.217	0.217	1 Program	1 Program	60 children and officers
5.2	Implementation of District and Divisional Children's Council Programs	0.777	0.000	351 Programs	0	0
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>0.994</b>	<b>0.217</b>			
<b>06</b>	<b>Alternative care</b>					
6.1	Upgrading infrastructure facilities of child care institutions (including the National Training and Counselling Center at Paratta)	2.933	2.153	05 Children' s Homes	03 Children's Homes	65 children
6.2	Implementation of skills development programs of institutionalized children	1.137	0.538	34 children	35 children	35 children
<b>6.3</b>	Re-integration of identified children into the society	0.736	0.348	15 children	35 children	34 children
6.4	Supervision of Children's Homes	2.007	0.908	06 Children' s Homes	03 Children's Homes	75 children
6.5	Reviewing the national, provincial and district level progress	1.213	0.313	185 meetings	101 meetings	312 officers
6.6	Printing the Annual Performance Report	0.250	0.000	450 Books	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
6.7	Conducting the Islndwide census on Children's homes	2.008	1.508			
	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10.284</b>	<b>6.156</b>			
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34.573</b>	<b>17.531</b>			



# **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.

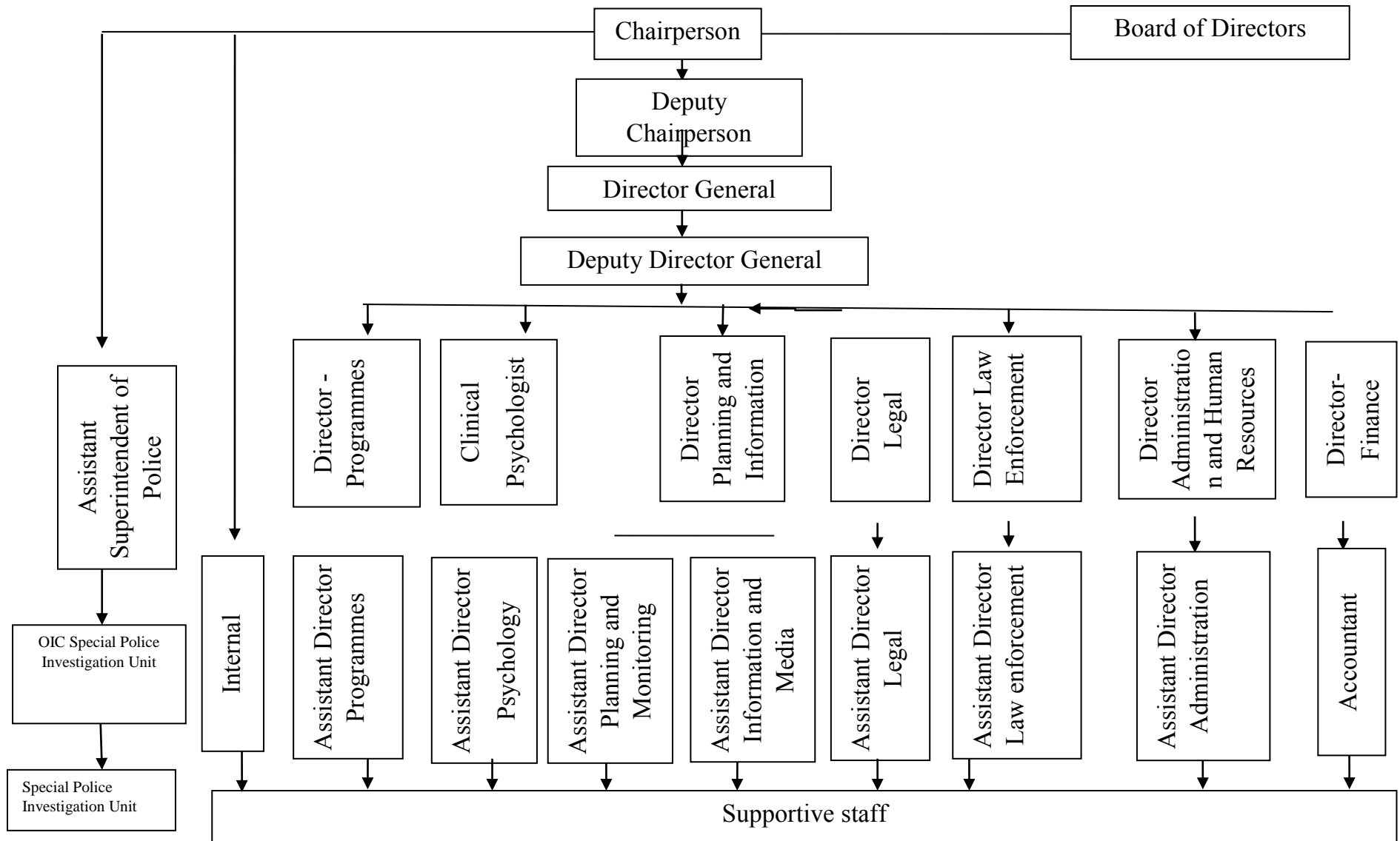
## **Key functions**

As per the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, a comprehensive role has been assigned to the National Child Protection Authority. The functions related to that role are mentioned below.

- Advising the government for the formulation of a national policy to prevent child abuse and to protect and treat child victims of such abuse.
- Advising the government regarding the measures to be taken to prevent child abuse.
- Advising the government regarding the measures to be taken to protect victims of such abuse.
- Raising awareness about the children's right to be protected from abuse and the methods of preventing child abuse.
- Taking 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.
- Recommending the legal, administrative or other amendments required for productive implementation of the national policy for the prevention of child abuse.
- Monitoring the implementation of laws relevant to all forms of child abuse.
- Monitoring the progress of all investigations and criminal proceedings related to child abuse.
- Recommending measures to address humanitarian concerns of child victims of armed conflicts and their protection and reintegration into society including taking steps for their mental and physical well-being.

- Taking appropriate steps where necessary for the care and protection of children connected to criminal investigations and criminal proceedings.
- Accepting complaints from the public regarding child abuse and referring those to the competent authorities where necessary.
- Advising and assisting provincial councils, local government institutions and non-governmental organizations in relation to coordinating advocacy campaigns against child abuse.
- Developing a national database on child abuse and maintaining it.
- Monitoring and regulating all religious institutions and charities that provide child care services in consultation with the relevant Ministries and other institutions.
- Promoting and coordinating the conduct of research in relation to child abuse and child protection.
- Providing information and education to the public regarding the safety of children and protection of child rights.
- Engaging in dialogue with all sectors involved in tourism to minimize the opportunities for child abuse.
- Organizing and facilitating workshops, conferences and discussions on child abuse.
- Coordinating with foreign governments and international organizations in relation to disclosure and prevention of all forms of child abuse and exchange of information with them.

## Organizational Structure of the National Child Protection Authority in 2020



In 2020, the National Child Protection Authority operates under 3 action plans. Financial provisions have been allocated for 2020 for the National Development Action Plan (Rs.38.000 million), Action Plan related to the 1929 24 hour Child Line (Rs. 7.650 million) and the Social Protection Action Plan for Children. (Rs. 1.410 million).

## **Main Development Programs implemented – 2020**

### **01. National Policy on Child Protection**

Formulating the National Policy on Child Protection has been completed. Cabinet approval for this was granted on 29.10.2019. Discussions with the relevant Ministries have been commenced to develop a five year action plan for the implementation of the policy on child protection. 04 meetings were held with the Ministries of Justice, Labour, Mass Media and Defence during the first 09 months of 2020..



### **02. Developing the National Policy on Day Care Centers.**

The draft of the National Policy on Day Care Centers has been completed. A committee of specialists was appointed to review this draft. That committee of specialists has decided to redraft this policy. It is being done accordingly.

### **03. Study on abandoned infants**

The National Child Protection Authority has decided to take action for the protection and wellbeing of new born infants abandoned at various places in Sri Lanka due to various reasons. Thus it is expected to establish desks for the 09 provinces to accept those infants until appropriate future care/custody is arranged for them. These desks are to be established at the main hospitals. Prior to proper and planned implementation of this program, preliminary work required to collect data in that regard and conduct a proper study has been done.

### **04. National awareness program on school child protection committees**

School child protection committees program can be cited as one of the key programs implemented by the National Child Protection Authority. 203 awareness programs for students, 81 awareness programs for parents and 131 awareness programs for teachers have been conducted within the first 09 months of 2020. At the same time, discussions were commenced with the Ministry of Education to set up boards with information on child protection at schools.



### **05. Program to supervise school child protection committees**

Submitting proposals to the Ministry of Education about conducting regular supervision of the measures taken by schools to implement the Education Circular 2011/17 regarding the establishment of a school child protection committee at every school and regular monitoring by the Ministry of Education from school level to national level. Necessary measures have been taken within the first 09 months of 2020 to conduct this supervision. Preparing the online questionnaire has been completed. Coordination for implementation of this with the district officers of the National Child Protection Authority and district education officers has been one.

## **6. Program to supervise the compulsory education committees**

The National Child Protection Authority has planned to supervise the “School Committees” established in schools with the aim of safeguarding the rights of Sri Lankan school children for compulsory education. Assistance is provided to the Ministry of Education to supervise the school committees and set up the committees in line with the minimum standards. Necessary action has been taken within the first 09 months of 2020 for this supervision. Preparing the online questionnaire has been completed. Coordination for implementation of this with the district officers of the National Child Protection Authority and district education officers has been one.

## **7. Program to supervise the Child Development Centers**

The National Child Protection Authority which has been established to ensure child protection is engaged in achieving that goal by now through various measures. As per Section (14)1 of the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, supervision and regulation of all religious institutions and charities that provide child protection services (Child Development Centers) has been assigned to the National Child Protection Authority. Child Development Centers are supervised accordingly. At the end of this supervision a method of categorizing based on the marks scored by each Home is used. Awareness raising is done regarding the minimum qualifications required to secure an upper position in that categorizing. Results of this supervision are also used to advise the government if some government action is needed in that regard. Compiling the minimum standards for Child Development Centers has been completed. Within the first 09 months of 2020 supervision of 310 Child Development enters has been completed using the ODK software.



