

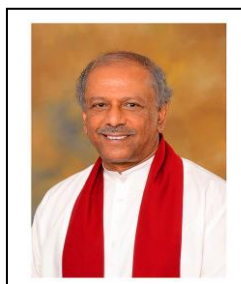
Progress and Performance-2021

**State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-school and Primary
Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services.**

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Message from the Hon. Minister of Education



Human Resource provides the foundation for the development of the country. To strengthen that foundation, our government has integrated the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-school and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services with education on Women and Child Development. Therefore, this State Ministry is playing a significant role in developing the human resource of the country. The State Ministry is actively engaged in ensuring the education rights of pre –school children and school children, providing them quality education and delivering the infrastructure facilities and services.

Several steps have been taken not only to empower them with knowledge and skills but also to ensure the protection required by them and to provide them opportunities to contribute to economic and social development. I appreciate the collective efforts of the government as well as non-government and private stakeholders that make a successful contribution towards the development of women and children.

Dinesh Gunawardena (M.P.)

Minister of Education

Leader of the House of the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

Message from the Hon. State Minister



I consider it is my privilege to have this opportunity as the Minister in charge of the subject to issue this message for the Performance Report of this State Ministry. We played a significant role in the field of child and women for building a prosperous nation in line with “Vistas for Prosperity and Splendour”, the national development policy of the government. We took the necessary steps to improve the interest and contribution of the staff of our Ministry from the national level to district, divisional and village levels. At the same time, we tried to deliver the services to the people through new approaches. Payment of an monthly allowance of Rs. 2500.00 for the pre-school teachers, implementing the “Sanhinda” programme using a multipronged approach to eradicate violence against women and children and for their development, and the programmes “Maathru Abhimani”, “Ammawarune”, “Sisu Nena Pradeepa”, “Diyaniya”, “Diriya Janani”, Palamu Pasala Mawu Kusai”, “Mathru Vandana”, “Vyawasayaka Agayuma” gave us fresh experience. I wish to appreciate the support received from local and foreign private sectors too for the advancement of women and children, specially, even in the face of the COVID pandemic situation. We played a significant role by providing services to the public throughout the 365 days and by taking the programmes implemented to celebrate the “International Women’s Day” and “World Children’s Day” earlier at national level only, to the community level.

I commend His Excellency the President who has been a great strength for us to move forward despite obstacles in child and women development, the Hon. Prime Minister who guided us, the Hon. Minister of Finance who continues to give us strength, the Hon. Minister of Education who encourages us and all the relevant officials.

I wish success for our journey towards prosperity from darkness to light.

Piyal Nishantha de Silva

**State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-school and Primary Education,
School Infrastructure and Education Services.**

Message from the Secretary to the Ministry of Education



It is my privilege to have this opportunity to deliver a message to the Performance Report – 2021 of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre-school and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services that renders a massive service for the advancement of women and children of the country, affiliating the subjects of women and child with the scope of the Ministry of Education. We have been given the opportunity to deliver a more comprehensive service for children and women in the society that is becoming more complex facing various challenges. Contributing to build the satisfied, empowered and dignified nation envisioned through “Vistas for prosperity and Splendor” is a timely responsibility that every one of us must fulfill.

For that, several programmes for children in their early childhood, school children and women at national, provincial, district and divisional levels have been implemented in a successful manner by this state Ministry. Specially, being able to continue the services without interruption with the leadership given by the Hon. Minister of Education and the guidance of the State Minister of Women and Child Development, Pre-school and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Education Services even in the COVID - 19 epidemic situation faced by the country is one of our achievements.

I offer my thanks for the effort taken by the State Ministry to create a productive, safe and satisfied generation of children and women rich with knowledge, skills and good qualities.

Prof. Kapila C. Perera

Secretary

Ministry of Education

Message from the Secretary to the State Ministry



It is with great pleasure that I deliver this message to the Performance Report 2021 of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre School and Primary Education, School Infrastructure and Educational Services that is providing an extensive service for the entire generation of children including children in their early childhood and school-age children as well as the women community of this country. The target group of our Ministry, women and children, form the majority of our population, that is around 70% of it. Building a society that would create safety and prosperity for women and children through national development is a responsibility that all of us share.

Especially, we are working as a team with the guidance provided by the Hon. Minister of Education and the leadership of the Hon. State Minister, to carry out the functions that have been assigned to our Ministry under the current national development approach, “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor”.

Several functions were performed to upgrade the quality of services required throughout the island for early childhood services and to expand them and to develop human resource and infrastructure facilities. Despite the COVID pandemic, several steps were taken to improve the nutrition of the children and mothers in the country and to appreciate the professional identity of preschool teachers and build their economic capacities.

For the economic empowerment of women, action has been taken in 2021 to provide maximum possible contribution to the development of their new livelihoods and enterprises. Identifying problems faced by poor women including debt, the mechanism for addressing them is being implemented. Women and Child Helplines were made more comprehensive and strengthened to ensure safety and rights of children and women. Infrastructure facilities, vocational training facilities and technical support required for Children Homes and for the welfare of children in Children Homes have been provided.

In addition to developing policies and plans at national level, child and women development programmes should be further extended at rural and divisional levels. We are attempting to prevent violence against children and women that has become a challenge amidst COVID pandemic and to address nutrition issues and several matters connected to poverty.

I commend the positive support received from all parties in the country for this entire process.

K.M.S.D.Jayasekera

State Secretary

**Ministry of Women and Child Development, Pre School and Primary Education,
School Infrastructure and Educational Services**

Vision

A sustainably developed prosperous country of the productive citizenry, contented families and social equality where the identity of Sri Lanka reigns

Mission

To formulate and execute programmes for providing and enhancing legal, institutional and human resource services and infrastructure for the economic, social and educational empowerment of women and children considering national priorities and requirements along with international standards

Key Priorities

1. Implementing a programme to ensure the security of women.
2. Providing relief to rural women victimized by unregulated microfinance schemes.
3. Implementing permanent mechanisms to provide protection and minimize adversities to persons subject to regular vulnerabilities, especially women and children.
4. Establishing a methodology to provide women with necessary knowledge, skills and time to give birth to a healthy child, to look after their children with motherly care and to guide their children.
5. Introducing special child nutrition programmes to address malnutrition among all children.
6. Taking necessary measures to ensure the rights of the children in accordance with the International Convention on Rights of the Child, with the integration of all the relevant institutions.
7. Establishing a section in each District Court dedicated to resolving backlog of all court cases pertaining to children.
8. Establishing a national program to introduce a “Foster Family System” for all children in child care centers.
9. Expanding the concept of “Child Friendly School”.
10. Expansion of pre-school education based on National Preschool Policy under state supervision.
11. Transforming rural schools into schools that are attractive to students.
12. Implementing a special programme to develop class rooms and sanitary equipment, teachers, and students, restrooms, health facilities and infrastructure facilities in all schools.
13. Taking measures to launch school textbooks, syllabus, teachers’ guides via digital mode.
14. Establishing the Cluster Schools System.

Introduction

This Ministry has the main and primary responsibility of ensuring the safety, welfare and development of the children and women in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the Ministry has an obligation to play a major role in all children, including early childhood and school age, and the entire Women's community. The Ministry's plans and programmes are implemented considering all the proposals for children and women in the National Policy Framework "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor" as well as the primary objectives assigned to the Ministry and other identified national priorities.

In the year 2021, Rs. 28,000 Mn has been allocated for all activities such as early childhood school education and women's development, and approximately 80% financial progress will be achieved by the end of this year.

The closure of pre schools and schools in the face of Covid 19 pandemic situation, the inability to conduct group training programmes due to travel restriction, and closure of supply companies delayed the procurement process and faced many challenges in the implementation of programmes.

However, due to this the Ministry took steps, to implement online training and awareness programmes. Payment of monthly allowances to pre school teachers, implementation of a programme to provide nutrition allowance to pregnant and lactating mothers, implementation of school nutrition programmes, development of infrastructure facilities in pre-schools as well as launch a programme to develop 1000 national schools and development of facilities in underprivileged schools, implementation of the Suhuruliya programme online to enhance women's information and communication technology knowledge, compilation of statistical handbook containing important information on women, children and education is particularly noteworthy.

We have been able to operate the 1938 and 1929 women and children toll free helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and to develop related facilities and human resources.

For the first time, this State Ministry implemented various projects focusing on women's entrepreneurship and livelihood development. Necessary facilities have been provided to ensure the safety of women and children in orphanages and to improve the services of temporary shelters for women.

The achievements of the Ministry include the formulation of the National Child Protection Policy and drafting the Five Year Action Plan for Child Protection (2021-2025). *Sanhida*, *Maatru Abhimani*, *Diriya Diyani* and *Nena Pradeepa* programmes were launched throughout the month of October 2021 in several districts of the country to coincide with the World Children's Day celebrations. It should also be noted that these programmes were sponsored by the local as well as foreign private sectors.

In the year 2022, the Ministry has focused on implementing a number of programmes through new strategies to bring greater benefits to the vulnerable and underprivileged child and women communities. All these functions and programmes are carried out by the State Ministry together with Department of Probation and Child Care Services, National Child Protection Authority, Early Childhood Development Project (World Bank Assistance), National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development, Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka, National Committee on Women and Education sector divisions which are functioning under this State Ministry.

Development Division

1.0 Key Functions

- Coordinating the activities of all departments and divisions mainly related to children and women.
- In addition, coordinating the roles of relevant UN agencies, foreign grant agencies and NGOs on behalf of the Ministry, taking preliminary steps to implement relevant projects; and
- Implementing identified specific projects.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1. Media Publicity

Publicity campaigns such as news, interviews, newspaper supplements, etc. have been carried out through electronic and print media to sensitize the society on the days set aside internationally for women and children.

The contribution of the media was also made to sensitize the society about the programmes, projects and activities launched by the Ministry for the empowerment and protection of women and the various programmes launched by the Ministry for handling the media in an ethical manner that would be beneficial to women and children.

2.2 Economic and Social Empowerment of Vulnerable and Poor Women (CEDAW Special Project) - Ampara District.

The International Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) contains five key recommendations for Female Headed Households. Implementing those recommendations, this special programme was launched with the aim of obtaining active contribution of women to the economic development process of the country. Also, the “Diriya Kantha” Development Centre was opened on 2021.03.14 in the Ampara DS Division under the guidance and financial assistance of the Ministry (Rs. 6,861,506.41) with the objective of uplifting the local traditional industries, including women towards them and uplifting their economy. It directly benefits 37 beneficiaries, including women from low-income, widowed and head-of-household, and disabled families. The centre is mainly used for the production of state-of-the-art embroidered patterns, all apparel, modern footwear and handicrafts, and its outdoor premises is used for flower plants, local products made of clay and reed along with traditional food and beverages. Vocational training programmes for the beneficiaries are also conducted with the resource contribution of the Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel.



2021-03-14 Inauguration Ceremony – Diriya Vanitha Production Marketing Centre Training Workshop on Footwear Production Technology

2.3 Establishment of the Gender Mainstreaming Programme at the Ministry Level

Ministry Circular No. 01/2021 dated 11.08.2021 on basing future budgets upon gender budgeting inline with the calling of the 2022 Budget of the Ministry of Finance was referred to the Secretaries to Ministries, Heads of Departments, Corporations, Boards and Provincial Secretaries. The aim was to provide a guideline for the preparation of a budget prioritizing gender equality, economic empowerment of women and reduction of gender-based violence.

In addition, the Ministry also organized a series of training workshops on gender equality and budgeting in collaboration with the Philippine Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Philippine Women's Commission and the Philippine Council for Technical Cooperation with the aim of promoting the programme in government institutions and sensitizes decision-making officers on the subject on Zoom technology. Officials of the Ministry as well as Gender focal point representing 12 other ministries also participated.

2.4 Establishment of Child and Women Development Units in Districts and Divisional Secretariats.

Establishment of Child and Women Development unit and Counseling unit in Beruwala Divisional Secretariat and provision of equipment and development of Kamburupitiya Divisional Secretariat Unit.



Child and Women Development Unit - Divisional Secretariat, Beruwala

2.5 Conducting District and Divisional Child Development Committee Meetings

Issuing a new circular and relevant guideline as per the Cabinet approval and instructions to unite all stakeholders serving children and women through these committees and make them more active and productive. Provisions required for holding quarterly committee meetings will be released to 25 districts and due to COVID-19 situation only Rs. 397,400.00 was provided for two quarters. The committee reports will be brought in and national level intervention and follow up will be done on identified requirement.

2.6 The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Project on Gender Equality, the Right to Reproductive Health and the Elimination of Gender-Based Violence

The aim is to ensure gender equality, prevent violence against women and girls, and protect their rights while providing them with equal benefits in development. The United Nations Population Fund has allocated Rs. 1.50 Mn. for the 2021 programme.

Accordingly, with a view to developing a system of collectively providing services to its clients through an effective integrated approach by government and non-government mechanisms to reduce gender-based violence and provide appropriate solutions, a Referral Manual that focuses on the Mechanism of referring gender-based violence victims to necessary services has been prepared. Four programmes were conducted in Hambantota and Mannar districts to provide full awareness on the contents of this Referral Manual.

- A series of online video tutorials have been produced in Sinhala and Tamil to provide comprehensive knowledge on the use of online tools (Zoom, Google Meet, Webex & Microsoft Teams) for field officers using the online tools.
- Two training programmes (Department of Labour and Ministry of Vocational Training) were conducted for the officers of this Ministry and other relevant Ministries on the online database prepared to enter the progress of the National Action Plan (2016-2020) prepared to minimize gender-based violence.
- Arrangements have been made to provide 42 CDMA phones and 29 laptops to the officers of the Women and Child Development Units who do not have computer and telephone facilities in the selected Districts and Divisional Secretariats of the island.

2.7 Social Security Project for Children

The project has received a total allocation of Rs. 59.71 Mn for the year 2021.