## **8. Developing a regular method of supervision in relation to the care of child victims handed over to relatives or a person trusted by the family ( Fit Person) as an alternative care method.**

When allegations of child abuse are leveled against a parent or a guardian, the child victim of abuse is brought under alternative care instead of allowing the child to remain with that parent or guardian. The child is thus handed over by the court to a close relative or a person trusted by the family, considering him/her a fit person to provide alternative care. Instances of children facing difficulties as a result of such temporary care providers failing to fulfill the basic needs of the child and due to issues related to education have been reported to the National Child Protection Authority. Because of these reasons, various issues have cropped up when such children are reintegrated into society. Therefore, the National Child Protection Authority takes action to present a regular method for supervising these children to ensure their safety. The online questionnaire relevant to supervision has been completed using the ODK software within the first 09 months of 2020. Coordination with the Commissioner of Probation and the Provincial Commissioners of Probation has been completed. Preparing minimum standards for this has been completed.

## **9. Conducting a programme to supervise Day Care Centres**

Day Care Centres have a significant place among the institutions that provide child care in Sri Lanka. Therefore, the National Child Protection Authority commenced supervision of Day Care Centres. At the end of this supervision a method of categorizing based on the marks scored by each Home is used. Awareness raising is done regarding the minimum qualifications required to secure an upper position in that categorizing. Results of this supervision are also used to advise the government if some government action is needed in that regard. Compiling the minimum standards for this has been completed. The online questionnaire has been completed using the ODK software. Coordination required for conducting this has been done.

## **9. National Programme on Supervision of Early Childhood Development Centres**

The National Child Protection Authority has planned to implement the process for supervision of Early Childhood Development Centres in two stages. Under stage 01, supervision will be done by the Divisional Child Protection Officers of the National Child Protection Authority and under stage 02 it will be done by a team of nominated officers.

Coordination necessary for this has been completed. The online questionnaire relevant to the supervision has been completed within the first 09 months of 2020. Developing the minimum standards has been completed. Directors of Education in charge of the subject of Early Childhood Development of Badulla and Moneragala have been made aware of this. The questionnaire has been prepared using the ODK software.

**10. National Awareness Programme for Government Receiving Homes (Child Protection Workers)**

Employees serving at the Government Receiving Homes are made aware. Knowledge, skills and attitudes related to the wellbeing and safety of the children at the receiving homes are developed through these awareness programmes. Developing the minimum standards has been completed. The questionnaire has been prepared using the ODK software. These programmes have been planned.

**11. National awareness programme for Child Development Centres (Child Care Workers and Children)**

This programme is implemented to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes of the child protection workers regarding the well-being and safety of children in the care of Child Development Centres. At the same time, awareness programmes on protection of children in these centres are also implemented. These programmes have been planned.

**12. National awareness programme for Government Detention Homes (Child Protection Workers and Children)**

This programme is implemented at the government detention homes. Awareness programmes are conducted for children in the care of these Homes about child protection. This programme is implemented to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes of the child protection workers regarding the well-being and safety of children in the care of government detention homes. These programmes have been planned.

**13. National awareness programme for Day Care Centres (Child Protection Workers)**

These awareness programmes are implemented for the staff of the day care centres. Developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the child protection workers regarding the well-being and safety of children in the care of day care centres is done through this. This programme contributes to the creation of a child friendly environment in day care centres. Coordination relevant to the programme has been completed.



#### **14. National awareness programme for the estate community**

Launching a long term programme to ensure the safety of the children and the community in the plantation sector has been planned. It is due to be implemented in 04 stages. Planning this programme has been completed.

#### **16. National awareness programme for Police Officers**

This is used to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes of every trainee at every police training college in Sri Lanka to prevent various types of abuse against children, protect child victims of abuse and to eradicate causes for such abuse. Programmes in the districts of Badulla and Moneragala have been completed.

#### **17. Programme to Supervise Government Receiving Homes**

The National Child Protection Authority has planned to supervise Government Receiving Homes. The aims of this programme are to assess the conditions prevailing at government detention homes, informing the trustees of homes about the results of such assessment to improve the protection, care and development of every baby in the care of those homes. Developing the minimum standards has been completed. The questionnaire has been prepared using the ODK software. Plans for implementation have been completed.

#### **18. Programme to Supervise Government Detention Homes**

The National Child Protection Authority has planned to supervise Government Detention Homes. Thus, this supervision is to be used to assess under certain subject matter, the protection of children from all types of abuse and maltreatment, health facilities, minimum standards prevailing etc. within these detention homes and to inform the relevant parties to take speedy action in case of any risk situations.

A method of categorizing based on the marks scored by each detention home is used. Awareness raising is done regarding the minimum qualifications required to secure an upper position in that categorizing. Results of this supervision are also used to advise the government if some government action is needed in that regard. Compiling the minimum standards has been completed. The questionnaire has been prepared using the ODK software. Plans for implementation have been completed.

## **19. Programme to Supervise Government Certified Schools**

The National Child Protection Authority has planned to supervise Government Certified Schools. This supervision is to be used to assess the situations that prevail at the certified schools, to improve the protection, care and development of every child in such homes by informing those in charge of the relevant schools about the assessment and to take decisions regarding all measures required for protection of those involved in child abuse, safeguarding their rights and rehabilitation. Compiling the minimum standards has been completed. The questionnaire has been prepared using the ODK software. Plans for implementation have been completed.

## **20. National awareness programme for teacher trainees and the academic staff of the National Colleges of Education**

Awareness programmes on child protection are conducted for the teacher trainees and the academic staff of the National Colleges of Education. Coordination for conducting awareness programmes at Jaffna, Matara, Kandy and Sri Pada National Colleges of Education has been done. (National College of Education at Jaffna is used as a quarantine centre.)

## **21. National awareness programme for professionals and staff of the health sector**

Raising awareness of professionals relevant to the health sector regarding child protection is done through this programme. Coordination for conducting this programme in the districts of Ratnapura, Hambanthota, Matara, Kalutara, Matale, Kegalle, Gampaha, Mannar, Kurunegala, Moneragala, Polonnaruwa and Badulla has been done.

## **22. Training for child protection methods included in the primary curriculum**

Matters related to child protection are included in the school curriculum to protect every child of school going age from all types of abuse, develop the children and create children with strong personality. A discussion in this regard was held with the Ministry of Education. The tools used for this training have been referred to the National Institute of Education for Senate approval.

## **23. Providing assistance to children for education under the Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act**

An amount of Rs.5000.00 is provided monthly as assistance for education of the child victims of the tsunami that occurred in 2004. Provisions have been made available for 37 children every month as financial assistance for education.

**24. Providing educational and other relevant assistance for victimized, marginalized and vulnerable children**

The main function is to provide educational assistance to victimized, marginalized and vulnerable children recommended and mentioned in complaints reported to the National Child Protection Authority with a complaint number. An amount of Rs.1,757,500/= has been referred to the districts for this purpose in 2020.

**25. Providing assistance for developing mental health**

Providing the necessary facilities to the children who come to the Psychosocial Division of the National Child Protection Authority to obtain services and for children who seek psychosocial assistance, is done through this. Sets of school equipment have been provided under this to the children who come to the Psychosocial Division to obtain services as well as to the children who come for video recording of evidence. Providing counseling to children, preparing children for video recording of evidence and providing psychosocial intervention are done. Within the first 09 months of 2020 assistance has been provided to 53 children.

**26. Psychosocial training for school counselor teachers**

Raising psychosocial awareness of school counselor teachers regarding child protection is done through this. Developing knowledge, skills and attitudes of school counselor teachers to provide psychosocial assistance and counseling with relevance to child protection is achieved through this. Coordination with the relevant parties for these programmes has been concluded. (This programme could not be implemented as schools were temporarily closed due to the COVID 19 pandemic)

**27. Diriya Programme (Providing Psychosocial assistance to children who are victimized, marginalized and vulnerable)**

This programme provides psychosocial assistance to children who are victimized, marginalized and vulnerable and empowers those children and their families through that. Coordination required to provide psychosocial assistance to 2290 children at Divisional level is under way.

**28. Psychosocial intervention in the coastal belt**

A programme implemented for the protection of children living in the coastal belt. Coordination for this programme has been done.

**29. Training for school teachers on positive discipline**

The National Child Protection Authority implements a programme to train primary teachers on positive discipline. Primary data required for programme coordination has been collected.

**30. Psychosocial training for the children and the staff of detention homes and certified schools**

This programme is implemented to provide psychosocial training for the children and the staff of detention homes and certified schools. Coordination in this regard has been concluded.

**31. Guidelines and standards for Child Development Centres (Children's Homes) in Sri Lanka**

Working in the best interest of the children living in Child Development Centres in Sri Lanka is extremely important. For that, the National Child Protection Authority has prepared the draft of the set of guidelines and standards for Child Development Centres in Sri Lanka.

**32. Holding exhibitions and mobile services**

Educational exhibitions are organized by various institutions in Sri Lanka. Educational exhibition stalls to raise awareness about the role of the National Child Protection Authority for child protection are provided as requested by those institutions. "Podu Jana Saranee" mobile exhibition was held in Embilipitiya on 22.02.2020.

**33. Video recording evidence**

A special unit is operational within the National Child Protection Authority for video recording evidence given by child victims of abuse. As per Evidence (Special Provisions) Act No. 32 of 1999, video recording evidence given by a child victim of abuse and producing it in court is possible through this. The National Child Protection Authority has carried out 80 video recordings of evidence within the first 09 months of 2020.

### **34. Cyber surveillance, investigations and operations**

The National Child Protection Authority maintains a special Cyber surveillance unit to act against threats to Sri Lankan children such as child abuse and coaxing children for sexual activities over the internet and prevent child abuse and harassment. 60 incidents related to cyber crimes have been investigated within the first 09 months of 2020.

### **35. 1929 Child Line Sri Lanka**

As per the National Child Protection Authority Act, to carry out “Receiving of public complaints on child abuse and referring them to proper authorities when necessary” in a more productive and efficient manner, 1929 Child Line Sri Lanka was established within the premises of the National Child Protection Authority on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2010. This is a toll free 24 hour service. 6282 calls were received on this telephone number within the first 09 months of 2020.

### **36. Electronic and printed media programme**

The National Child Protection Authority takes action to provide the community with information relevant to ensure child protection in Sri Lanka by coordinating with media institutions. In obtaining assistance of electronic as well as printed media in this regard, issuing news releases relevant to child protection to the mass media and holding press conferences relevant to subject matters are done.

Within the first 09 months of 2020, the incumbent Chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority, Professor Muditha Vidanapathirana joined the following mass media programmes on child protection as a resource person.

- “Rise and Shine” television programme on Channel I
- Derana Television Channel- “Aya (අයා)” programme
- Derana Television Channel- “Big Focus” programme
- 02 Webinars (social media) on Child Protection
- Jathika Rupavahini – “Covid 19 saha ape lamayi” programme and Nuga Sevana
- Sirasa Television Channel- News First
- Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation – Skate Norm the Heart Programme
- Swarnavahini television Channel- Live at 8m
- T.N.L. Television Channel- World Children’s Day programmes

Programmes on child protection were broadcast over regional broadcasting channels by the officers of the National Child Protection Authority.

### 37. Producing documentaries and short videos to raise awareness of child protection

This was done for the first time by the Information and Media Unit of the National Child Protection Authority. These productions were done using the human resources and technology of the National Child Protection Authority.

- “Amal Bisoyi Mamai” documentary
- “PothaiMamai” documentary
- Short video on child labour
- Short video on sexual abuse of children
- Short video on psychosocial intervention “Api Daruwanta Danenna Adaraya Karamu”



### 38. Legal Functions

Protecting child victims of abuse, taking measures to safeguard their rights, recommending legislative, administrative or other amendments for preventing child abuse, providing legal advice and monitoring the progress of all investigations and criminal proceedings related to child abuse and appearing in court in that regard are performed by the Legal Division. In addition to the Authority Act, its functions are relevant the following Acts as well.

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

The Legal Division operative at the National Child Protection Authority has appeared in courts on 08 occasions within the first 09 months of 2020.

### 39. Special Police Investigations

The Special Police Investigations Unit of the National Child Protection Authority is taking action to speedily investigate the complaints on child abuse received from the public by the Authority over 1929 Child Line Sri Lanka and through other methods and to take legal action in relation to them. A team of 34 officers that functions all 24 hours of the day has been assigned this task. Has dealt with 582 legal proceedings. 43 investigations have been conducted.

### 40. Electronic and printed material ( Posters, leaflets, booklets

Preparing printed publications such as handbills, posters, books and magazines using various themes to prevent child abuse. Printing posters and file covers has been completed within the first 09 months of 2020.



- 15,500 posters under the theme Good touching and Bad touching were printed
- File covers were printed for school children to make them aware of the functions of the National Child Protection Authority and 1929 Child Line Sri Lanka.

#### **41. Website of the National Child Protection Authority**

Developing the official website of the National Child Protection Authority [www.childprotection.gov.lk](http://www.childprotection.gov.lk) is being done. The official website has been updated. Developing a new website has been commenced with the help of AFFNO.

#### **42. Celebration of International Days**

Celebration of the World Children's Day was held at the "Äpe Gama" premises under the theme "Our Country – With Our Hands" with Hon. Mahinda Rajapakse, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka participating as the Chief Guest. An exhibition to raise awareness of school children, teachers and the community about child protection was held there by the National Child Protection Authority.

An amount of Rs.0.500 million was allocated for the 25 districts to implement 25 programmes to mark the International Day of the Girl Child that falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October.





#### **43. The monthly progress review meetings for the District Officers**

These meetings are conducted by the District Officers every month within the district itself. District Officers and District Psychosocial Officers hold this meeting with all Divisional Child Protection Officers. 80 progress review meetings have been held in the first 09 months of 2020. Rs.281, 400.00 has been sent to the districts to hold these meetings for the fourth quarter.

#### **44. The quarterly progress review meetings for the District Officers**

These meetings are held as one meeting per quarter by summoning all the District Child Protection Officers and the District Psychosocial Officers to the Head Office. 01 meeting has been held in the first nine months of 2020.

**Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020**

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
1	1.1.1 Implementation of the National Policy on Child Protection	0.050	0.000	02 meetings	04 meetings were held with the Ministries of Justice, Labour, Mass Media and Defence regarding the development of five year action plans for the Policy on Child Protection.
2	1.1.2 Printing the National Policy on Child Protection	0.500	0.000	2000 books	Procurement under way.
3	1.1.3 Training for officers on Child Protection Policy	0.400	0.000	02 trainings	This programme was planned to be held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (Sinhala medium) and 3 <sup>rd</sup> April (Tamil medium). Programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation. It has been planned to conduct this in November.
4	1.1.4 National Policy on Child Day Care	0.200	0.028	One draft policy	The committee of specialists appointed to review this draft held a meeting. It was decided to redraft this policy.
5	1.1.5 Research on child beggars	0.100	0.000	1 research	Due to be conducted in 2021.
6	1.1.6 Study about abandoned infants	0.500	0.000	1 research	Preliminary work required for the research has been done. Field study has to be done.
7	2.1.1 Establishing new school child protection committees (SCPC)	1.020	0.000	200 school child protection committees	203 awareness programmes about school child protection committees have been held for students. 81 awareness programmes about school child protection committees have been held for parents. 131 awareness programmes for teachers have been held.
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2.770</b>	<b>0.028</b>		

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
8	2.1.2 Developing a mechanism for supervising the child protection committees	0.200	0.000	01 mechanism	Online questionnaire completed. Coordinating district officers, district education officers completed. Minimum standards have been developed. Supervision programme has been temporarily postponed due to the closure of schools. Directors of Education of Badulla and Moneragala have been informed.
9	2.1.3 Programme to supervise school child protection committees	0.300	0.000	1000 schools	
10	2.1.4 Programme to supervise compulsory education committees	0.700	0.000	25 programs	
11	2.1.5 Programme to supervise child development centres	0.200	0.006	350 child development centres	310 supervisions of child development centres using ODK software. (Registered as religious institutions or charities)
12	2.1.6 Programme to supervise children in the custody of fit persons	0.550	0.000	50 children	Online questionnaire completed. Coordinating Commissioner of Probation and Provincial Commissioner of Probation done. Judicial Service Commission has been informed to get information about the relevant children.
13	2.1.7 Conducting a programme to supervise day care centres	0.500	0.000	1000-day care centres	Coordination done. Online questionnaire completed. Minimum standards have been developed.
14	2.1.8 Conducting a programme to supervise pre schools	0.500	0.000	1000 pre schools	Coordination done. Online questionnaire completed. Minimum standards have been developed. Directors of Education of Badulla and Moneragala have been informed.
15	2.1.9 Awareness programmes for government receiving homes (09) (Child Protection workers)	0.180	0.000	09 programs	Programmes have been commenced.
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>3.130</b>	<b>0.006</b>		

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
16	2.1.10 Awareness programmes for child development centres(for Child Protection workers and children)	0.600	0.000	300 programs	Planning completed. Programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation.
17	2.1.11 Awareness programmes for detention homes (for Child Protection workers and children)	0.060	0.000	06 programs	
18	2.1.12 Awareness programmes for day care centres(for Child Protection workers and children)	0.500	0.000	25 programs	Coordination done.
19	2.1.13 Awareness programmes for the estate sector (for parents and children)	0.400	0.000	20 programs	Planning completed.Programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation.
20	2.1.14 Training programmes for police officers	1.250	0.032	25 programs	District programmes of Badulla and Moneragala have been completed. Guidelines and provisions for the programme in the other 23 districts have been referred.The programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation.
21	2.1.15 Programme to Supervise Government Receiving Homes (09)	0.100	0.000	09 programs	Minimum standards have been developed.
22	2.1.16 Programme to Supervise Government Detention Homes (06)	0.001	0.000	09 programs	Planning has been completed. The programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation.
23	2.1.17 Programme to Supervise Government Certified Schools (06)	0.001	0.000	06 programs	
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2.912</b>	<b>0.032</b>		

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
24	3.1.1 Awareness programmes for the education sector	0.900	0.000	04 programs	Guidelines and provisions for the programme in Jaffna, Matara, Kandy and Sri Pada National Colleges of Education have been sent. National College of Education in Jaffnais used as a quarantine centre by now.
25	3.1.2 Child protection training for professionals and volunteer workers of the health sector, staff of the Medical Officers of Health and doctors training at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine (Public Health workers and Midwives and others)	0.550	0.000	25 programs for Medical Officers of Health and 01 programme for doctors training at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine	Coordination for conducting this programme in the districts of Ratnapura, Hambanthota, Matara, Kalutara, Matale, Kegalle, Gampaha, Mannar, Kurunegala, Moneragala, Polonnaruwa and Badulla has been done Even though child protection training was to be conducted for doctors training at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, the programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation.
26	3.13 Training for child protection methods included in the primary curriculum	0.200	0.000	10 programs	The tools used for this training have been referred to the National Institute of Education for Senate approval.
27	4.1.1 Assistance to children for education under the Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act	1.800	1.122	40 children	Provisions have been made available for monthly assistance for education of 29 children. 04 annual meetings of Tsunami Foster Parent Boards have been conducted.
28	4.1.2 Educational and other relevant assistance for victimized, marginalized and vulnerable children	2.200	0.144	2000 children	For 2020 children ශ1,757,500 has been provided for the districts. Coordination done
29	5.1.1 Mental health support	0.500	0.213	50 children	53 children
30	5.1.2 Psychosocial training for school counselor teachers	0.650	0.000	01 program	Coordination done. Programme will be held on October 17 <sup>th</sup> in Galle.
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6.800</b>	<b>1.479</b>		