2.7.1 Programmes Implemented by the Development Division (Rs. 9.1 Mn.)

- Activities related to the project launched in 2019 in connection with the Laksanda Sevana Housing Scheme in Salamulla to improve the welfare of children in urban and poor areas.
- Training of field officers including officers of the Women and Child Development Unit of the Kolonnawa DS Division with the objective of empowering the community as per the action plan presented by the Health Promotion Foundation.
- Establishment of billboards in all three languages in Kataragama, Anuradhapura and Arugambay areas with awareness messages on the prevention of child abuse in Sri Lanka.
- A Capacity Development Training Module has been developed for the officers of the Women and Child Development Units to prevent teenage Pregnancies and traveling of trainers programmes have been conducted for the training officers in the resource pool of the Ministry. These officers have conducted programmes in Kandy,

Colombo and Kegalle districts in conducting training at the district level. Programmes are planned for 13 more Districts.

- The Health Promotion Unit of the University of Rajarata is contributing resources to conduct capacity development TOT programmes for members of the Ministry's resource pool on the use of the community empowerment model in integrated model villages.
- A general guideline has been developed to guide field officers on identifying highly vulnerable children and mapping them (MVC Mapping). Orientation programmes have been conducted for the officers in the selected Grama Niladhari Divisions (Kitulpe and Muhudukatuwa) in Kuruwita, Ratnapura and Nattandiya, Puttalam Divisional Secretariats for testing it through a pilot project. Later, a system (MEAL) will be set up to monitor the provision of services to such vulnerable children.
- Job profiles and a Code of Ethics for field officers working at the divisional and district level attached to the Ministry has been prepared, printed and distributed in all three languages.



*Programme held at the
Laksanda Sevana Housing
Complex, Salamulla*

2.7.2 National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development - (Rs. 17.3 Mn.)

- Provisions have been sent to 50 selected DS Divisions in Anuradhapura, Jaffna, Batticaloa, Vavuniya and Mannar districts for awareness programmes on Autism spectrum disorder and developmental deficiencies for pre-school teachers.
- A promotional programme was aired on Independent Television to coincide with the Autism Awareness Day.
- Formulation of National Strategies for Home-based Early Childhood Development for the children of 3-5 years of age has been completed. Procurement work is underway for the printing of a home-based parental awareness activity book on early childhood development.
- Provisions have been sent to 16 DS Divisions in 9 selected districts to implement programmes related to providing quality development opportunities to children in early childhood (staff training and setting up a place for children to engage in activities) in selected Child Care and Child receiving centers. The formation of external resource pool on early childhood development has begun.
- Recording of a series of television programmes for pre-school children called "Punchi Ape Pera Pasala" is being carried out.

2.7.3 Department of Probation and Child Care Services - (Rs. 24.31 Mn.)

- Seven care plans have been completed to provide financial and non-financial assistance through care plans for families with vulnerable children.
- Seven programmes have been conducted on child-based research to become partners in the national intervention to reduce the risk of peer groups.
- A programme has been conducted, in collaboration with the Department of Social Services, to introduce special programmes for the active participation of children with disabilities.
- 132 training / capacity development programmes have been conducted for children clubs and children council facilitators.
- The constitution of children clubs and children councils has been amended, and 1200 copies have been printed.
- Seven project proposals from local and district officials have been implemented to ensure child rights for marginalized communities.
- 64 children (35 girls, 29 boys) have been assisted under the Emergency Aids for Affected Children.

2.7.4 National Child Protection Authority - (Rs. 9.0 Mn.)

- The Centre for Human Rights Studies, University of Colombo has conducted training on training curriculum, learning code and tools for identifying, reporting and investigating child trafficking' for head office and field level officers of the National Child Protection Authority.
- 200 copies have been handed over for printing after doing the final proofreading in Tamil language for the research on child discipline methods and positive discipline.
- Conducting special programmes on child protection for school child protection committees - Provisions have been sent to start the programme in 1655 schools.
- Provisions have been sent to all districts for child protection awareness programmes for adolescents of migrant mothers.
- 3 programmes have been conducted on positive disciplinary training for primary teachers (using the “*ShikshaPotha*” of NCPA).
- A preliminary meeting, in collaboration with the International Watch Foundation (IWF) on the activities of the Cyber Surveillance Unit of the National Child Protection Authority, was held with representatives of the IWF and Save the Children to create an Internet portal for cyber crime in Sri Lanka.

2.8 Project for Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Capacity and Engagement for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals with Specific Focus on Gender Equality (UNDP).

In view of the challenges faced by Sri Lanka in decision making at the local level, a new project has been implemented from the end of September 2021 with the aim of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals locally by enhancing women's capabilities, strengthening women's representation at the local level in policy making and decision making. The project is being implemented in six districts such as Jaffna, Vavuniya, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kandy and Kalutara, and the target group will be senior planning officers, women development officers, counseling assistants, members of women's associations, elected members of local government bodies and representatives of civil society organizations in the district.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

- Policy intervention in providing relief to women affected by microfinance loans.
- Launching an extensive media campaign using various media to make the public aware of the services rendered by this Ministry for women and children.
- Economic and social empowerment of vulnerable and poor women to implement the criteria of the CEDAW convention.
- Island wide mapping of vulnerable children with the aim of promoting child protection, ensuring child development and strengthening the mechanism for preventing child abuse
- Integrated Children and Women Model Village Project.
- Maintaining a resource pool in the Ministry and allocating funds for special projects.
- Facilitate the strengthening of the mechanism for establishing child and women development units.
- Island wide awareness programmes for various target groups on preventing teenage pregnancies.
- Construction of shelters for victims of sexual and gender based violence in selected districts.
- TOT Programme on Service Direction Mechanism for Victims of Gender based Violence - Hambantota, Mannar.
- Providing digital equipment to district women and child development units to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of entering SGBV data.
- Obtaining Cabinet approval and Implementing Guidelines for Women's Shelter

Planning and Information Technology Division

1.0 Key Functions

Strengthening the planning and information technology usages for productive and efficient provision of services by the Ministry within the fields of child, women and education.

In addition to that, reporting the progress according to the action plans relevant to the other national level ministries.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Suhuruliya (Smart Women) Programme

Economic and Social empowerment of women through the development of information technology communication skills and knowledge is the aim of this. Awareness raising and conducting media programmes for Women in 2021 with the technological contribution of Information and Communication Technology Agency. At the same time, creation of a digital platform for marketing women's entrepreneurship is at the final stage. Printing and distribution of "Smart Woman" magazine was done.

2.2 Statistical Handbook

Preparing in all three languages, a statistical handbook based on gender and age, fulfilling a long standing requirement of the Ministry. Funded by the UNFPA, printing of the handbook is under way with the financial support of ONFPA.

2.3 Online Sample Survey

A special survey of the problems faced by children as a result of online education started owing to the closing of schools because of the COVID -19 pandemic was conducted online with the contribution of the Women and Child Field Officers at district and divisional levels. The report of that survey is being prepared.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

Field sample surveys and field supervisions related to development programmes / projects.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Implemented Development Programmes – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Programme/ Project	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/ Participants	
						Female	Male
01. Empowerment of Women through Entrepreneurship Development							
01	Media and publicity	4.00	0.00	02 Live Radio Prog., 01- Live Television Prog., 05 Documentary Programmes on Empowering Entrepreneurial Women to coincide with Women's Day	Held live radio and television programmes. Preliminary work on 05 Documentaries for the empowerment of entrepreneurial Women has been completed.	All women and children in the island	
02	Provide follow-up and training opportunities for the "CEDAW" project	1.00	0.00	Ampara and Trincomalee - Training programmes for women entrepreneurs in Verugal.	Preliminary work required for training programmes in collaboration with the Ministry and the Sri Lanka Institution of Textile and Apparel (50%)		
03	Planning and Monitoring activities	1.00	0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducting progress review meetings at district and national level. Field Supervision Preparation of the performance report of the Ministry. Sample surveys Preparation of Statistical hand book in all 03 languages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 03 Progress Review Meetings Conducting 02 field observations of Liya Shakthi outlets in Puttalam and Kurunegala districts. 80% Sample surveys completed. The statistical hand book has been handed over for printing. (UNFPA) 	All women and children in the island	
Total		6.00	0.00		43%		
02	Expenditure Head for Prevention of Child Abuse and Violence against Women						
01	Providing equipment for Women and Child Development Units.	1.77	0.00	Providing computers and toners for selected women and child development units.	DS divisions which are to be provided with equipment have been selected and estimates will be collected. (20%)	All clients are women and children living in those areas	
02	Awareness programme for pregnant mothers on "The first school is the mother's womb"	0.14	0.14	Women's Day Awareness Programmes for Pregnant Mothers 01	Conducting awareness programmes for pregnant mothers - 01. (100%)	150	75
Sub Total		1.91	0.14				

Serial No.	Project / Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries / Participants	
						Female	Male
03	Conducting District Women and Child Development Committee meetings.	0.38	0.16	Conducting 25 District Committee Meetings in 1st and 4th Quarters.	18 first quarter committee meetings were held.	All women and children of the island	
04	Strengthening Women and Child Development Units.	1.37	0.00	02 Women and Child Development Units	Construction of Kalutara Beruwala Women and Child Development Unit completed Sending Rs. 0.371 Mn provision to Matara Kamburupitiya Women and Child Development Unit	All women and children of the island	
05	Construction of a counseling unit in the Beruwala Divisional Secretariat.	0.58	0.00	01 Counseling Units	Construction has already been completed.	All women and children of the island	
06	Providing equipment for the Women and Child Development Unit of the Beruwala Divisional Secretariat.	0.44	0.44	Providing equipment for the unit.	Arrangements have been made to purchase goods. - 100%	All women and children of the island	
07	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	0.30	0.00	Project 01 (Multi-Stakeholder Capacity Building Project to Achieve Local Sustainable Development Goals and Increase Women's Involvement in Decision Making)	Kalutara District - Preliminary discussions on the next steps have been held.		
Sub Total		3.07	0.60				
Total		5.00	0.75				

Serial Number	Project/Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries / Participants	
						Female	Male
03	UNFPA (United Nations Population Fund)						
	403-02-03-003-2509-13 -United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)	1.50	0.27	<p>Conducting training workshops for officers of various ministries on online database.</p> <p>Strengthening of mechanisms consisting of government and non-government stakeholders working to respond to gender issues at the local and district levels.</p> <p>Conducting demonstrations and protests to prevent sexual harassment on public transport, providing digital equipment to District Women and Child Development Units.</p> <p>Printing of Statistics Manual of the Ministry</p>	<p>03 Training programmes to incorporate progress into the centralized data collection system of the website.</p> <p>Preparation of 05 video tutorials related to online methodology.</p> <p>Preparation of learning guides in Sinhala and Tamil.</p> <p>Conducting coordination meetings to introduce directional guidelines and for orientation in Hambantota and Mannar districts.</p> <p>Raise awareness of bus drivers and conductors to reduce violence in public transport. Preliminary arrangements have been made to hold it in Colombo and Galle districts.</p> <p>42 CDMA phones and 29 laptops have been purchased for officers of district and regional units.</p>	All women and children of the island	
Sub Total		1.50	0.27				

National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development

Vision

To Create a Physically, Psycho Socially and cognitively developed generation of Sri Lankan Children in the Early Childhood.

Mission

As the national focal institution to ensure holistic development of Sri Lankan children in Early Childhood through formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes.

1.0 Key Functions

- Functioning as the mechanism for formulating and implementing National Policies on Early Childhood Care and Development.
- Coordinating and networking Early Childhood Development programmes in non-government organizations and the private sector.
- Conducting research, data collection and formulation of programmes relevant to Early Childhood Care and Development.
- Formulation and implementation of training programmes relevant to the overall development of Early Childhood of Children.
- Development of Human Resource relevant to Early Childhood Development.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Programme to Provide a Nutrition Allowance of Rs.20,000.00 to Pregnant and Lactating Mothers

This programme was launched in the year of 2015 and this scheme provides monthly allowance of Rs.2000/- to each pregnant and lactating mother who registered at a maternity clinic to get the supplementary nutrition during pregnancy and lactating period. It is possible to obtain this nutrition pack for the 6 months of pregnancy and first 4 months of lactation. An amount of Rs.5363.00 Mn has been allocated for the implementation of this programme for the year 2021 and Rs.3780.51 Mn has been spent as at September 30th

2.2 Programme to Provide Morning Meal for Pre School Children/Early Childhood Development Centres.

Programme to provide morning meal for pre school children suffering from malnutrition was commenced in March 2017. Uplifting the nutrition level of the pre school children who suffer from malnutrition is the main objective of the programme. Accordingly, around 90,202 children of 3,667 pre schools in 256 Divisional Secretariat Divisions benefit from this programme. Rs.360.00 Mn has been allocated for the implementation of

the programme and Rs.67.32 Mn has been spent as at 30th September. This programme could not be implemented properly because pre schools were closed for a long period owing to the COVID-19 pandemic.

2.3 Programme to Provide a Monthly Allowance for Pre School Teachers .

A Programme to Provide a monthly allowance (Lama Diriya) of Rs.250.00 for qualified Pre School Teachers was implemented by the Children’s Secretariat from 2015. As the relevant payment was not sufficient in the current situation, it has been increased to Rs.2500.00 with effect from June 2021 and the name of the programme has been changed to “Guru Abhimanee”. Rs.111.00 Mn has been allocated for these 2 programmes and Rs.54.00 Mn has been spent by now. 8137 teachers have been paid through the “Lama Diriya” programme and the number of pre school teacher beneficiaries under “Guru Abhimanee” programme in this year was 16,275.



2.4 Other Programmes Related to Early Childhood Care and Development.

Provisions for implementing programmes in 2021 under this has been allocated from early childhood development project funded by World Bank and the following programmes are expected to be implemented. Even though provisions were made available by the treasury for these programmes in the previous years, they could not be implemented up to now as funds have not been allocated like that this year. When money is allocated through the early childhood development project in due course, the relevant programmes are expected to be implemented as mentioned below.

2.4.1 Early Childhood Development Assessment Programme.

This Early childhood development assessment programme has been developed to assess whether the child reaches the “early childhood development standards” developed by the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development through research and to provide the necessary guidance for that.