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
31	5.1.3 Diriya Programme to provide Psychosocial assistance to victimized, marginalized and vulnerable children	2.000	0.000	2287 children	Coordination done.
32	5.1.4 Psychosocial interventions in the coastal belt	0.200	0.000	02 programs	Coordination done.
33	5.1.5 Training for school teachers on positive discipline	0.750	0.000	10 programs	Primary data required for programme coordination has been collected.
34	5.1.6 1 Handbook on Psychological First Aid for Children manual for sudden disaster situations (printing)	0.515	0.000	01 program	Procurement under way.
35	5.1.7 Psychosocial training for children and the staff of detention homes and certified schools	0.500	0.000	05 programs	Coordination completed.
36	5.1.8 Guidelines and standards for Child Development Centres (Children's Homes) in Sri Lanka	0.300	0.000	01 program	Final draft has been presented to the Chairperson seeking his views.
37	6.1.1Exhibitions and mobile services	0.100	0.032	On request	1Exhibition and mobile service in Embilipitiya district . Podu Jana Saranee" 2020 on 22.02.2020
38	7.1.1 Special police investigations for law enforcement and judicial affairs	2.000	1.675	150 cases	43 Special police investigations, 582 police judicial affairs, 08 judicial affairs handled by the legal Division.
39	7.1.2 Video recordings of evidence, operations, and maintenance.	0.150	0.030	80 cases	80 video recordings of evidence
40	7.1.3 Cyber surveillance, investigations, operations, and maintenance.	0.150	0.002	200 complaints and maintenance	60 cases
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>6.665</b>	<b>1.739</b>		

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
41	7.1.4 Maintenance of 1929 Child Line	0.300	0.030	8500 complaints and maintenance	6282 complaints
42	8.1.1 Electronic and printed media programme	0.300	0.122	1 media campaign	Editing of “Pothai Mamai” documentary and “Api Daruwanta Danenna AdarayaKaramu” short video completed.
43	8.1.2 Electronic and printed material. Posters, leaflets, booklets etc.	1.200	0.000	4 tools	15500 Good touching and Bad Touching posters , 15500 I know how to protect myself posters have been printed. Printing 10000 file covers has been completed.
44	8.1.3 Updating the website of NCPA and maintenance and development of the same	0.450	0.003	Maintenance	Updating the new website with the help of AFFNO has been commenced.
45	8.1.4 Celebration of International days	0.500	0.000	01 celebration	Coordination for the national programme for the World Children’s Day completed. Rs.500, 000 has been provided for the 25 districts for 25 programmes to mark the International Day of the Girl Child.
46	9.1.1 Monthly district progress review meetings	0.700	0.134	200 programs	80 progress review meetings have been held. Rs. 0.281Mn has been provided to the relevant districts as an advance for holding Monthly progress review meetings of district officers for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter. Reports are still being received.
47	9.1.2 Quarterly progress review meetings for District Officers	0.300	0.072	02 programs	01 programme has been conducted. Planning for other programme has been completed. Programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation
48	9.1.3 Meetings, workshops, discussions, and other affairs	0.200	0.009	05 meetings	04 meetings have been held.
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3.950</b>	<b>0.370</b>		

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress
49	9.1.4 Printing Annual Reports, Field Monitoring Diaries, other publications, CDs and others	1.000	0.000	03 tools	Annual Report of 2016 has been submitted for Cabinet approval. Annual Report of 2017 has been handed over for printing. Annual Report of 2018 is due to be sent for translations. First draft of 2019 has been referred to the Heads of Departments.
50	9.1.5 Technological capacity for monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL)for child protection	0.200	0.000	01 Programme and meetings	Programme has been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation
51	9.1.6 Monitoring and evaluation programmes	1.000	0.040	01 Programme	01 programme has been conducted. District evaluation programmes have been temporarily postponed due to the COVID 19 situation.
52	10.1 Rehabilitation and development of capital assets	3.400	2.419	-	Rehabilitation and development of capital assets under way.
53	10.2 Acquisition of assets	5.473	1.020	-	Procurement is underway
54	10.3 Capacity building(Local and overseas)	0.700	0.042	-	04 online training for capacity development completed. Online trainings are being continued.
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>11.773</b>	<b>3.521</b>		
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>38.000</b>	<b>7.175</b>		



# **Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited**

## **Vision**

To make the Sri Lankan community a healthy, prosperous and proud nation void of malnutrition.

## **Mission**

Our objective is to contribute towards the national mission for bringing forth a healthy community of people by hygienically manufacturing the Thriposha supplementary meal with all quality nutrients making it available to the targeted beneficiaries and to introduce items of wholesome supplementary food to the market for fulfilling the nutritional need of the entire Sri Lankan community whilst empowering the indigenous farmer who is the main raw material supplier for all these products.

## **Introduction**

Thriposha Programme initially commenced its operations in Sri Lanka in the year 1973 under the assistance of CARE Organization based in the USA. Thriposha was packed and distributed in Sri Lanka following its importation from the USA as a finished food product.

This programme was undertaken by the Ministry of Health with the financial assistance of CARE Organization in 1976. Thereafter, the Ceylon Tobacco Company was selected to take up its management. Functions involving supervision and quality inspection etc. of the Thriposha Programme were carried out by the Ministry of Health itself. This institution which was under the administration of a Private Company as such was taken over by the Ministry of Health as a fully government owned company with effect from 17.09.2010 under the Registration No. PB / 3873 and in terms of the Companies Act, No. 07 of 2007.

Sri Lanka Thriposha Ltd. is situated at No.505, Colombo Road, Kapuwatta, Ja-ela.

## **Primary Role of the Institution**

Under the program conducted by the government to eliminate malnutrition from Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Thriposha Ltd. plays a major role under the supervision of the Ministry of Health. The Thriposha supplementary food is issued free of charge to underweight children, all pregnant mothers and breast-feeding mothers (till the child reaches the age of 06 months) including other beneficiaries who are in need of nutritional requirements.

## **Progress of activities**

The Progress Report of the Ministry of Health unfolds the progress of this company up to 30.09.2020.

## **Major Programmes (Infrastructure Development) to be implemented in 2021**

- To purchase and instal two silos of the capacity of 4000mt to store maize and soya.
- To purchase and instal a pneumatic conveying system, a cyclone system and two packing machines

## **Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka**

### **Vision**

To be the best national institution that creates a successful Sri Lankan women generation empowered with knowledge, skills and virtues

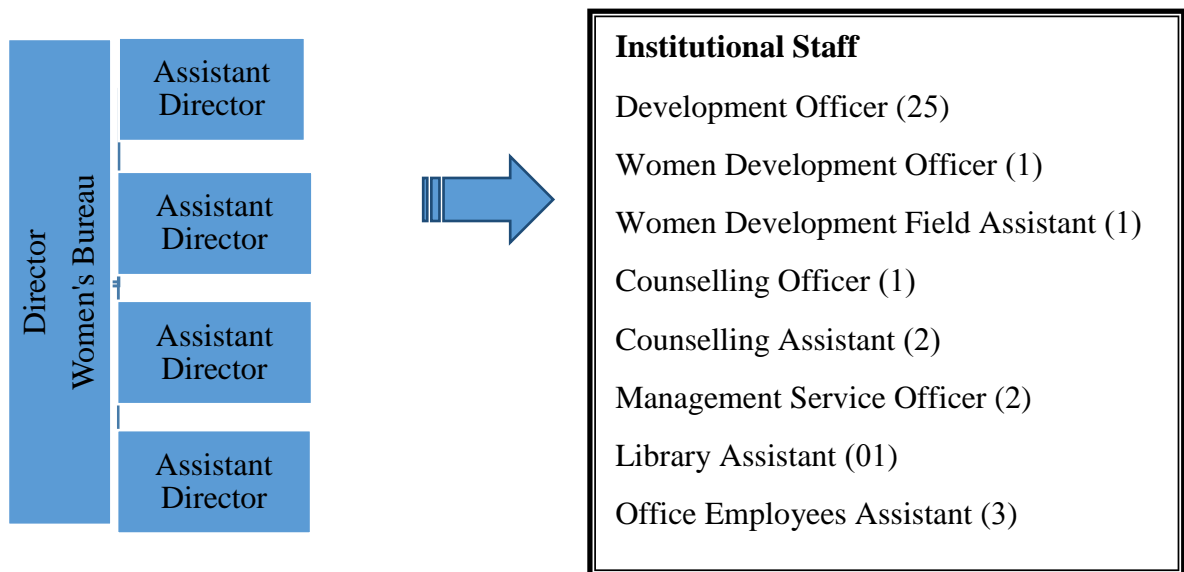
### **Mission**

To become the national mechanism operating for women's wellbeing in keeping with state policy through social and economic empowerment activated by well-planned provision of awareness through a proper organizational framework to create an environment conducive towards a generation of women" who encounter challenges with self-confidence by maximum and sound utilization of their wisdom and strength.

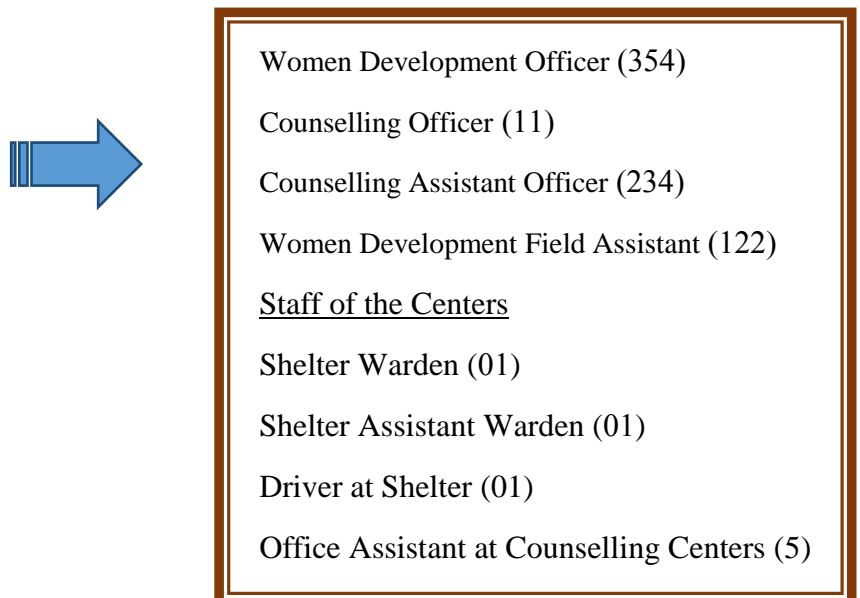
### **Key Functions**

1. Identifying, designing, implementing, and evaluating programs suitable for economic and social empowerment of Sri Lankan women.
2. Identifying exceptional qualities of women in all ranges of age and implementing programs to make them stakeholders of total development of the country.
3. Implementing programs to overcome difficulties encountered by women for the sole reason of their femininity.
4. Implementing special programs for women who face numerous difficulties due to particular social reasons.
5. Implementing programs for up gradation of knowledge, skills and attitudes of the entire generation of women.
6. Organizing women in a single network ranging from community-based level to national level to facilitate their smooth functioning in the same organization.