All children in 3-4 years and 4-5 years age groups at every preschool are included in these assessment programmes. An amount of Rs. 7.60 million is expected to be spent this year to conduct awareness programmes for early childhood development officers and pre school teachers regarding this programme. In addition to that, Rs.1.00 Mn is expected to

be spent to produce a video to provide guidance to pre school teachers about the relevant programme.

2.4.2 Learning Circles Programme for Early Childhood Development Centres/Pre Schools.

Rs..6.62 Mn is expected to be spent for setting up “Activity/Play based learning circles” within early childhood development centres. This programme is to be implemented for 662 pre schools in all the Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the island. This programme expects to adopt a child friendly approach to provide opportunities for children in pre schools for development through experience. At the same time, Rs.0.39 Mn is expected to be spent to train pre school teachers about learning circles.

2.4.3 “Aruna Dakina Rata” Art Exhibition and Workshop of Early Childhood Children.

This programme is held annually to enhance the creative talents of children in their early childhood. This is a programme conducted to cover all districts and divisional secretariat divisions in Sri Lanka with the aim of providing the opportunity to enhance the creative talents of children in their early childhood, develop the manipulative skills and appreciate aesthetic talents to create a generation of talented children in their early childhood. An amount of Rs. 6.62 Mn is expected to be spent for this programme this year.

2.4.4 Holding the Meeting of the National Committee on Early Childhood Care and Development.

“National Committee on Early Childhood Care and Development” was established in line with the National Policy on Early Childhood Care and Development approved by the Cabinet. This national coordinating committee is the national level management committee that implements the national policy, monitors and introduces changes where necessary. It ensures multi sectoral participation from the national level to grassroot level in action plan development, implementation and functions related to early childhood care and development. All parties that are involved in the subject of early childhood are represented in this national coordinating committee. A meeting of the committee for 2021 is due to be held in November.

2.4.5 Programme to Strengthen the Day Care and Community Based Evening Care Centres for Children.

Under the programme to strengthen the day care and community based evening child care centres, construction of day care centres for Medawachchiya, Badulla and Kegalle has been commenced this year. Accordingly, Rs. 20.00 Mn is expected to be spent for that purpose.

2.4.6 “Maathru Abhimanee” Programme.

Expected to provide equipment worth Rs.8000.00 for 200 selected pregnant mothers from low income families in 23 districts that they require when hospitalized for delivery.

2.4.7 Establishment of Combined Child and Women Model Villages.

“Establishment of combined child and women model villages” has been implemented through out 2018, 2019 and 2020. This programme to establish combined child and women model villages is carried out with the collaboration of the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development, Women’s Bureau of Sri Lanka, Development Division and Department of Probation and Child Care Services of the Ministry. Expected expenditure for this year is Rs.2.50 Mn.

2.4.8 Providing Necessary Instructions and Guidelined for Reopening Early Childhood Educational and Care Services Centres after the COVID -19 Pandemic Situation.

A set of guidelines has been developed with the aim of minimizing the risk of exposure of children in their early childhood to the new Corona virus and limit the probability of the disease spreading in Early Childhood educational and Care Service Centres.

2.4.9 Programme to Award 1,500 Scholarships for Pre School Teachers.

A programme to award 1,500 scholarships for pre school teachers is implemented by the London School of Executive Education, UK with the coordination of the State Ministry of Women and Child Development , PreSchool & Primary Education, School Infrastructure & Education Services in line with the “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour” manifesto. National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development monitors the programme.



3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

- Implementation of the programme to provide morning meal for pre school children by increasing the number of beneficiaries and improving the quality.
- Saubhagya pre schools/programme to provide a standard pre school for every division.
- Conducting training programmes for teachers on “Early Childhood Development Guidelines”.
- Introducing the distant awareness programmes with new approaches.
- Implementing the e-book concept with relevance to early childhood care and development.
- Special project targeting the development of children at early childhood development centres.
- Project to develop early childhood development centres for children with special needs.
- Parental awareness on none bound early childhood development.
- Providing proper and compulsory training for pre school staff including knowledge in psychology , necessary subject matter and practical knowledge and implementing incentive programmes for pre school teachers in difficult areas.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of the Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Seri No.	Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
01.	Programme to provide a nutrition allowance of Rs.20,000 to pregnant and lactating mothers	5,363.00	3,780.51	2,681,500 Nutrition Packs	1,890,257 (approximate number of nutrition packs distributed)	Approximate number of pregnant mothers 189,025	
02.	Programme to provide morning meal for pre school children/early childhood development centres	360.00	67.32	90,202 Pre School Children	53,778 Pre School Children	53,778 Pre School Children	
03.	Programme to provide a monthly allowance to Pre School Teachers. “Lama Diriya”-Rs.250.00 per month and “Guru Abhimanee”-Rs.2500.00 per month programmes.	111.00	54.49	16,275 Pre School Teachers	14,462 Pre School Teachers	14,462 Pre School Teachers	
Total (Recurrent Expenditure)		5,834.00	3,902.32				

Early Childhood Development Project

Objective

Improving the quality of early childhood sector in Sri Lanka and making the service equally available for all.

1.0 Key Functions

This project commenced in 2016 is due to end in 2022 and the following key Development programmes have been implemented.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

- 2.1 Provision of funds for the development of facilities at early childhood development centres.
- 2.2 Providing exemption from pre school fees for early childhood children having economic difficulties.
- 2.3 Establishing early childhood development centres in remote/difficult areas.
- 2.4 Establishing early childhood development centres at provincial level.
- 2.5 Raising awareness of parents and teachers about the health and nutrition of children in their early childhood.
- 2.6 Referring pre school teachers for Certificate/Diploma Courses on early childhood development.
- 2.7 Providing training for wardens of Day Care Centres.
- 2.8 Provision of learning and teaching equipment sets for early childhood development centres.
- 2.9 Provision of furniture sets for early childhood development centres.
- 2.10 Providing of training of trainers (ToT) programmes on early childhood development.
- 2.11 Conducting short term standard training programmes for early childhood development teachers.
- 2.12 Provision of emergency relief on the COVID 19 pandemic situation.
- 2.13 Launching a regular monitoring and evaluation system for early childhood development centres.
- 2.14 Construction and repair of early childhood development centres.
- 2.15 Construction and repair of play areas at early childhood development centres.
- 2.16 Provision of a Diploma Courses for early childhood development officers.
- 2.17 Conducting motivational training programmes for early childhood development officers.
- 2.18 Conducting awareness programmes for parents.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of the Development Programmes Implemented-30.09.2021

Serial No	Project Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
Programmes Implemented by the Project Management Unit							
01	National census on early childhood development centres.	-	3.03	-	Data collection of 17,159 centres completed, data collection of 3662 centres continues.		
02	Provision of learning and teaching equipment sets for early childhood development centres	-	-	1500 centres	Procurement process going on.		
03	Assisting early childhood development centres to conduct annual child development evaluations	-	-	4000 material sets	Implemented by the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development.		
04	Providing exemption from preschool fees for children between 3-5 years having economic difficulties	54.00	47.44	For 1500 children	Targeted for third and fourth quarter of 2020		
05	Provision of funds for the development of infrastructure facilities at early childhood development centres.	358.00	249.74	1500 centres	Requirements of 1671 centres have been identified. Procurement underway for 3725 furniture sets.		
06	Establishing early childhood development centres in the 9 provinces.	24.00	-	03 centres	Centres in Galle and Kurunegala completed. Work of Kilinochchi centre underway.		
07	Construction of early childhood development centres.	67.00	21.45	35 centres	Procurement for 11 centres not completed in 2020 and for 35 new centres.		
08	Training of trainers on early childhood development.	-	-	80 trainers	Trainings have been organized for 2 groups with 40 officers in each.		
09	Conducting short term standard training programmes for early childhood development teachers/teacher assistants	-	-	25 programmes		09	
10	Conducting awareness programmes for parents	-	-	25 programmes		10	
11	Provision of certificate/diploma course scholarships early childhood development teachers	-	3.51	100 teachers	53 teachers have been trained.17 teachers are following courses.	11	
12	Standard early childhood development training for administrative officers.	-	-	01 programme	Temporarily suspended in Northern and Eastern provinces due to COVID.		
Total		503.00	325.17				

Serial No.	Project Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of participants	
						Female	Male
Programmes Implemented by the Project Management Unit							
13	Supporting periodic interactions for preschool teachers	-	-	81 programmes	Programme has been suspended due to the COVID pandemic.		
14	Training Day Care Wardens	-	3.86	382 students	166 have completed training.104 at VTA and NATTA are being trained.		
15	Establishing an information management system (MIS) of early childhood development sector	1.00	0.54		Census of pre schools implemented.		
16	Establishing a system for registration of early childhood development centres province wise.	-	0.11		That system has been uploaded to cloud Server.		
17	Providing water, sanitary and electricity facilities for the centre.	180.00	-	1500 units	375 centres have been identified for 2021.		
18	Operating cost PMU	60.00	59.53	-			
Projects Implemented by Other Institutions							
19	Samurahi, Home economy, micro finance				Planned to commence		
20.	Department of Probation and Child Care Services				Planned to commence.		
21.	National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development	43.50			Planned to commence.		
22	Construction of new child development centres.	140.00	108.95	Already completed	Retention due to be released		
23	Improvements at existing child development centres.		4.37	Already completed	Retention due to be released		
24	Construction of new play areas		0.75	Already completed	Retention due to be released		
25	Improvement of play areas at child development centres.		2.30	Already completed	Retention due to be released		
26	Construction of new Early Childhood Development Resource Centres.		2.47	Already completed	Retention due to be released		
27	Provision of play equipment for play areas	-	2.25	186 centres	At procurement stage.		
28	Training and awareness activities in the estate sector.	-	-		50 diplomas, 70 awareness programmes for parents, 03 short term trainings,03 child development evaluations- preliminary arrangements done		
29	Operating cost PHDT	18.00	15.46				
	Sub total	442.50	200.60				
	Total	945.50	525.77				

Department of Probation and Child Care Services

Vision

A sensitive and friendly society for children with ensured child rights.

Mission

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

1.0 Key Functions

Services are delivered under the two main sectors, Probation and Child Care.

1.1 Probation Service

- Coordinating and assisting the functions of the Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services and checking the progress.
- Providing guidance for various institutions that are in operation for probation service and formulating national policies / standards.
- Amendment of legislation relevant to children and provision of new legislation
- Amendment of the Children and Young Persons Ordinance.
- Amendment of the Orphanages Ordinance. Implementation of the Alternative Care Policy.
- Training and Research.
- Assisting the development of childcare institutions.

1.2 Child Care Service

- Formulation of national policies and plans in relation to children.
- Implementation of the National Case Management Policy.
- Implementation of various assistance programmes for the survival and development of children.
- Training and research.
- Implementation of the Child Rights Convention.
- Implementation of the Children Councils and Children Clubs programme for ensuring the participation right of children.
- Establishment and strengthening of social structures for Child Care.
- Coordinating and directing the activities implemented in relation to children at Divisional Secretariat level and checking the progress.

- Working in collaboration with non-governmental organizations engaged in service throughout the island for childcare with the aim of fulfilling national needs.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

Child Care is a social responsibility to be fulfilled based on the community that plays a prominent role for the protection of children. The Department possesses a well-focused human mechanism and some community based childcare methods for identifying the basic technical structures and methodologies and making necessary interventions for the implementation of several strong programmes from village level to the national level.

2.1 A Programme on Child Right Monitoring Committees for the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The process of Child Right Monitoring Committees aims to raise awareness in community about child rights, make constructive intervention to solve problems related to children and to incorporate those functions into the operations of the government. Village Child Development Committees on Child Rights have been set up with Cabinet approval and around 9916 committees actively operate island wide.

To make the establishment and maintenance of Village Committees more successful, the responsibility for the said Committees has been assigned to the Grama Niladharis by the Ministry of National Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management with effect from 2021. The Provincial Steering Committee on Child Rights operates as per Circular number 01/2018 of the Secretary to this Ministry dated 10 October 2018. When compared with the previous years, holding meetings of the Provincial Steering Committee on Child Rights has been minimal due to the pandemic.

2.1.1 National Steering Committee on Child Rights.

Preparing the periodic report on the implementation of the Child Rights Convention that has to be submitted to the United Nations Organization and constructive intervention for the implementation of the recommendations, advisory-advocacy intervention in issues related to children, raising strong awareness in society regarding child rights as well as assisting the formulation of plans at national level to prevent all forms of child abuse are the main functions of this Committee.

The committee is nominated by HE the President which consist of 06 experts with technical knowledge on childcare and children, and secretaries to the Ministries and heads of institution that are directly and indirectly involved in child affairs. A Zoom meeting of the National Committee was held in 2021 and action is being taken based on the decisions taken at that meeting. Next meeting will be decided based on the problems referred through the Committee structure.

2.2. Children's Clubs and Children's Councils Programme

Children Clubs project is a structure made up of children themselves introduced to meaningfully ensure the right to participate for Sri Lankan children as mentioned in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Accordingly, children's clubs at Grama Niladhari Division level, divisional children's councils at Divisional Secretariat Division level, district children's councils at district level and the National Children's council at national level operate actively by now.

So, a strong organizational structure of children themselves has been established from the remote village up to the national level. An appropriate way to obtain the views of children regarding the work carried out for children has been created through that.



Meetings of Children's Clubs and Children's Councils – Badulla and Moneragala districts

2.3. Child Centered Research

This programme is implemented through the district children's council programme. Main Objective is to strengthen the intervention required to conduct a study on a negative situation that affects the children within the relevant district and propose and implement solutions for that by themselves. Identifying evidence-based approaches and developing the children's knowledge through the conduct of such research form the positive experience gained by children through this programme.

2.4 Child Centered Programme for Minimizing the Risk of Disasters

As a country in a disaster risk zone, we had to face floods, landslides, deluges, drought, cyclones, epidemics such as COVID 19 and other disasters throughout the year. This timely programme allows children to take action, identifying methods to minimize disasters, strengthens children in disaster situations and introduces child centred approaches in disaster risk management.



Awareness raising on disasters for children of Children's Councils- Kalutara district.