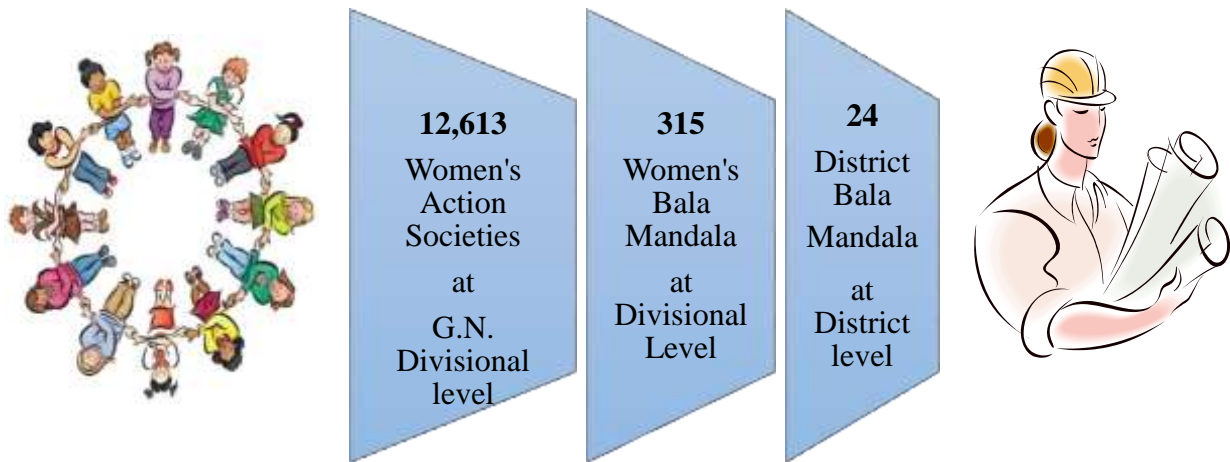
## Organizational Structure



## Field Officers



## Building the Network of Women's Organizations



### Policy Foundations: -

- Women's Charter.
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. (CEDAW)
- Achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, the 5<sup>th</sup> goal, and eradicating all forms of poverty, the clause of 17<sup>th</sup> goal of the Sustainable Development Goals of the UN Organization for the year – 2017.
- Implementation of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and the National Action plan on gender-based violence.
- National Action Plan on empowering women headed households.
- “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour” National Policy Framework.

### Key Development Programmes Implemented Under “Kantha Saviya” Provisions – 2020

The Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka launches “Kantha Saviya” development program under the key themes of socio-economic empowerment of women, empowerment of women headed households, skills and value chain development of women engaged in all fields, prevention of gender-based violence, providing Psycho-social counseling for women, achieving women's participation and ensuring gender equality.

## **01. Economic Empowerment of Women**

### **1.1 Alternative Income Generation Programmes for Women Choosing Going Abroad for Employments**

This programme is implemented with the objectives of minimizing the trend among women going abroad for employments due to poverty, ensuring the protection of children by engaging women in income generation activities at home, minimizing the number of broken families resulting from women going abroad, identifying and providing solutions for the needs of women who become disqualified of going abroad based on the facts of “family background” reports.

### **1.2 “Diviyata Aruthak” Programme for Economic and Social Empowering of Women Became Deprived of Social Sensitivity on Special Grounds**

“Diviyata Aruthak” Programme is being implemented for economic and social empowerment of women who became deprived of social senility on special grounds; thus, the programme aiming at, avoiding possible re-imprisonment after the releasing of women who happened to be imprisoned once, guides such women on engaging in self employments. Further, it assists to the wives whose husbands have been sentenced for a longer spell of imprisonment to initiate such self-employment endeavours’. Grievances of similar capacity forwarded to our Ministry directly in writing or by presence are also being addressed under this programme.

### **1.3 “Diriya Manpetha” Programme**

Under this programme, women entrepreneurs scattered throughout the country are encouraged toward potential production processes utilizing the locally available resources within their residential areas and futher, the programme aims at strengthening of self employment projects and economic empowerment.



**Dried fish production project operated under the “Diriya Manpetha Programme”  
At Marudankarni Divisional Secretary’s Division – 29.05.2020.**

#### **1.4 Creation of Self-employment opportunities for the female headed households**

Introduction of income generation activities for unemployed female heads of households, inclusion of them in projects and raising their income levels, expansion of self employment and income generation opportunities, minimization of the victimization to harassments and violation of their rights, direct involvement in economic development processes and ensuring the access to benefits thereof to them, maximization of the sensitivity and contribution of policy makers and relevant government bodies / non government organizations towards the need of such woman headed families lie within the scope of this programme.



The project of sewing gloves and masks – Ingiriya Divisional Secretary's Division

#### **1.5 National Centre for empowering widows and female headed households (kilinochchi)**

This centre was established on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015, in the Kilinochchi district in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Karachchi. The main objective of setting up this entity was to introduce special shelter to widowed women and their dependents of all ethnic groups who suffered the ethnic war. At present, efficient collection and distribution of the details of widows scattered in the Northern Province, implementation and coordination of projects executed in all the Divisional Secretary's Divisions in the province and forwarding for counselling services are being efficiently carried out by this centre.

## **1.6 Loan Programmes**

### **1.6.1 Revolving Credit Programme**

This loan programme is carried out for low income earning members of the Women's Action Societies registered under the Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka. Under this loan scheme, each beneficiary can obtain loans starting with a minimum loan amount of Rs. 5000/- up to the maximum loan amount up to Rs. 30,000/- with an interest rate of 6%.

### **1.6.2 Apeksha Loan Programme**

This programme is implemented by the Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka in collaboration and with funding of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) under the Dry Zone Livelihood Support and Partnership Programme in 50 Divisional Secretary's Divisions in the four districts of Badulla, Monaragala, Kurunegala, and Anuradhapura.

### **1.6.3 Vanitha Shakthi Foundation**

The "Vanitha Shakthi Banking System" was initially started in the Hambantota district in 2002. The main objective of this system was to empower rural women, instil leadership qualities and Financial Management skills among them while retaining their savings within their own village with the fullest contribution of their family members as well. Since the usage of the term "banking system" lead to a dispute according to the Monetary Law Act of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, this entity was implemented under the name "Vanitha Shakthi Foundation" as amended by its constitution in 2009.

In order to setting up a legal financial foundation for Vanitha Shakthi Small Financial Branches, preliminary steps have been taken to register those entities as cooperative societies under the Provincial Ministry of Co-operative Development having discussed on this matter with the Ministry of Co-operative and Internal Trade.

### **1.6.4 Motivational Programme to Initiate Income Generation Activities**

This programme is implemented with the objectives of enhancing the progress and reducing the risks of projects initiated under loan programmes, strengthening the economical viability of low-income earning women and providing relief for rural women hassled through nonregulated micro finance schemes.





**Two-day training programme held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 at Laggala Divisional Secretary's Division**

### **1.7 Training Programme on Care Giving Service (Training Course on Attendant Service)**

Under this programme, training of care givers to look after elders and patients and providing a high-quality care giving service is provided in collaboration with the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Institute (NAITA).

### **1.8 Exhibition and Trade Fair of Women's Production**

With the aim of encouraging female entrepreneurs and creating a market for their products and to share their entrepreneurial experience this programme has been implemented to conduct exhibitions and trade fairs at national, District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariat levels to create marketing promotion as well.



**Parallel to National Ceremony of the International Women's Day, a trade fair of women's production was held in Rathnapura.**

## **02. Social Empowerment of Women**

### **2.1 Ensuring Women's Safety**

#### **2.1.1 Maintenance of Women's Shelters Actively**

In order to prevent domestic and sexual violence against women and to avoid victimization of sexual trading and to provide the guidance and shelter in saving women who have been already suffering due to such issues and to provide temporary accommodation, mental health treating, counselling, legal guidance, food, clothing and medicine to the victimized women and children, 07 shelters have been actively established in the districts of Rathnapura, Gampaha, Colombo, Matara, Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Baticaloa.

#### **2.1.2 Continuation and Maintenance of Counselling Centers**

The focus of this programme is to direct the victimized women and children to personnel and institutions where they can obtain the necessary psychological counselling. Addressing the current requirement of the country and in order to continue the counselling services provided by the Ministry in a satisfactory level, 13 and 11 counselling centers are being implemented respectively at district level and divisional level through the service of 11 Counselling Officers and 254 Counselling Assistants.

#### **2.1.3 Implementation of the National Action Plan to Prevent and Respond Gender Based Violence**

The main purpose of this programme is to achieve gender equality and empower all the women and girls. It includes activities such as raising awareness on policies and rules related to prevent and respond gender-based violence, institutions and services to be contacted in encountering incidents of violence, obtaining the contribution of male party to prevent violence against women and creating a safe environment for women and children. Under this initiative,

- Family Counselling Programme
- Programme for the Improvement of Life Skills of Adolescent Girls

## **2.2 Empowerment of Divisional Women's Societies and Federations**



**Empowerment of Divisional Women's Societies and Federations – 24 and 25 February 2020 - Ratnapura district**

### **2.2.1 Psychosocial Awareness of Members of Women's Federations**

Main concerns of this programme are the capacity development of the officers of Women's Federations, figuring out of their leadership qualities, organization of these Federations in a single network up to the national level and to transform these members to be active participants in the development process.

### **3. National Ceremony of International Women's Day**

To mark the international Women's Day which falls on 08<sup>th</sup> March every year, a national level ceremony is held with the objective of appraising entire Sri Lankan women and to draw national level and international level attention and sensitivity towards the various issues faced by them and to promote constructive attitudes about women's development. Further to this, unification of women's organization network and advertising of sharing experience and socio-economic services are also carried out parallelly.