2.5 Child and Women Friendly Model Village Combined Programme

The Child Friendly Model Village project has been implemented from 2018 with the aim of creating a child friendly environment to provide the basic facilities needed for overall development of children. The fundamental aim of the programme is to create a beautiful village with a strong economy where creative programmes are utilized to ensure the safety of children with active intervention by the community, increased happiness, love and amiability prevail within the family unit and people are united with respect for each other.

Rs.2, 500,000 has been allocated in 2021 for the implementation of the “Child and Women Friendly Model Villages Combined Programme” in the 25 districts at ministerial level with the participation of all the officers of the Child and Women Unit. The amount to be allocated is decided based on the content and requirement of the project proposal of the selected village.



Model Village Programme- Kalutara District

2.6 Awareness Programmes

Awareness programmes are implemented with the aim of ensuring child rights within the society and preventing child abuse by strengthening the civil society. The requirement of providing comprehensive understanding about prevention of child abuse to the community that is mentioned in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child can be met through that. “Programme to ensure internet safety of children” to protect children from problematic situation that may arise during online education of children due to the COVID 19 pandemic and programme on good parenting and best practices in child discipline to improve the skills of parents in that regard are also implemented. Awareness programmes on environment protection and disaster prevention are also conducted in addition.



Four Gravets First Aid Training Programme – Galle District

2.7 Implementing Programmes to Ensure the Right to Life and Development Mentioned in the Convention on the Rights of the Child

2.7.1 Creating an Environment to Ensure the Children of the Marginalized Communities.

Programmes are implemented to ensure the right to development, protection, safety and education, as mentioned in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Special attention is paid to children of marginalized communities such as estate, street, living in flats, Fisheries Communities and Aboriginal Community who face greater risk of being deprived of the rights of the child.

- Conducting mobile services for the children of the marginalized communities and provision of legal documents.
- Providing financial relief for project proposals submitted in relation to disadvantaged communities.
- Providing facilities for the Bandaranayakepura Child Development Centre maintained at present for street children.

This centre has been maintained from 2008 providing facilities for children studying in S.W.R.D.Bandaranayake Vidyalaya, Colombo and other neighbouring schools, the children of beggars and street cleaners. The centre was not open due to the prevailing COVID 19 pandemic and assistance was provided instead to those children who were rendered helpless.

2.8 Programmes with the Objective of Ensuring the Right to Education

The following main programmes are implemented to ensure the right to education, a factor that directly impacts the development of children.

2.8.1 Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme

This programme, is to that provide scholarships funded by foster parents for children getting education amidst economic difficulties to make their education successful. Opportunity has been provided to obtain the money that comes monthly from the foster parents through the post offices and the period for which the scholarship is provided is decided at the discretion of the foster parents.

2.8.2 Nena Diriya Scholarship Programme

Nena Diriya Educational Scholarship Scheme was commenced for children whose education is at risk as identified through the island wide survey on vulnerable children conducted in 2011. This programme is fully sponsored by the private sector and it is implemented as a sub project of Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme. Opportunity has been provided to obtain the monthly scholarship through the post offices.

2.8.3 Foster Parent Scholarship Scheme

Implemented as a monthly scholarship programme for students with economic difficulties. Provision of support for children in a Divisional Secretariat Division through the relevant Secretariat every 02 months has been facilitated. A child gets Rs.700.00 per month.

2.8.4 Admitting Non-school Going Children to Schools and Provision of Educational Equipment

Children who do not attend school or attend in an irregular manner due to various reasons are formally admitted to school again and basic educational equipment required by them are provided under this programme. Financial provisions are made available for the children identified at Divisional Secretariat Division level through the Divisional Secretary and provision of school equipment is done by the Divisional Secretariats



Programme to admit to schools non-school going children and children who attend in irregular manner- Galle

2.9 Programmes Implemented to Ensure the Right to Health and Nutrition

The following activities are performed to ensure the right of children for health and nutrition mentioned in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

2.9.1 Programme to Assist in Sudden Disasters

A onetime financial assistance to fulfill the nutrition requirements and other requirements of child victims of sudden disasters caused by natural phenomena or due to various other factors. Arrangements have been made to pay Rs.5000.00 minimum and Rs.10, 000.00 maximum for children of one family through the Divisional Secretariats as appropriate.

2.9.2 Programme to Assist Twins and Multiple Births

This is financial assistance provided to twins and multiples of low-income families. This programme is implemented with the aim of fulfilling the nutrition and other requirements of twins and multiples. Payments are made as Rs.7500.00 for a family with twins and Rs.15000.00 for a family with triplets and that amount is paid one-time only. Action is taken to make the payments through the Divisional Secretariats as appropriate.

2.9.3 Programme to Provide Medical Assistance

This provides financial assistance for sick children of low-income families. This financial assistance is provided to meet the expenses on medical treatment for such children. An amount subject to a minimum of Rs.5000.00 and a maximum of Rs.15000.00 per child is provided based on the nature of the relevant disease or condition and the medical reports. Payments are made through the Divisional Secretariat.

2.9.4 Senehasa Saving Programme

Rs.1500.00 is deposited monthly in the accounts at National Savings Bank in the name of children who were orphaned as a result of the 2004 Tsunami and children have been provided the opportunity to withdraw that money when they reach 18 years of age. Providing assistance to children orphaned as a result of the floods that occurred in 2017 is also done under this.

2.9.5 Development of Care Plans for Vulnerable Children

Children become vulnerable due to various reasons, and they also become victims of various types of abuse. Care plans are developed to ensure the safety of such children and strengthen those families by identifying the vulnerabilities and analyzing them through technical approaches.

Multiple approach is taken to develop these care plans and it has been possible to provide long term care and development for children within the family unit through this programme.



*Construction of a house for a vulnerable family-
Badulla District*



*Construction of a tube- well -
Gampha District*



*Construction of a tube well
– Gampha District*

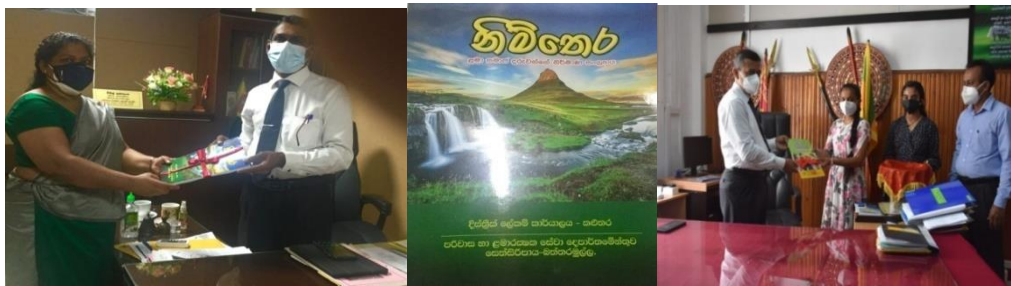
2.10 Celebrating World Children's Day

A series of programmes was implemented throughout October 2021 to celebrate World Children's Day that falls on 1st of October every year. Programmes were implemented island wide at national, provincial, district and divisional levels under the theme "Children before Everything".

- National programme held on 1st October was telecast live on Rupavahini.
- Awarding prizes and certificates to the winners of the children's art competition "Kiyanna Beride Andinna- Thelithudaka Asiriya "(Draw what cannot be said- Marvellous brush strokes)
- Awarding prizes and certificates to the winners of the children's short film competition "Ape Lokaya Ape Desin (Our world through our eyes)".
- Presenting the statistical report on children in Children Homes.
- " Nimthera " - Creative works of literature- To ensure children's right to participate, publishing 25 Nimthera collections of creative works of literature at district level , selecting the best out of them and publishing the national level magazine.
- " Kusagini nethi thuruliya athi dehami ratak" (A righteous country rich in fauna and free of hunger) –Planting one hundred thousand seedlings of Jak with the joint participation of all Divisional Secretariats and children's clubs and establishing 'Children Force for Environment Protection'
- "Sisu Nena Pradeepa"-Providing 700 computers to facilitate online education of children in Children Homes and establishing computer centres. "
- "Ammawarune"programme- Awareness programme on good parenting skills for parents telecast live on Rupavahini.
- Signing the MoU relevant to the provision of vocational training to children at child development centres.
- "Senehasa" parent scheme expects to provide every child the haven of a safe family by providing financial and material support and services to children with economic difficulties.
- "Nena Pradeepa" programme for high quality human resource- Taking action to provide school books and necessary equipment for school children and children of children clubs in difficult areas.
- National Drama Competition – "Prathibhapoorna lama nirmanakaruwange rangawatheernaya "(Drama created by talented children)- Implementing only the review of drama scripts of the initial round at present due to the prevailing COVID 19 pandemic.
- "Pothai Mamai"(Young writers) – Coronation of child writers
- National Child Parliament – Children selected from the registered children's clubs are given the opportunity to participate in this to ensure child right to participate in line with the Convention on the Rights of the Child and representatives to Children's Parliament are elected by them.



Highlights of the National Programme to



Presenting “Nimthera” magazine containing the creations of children of children’s clubs –Kalutara and Kandy districts

2.11. Implementing Programmes for Children in Children Homes

Action is taken to develop the infrastructure facilities of Children Homes with the aim of creating a safe environment for the children. For that, providing regular training opportunities to the staff of the Children Homes, implementing a strict supervision process to maintain Children’s Homes of proper standard and providing optimal services to Children are done. Programmes necessary to provide vocational training and life skills are carried out with high priority. Specially, reintegration of institutionalized children due to various reasons without keeping them in Homes forever is the fundamental objective of this. These programmes are implemented through the Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services and provision of the necessary financial support as well as technical support and other necessary guidance is done by the National Department.



Providing facilities for online education of children in Children's Homes –Sarana Children's Home- Anuradhapura



"Herawumata Arambumak "(A beginning for change) – Launching the handicraft creations of children at Paraththa training centre.

A census was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Census and Statistics with the prime objective of identifying the situation of institutionalized children in children homes and making decisions on policies to get the suitable options about social reintegration. The report of the census was published on 01st October. Action is being taken to inform all the Provincial Councils about the report and implement the recommendations.

2.12 Formulation of National Policies and Plans for Children

Formulation of policies plans as well as national guidelines relevant to the field of probation and child care is a key function of this Department. Action has been taken by now to formulate the following policies, plans and standards.

- Case Management Policy for the Prevention of Child Abuse has been developed and implemented after obtaining Cabinet approval.
- Alternative Care Policy
- Amendment of Standing Orders for Child Care Centres and Probation Officers
- Guidelines for meaningful participation of children
- Guidelines for the Village Committees for Child Development

2.13 Training and Research

Training workshops relevant to the field are organized annually for regular improvement of knowledge, skills and attitudes of the officers who serve under this Department. In addition all the officers including the Provincial Probation and Child Care Service Commissioners, Probation Officers, Child Rights Promotion Officers/ Assistants and Officers in Charge have been provided the opportunity to develop their knowledge, attitudes and skills as well as their capabilities.

The National Institute for Research and Training functions affiliated to the Department with the objective of conducting research relevant to child care and collecting research papers on research done by other institutions that are relevant to the field of child care. Arrangement are being made for 09 researches conducted by children at district level within 2021.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

Programmes to strengthen the right to life, development and education mentioned in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- Ensuring child rights of street children.
- Strengthening and improving meaningful participation of children.
- Prevention of child abuse and abuse of child rights.
- Promoting the rights of children living in marginalized communities.
- Strengthening and promoting community based child protection.
- Strengthening children's intervention within the disaster risk mitigation process.
- Conducting child based research.
- Strengthening internet safety of children.
- Implementing the Alternative Care Policy and introducing an alternative care scheme for children in prisons with their mothers.
- Introducing a foster parent scheme for highly vulnerable children.
- Laying ground work for introducing more simple method of bringing up children.
- Strengthening the case management methodology and developing protection plans for vulnerable children.
- Conducting Training and capacity development programmes for human resource development.
- Research and development.
- Organizing national celebrations and commemorating.
- Implementing the "Mal Uyanata" programme to admit non-school going children to schools.
- Policy making and advocacy.
- Awareness programme on good parenting.
- Media and publications.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of the Development Programmes Implemented- 30.09.2021

Serial No	Project Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of participants	
						Female	Male
1	Ensuring child rights (Universal Declaration and Convention on Child rights) Provision of assistance for needy children						
1.1	Providing medical assistance	3.00	2.90	560 Children	570 Children	570 Children	
1.2	Providing assistance for multiple births	2.56	2.25	323 Families	295 Families	295 Families	
1.3	Assistance in sudden disasters	0.34	0.33	69 Children	64 Children	64 Children	
1.4	Senehasa assistance (for child victims of Tsunami)	0.12	0.09	9 Children	9 Children	9 Children	
1.5	Assistance for children rendered helpless by floods	0.53	0.31	22 Children	22 Children	22 Children	
1.6	Providing assistance to child victims of sudden disasters	1.83	0.44	1850 children	305 children	305 children	
2	Provision of educational assistance and scholarships						
2.1	Provision of foster parent assistance	16.80	8.07	2000 Children	2000 Children	2000 Children	
2.2	Provision of educational assistance	1.96	1.94	1938 Children	1938 Children	1938 Children	
3	Implementation of programmes for children of vulnerable and marginalized families						
3.1	Conducting mobile services for children of marginalized community and provision of legal documents	1.00	0.04	36 programmes	1 Programme	16 children, 16 families	
3.2	Provision of financial assistance for project proposals submitted at district level in relation to disadvantaged community.	0.60	0.23	32 Programmes	1 Programme	116 Children	
3.3	Provision of facilities for literacy classes conducted at present at Bandaranayakapura	0.42	0.18	19 programmes	2 programmes	130 Children	
3.4	Developing care plans for vulnerable children	11.50	4.14	382 Care plans	138 Care plans	290 Children	
3.5	Awareness raising for parents on internet safety of children and printing leaflets	0.79	0.00	143 programmes, leaflets	Programmes are conducted	Parents	
	Sub Total	41.45	20.92				