Accordingly, the National Ceremony of International Women's Day - 2020 was held on 08.03.2020 at the Rathnapura Municipal Council premises under the patronage of Hon. Minister of Women's and Child Affairs and Social Protection, Pavithra Wanniarachchi, with the participation of 500 women of 17 Divisional Secretary's Divisions of the district.

Parallel to this ceremony, 542 “Suwanaari” Clinics were held promoting health concerns of 542 women of 14 Divisional Secretary’s Divisions of the district and the most successful Women’s Federation of the district was presented awards and certificates at this ceremony.



#### **04 Maintenance of the Library and Media Publicity**

Awareness of the services provided by the Women’s Bureau of Sri Lanka, knowledge and attitudinal development of women through different sectors and to direct towards women and children friendly media culture are the main objectives of this initiative, and under this programme

- Maintenance of library; and
- Publication of “Kantha Saviya” journal, printing of handbills and certificates and media promotional activities are carried out.

#### **05. Progress Review and Follow-up**

All programs implemented by the Women’s Bureau at divisional level are subject to Progress Review and feedback carried out at district levels based on the monitoring of staff officers.

**Key Development Programs in 2021 (Tasks to be Performed in Parallel with the Implementation of the National Policy Framework - “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour”)**

Under the national policy framework “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour”, a five-year development plan has been prepared and accordingly, several goals have been devised under specific sectors for the year 2021.

01. Launching a programme to ensure women’s protection.
02. Setting up a 24-hour active telephone counselling service under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs for women encountering with problems, mental complexity or trauma.
03. Devising a programme to provide permanent shelter for vulnerable people, women and children in particular, for disasters and offering facilities and minimizing complexities faced by them.
04. Establishing systems for offering women the required knowledge / skills and time to giving birth to a healthy child, protecting them with maternal care and duly guide them.
05. Enhance women’s representation among private entrepreneurs.
06. Development of human resource to build up knowledge-oriented economy.
07. Establishing a formal programme to train women for well paid and highly demanded professional sectors such as nursing and health care services.
  
08. Setting up an appropriate mechanism with the involvement of the government to direct unemployed women towards different entrepreneurial attempts and to coordinate obtaining loan facilities with low interest rates and to provide trainings and linking with the market.
  
09. Providing relief for rural women hassled through non-regulated micro finance schemes.

**Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020**

<b>S N</b>	<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)</b>	<b>Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)</b>	<b>Physical Target</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>	<b>No. of Beneficiari es/particip ants</b>
1.	Alternative Income Generation Programmes for women choosing going abroad for employments. (to prevent women from going abroad and protecting their families )	0.400	0.100	16 Self employment projects	Sending funds (Rs.0.300Mn) to divisional secretariats for 04 Self employment projects, 11 Self employment projects	4
2.	Programme for economical and social empowering of women became deprived of social sensitivity on special grounds. (Diviyata Aruthak programme)	0.550	0.099	13 Self employment projects	Sending funds (Rs.0.443Mn) to divisional secretariats for 02 Self employment projects, 11 Self employment projects	2
3.	“Diriya Manpetha” programme.	0.993	0.592	07 Self employment projects, 01 training programme	Sending funds (Rs. 0.246Mn) to divisional secretariats for 04 Self employment projects, 03 Self employment projects and 01 training programme	60
4.	Programme to empower female headed households	1.800	1.080	45 Self employment projects	Sending funds (Rs. 0.700Mn) to divisional secretariats for 27 Self employment projects, 18 Self employment projects	27
5.	Training Programme on Care giver Services	0.040	-	01 programme to distribute certificates for trainees.	-	85
6	Income generation Training Program	0.550	0.150	33 training programmes	Sending funds (Rs. 0.349Mn) to divisional secretariats for 09 Self employment projects, 21 Self employment projects	229
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>4.333</b>	<b>2.021</b>			

S N	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ participants
7.	Vanitha Shakthi foundation	0.030	0.015	2 Monitoring programme 2 discussions , 01 closure of small financial branch	1 Monitoring - beliatta 1 discussion , 01 closure of small financial branch -Ratnapura	-
8.	continuation and maintenance of Shelter centers (Gampaha, Ratnapura)	0.983	0.790	daily maintenance of Gampaha, Ratnapura Shelters (petty cash and fuel)	daily maintenance of Gampaha, Ratnapura Shelter centers (petty cash and fuel)	12 clients
9	maintenance of Counseling Centers (13centres)-Counseling services for public.	0.996	0.783	maintenance of Counseling Centers (petty cash and rental for the building) and payments for Web facilities	maintenance of Counseling Centers (petty cash and rental for the building) and payments for Web facilities	1070 clients
10	Maintenance of the National centre for female household heads (Kilinochchi district.)	0.312	0.022	maintenance and the purchasing of equipment for the centre	Sending funds (Rs. 0.264Mn) to district secretariat for the maintenance and the purchasing of equipment for the centre	34 clients
11	Empowerment of divisional level Women's Societies and "Bala Mandala."	0.200	0.147	12 workshops	2 workshops	125 clients
12	Psycho –Sociological Awareness of "Kantha Bala Mandala" members.	0.443	-	14 Capacity Development programs	-	
13	Counseling programmes (Family counseling)	0.200	0.171	15 District and divisional awareness programs	13 awareness programmes	650
14	Programme for the Improvement of life skills of adolescents.	1.000		333 awareness programs	333 awareness programmes sending funds (Rs. 1.000Mn)	
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>4.164</b>	<b>1.928</b>			

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ participants
15	Maintenance of the library and media promotions	0.529	0.490	Maintenance of the library, purchasing news papers, journals & books	Purchasing newspapers, journals & books	
16	National Ceremony for International Women's day	1.930	1.885	National Ceremony, "Suwanari" clinics, awarding best Kantha Bala mandalaya'	National Ceremony, 14 Suwanari clinics, awarding best Kantha Bala mandalaya'	542 participants 1400 clients
17	Progress review / monitoring and feedback.	0.318	0.054	10 district monitoring programmes , 59 progress review meetings	Sending funds (Rs.0.053Mn) to district secretariat for 1-district progress monitoring program, 5 officers' progress review meetings and 25 progress review meetings.	134 officers
18	Payment of the bills at hand for the year 2019 and for the months of January- May 2020	3.056	2.611	printing of journals, handbills, call up diaries, banners purchasing equipments, maintenance	Sending funds (Rs. 0.291Mn) to district secretariat for 1-program , 2 projects and printing of journals, handbills, call up diaries, banners purchasing equipments,	11
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>5.833</b>	<b>5.040</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>14.330</b>	<b>8.988</b>			



S N	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ participants
<b>Progress of proceeds under other expenditure heads</b>						
<b>Provisions received under expenditure head 120-02-03-17-2509 – prevention of child abuse and violence against women.</b>						
1.	Administration and maintenance of Shelters	5.143	2.370	maintenance of 05 Shelters in Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mullaitvu, Colombo, Matara (Petty cash and fuel)	maintenance of 02 Shelters in Gampaha and Ratnapura (Petty cash, Salaries and fuel)	110
<b>Provisions received under expenditure head 403-02-03-04-2509 – prevention of child abuse and violence against women.</b>						
2	Administration and maintenance of Shelter centers	3.321	(3.3206)	maintenance of 05 Shelter centers in Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mullaitvu, Colombo, Matara (Petty cash and fuel)	Daily maintenance activities of clients are being performed.	
<b>Provisions received under UNFPA program</b>						
3	Supervision programme	0.100	0.045385	Supervision program (Jaffna, Mullatiuv) & 01 workshops for Womens Bureau Developent Officer	0 Supervision programme and 01 workshop	
<b>Provisions received under UNDP program</b>						
4	Giving counselig servise to the people who need counseling through telephone and internet due to Covid -19 pandemic	0.300	0.205		Payed telephone bill for 137 Counseling Offcer	137

SN	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ participants
Diriya Kantha” 120-02-03-20-2509						
5	Making space for the counseling centre in the premises divisional secretariat premises and grant of equipments	0.205	0.177	Making space &aaagivin equipments	Making space in Dehiattakandiya D.S Office & givin equipments to Okewela D.S Office	Making space for the counseling centre in the premises divisional secretariat premises and grant of equipments
6	Programme to empower female household heads	0.225	0.210	01 Self employment projects		

# **National Committee on Women**

## **Vision**

A Sri Lankan society ensured with equality through gender mainstreaming, free from harassment and friendly to women

## **Mission**

Ensuring and promoting rights of Sri Lankan women, stabilizing equality, assisting and guiding for formulating legal framework for their utmost development, stimulating for their fullest achievement and monitoring and supervising their implementation.

## **Introduction**

As a consequence of the national as well as international activism that strongly demanded the protection of rights, full development and advancement as well as freedom of women, all nations recognized the importance of their commitment to contribute to this universal demand at the United Nations Conference on Women held in 1975.

This commitment is expressed in a legally binding instrument titled Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) signed and ratified by nations that came to force in 1979. By ratifying the Convention in 1981, Sri Lanka became a party to the international Convention and committed to comply with its international obligations.

Establishment of the Women's Bureau in 1979 marked the beginning of measures adopted by the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) in compliance with its obligations under the Convention. GOSL upgraded the portfolio of women to a higher level by establishing a cabinet Ministry in 1990.

The policy of GOSL in protecting the rights of women is embedded in the Women's Charter approved by the Cabinet of Ministers and declared in 1993. Main objectives of this policy are;

- I. Recognize gender equality and freedom from discrimination on the ground of sex, as a fundamental right as per the Constitution of the GOSL
- II. Affirm the principle of nondiscrimination as a universally declared Human Right and proclaim that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and therefore everyone is entitled to all rights and freedoms without distinction of any kind.
- III. Endorse all international standards and accept international obligations under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

National Committee on Women (NCW) was established on 8 March 1993, for the purpose of examining the progress made on the realization of the obligations embedded in the Women's Charter and for monitoring the achievements of its objectives.