Serial No	Project Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of participants	
						Female	Male
4	Strengthening community based child care process.						
4.1	Strengthening district, divisional and village child development committee programme	1.02	0.62	409 Committees	244 Committees	7320 Officers	
4.2	Appointing new members for the National Steering Committee on Child Rights for the next two years and holding its meeting.	0.00	0.00	Appointing new members and 2 meetings	Appointing new members and 1 meeting (Zoom)	25 Members	
4.3	Obtaining the approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs in a letter for including the duties specified in guidelines for child development committees into the duty list of Grama Niladhari	0.00	0.00	Obtaining approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs	Secretary to the Ministry has issued a letter assigning that as a duty of Grama Niladhari.	Grama Niladhari	
4.4	Conducting programmes for model villages	2.50	0.00	25 model villages	Programmes are conducted	Children	
4.5	Celebrating World Childrens' Day	5.14	0.79	14 Programmes	12 Programmes	25,000 Beneficiaries	
4.6	"Diriyajanani" International Day for persons with disabilities (special needs) (03 December)	0.01	0.00	1 Programme	Will be held on December 3 rd	Persons with special needs	
4.7	Programme to develop parents' skills in relation to good parenting and best practices in child discipline and capacity building for children about how to be a child worth appreciation.	1.00	0.27	4 Programmes	1 Programme	350 beneficiaries	
05	Implementation of programmes for strengthening meaningful child participation						
5.1	Identifying interventions led by children for environment protection	0.09	0.08	2 Programmes	2 Programmes	75 Children	
5.2	Holding meetings of children's clubs and children's councils. (at D.S.D., district and national levels)	0.88	0.44	351 Meetings	205 Meetings	5,180 Children	
5.3	Special programmes for members of children's councils and facilitators.	0.08	0.08	4 programmes	4 programmes	80 Children	
	Sub Total	10.72	2.28				

Serial No	Project Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of participants	
						Female	Male
5.4	“Nimthera” magazine with creations of children in Children’s Clubs and Children’s Councils.	0.62	0.62	25 district magazines	25 district magazines	17,510 children	
5.5	Amending the children’s clubs and children’s council constitution. (Printing the constitution)	0.00	0.00	Amending and printing the constitution	Amending and printing the constitution	Children in Children’s Clubs and Children’s Councils	
5.6	Empowering children for the creation of a child friendly society -Child based research	0.21	0.04	8 Researches	2 Researches	23 participants	
06	Alternative Care						
6.1	Improving infrastructure facilities for children’s home. (Including the National Training and Counselling Centre at Paraththa)	4.00	4.00	5 Children’s Home	5 Children’s Homes	150 Children	
6.2	Re-integrating identified children into society.	0.41	0.27	5 Children	4 Children	4 Children	
6.3	Supervision of Children’s Homes	2.60	2.45	5 Children’s Homes	5 Children’s Homes	181 Children	
6.4	Developing criteria for selection of foster families and new laws for identification	0.00	0.00	New criteria and laws developed	New criteria and laws are being developed	Children	
6.5	Provision of NVQ training for institutionalized children	0.30	0.00	NVQ Training Centre	Action is being taken	Children	
6.6	Training of officers who take care of children	0.78	0.78	16 programmes	16 programmes	495 Officers-	
	Sub total	8.92	8.16				

Serial No	Project Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of participants	
						Female	Male
6.7	Conducting capacity building programmes for the probation officers	0.03	0.00	1programme	Programme conducted in due course	Officers	
6.8	Developing a standard operating procedure for National Training and Counseling Services Centre	0.02	0.00	Standard operating procedure developed	Programme continued	Children and Officers	
6.9	Conducting training / skills development / capacity building programmes for institutionalized children (Paraththa)	0.55	0.39	14 children	14 children	14 children	
6.10	Developing as a centre that provides children NVQ certificate with the assistance of Skills Development Authority	0.38	0.00	1 Centre	Programme is being implemented	Children	
6.11	Conducting trainings about the prevention of human trafficking	0.10	0.00	No. of programmes	Programme held in due course	Officers	
07	Planning and progress review						
7.1	Progress review at National, Provincial and District levels	1.28	0.38	234 Meetings	116 Meetings	430 Officers	
7.2	Capacity building programme on planning and progress monitoring strategies.	0.32	0.00	1 programme	Programme held in due course	Officers	
7.3	Continuous monitoring of performance of officers through the existing mechanism	0.37	0.00	500 performance report books	Continued	Officers	
08	Capacity building for officers						
8.1	Training requirements of officers at divisional offices (external training)	1.10	0.09	15 trainings	1 training	1 officer	
	Sub total	4.15	0.86				
	Grand Total	65.60	32.92				

National Child Protection Authority

Vision

To create a child friendly and protective environment for children.

Mission

To ensure children are free from all forms of abuse.

1.0. 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 as 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.
- Raising awareness about the children 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.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

In 2021, the National Child Protection Authority operates under 3 action plans. Financial provisions have been allocated for these 03 action plans as National Development Action Plan (Rs.40.00 Mn), Action Plan related to the 1929 24 hour Child Helpline (Rs. 11.50 Mn) and the Social Protection Action Plan for Children. (Rs. 10.30 Mn.).

2.1 Five Year Action Plan Relevant to the National Policy on Child Protection.

A five-year action plan has been drafted for the implementation of the National Policy on Child Protection and it has been referred to the Department of National Planning for recommendations and advice. 10 areas relevant to child protection are covered through this.

2.2 National Policy on Day Care Centers

The draft of the National Policy on Day Care Centers has been completed after conducting the literature review relevant to the preparation of the first draft and developing the required basis. The first draft has been reviewed by the recommended committee and it was presented to the stakeholders.

2.3 Guidelines and Standards for Child Development Centers in Sri Lanka

Approval of the Board of Directors and the Secretary has been granted for this book and the Cabinet memorandum have been translated into Tamil and English. Guidelines have been updated in line with the recommendations mentioned in the Cabinet paper. It is due to be submitted for Cabinet approval.

2.4 Amendment of Laws that Affect Children.

A discussion about the methods of solving the problems faced by children involved in the judicial process was held by the Minister of Justice with the representatives of the National Child Protection Authority. According to that discussion, 5 areas in the law relevant to children that needed amendment were identified. They are

- In the definition of the term “child” in various laws relevant to children, different ages are given. As the term “child” is defined in different ways in different legislation, taking necessary action to have uniformity in the legal status of that definition.
- Introducing child friendly judicial system for child abuse cases.

- Introducing guidelines for police investigations relevant to children.
- Introducing the procedure for video evidence.
- Developing a punishment policy/ punishment guideline for judges in relation to child abuse and child offenders.

Five sub committees consisting of experts in the relevant fields were appointed for the 05 subject areas. Completing the stakeholders' workshops, the final set of proposals and guidelines were referred to the Ministry of Justice. The draft recommendations were handed over to the Ministry of Justice on 31st March 2021.



2.5 Implementation of District Child Protection Committees as Technical Circles.

The mechanism for Child Protection Committees has been prepared and referred to the Board of Directors. Approval has been granted.

2.6 Mapping Vulnerable Children.

This has been planned for implement in Kalutara district as a pilot programme. Draft of the concept paper relevant for implementation has been prepared and draft of the data collection form has also been prepared. Discussions have been held with the State Ministry as well about this pilot programme and members of the Coordinating Committee of Kalutara district were also informed.

2.7 National Programme to Provide Educational Assistance to Vulnerable Children.

This is implemented for children at risk and vulnerable children relevant to the complaints received through 1929 Child Helpline

2.8 Implementation of Child Protection Committees at District and Divisional levels.

Letters have been sent to every District and Divisional Secretariat to call for proposals for this programme. 29 sets of proposals have been received and money has been sent to the Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariats accordingly

2.9 National Awareness Programme for Teacher Trainees and the Academic Staff of the National Colleges of Education

It has been planned to conduct this programme at Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mahaweli, Nilwala, Pasdun rata, Pulathisipura, Ruwanpura , Siyane, Sri Pada and Wayamba Colleges of Education in 2021 relevant coordination and referring provisions have been completed.

2.10 National Awareness Programme for Professionals and Staff of the Health Sector.

Coordination relevant to conducting awareness programmes for health professionals of Ratnapura, Hambanthota, Matara, Kalutara, Matale, Kegalle, Gampaha, Mannar, Kurunegala, Moneragala, Polonnaruwa and Badulla districts has been concluded.

2.11 National Programme for the Implementation of School Child Protection Committees.

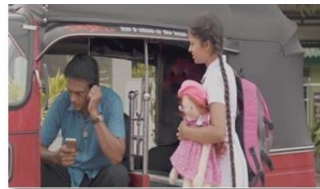
The two short films, “Chamudage Kathawa” and “Oya den loku lamayek” have been produced with sub titles under this. School children, teachers, parents, school community and adults have been made aware of child protection through these films.

According to a new concept, a programme is implemented to coordinate school child protection committees by contacting schools over telephone and an instruction sheet has also been prepared.

“Chamudage Kathawa”



“Oya den loku lamayek”



2.12 National Programme to Ensure Protection of Children in the Plantation Sector and Community Protection .

A programme including psychosocial activities has been implemented for children living in the estates. This expects to ensure the protection and rights of children of the plantation sector through multi-pronged approach.

2.13 National Programme to Provide Relief to Children in Disaster Situations.

Provisions have been referred to the district officers to obtain the necessary facilities for separate relief to children in disaster situations at district level.

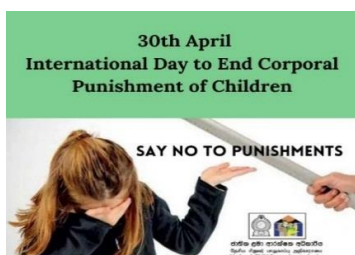
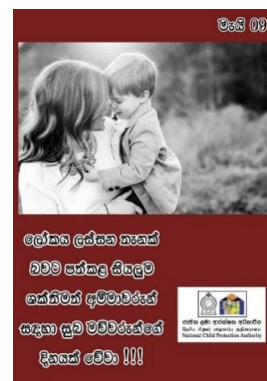
2.14 Holding the National Programme of School Clubs.

Rs.500, 000.00 has been provided for this programme for the 25 districts as Rs.20,000 .00 per district. All arrangements have been made to implement the programmes within the 25 districts as soon as the schools closed due to the COVID situation are opened.

2.15 Programme to Provide Knowledge on Child Protection through Electronic, Printed, Social Media and Various Methods.

Connecting and coordinating with media institutions and various individuals and institutions, National Child Protection Authority takes action to give the community information about ensuring child protection within Sri Lanka. Children and adults have been made aware of child protection through electronic, printed, social media and various methods.

- In collaboration with the Urban Development Authority using zoom technology, 02 programmes for the parents and children, 02 programmes for children, parents and officers living in SOS children's villages and parents and children of adjoining villages and a programme for scouts and coaches have been held.
- Providing knowledge about child protection is done through the social media using the official You Tube, Facebook, and Twitter accounts of the National Child Protection Authority.



- Awareness raising was done through television, radio and newspapers to ensure child protection within society.

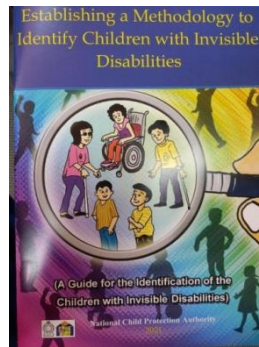
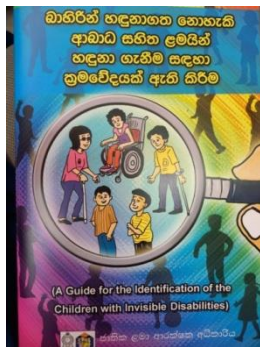


- **Official website of the National Child Protection Authority**

All groups in society using mobile phones and collecting information through that is common at present. Understanding that social requirement, creating the new website of the National Child Protection Authority was done as a social responsibility activity of AFFNO Pvt Ltd.

- **Creating the Book on Identifying Children with Invisible Disabilities**

With the aim of minimizing the inconvenience, injustice and legal issues caused to children as a result of considering them as ordinary children because of disabilities that are not externally visible, the book has been compiled in Sinhala, Tamil and English for the officers of the criminal justice system and child protection officers engaged in safeguarding the rights of children with disabilities in Sri Lanka and all officers who work on behalf of children.



2.16 Introducing the Online Payment Platform.

An online payment platform was not included in the website of the Authority up to now and this new facility was included in the website with the help of Bank of Ceylon. Instant financial contribution will be enabled through this for all persons contributing to the child fund of the National Child Protection Authority.

2.17 Psychosocial Assistance Programme.

Providing educational equipment to children who come for video recording of evidence and counselling is a special responsibility and the service has been provided to 46 children. (School equipment will be provided for 2021).

Approval of the Board of Directors was granted in May for Evidence based Treatment Guideline for Neonatal Substance Use Disorders. Coordination of subcommittee members required for developing the guideline has been done.

Child abuse recovery curriculum has been translated into Sinhala and Tamil and standardized within Sri Lanka.

2.18 Tsunami Foster Parent Care Programme.

26 children are cared for at present. The amount allocated is planned to be deposited monthly in the accounts of the relevant children as Rs.3,500 each for 05 children, Rs.5000.00 each for 20 children and Rs.8000 for one child with a total of Rs.125,500.

2.19 Awareness Raising for Teachers on Positive Discipline.

Awareness raising on positive discipline for teachers of primary schools, teaching Grades 1 to 5 and the Ministry of Education is done through this programme implemented through the Social Care Action Plan. Divisional Child Protection Officers are informed and the programme is coordinated with them.

2.20 “Sith Saviya” National Child Centered Psychosocial Assistance Service.

This “Sith Saviya” assistance service was introduced to provide distant psychosocial assistance service as a new method for the maximum wellbeing of the children of the country when many public and private institutions were closed owing to the COVID – 19 disasters.

2.21 January 4th – Commemorating the National Day against Violence Against Children.

On January 4th, the National Day against violence against Children, a sticker publicity programme was conducted to give publicity to 1929 Child Helpline



2.22 June 12th - Commemorating the National Day against Child Labour.

To celebrate the National Day against Child Labour that falls on June 12th:

- Social media uploads on the International Day against Child Labour to Info graphics FB, Twitter.
- Uploading a video to YouTube, FB, and Twitter for awareness about child Labour.
- Issuing a press release.



2.23 Celebration of the World Children’s Day on October 1st

Special programmes to celebrate the World Children’s Day were held on October 5th at the auditorium of the National Child Protection Authority under the theme “Children Before Everything”.

Launching the official song of the National Child Protection Authority, launching the national data base on child abuse, launching the new mobile responsiveness web site, introducing the online payment platform, launching the “Sarapesa” collection of case studies and the online certificate course and launching the short film “Chamudage Kathawa” produced by the Authority were among the special programmes.

- **Sithuwili Siththam -2021 Organizing the All Island Art, Poster and Cartoon Competition.**

The national level awards ceremony of the art/poster and cartoon competition launched to mark the World Children’s Day was held on 11th October combined with the programme for the International Day of the Girl Child.

2.24 Making Necessary Arrangements to Celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child.

Another significant celebration of international days conducted by the National Child Protection Authority, celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child was held on 11th October.

2.25 Completing the Creation of the Video Game Application on Child Protection.

Video game application on child protection was commenced as a pilot programme and it was sponsored by Save the Children, World Vision, Sarvodaya and Leads. This provides guidance to children for taking correct decisions in child protection.

2.26 Special Media Programmes Connected with Child Protection

1) 05.07.2021-Derana

2) 11.07.2021- Obe Getalu



Under the provision of information and education to the public regarding safety of children and safeguarding their rights mentioned in the National Child Protection Authority Act, several workshops, conferences and discussions were held.

2.27 Launching the 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection Application for Children and the Public.

Developing the 1929 mobile application using new technology and was commenced for the first time as a grant from Save the Children, World Vision, Sarvodaya-Fusion and Leads. Complaints may be lodged with the Authority via SMS, voice recordings and videos together with evidence in an efficient manner using new technology.



2.28 Monitoring Newspapers Daily

Whether reporting news relevant to child protection in daily newspapers include incidents reported to reveal the identity of the children involved is monitored. At the same time, action is taken regarding unethical reporting of news. This is done daily and all officers are informed via WhatsApp. Media institutions are also informed to take necessary legal action.



2.29 Developing Minimum Standards for Child Care Centers.

11 categories of centers that provide alternative child care have been identified by the National Child Protection Authority. Homes and centers for orphaned, abandoned, destitute children, homes and schools for juvenile offenders, relative's or guardian's homes for victimized children, day care centers and early childhood education centers for temporary alternative care are some of them.

2.30 1929 Child Helpline Sri Lanka.

This is a toll free 24 hour service in all 03 languages. To make this service more productive and efficient, 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection Application was officially introduced on October 20th. This will enable children and community to refer incidents of child abuse with evidence via audio, video and written media. 7778 complaints have been received by the Authority within the first 9 months of 2021.

2.31 Unit for Video Recording of Evidence.

This unit has been created to take appropriate action when necessary for the protection and safety of children connected to criminal proceedings. 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.

Within the first 8 months of 2021, 88 video evidence requests were received, 38 video recordings of evidence were carried out, 65 recordings were released to the courts and the number of typed copies of oral statements of video evidence provided was 66.

Cabinet approval has been granted for establishing 09 units for video recording of evidence for the 9 provinces and the necessary arrangements are being made.

2.32 Cyber Surveillance Unit

This unit has been established to prevent child abuse and protect and safeguard the rights of victims of child abuse. 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.

2.33 Conducting Institutional Case Conferences at Hospitals in a Productive Manner.

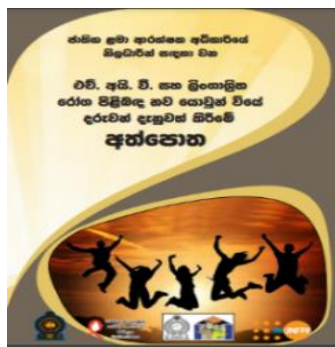
Victims of child abuse have to be brought under the care of suitable guardians before they are discharged from hospitals. Such guardianship is decided after an institutional case conference conducted at the hospital and district and divisional officers participate in that. Officers of the National Child Protection Authority have also contributed to that. In addition, for speedy contacting of the officers of the National Child Protection Authority, action has been taken to display information of the officers at the premises of every hospital.

2.34 Raising Awareness of the Officers of the National Child Protection Authority Regarding “Training Curriculum, Learning Activities and Tools for Identification, Reporting and Investigating Child Trafficking”.

202 officers of the Authority were trained for this through 12 Zoom sessions on July 18th as a training of trainers programme conducted by the Human Rights Study Centre of University of Colombo

2.35 Handbook to Inform Adolescents about HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

The first training session regarding the handbook to inform adolescents about HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases was held on May 6th as a Sinhala medium online session for district and divisional officers of 18 districts and officers of the Head Office. Resource contribution came from the National Programme of the Health Ministry to prevent Sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS.



2.36 Updating Knowledge Relevant to Child Protection and Developing the Skills of Officers.

Updating knowledge is done in the form of a monthly 3 hour continuous professional development training using zoom technology. Training programmes have been conducted for all the officers of the Authority, namely training on Physical Humiliating by Prof. Priyani de Soyza, training on child protection case management by Mr. Thathparan and training by Mr. Ananda Galappaththi on February 18th under mental health and psycho social support.

2.37 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 provided legal assistance on 810 occasions and appeared in courts on 21 occasions within the first 09 months.

2.38 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 Helpline 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. Appearing in courts has been done on 810 occasions.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

- Regulation, advocate for and implementation of the National Policy on Child Protection.
- Developing the amendments for Acts, policies, guidelines, procedures and regulations required to strengthen the child protection mechanism (such as Day Care Policy)
 - Strengthening legislation relevant to child protection.
 - Operating the provincial, district, divisional child protection committees as independent technical circles for the national steering committee.
 - Approval of the Board of Directors has been obtained for the mechanism developed for the national steering committee and Drafting the gazette for that.
 - Updating and maintaining the national data base on child protection.
 - Conducting district and divisional programmes for family based child protection and prevention of child abuse.
 - Developing minimum standards for and monitoring services that provide child protection facilities.
 - Cyber surveillance, investigation, operations and maintenance.
 - Assistance, monitoring and follow up for children in conflict with law.
 - Maintaining 1929 Child Helpline
 - Maintaining the unit for video recording of evidence.
 - Maintaining the special police investigations unit.
 - Awareness raising and training professionals regarding child protection (Education, Health, Police, Legal).
 - Setting up school child protection committees.
 - Implementing the School Media Club National Programme.
 - Implementing the “Student Ambassador” national programme for school prefects.

- Implementing the child psychology and psychosocial programme for schools.
- Programme to provide educational assistance or relevant support for vulnerable, high risk, marginalized, invisible children and victims of child abuse.
- Advocacy programmes for child protection for children, adults and professionals.
- Media and information initiatives for dissemination of child protection knowledge (Day commemorations, exhibitions and mobile services, media campaigns, information, development of educational and communication material and tools, development of web sites and maintenance and orientation programmes)
 - Capacity building and knowledge improvement for officials, conducting local and foreign trainings for continuous professional development.
 - Holding the annual conference of the National Child Protection Authority.
 - Planning, monitoring and evaluation of development programmes for effective delivery of services.
 - Implementing the Tsunami relief services programme.
 - Psychosocial interventions for children, parents and community and professionals.
 - Implementing the disaster/emergency relief services programme for child protection.
 - Developing the resource library on child protection.
 - Conducting new studies and research on child protection.

4.0 Summary of the Physical and Financial Progress of the Development Programmes Implemented -30.09.2021

Ser	Project/Activities	Financial target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/Participants	
						Female	Male
01	Implementing the five year National Action Plan on child protection.	0.50	0.00	Implementing the plan	Approval of the Board of Directors has been granted. Referred to the State Ministry and Department of National Planning for recommendations.		
02	Developing the National Plan on child day care centers.	0.25	0.00	Policy	Final draft was presented to the stakeholders' meeting.		
03	Advising local government and central government politicians about child protection	0.30	0.00	Programmes for the 9 provinces	Primary coordination done by district officers		
04	Reviewing the existing legal provisions and making necessary amendments.	0.25	0.23	Amendment of acts/legal reforms	Legal provisions were reviewed and guidelines of proposals have been referred to the Ministry of Justice.		
05	Reviewing the existing administrative regulations and making necessary amendments.	0.25	0.00	Amendment of regulations	Primary coordination continued.		
06	District child protection committees as technical circles	0.50	0.00	25 programmes	Approval of the Board of Directors granted to child protection committee mechanism		
07	Mapping vulnerable children (Creating a data base at Divisional Secretariat level)	0.50	0.00	Developing a data base	Awareness programme for Kalutara district coordinating committee members for pilot programme.		
08	Providing educational assistance or support for high risk, vulnerable, marginalized and invisible children and victims of child abuse	4.00	0.03	4000 children	Educational assistance provided to 960 children on request received from 08 districts and 86 divisional secretariats		
09	As district and divisional level child protection programme interventions.	4.00	0.00	25district programmes, 331 divisional programmes	92 proposals received. Financial provisions have been released.		
Sub Total		10.55	0.26				

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10	Developing minimum standards and supervision of child protection and child care services.	0.50	0.00	Developing 12 minimum standards and conducting 12 supervision programmes.	Child development centers monitored on minimum standards. As St.Leonard centre in Kandy Udapalatha D.S.D. was affected by COVID pandemic, essential goods and equipment were provided.		
11	Discussions, workshops, coordinating meetings on child protection for stakeholders.	0.15	0.03	04 meetings	02 meetings were held		
12	Developing the resource library on child protection	0.05	0.00	Maintenance.	Books to be purchased for the library are being identified.		
13	Investigation, surveillance and initiating judicial proceedings, implementation and monitoring in relation to child abuse and criminal cases.	1.80	1.57	1000 cases	Special police unit 810 court appearances, legal unit - 21 complaints in courts. Providing legal assistance to 874 persons.		
14	Cyber surveillance, investigations, operations and maintenance	0.20	0.00	300 cases	Cyber surveillance continued		
15	Assistance, monitoring and follow up for children in conflict with law and connected to law	0.50	0.00	500 children	Continued		
16	1929 Child Line, 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection App.	0.20	0.16	10,000 cases	7778 complaints have been received		
17	Establishing/maintaining units for video recording of evidence.	0.30	0.05	03 units	38 video recordings of evidence, 65 issues of DVDs and 66 issues of audios. Receiving Cabinet approval to establish 09 units for video recording of evidence.	16	
18	Awareness and training in child protection for professionals (education, legal, health, law enforcement, child protection and child care, media etc.)	1.50	0.00	250 training programmes	Coordination for holding programmes for health professionals in 12 districts. Preliminary work done for holding programmes under Colleges of Education programme.		
19	Setting up and strengthening school child protection committees.	1.50	1.05	3000 schools	Producing two films including child protection "Chamudage Kathawa" and "Öya den loku lamayek"		
Sub Total		6.70	2.86				

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						Female	Male
20	School media club national programme	0.50	0.00	50 schools	Preliminary work done in 25 districts under school media club programme.		
21	Awareness raising, education and training for children and adults of plantation, fisher and migrant parent communities about the theme sectors relevant to child protection.	2.00	0.02	100 programmes	Referring provisions for programmes in 56 fishing villages in 14 districts. 28 estates in 9 districts have been selected for estate programmes.		
22	Advocacy for receiving desks for children at base hospitals in the 9 provinces.	0.15	0.00	Advising government regarding receiving desks for children.	Proposals have been submitted to the government. Initial discussions with the Ministry of Health completed.	21	
23	Capacity development and knowledge improvement for officials of the Authority (Continuous Professional development). Local and foreign training.	1.50	0.00	200 officials	2 Sinhala medium and 2 Tamil medium Zoom programmes were conducted.		
24	Tsunami disaster relief programme	1.80	0.96	31 children	Holding 3 Tsunami evaluation boards in 3 districts.		
25	Annual conference of the National Child Protection Authority	2.50	0.00	1 conference	Preliminary work has been commenced.	26	
26	Media and information initiatives for dissemination of child protection knowledge (Day commemorations, exhibitions and mobile services, media campaigns, information, development of educational and communication material and tools, development of web sites and maintenance and orientation programmes)	2.50	0.07	As appropriate	Officials of the Authority are resource persons for awareness programmes conducted by electronic and print media institutions. Official website of the Authority, social media YouTube, Facebook and Twitter official accounts provide knowledge on child protection, Day celebrations and other relevant matters.		
Sub Total		10.95	1.05				

Seri No.	Project/Activities	Financial target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ participants	
						Female	Male
27	Planning, monitoring and evaluation of development programmes for effective delivery of services.	3.00	0.37	300 programmes, printing annual reports, duty reports and information system management.	Annual reports of 2016 and 2017 have been approved by the Cabinet and preliminary work for submitting to Parliament. Submitting the final format of the 2018 Annual report for approval. 2019 report at the printing stage. Holding Zoom meetings for district monthly progress review.		
28	Psycho social interventions for children, parents and community and professionals.	2.75	0.08	As appropriate	Providing psycho social assistance to children. 691 relevant to 1929 complaints, 240 over the phone, 39 who came for video recording of evidence, 661 as per first report of the police (23 Sith Saviya National Psycho Social Protection Services, 535 counselling and 112 follow		
29	Disaster/emergency instant relief services for child protection.	0.30	0.00	In the event of a disaster.	Action has been taken to release funds.		
30	Developing the resource library on child protection.	0.05	0.00	maintenance	Books to be purchased for the library are being identified.		
31	New studies and research on child protection	0.25	0.00	01 research	Concept papers are being prepared for the study.		
32	Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets	1.50	0.00	On request	Improvement of capital assets continued. Procurement has been commenced.		
33	Acquisition of capital assets.	4.00	2.16	On request	Procurement has been commenced.		
Sub Total		11.85	2.61				
Total		40.00	6.78	-	-		

Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited

Sri Lanka Thriposha Limited was registered as a Fully State-Owned Company under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 under PB / 3873 and it is operated under the fund allocations of Ministry of Health with effect from 17.09.2010.