### **Functions of the NCW**

- (a) To entertain and scrutinize complaints of gender discrimination and channel such complaints to the relevant administrative authorities and concerned persons for necessary action
- (b) To refer complaints of violation of the provisions contained in the Charter to government and non-governmental organizations for redress, legal aid and/or mediation services
- (c) To monitor such actions and require progress reports from relevant authorities and make these reports widely available within the country
- (d) To evaluate the impacts of all legislative and development policies on the rights and responsibilities of women as contained in the Charter
- (e) To help to realize the objectives of the Charter through encouragement of relevant research and to make recommendations for reforms based on such research
- (f) To advise the Minister (responsible for the status of women) on matters related the status of women that the Minister may refer to the Committee and/or the Committee may deem appropriate
- (g) To implement projects and activities assigned as per the Action Plans of the Ministry

## **Systems in Operation for Performing Functions**

Establishing a system to identify incidences of violating women's rights, and discriminations against women was the highest priority of NCW in performing its functions. This was achieved by setting up the following two mechanisms to receive complaints of such violations;

- (a) Complaint Center established in 1999
- (b) 1938 Toll free Helpline for Women established in 2014

### **(a). Complaint Center**

This Center entertains all complaints on gender discrimination and scrutinizes them in order to channel such complaints to the relevant administrative authorities and concerned persons for necessary action. In addition, such complaints of violation of the provisions contained in the Charter are referred to government and on-governmental organizations for redress, legal aid and /or mediation services.

Not only women but also men are encouraged to report injustices caused to them due to sex to the Complaints Center.

The complaints could be directed to the Center through e-mail and by mailing letters or through telephone calls and personally visiting the center during office hours. The confidentiality of the information of these complaints is strictly ensured.

### **(b). 1938 Toll Free Helpline for Women**

The function of addressing incidences of violating women's rights, discriminations and harassments further enhanced by establishing a toll-free helpline 1938 for receiving such complaints on 8 March 2014, on the International Women's Day. Thus, NCW was able to enhance the efficiency of receiving complaints by merging the two system i.e. Complaint Center and Toll-Free Helpline, commencing from 2014. This facility was available during the office hours of working days only for receiving complaints.

However, it was reported that the violence against women especially domestic violence occurs after office hours and mostly during the night time when the family is together. If a victim support help could not be accessed at the time of the incident, the purpose of such

service is limited if not totally lost. Realization the gravity of this situation necessitated the NCW to help women for 24 hours

NCW had number of discussions and negotiations with relevant stakeholders to find a solution to this issue but with no success until COVID 19 Pandemic hit the country in March 2020. With the complete lockdown declared on 20 March 2020, NCW took a bold step to arrange CDM telephone Units from Sri Lanka Telecom and provided those to the 1938 Helpline operators to Work from Home (WFH) which commenced on 23 March 2020 exactly three days after the lockdown. Now the 1938 Helpline is available to women for 24 hours x 7 days uninterrupted. There are thirteen operators who directly receive telephone calls from complainants and help victims working together with three Counselling officers and one legal officer.

A summary of specific categories of complaints received in 2019 are given in the following Table.

**Complaints Received up to 30 September in 2020 by Category**

Category	Number of incidences
Cyber violence	159
Domestic violence	737
Family disputes	999
Miscellaneous	606
Foreign employment related	0
Hurt and assault	125
Violation of Human rights	0
Maintenance and divorce	83
Rape	6
Land disputes	14
Employment and promotion	18
Sexual abuse	30
Guardianship	1
Child abuse	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>2790</b>

These complaints are referred to following governmental and Non-governmental agencies for action as per the provisions in the Charter.

<b>Agency Referred To</b>	<b>Number</b>
Divisional Secretariats	492
NCW through counselling and psychosocial support/ advice	1798
Sri Lanka Police	200
Legal Aid Commission	110
Sri Lanka CERT/HITHAWATHI	97
Other	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>2790</b>

## **Activities Implemented in 2020**

Following activities were implemented successfully in the year 2020;

### **1. Policy level programs**

#### **1.1 Policy discussions**

NCW which has been established under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs as per Women's Charter approved by the Cabinet in 1993, consists of 15 members appointed by the President of Sri Lanka from amongst persons of outstanding in the society who have distinguished themselves in the fields of Law, Health, Economic Development, Education, Science and Technology, Environment and Voluntary Organizations in the sphere of women's activities. The objective of appointing this level of expertise to the Committee is to ensure elimination of discrimination against and violation of rights of women through designing programs and legal provisions for women's advancement. NCW conducted 3 meetings of the Committee to discuss and formulate such policies and programs.

New members to the NCW were appointed by H.E. the President in January 2020 and the Committee had three sittings already for this year despite lockdown status of the country.

The second meeting of the NCW held with Hon. Piyal Nishantha, State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services, as the Chief Guest.

The Five Year Strategic Plan 2021-2025 formulated as the Road Map of NCW for next five years, strictly adhering to the strategies and activities of the **Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor**, the policy of the was presented at this meeting in draft form requesting comments/observations and proposals of the members. A sum of Rs 0.175 Mn has been spent on this Committee meeting.



The second committee meeting in progress under the patronage of the Minister.....

## **1.2 Amendments to the Prevention of Domestic Violence (PDV) Act No 34 of 2005**

A committee consists of experts in the field of law and professional experience held number of discussions to address the issues emerged during the enforcement of the Act and proposed 17 amendments.

Since these Amendments should be approved by the Cabinet of Ministers prior to its submission to the Parliament, a Cabinet Memorandum is being drafted and forwarded.

## **2. Minimize harassment in Public Transport**

The purpose of this programme is to minimize the harassment encountered especially by girls and women in travelling using public transport. In order to achieve this purpose NCW launched a number of programmes to educate the public on such incidences and to stand up against such perpetrators.

Following activities have been carried out in 2020;



### **2.1 Policy discussions with stakeholders to minimize harassment in public transport.**

The Committee consists of experts of governmental and non-governmental sector who actively involved in this field, and it held two meetings in 2020 and advised NCW on the activities to be undertaken in 2020.

### **Awareness building programme for bus owners, bus drivers, conductors and assistants**

Two programmes were held to educate bus owners, drivers, conductors and assistants in Ratnapura and Gampaha Districts in preventing and minimizing sexual harassment in public transport.



Programme held in Gampaha District.....

### **2.3 Campaign on “Safe and Pleasant Travel for All” to empower public to rise against harassment in transport**

Purpose of this campaign is to empower women and girls the users of public transport as well as providers of such services i.e bus owners, drivers, conductors and their Assistants to prevent harassment faced by women and also to intervene in case such incidence is encountered without fear, in addition to explaining the law of the county on this type of offences.

Nearly 1000 Stickers depicting the message against harassment were fixed on buses, three wheelers and public places and distributed 1500 leaflets to educate the public on this serious issue in addition to a walk by all participants. Total of Rs. 221, 000/= was spent on this activity



Programme held in Gampaha District.....

### **3. Forum Discussion on Teenage Pregnancies and Young Un-wedded Mothers**

It was reported that girls leaving Child Care Homes after reaching 18 years of age and also girls below 18 years living in vulnerable families in certain geographical areas of the country including the estate sector, are prone to sexual abuse and assault. As a consequence it was reported that nearly 5% of mothers registered with Health authorities are below 18 years. The girls below 18 years are not physically and mentally prepared to bear a child as they themselves are children as per the definition of a child of the UN.

This is a serious issue that state should intervene to find a long term solution. NCW therefore initiated a discussion with experts on this subject to understand its gravity, analyze the issue in order to formulate a national policy.

### **4. Media Programmes**

Following Media programmes were launched by the NCW during 2019;

#### **4.1 “Kantha Prabodhaya” Radio Discussion**

The focus of these radio programmes was on challenges faced by women, especially gender-based violence and discrimination. It is designed as an interactive discussion to educate women listeners through questions and answers on specific issues raised by concerned women. NCW managed to conduct six Radio discussions covering issues such as 1938 Toll Free Helpline facility, Cyber violence and its impact on women, Global challenges faced by women, Pre-marriage counselling and how to prevent under-age pregnancies and the responsibility of the parents in both Sinhala and Tamil broadcasting services. A sum of Rs. 0.222 Mn has been spent on the programme.



**Radio programme is being recorded.....**

#### **4.2 “VanithaVibhava” Magazine**

Publication of this magazine aimed at promoting creative skills of women and enhancing their capacity to engage in creative functions as well as inculcating positive attitudes among them. Due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, only one volume of the magazine was published in 2020. These magazines will be distributed among women at the upcoming events organized by the NCW.

#### **4.3 Short Video on 1938 Helpline**

A short video on the service of 1938 Helpline for women is developed with the objective of publicizing the service available for 24 hours for the benefit of women. This video will be telecasted once the administrative arrangements are finalized in 2020.

#### **4.4 “Podu Jana Sarani” special Mobile Service**

All agencies of the Ministry jointly organized this programme to provide more efficient and productive service to the public. NCW took part in this programme and organized an exhibition unit to educate public on preventing violence against women, protecting rights of women and preventing harassment in public transport at the two programmes held in Hambantota and Ratnapura.



**Mobile Service Programme held in Walasmulla....**

## **5 Activities implemented under the saarc funded project**

During the year 2020 improvements to IT system of 1938 helpline commenced with the technical inputs from Sri Lanka Telecom. A meeting was held in 2020 to monitor and steer the activities of this project.