Vision

To become the trusted nutritionist for the nation in eradicating malnutrition through innovation, sustainability and efficiency.

Mission

Contributing to a healthier nation by providing the maximum nutritional Thriposha diet to the target beneficiaries through purchasing raw materials from local farmers and introducing nutritious supplementary food products to the market.

1.0 Key Functions

- Facilitate the development, production and distribution of Thriposha, a nutritious Sri Lankan supplement to minimise maternal and child malnutrition in Sri Lanka.
- Encourage as much as possible the source of income for the local farmer who supplies the raw materials required for the production of Thriposha, Production and sale of other types of quality food items based on government policy.
- Production and sale of other types of nutritional food items based on government policy
- Assess the annual requirement of Thriposha and take necessary action to supply accordingly.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Purchase of Suposha Biscuit Production Machine from the Company's Earnings (Suposha Sales Revenue) and Completion of Construction of Buildings Required for its Installation.



2.2 Sri Lanka Thriposha Company Acquired a 40,000 sq. ft. Warehouse in Oyamaduwa, Anuradhapura on 02.08.2021 for Storing Raw Materials



Warehouse acquired for storing raw materials.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in the year 2022

- Establishment of four 4000 MT silos for storing maize and soya. (enabling direct purchase of ingredients from farmers and storage)
- Introduction of new blenders and silos system
- Purchase and installation of two packing machines
- Establishment of pneumatic conveyor system for new product flow
- Installation of an automatic locking system for new product flow
- Installation of 03 stainless steel tanks for storage of Thriposha
- Construction of a warehouse to store waste of the manufacturing process
- Improving laboratory facilities for the implementation of research and development plans
- Improving infrastructure facilities in warehouses.
- Purchase of other machinery required for the manufacturing process.
- Establish a new information system.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Implemented Development Programmes – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Project / Activities	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries / Number of Participants	
						Female	Male
01	Thriposh Programme	2,700.00	926.50	Production of Thriposha packets to the value of 2700 million Relevant (25 million)	07 million Thriposha packets for Rs. 1,105.73 million	Mothers 379,620 Infants 703,665	
	Total	2,700.00	926.50				

Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka

Vision

To become the national institution that creates a generation of empowered, productive and successful women for Sri Lankan society.

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.

1.0 Key Functions

- Identifying, planning, implementing and evaluating programmes for social and economic empowerment of women.
- Implementing programmes to alleviate difficulties faced by women owing to the very reason of their femininity and due to other social and cultural reasons.
- Organizing women in single network from community based level to national level to enable them to win their rights and opportunities for development.

Human Resource of Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka

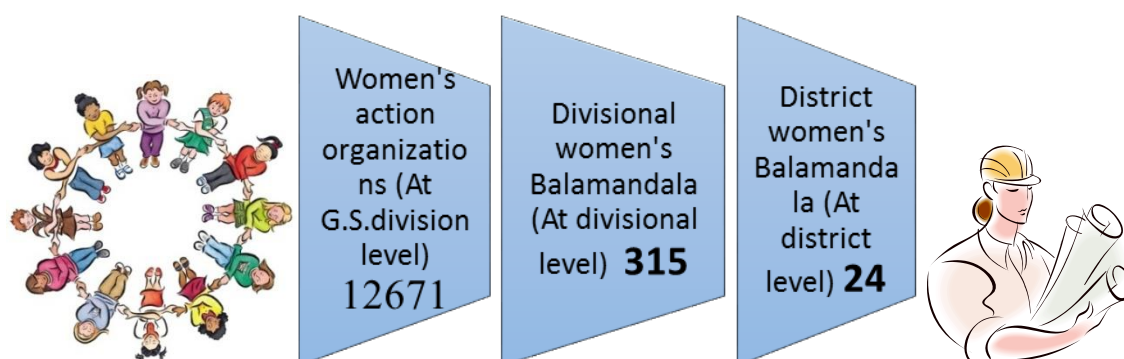
- **Field officers-**

As 356 Women Development Officers, 11 Counselling Officers, 271 Counselling Assistants and 122 Women Development Field Assistants; a total of 760.

- **Staff at Centres**

01 Shelter Warden, 01 Shelter Assistant Warden, 01 Shelter Driver, 01 Office Assistant at the Counselling centre.

- **Building the Network of Women's Organizations.**



Development programmes are implemented under the key areas of social and economic empowerment of women, empowerment of women headed households, skill and value chain development of women in all sectors, preventing gender-based violence, psycho-social counselling and achievement of women's participation and equality.

Policy Basis: -

- Women's Charter.
- Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women- (CEDAW)
- Sustainable Development Goal 17, and goal No.1, End Poverty in All its Forms Everywhere and goal No.5 – Achieve Gender Equality and Empower all Women and Girls by the United Nations Organization in 2017.
- Implementation of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act , National Action Plan to Prevent Gender based Violence.
- National Action Plan for Women Headed Households.
- National Policy of Vistas for Prosperity and Splendour.

2.1 Empowerment of Women through Entrepreneurship .

2.1.1 Providing Skills Development and other Trainings for Active Participation of Women Headed Households in The Economy and Introducing New Livelihoods for Them.

The main objectives of this programme are getting them engaged in projects and increasing their level of income, expanding the opportunities for self employment, minimizing the risk of women headed households and members of their families being subjected to harassment and rights of violations, improving social security and enhancing the opportunity to contribute to the economy directly and receive benefits.



Entrepreneurship training programme – Vavuniya North , Assistance programme for women headed households - Karachchi DSD and Assistance programme for women headed households – Gampaha DSD

2.1.2 Implementing a Programmes Targeting the National Centre for the Empowerment of Women Headed Household in Kilinochchi District.

The main objective of starting this centre was introducing a special care system for war widows of all communities and their dependents. Collecting data about the widows and women headed households in Northern Province and productive distribution of that data,

implementing and coordinating projects in all Divisional Secretariat Divisions in Northern Province and referring for counseling services are currently done by this centre.

2.1.3 “Diriya Manpetha” Programme (Special and Other Projects)

Helping women entrepreneurs throughout Sri Lanka to start products based on local resources typically found in their areas and strengthening self employment projects for economic empowerment are done through this. Financial provisions have been made available for medium scale and small scale projects.



Promote local food production (chilli, curry powder, pepper) and Kurakkan Cake production , Diriya Manpetha general project – Moneragala district – Buttala Divisional Secretariat Division



Provide wooden furniture , special project , Colombo District, Moratuwa Divisional Secretariat Division

2.2 Identifying the Needs of Entrepreneurs Engaged in Projects and Fulfilling Them.

For projects assisted by the Women’s Bureau up to now, making provisions available by identifying other needs of those entrepreneurs.

2.3 Programmes to Involve Women in Fishery Related Home Based industry.

With the aim of upgrading the living standard of unemployed women in areas where fishery is common, introducing new sources of income through presenting fish related products to the market, helping them to start self employment based on their needs and providing fishing gear are done.



Distribution of fishing gear in Benthot Divisional Secretariat Division on 13.08.2021

2.4 Alternative Income Generation Programmes for Women Expecting Foreign Employment.

With the objectives of minimizing the trend of women seeking foreign employment owing to poverty, ensuring the care of children by facilitating income generation from home for women, minimizing the collapse of family unit as a result of women leaving for foreign employment and increasing the sensitivity of public institutions engaged in providing solutions for the needs of women who are denied the opportunity to get foreign employment due to family background report and policy formulation these programmes are being implemented.

2.5 “Diviyata Aruthak” Programme for the Economic and Social Empowerment of Women who have been Deprived of Social Sensitivity due to Special Reasons.

“Diviyata Aruthak” programme is implemented for the economic and social empowerment of women who have been ignored and deprived of social sensitivity due to special reasons. Providing assistance on requests made by coming to the Ministry or by way of written grievances is also done here.

2.6 Empowerment of Women in the Estate Sector.

Women form the majority of the labour force in the estate sector. Therefore, this programme is implemented to introduce productive supplementary sources of income and to create new market opportunities. Provision of skill development, entrepreneurship training and project assistance for economic empowerment of estate sector women is done.

2.7 Special Women Development Programme to mark the Women’s Day.

On March 8th in the series of programmes this State Ministry conducted, the Women’s Bureau conducted the Women’s Day programmes (Diriya Janani) in the three districts, Colombo, Kaluthara and Ampara.

Diriya Janani workshop, appreciating those who contributed to women’s development, provision of multi-media for officers of the Women and Child Development Unit,

presenting awards and certificates to the most successful women entrepreneurs selected from the 25 districts, provision of equipment to 286 women who had lost income due to the COVID 19 pandemic (JICA) and provision of canopy huts for the Bala Mandalas (UN Women) were done. Under the programme for empowering women through entrepreneurship development, provision of equipment for the special projects in Gampaha district was done parallel to the national celebration.



'Āmmawarune' programme and opening of the Diriya Vanitha Women's Products Centre to mark the Women's Day.

2.8 "Suhuruliya" Women's Entrepreneurship Development Programme (Introducing Technology to the Women in Women's Action Societies /Organizations)

Activating the E-fair digital online entrepreneurship platform operated through the information technology unit of the Ministry, providing technical knowledge through Smart woman magazine, preparation of the data handbook and Suhuruliya training programmes are included in this.

2.9 Provision of 100 Mobile Stalls for Women Entrepreneurs.

Provision of mobile stalls with the aim of sales promotion for women who intend to start self employment or are already engaged in self employment has been carried out covering all 25 districts.



2.10 Market Promotion and Exhibition and Fair of Women's Products.

Developing new stalls to provide quality goods and services and expand market opportunities through the provisions of knowledge about project management, finance management, usage of technology, law and marketing is the aim of the programme.

2.11 Provision of Livelihood and Welfare Facilities for Reintegration into the Society the Girl Children above 18 years of Age in Children's Homes.

Generating job opportunities for 25 girl children above 18 in Vaikare Childrn's Homes in Vavuniya Town, Divisional Secretariat Division is done to develop their attitudes and skills, directing them towards self employment on priority basis, and building a strong economic

status by increasing their income and encouraging them for saving. Identifying training requirements for that and providing training and equipment are done through this project.



Distribution of Juki Sewing machines in Vavuniya Town Divisional Secretariat Division 2021

2.12 Skills Development Training Programmes for Women in Shelters.

Providing some vocational skills to women staying in Shelters due to various reasons, to direct them to earn some income is done.

2.13 Identifying Rural Women Affected by the Unregulated Micro Finance Credit Schemes, Developing a data base and providing Them Relief.

Information is being collected for this purpose.

2.14 Implementing Awareness Programme with the Participation of Stakeholders to Minimize the Impact on Women in Disaster Situations. (Field Officers, Women's Organizaions)

This Programme is implemented with the objective of ensuring the safety of women at risk of being vulnerable to the disasters. Early identification of disasters correctly and preparation of plans to be implemented are done during these awareness programmes. Identifying the affected members of the women's action organizations and their families, connecting with the relevant parties and social and economic empowerment of them are also done.

2.15 Empowerment of Women with Disabilities through Livelihood Development.

Social and economic empowerment of women with disabilities and making them a group in society capable of doing something to contribute to the development of the country is a current requirement. Wellbeing and empowerment of all women and ensuring their rights fall within the scope of the Ministry, this project was commenced in 2019 with a new approach, identifying them as a vulnerable group.

Women with disabilities who won only the sympathy of the society because of their disabilities have been integrated into society as self employed women with disabilities.



Provision of Juki machines/ and raw materials to develop the sewing project commenced in July 2021. Sewing machine provided to a young woman with under developed legs.

2.16 Prevention of Child Abuse and Violence Against Women.

Maintaining 07 shelters for women, maintaining the counseling centres, establishing a counseling centre in the Ministry and celebrating the counseling day have been done through this programme.

2.17 Provision of Counselling for Model Villages

Selecting one Divisional Secretariat Division from each of the 25 districts, action is taken to create social action plans to address the problems identified in the villages of the Grama Niladhari divisions where social issues are widespread and facilitate maintenance of a favourable social environment with the full contribution of the community. The aim of this is to conduct counselling and motivation programmes for the officers working there and the community by developing counselling plans.

2.18 Programme to Prevent Gender Based Violence (“Ammawarune”)

A series of programmes are being implemented with the participation of 50 girl children and women facing problematic situation in 260 Divisional Secretariat Divisions.

2.19 Awareness Programme for Estate Sector Women

This is implemented in 40 Divisional Secretariat Divisions.