## **Key Development Programs in 2021**

Following programmes are proposed to be implemented in the year 2021;

### **1. Policies and Research**

- Act to establish National Authority on Women by an act of Parliament
- Formulate the National Policy to Prevent Teenage Pregnancies
- Held Forum discussions on Flexible Working environment for young mothers, Quota for women in parliament elections
- Implement Cyber security research recommendations
- Implement Women friendly media policy
- Expedite law enforcement on cases of Rape
- Address the issue of identity cards of Bhikkunies

### **2. Prevent violence against women**

- Conduct programmes under the theme of Sixteen Day Programme on violence against women and International Women's Day Programmes
- Ensure security of children in collaboration with the National Child Protection Authority
- Educate on Reproductive Health
- Conduct awareness on harassment in work places
- Eradicate harassment to women and girls in general mode of transport
- Enhance awareness of estate sector youth on Reproductive health
- Conduct counselling for pre-marital youth

**3. Protection of women's rights and ensure women's security**

- Identify vulnerable families at the G.N. Level and strengthen Vigilant Committees to protect children
- Introduce skills for social integration for the children leaving Child Care Institutes after reaching 18 years of age
- Promote SMART Women to empower them economically, socially and politically
- Ensure protection of the girls in the families of migrating mothers for employment in collaboration with Foreign Employment Bureau
- Ensure safety of elderly women victims
- Establish a national policy in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment to ensure safety of girls whose mothers go abroad
- Enhance women's participation in agriculture

**4. Implement SAARC funded project to improve 1938 Helpline**

- Commence functioning of technically improved IT system of 1938 and continue to provide efficient service
- Train officers engaged in 1938 service
- Establish network with relevant stakeholders of 1938 Toll free Helpline
- Map service providers for women victims
- Establish Safe centre with facilities to stay with children for the victims and to improve their earning skills and social re-integration capacity
- Provide counselling for victimized families
- Strengthen the capacity of the officers of the Women and Children Units of the Divisional Secretariats.

**Progress of the Development Programs as at 30.09.2020**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Project/Activity</b>	<b>Financial Target (Rs. Mn)</b>	<b>Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)</b>	<b>Physical Target</b>	<b>Physical Progress</b>	<b>Number of beneficiaries/participants</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Policy Level Interventions</b>					
1.1	Policy Level Interventions	0.440	0.175	Conduct 6 discussions	Conducted 3 discussions	All Women
1.2	Policy Level Interventions	-	-	Approval of the Amendment Act	A Cabinet Memorandum is being drafted to obtain Cabinet approval for the amendment.	Victimized Women
1.3	Policy Level Interventions	0.010		conduct one discussion	This discussion is scheduled for the fourth quarter.	Victimized Women
<b>2</b>	<b>Prevention of sexual harassment in Public Transport</b>					
2.1	stakeholder meetings	0.025	0.006	Conduct 3 discussions	Conducted 3 stakeholder meetings. The main discussion points were how to address the sexual harassment situations in the public transport	All Women & Girls
2.2	Awareness programmes on prevention of sexual harassment in public transport	0.150	0.053	Conduct 3 awareness programme	Conducted two awareness programmes in Ratnapura & Gampaha districts	
2.3	Public awareness (Distribution of Stricker on transport harassment)	0.400	0.221	Conduct 3 awareness campaign	Conducted two awareness Campaign in Rathnapura & Gampaha districts	
<b>3</b>	<b>Forum discussions</b>					
3.1	Forum discussion on Future of the children between 16 - 18 years under probation care & Un-wed mothers	0.040	0.024	1 forum discussion	Conducted 1 forum discussion	All women
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>1.065</b>	<b>0.479</b>			

S N	Project/Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficia ries/parti cipants
<b>4</b>	<b>Prevention of Violence Against Women</b>					
4.1	16 dayprogramme - International day on VAW	0.200	-	Conduct programs	This programme will be held on Nov. 25 - Dec. 10 to public awareness.	All Women
4.2	Strengthening 1938 Operation Unit	0.120	0.120	Purchase 6 Head Set	Purchased 6 Head sets for 1938 Help Line	
<b>5</b>	<b>Increasing Women's Participation in politics</b>					
5.1	Certificate Course on empowering women in politics	0.240	-	Conduct one Certificate Course	Sinhala Medium Certificate Course started in 2019. Its second installment has to be paid.	67
<b>6</b>	<b>Media programmes</b>					
6.1	"Kantha Prabodhaya" radio programmes	0.225	0.225	Conduct 6 radio programme s	Conducted 6 radio programmes	All community
6.2	Printing of "Vanitha Vibawa" Magazines	0.200	0.184	Volume - 01 Copies - 1000	Printed "Vanitha Vibawa" magazine	All community
6.3	Develop Video Clip (1938)	2.000		Develop & telecast Video Cli p	Video Clip prepared	All Women
7	Miscellaneous	0.130	0.087	-	Held a NCW stall at the Mobile services in Ratnapura&Em bilipitiya to raise the awareness among the public about our services	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>3.115</b>	<b>0.616</b>			
<b>Total</b>		<b>4.180</b>	<b>1.095</b>			

## Implementation of SAARC Project

S N	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of beneficiaries/ participants
1	Development and customization of IVR and CRM software system	5.600	2.793	Developing system	The IT system is being developed. 50% paid to SLT.	All Women
2	Purchasing of Equipment for improved service		0.092	Purchase of equipment	Purchased 3 computer tables, 2 cupboards & 3 computer chairs.	All Women
3	Conducting stakeholders meeting			Conduct 2 discussions	Conducted one stakeholder meeting	All Women
<b>Total</b>		<b>5.600</b>	<b>2.885</b>			

## Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services Sector

### Introduction

The infrastructure of institutions that impart general education includes buildings, roads, playgrounds, water, electricity supply, etc. The National Colleges of Education, the Teaching Colleges, and the Teaching Centers belong to the institutions that impart general education. The infrastructure in these institutions is developed to promote the teaching and learning process and ensure the safety of those who are involved in it.

Out of the total number of schools in Sri Lanka, i.e.10,194, only 373 are national schools. All the other schools come under the scope of the Provincial Council. National Schools are subject to the direct responsibility of the Ministry of Education and the recently established State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre Schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure, and Education Services.



General Education encompasses all schools, 19 National Colleges of Education, 8 Teaching Colleges, and 110 Teaching Centres. The total number of students amounts to 4.5mn, and the total number of teachers reaches the approximate number of 250,000. The number of recruitments to the National Colleges of Education, Teaching Colleges, and Teaching Centres amounts to 5000, 1200, and 12,000 respectively. We study and plan infrastructure that needs beneficiaries of these institutions to continue their studies in a safe and comfortable environment.

The State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre Schools and Primary Education, School Infrastructure, and Education Services holds the responsibility of developing the infrastructure of all the national schools and provincial schools where special projects are in progress.

The Progress Report of the Ministry of Education contains the progress achieved by the above Division up to 30.09.2020.

### **Programmes to be implemented in 2021**

Plans are afoot to complete, in 2021, providing water, electricity and sanitary facilities to schools which need such facilities further.

Further, we have planned to carry out urgent and essential new constructions such as classrooms, laboratories, hostels along with providing sports facilities to the schools mentioned below, including a few national schools.

Besides, measures will be taken to upgrade one selected school in DS Divisions where there is no, at least, one single national school to the level of national school from 2021. Accordingly, the infrastructure of 123 selected schools is proposed to be enhanced.

## Infrastructure Development Proposals for 2021

S N	School and Task	Justification	Rough Estimate (Rs.Mn)
01	Bandaranayaka Girls School, Ampara – Classroom building for the Primary Section	Construct a new building instead of the existing building since it is ramshackle	60.000
02	Uhana Maha Vidyalaya, Ampara – Classroom building	Inadequate classroom facilities and the existing buildings are in a dilapidated condition	35.000
03	Nelliadi Central College, Jaffna- Laboratory for Ordinary Level	Inadequate laboratory facilities	10.000
04	Hindu college Jaffna, Hostel building	A heavily damaged building beyond renovation	60.000
05	Fatima College, Kalmunai – Classroom building	Require more classroom facilities.	30.000
07	Mallavi Maha Vidyalaya, Mullaitivu – Classroom Building	Require more classroom facilities.	20.000
08	Mulankavil Maha Vidyalayam, Kilinochchi- Building for Aesthetic Unit	Require an Aesthetic Unit.	10.000
09	Tamil Maha Vidyalaya- classroom building	Require more classroom facilities.	30.000
10	Sinhala College, Trincomalee, - Teachers' Quarters	Require accommodation for teachers coming from remote areas.	15.000
11	Thambuluvil Maha Vidyalaya, Thirukkovil – Classroom building with the administrative unit	Office facilities are not adequate and require more classroom facilities.	35.000
12	Badulla Central College – Commerce Building	Construct a new building as the existing building is in a dilapidated condition	20.000
13	Malwattavala Building, Monaragala – Classroom building	Require more classroom facilities.	25.000
14	Aluthgama Maha Vidyalaya – Demolish the existing two-storied dilapidated building and construct a three-storied building. Improve sports facilities	The existing building is in a dilapidated condition. Should erect a new building consisting of classrooms and a laboratory. should provide students with swimming facilities and indoor sports facilities.	120.000
15	Kalutara Vidyalaya – Three-storied classroom building	Require more classroom facilities.	30.000
16	Devi Balika Visyalaya, Colombo – Hostel building	The existing hostel is in a dilapidated condition; therefore, should build a new hostel for students coming from remote areas.	170.000
17	Vihara Maha Devi Vidyalaya – Classroom Building for the primary section	Require more classroom facilities.	80.000
18	Harischandra Vidyalaya, Negombo- Three-storied classroom building with the laboratory	Require more classroom and laboratory facilities.	75.000

19	Princess of Wales Vidyalaya, Moratuwa – Dental Unit	The school needs a dental unit and students in surrounding schools also will benefit.	10.000
20	Thurstan Vidyalaya, Colombo – A five-storied classroom building complex for the Primary Section, A/L Laboratory and a new building of classrooms for the Secondary Section	Should erect a building for the Primary Section. Has demolished the old dilapidated building. Further, removed students from the old and dilapidated three-storied building which has a length of 250 feet. Construct a new building instead of it.	275.000
21	Sirimavo Bandaranike Vidyalaya, Colombo – Hostel Bulding	Construct a new building as the existing building is in a dilapidated condition	65.000
22	Narandeniya Maha Vidyalaya – Administrative Building	Inadequate office facilities and require more classroom facilities	35.000
23	St. Servetius college, Matara,- Four-storied building	Inadequate office facilities and require more classroom facilities and library facilities	120.000
24	Horana Royal College- Classroom Building	Require more classroom facilities.	35.000
25	Dharmaraja Vidyalaya, Kandy- Canteen Building	Provide adequate facilities to the school community to gain healthy food. Provide space to eat food.	15.000
26	Siridhamma Vidyalaya, Labuduwa- Technology Building	This building which contains laboratories for students who follow Technology Stream to carry out experiments is essential.	45.000
	<b>Total</b>		<b>1433.000</b>