2.20 Awareness Programme on Reproductive Health and Womens’ Rights for Women Serving in Trade Zones.

Planned to conduct 30 programmes as 05 programmes per trade zone for the female garment workers serving in the trade zones at Biyagama, Ingiriya, Avissawella, Katunayake, Aththanagalle and Koggala, and 30 female garment workers are due to participate in one programme

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in the Year 2022

- Under “Vistas for Prosperity and Splenour” national policy framework, a five-year plan has been prepared. Accordingly, targets have been set for 2022 under specific fields.
- Implementing a programme to ensure safety of women.
- Implementing a permanent programme to provide care and protection for persons who are frequently at risk of disasters, especially women and children and to minimize difficulties.
- Establishing methods to provide the knowledge, skills and time to give birth to healthy child, take care of children with motherly love and to guide children.
- Increasing women’s contribution among private entrepreneurs.
- Developing the human resource to build a knowledge centred economy.
- Developing methods for business training and market coordination for unemployed women fulfill the requirments to start various enterprises, through state intervention.
- Provision of relief to rural women under pressure from unregulated micro finance credit schemes.
- Identifying unidentified markets and improving the contribution of rural women in economic affairs.
- Otaining the prioritized development proposals through “Gama Samaga Pilisandarak” programme, under the set allocation to GN Divisions by WBSL.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of the Development Programmes Implemented-30.09.2021

Serial No	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
Under empowerment of women through entrepreneurship development (403-02-03-007-2509)						Provision	
1.	Skill development and other training for women heads of households for active participation in economy	1.00	0.02	16 Training programmes 45 projects	02 training programs have been completed.	50	-
2.	Introducing new livelihoods for women heads of households	6.00	0.88		Implementing 5 projects.	23	-
3.	Programmes targeting national centre at Kilinochchi for empowerment of women headed families.	1.00	0.00	20 projects	19 projects are been organized	-	-
4.	Diriya Manpetha Programme	34.46	5.07	119 projects	33 special and other projects completed. More projects have been planned.	311	-
5.	Identifying need of entrepreneurs engaged in projects and fulfilling them.	0.70	0.00	19 projects	4 projects are being planned	-	-
6.	Programmes to involve women in fisheries related industries.	1.00	0.33	20 projects	7 projects completed. 19 more have been planned.	13	-
7.	Alternative income generation for economic and family safety of women migrating to middle east as domestic workers.	1.98	0.08	80 projects	3 projects completed. 79 more projects have been planned.	3	-
8.	Economic and social empowerment of women deprived of social sensitivity owing to special reasons.	1.20	0.33	20 projects	7 projects implemented 22 more projects have been organized.	7	-
9.	Empowerment of estate sector women	1.00	0.11	50 projects	4 projects implemented 19 more projects have been organized.	4	-
10.	Special women entrepreneur development programme to mark women's day.	0.80	0.73	Women's day special programme	Entrepreneur women development assistance programmes-2, 01 awareness raising for men and boys,	950	48
11.	"Suhuruliya " women entrepreneurship development programme (Introducing technology training within women's clubs/ organizations)	2.00	0.14	Training and awareness programmes, co-ordinating with e – magazine electronic platform,	Information of women entrepreneurs uploaded for online trade fair, printing e -magazine 03 guidance workshops for stakeholders. web hosting server monthly maintenance	175	-
Sub Total		32.86	16.62				

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
12.	Providing 100 mobile stalls for women entrepreneurs	6.79	0.00	100 mobile stalls	Arrangements have been made to provide 99 mobile stalls.	-	-
13.	Holding trade fair for market promotion and exhibition of women's products.	4.10	1.69	22 fairs	21 fairs, 26 canopy huts, evaluation of successful women entrepreneurs in 25 districts improving Helabojun hala at Kahatagasdigilya.	173 8	-
14.	Income generation training	3.00	0.87	180 training	53 trainings conducted. 172 more have been organized.	133 3	-
15.	Integrating girl children over 18 leaving children homes and orphan girl children into society.	1.00	1.00	25 trainings and provision of equipment	Purchasing 8 juki machines and trainings have been carried out.	-	-
16.	Skill Development programme for women in shelters for women	0.04	0.00	10 skill development programmes	1 training programme conducted. Others have been organized.	-	-
17.	Providing relief to rural women affected by non regulated micro finance schemes	1.50	0.00	Provision for collecting information in 25 districts.	Arrangements have been made to collect information in 25 districts.	-	-
18.	Awareness programme with relevant stakeholders to mitigate the impact on women in disaster situations.	0.50	0.03	62 awareness and training programmes, provision of equipment	4 awareness and training programmes conducted, 48 more trainings have been organized.	200	-
19	Awareness raising for families of imprisoned women to provide relief to such families.	0.64	0.35	10 self employment projects	8 self employment projects implemented, 14 more have been planned	8	-
20	Livelihood development empowerment for women with disabilities	1.70	0.65	38 self employment projects	20 self employment projects have been implemented.	20	-
21	Distribution of duty record books for field officers	0.70	0.38	Printing and distribution of 746 duty record books	Printing and distribution of 746 duty record books Printing handbills.	746	-
22	Media	1.00	0.14	Maintenance of the Library, telephone bills	Newspaper, Magazines, books, telephone maintenance	-	-
23	Monitoring and follow-up and district progress review.	0.50	0.12	Holding 129 meetings	20 district progress reviews, 22 monitoring and follow ups	455 participants.	-
24	Special project carried out in Gampaha district	11.39	11.39	01 special project	Implementing 1 special project	-	-
Sub Total		51.14	7.69				
Total		84.00	24.31				

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
Under provision for prevention of child abuse and violence against women (403-02-03-004-2509)							
1.	Maintenance of existing 7 shelters for women	15.00	10.36	Petty expenditure and security allowance for 7 centres	Maintenance expenditure for centres	150 women, 98 children	-
2.	Maintenance of counselling centres	1.40	0.77	Maintenance expenditure of 13centres	Maintenance expenditure of 13centres	703	-
3.	Establishing of counselling centre within the Ministry	0.50	0.00	Establishing of a centre within the ministry	-	-	-
4.	Providing counselling for model villages	0.40	0.00	Providing counselling services within all districts	-	-	-
5.	Commemorating counselling day	0.50	0.00	Counselling Day programme	-	-	-
6.	Awareness programme about gender (Ammawarune)	1.30	0.06	260 awareness programmes	1 awareness programme conducted. Organizing 260 more.	1048	-
7.	Awareness programme for estate sector women	0.45	0.00	40 awareness programmes	Have been planned	100	-
8.	Awareness raising about re-productive health and women's rights for women serving in trade zone.	0.30	0.00	30 awareness programmes	Have been planned	25	-
9.	Awareness programme about gender for officers on duty at police child and women's bureau.	0.15	0.00	10 awareness programmes	Have been planned	40	-
Total		20.00	11.18				

National Committee on Women

The National Committee on Women was established on 8th March 1993 to implement the provisions of the Women's Charter approved by the Cabinet.

Vision

A violence-free, women-friendly Sri Lankan society that ensures equality.

Mission

Making recommendations and providing assistance for the formulation of policies and legislation that safeguard and promote the rights of Sri Lankan women, ensure quality and contribute to their comprehensive development and stimulating the proper implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the same.

1.0 Key functions

- Receiving and investigating complaints on gender-based discrimination and referring them to administrators, authorities, associated persons or parties for necessary action.
- Referring complaints on violations of the provisions of the Women's Charter of Sri Lanka to government or non-governmental organizations for relief, legal aid or mediation.
- Monitoring such processes, obtaining progress reports from the relevant authorities and making those reports available throughout the country.
- As contained in the Charter, evaluating effect on women's rights and responsibilities through legal and development policies
- Assisting the achievement of the objectives of the Charter through promoting relevant researches and making recommendations for revision based on those research
- Providing advice in relation to the matters brought to the attention of the Committee by the Subject Minister or as considered appropriate by the Committee with relevance to the status of women.
- Implementation of projects and activities assigned under the Annual Action Plan of the Ministry of Women's Affairs.

There are two operative mechanisms for carrying out the functions of the National Committee on Women

1. Complaints Centre

Receiving complaints on gender-based discrimination, injustices and violation of rights from both men and women, referring them to public and non-government institutions for investigating them, providing solutions and providing relief where necessary including legal aid and counselling are the functions of this.

II. The Women Helpline 1938

Toll free 24-hour service implemented with the objective of collaborative provision of relief for various complaints received including those on violence against women, injustices, discrimination, violation of rights, sexual harassment and cyber crimes.

Received Complaints to the Women Helpline 1938 (January-September).

Type of complaint	No.	Referred Institution	No.
Cyber crime	227	Divisional Secretariats	578
Domestic violence	2164	Internal Division	2188
Family disputes	10	Sri Lanka Police	296
Miscellaneous	457	Legal aid commission	63
Issues related to foreign employment	0	Sri Lanka CERT/Hithawathi	50
Murders and assault	186	Other institutions	42
Violations of human rights	1	Total	3217
Maintenance and divorce	66		
Rape	12		
Land disputes	24		
Issues related to jobs and promotions	11		
Child abuse	4		
Sexual harassment	55		
Custody	0		
Total	3217		

3217 complaints along 16 areas have been received by this service by September 2021 and necessary interventions were made for them. The majority of the complaints were about domestic violence, cyber crime, murders and assault.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Making National Committee on Women a Legal Public Institution.

Even though the Ministry has intervened for a long time for the establishment of a National Commission on Women, it has not been fully achieved yet. The current National Committee on Women decided that an independent institution for safeguarding and promoting women's rights should be incorporated in line with the "Creation of a public friendly government" strategy in "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour". Accordingly, a Cabinet Memorandum has been submitted to obtain Cabinet approval for drafting a new Bill.

2.2 Identifying Vulnerable Families at Gama Niladhari Division Level and Strengthening and Implementing Monitoring Committees.

In investigating the complaints received by the 1938 Women Help Line, vulnerability of families has been identified as the main reason for women and children becoming victims of violence and abuse. Plans have been developed to identify such families at

Grama Niladhari Division level, eradicate the root causes for vulnerability and build a “Happy Family” in line with “Vistas of Prosperity and Splendor”.

This survey has been conducted in 10 GN Divisions in Kurunegala and Polpithigama DS Divisions and 50 vulnerable families have been identified. Provisions amounting to Rs. 2.90 Mn have been sent to the Divisional Secretariats to implement the project proposals prepared to convert those families into “Happy Families”.



Field Survey Carried out to Identify Vulnerable Families.

2.3 International 16 day Programme to Prevent all Forms of Violence Against Women and International Women’s Day Programme.

2.3.1 Programmes for International Women’s Day

At the national celebration to mark the Women’s Day, the National Committee on Women conducted 200 awareness programmes for pregnant mothers under the theme “Palamu Pasala Mawu Kusai” (First school is the mother’s womb). In the programme, music therapy targeting psychological well being, nutritious food and equipment required at delivery were provided as gifts.

Programme conducted on 13th March at Ashokarama, Kaluthara North.



2.3.2 Publicity Programme on Commemorating the International Day of the Girl Child in Science on 11 February.

In order to achieve full and equal access to and participation in science for women and girls and further achieve gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls,

February 11th has been declared as the International Day of Women and Girls in Science by the United Nations General Assembly.

Publicity was given via Facebook about the importance of women in Science.

2.3.3 International 16 Day Programme

Programmes to minimize violence against women will be conducted from November 25th to December 10th in parallel to the 16 Day Programme of the United Nations to prevent all forms of violence against women. Despite the prevailing COVID situation, this series of programmes is to be implemented in a new form and the project proposal is being prepared.

2.4 Awareness Programme to Mark the World Children’s Day

09 Awareness programmes to mark the World Children’s Day “Sahan Eliya” programme, 1938 Hot line and building a favorable and satisfactory family environment have been conducted with relevance to World Children’s Day.



Programme of Trincomalee District



Programme of Anuradhapura district



Programme of Kilinochchi District

2.5 Implementing the Research Recommendations for Cyber Security.

Complaints of cybercrime related violence against women reported to the 1938 Women Helpline has been increased recently. The complaints of girls, women, young women and child are often subjected to harassment, abuse and intimidation through the cyber space.

Accordingly, discussions have been held to conduct training programmes for sex education and prevention of cyber crimes, in-collaboration with the National Youth Services Council. The training modules and the plan for these programmes have been prepared and referred to the National Youth Services Council for further action.

2.6 Including Women for Crown Land Shared Ownership

This has been assigned to the Ministry of Lands in line with CEDAW.

2.7 Implementing a Women Friendly Media Policy and Raising Awareness of Women Through the Implementation of Media Programmes.

2.7.1 Kantha Prabodhaya - Series of Radio Discussions

04 Sinhala medium programmes over Swadeshiya Sevaya and one Tamil programme over Thendral F.M. have been broadcast on the following topics.

- About the service provided by the 1938 Women Help Line and the Complaints Centre.
- Social security system for the women engaged in the informal service.
- Avoiding the problems, you may face by not using the new technology correctly.
- Preventing teenage pregnancies and role of those parents.



2.8 Taking Action to Prevent the Delays in Law Enforcement Related to Rape of Women and Girls.

Action is being taken to hold a discussion to initiate a social dialogue against rape and as per a proposal made in that, display hoardings under the theme “Men Can Stop Rape” at selected locations in the island. A leaflet is being prepared to initiate a dialogue on rape and culture.

2.9 Implementing the Action Plan of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and Awareness Raising programme.

The preliminary work has been carried out to conduct this programme in Colombo, Gampaha and Kalutara districts with the aim of providing concessionary service with fair and compassionate mentality towards women victims of violence by sensitizing police officers towards the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and gender concepts.

2.10 Developing the Economic Capacity and Socializing Skills Required by Girl Children Aged Between 16-18 Years Leaving Children’s Homes to Provide a Safe and Independent Life.

Girl children between 16-18 years leaving the children Home after reaching that age being subjected to sexual abuse and resulting pregnancies due to inexperience/unawareness has been reported through the complaints received by the

National Committee on Women. With the aim of providing economic potential for resident children between 16-18 years at probation homes before leaving such homes, providing psycho social knowledge and the strength to face the social challenges and introducing them into society in good citizens, the necessary ideas and proposals have been obtained for future action by convening a committee of experts.

Accordingly, it has been decided to carry out amendment of laws, strengthening counselling services, training the wardens in charge of probation homes to regulate administration and improve quality and developing a policy for prevention of teenage pregnancies.

2.11 Creating Flexible Opportunities for Young Working Mothers.

As a consequence of the development of technology and other factors, the social environment has become complex, and it is reported that it has posed an obstacle for providing and obtaining the contribution of women for the development of the country. Therefore, a discussion forum was held to obtain recommendations for creating flexible working opportunities for young working mothers and the policy paper has been drafted.



*Discussion
forum
on
07.04.2021*

2.12 Taking Action for Economic, Social, Political and Legal Empowerment of Women (SMART Women).

Conducting the Certificate course for Empowerment of Women in Politics. This programme was re-arranged as an online course with effect from 23. 01.2021. 60 women who expect to enroll politics are the beneficiaries of the course.

2.13 Creating Social Security for Elderly Women.

It becomes apparent that elderly women become victims of harassment by their children at home as well as in society according to the complaints received by the 1938 Women Help Line. Discussions were held with the National Secretariat for the Elders on providing shelter to elderly women identified through such complaints. The National Secretariat for the Elders has agreed at that discussion to extend the necessary support.

2.13.1 Developing a Combined Methodology for Providing Homes for Vulnerable, Homeless Women Victims of Violence Referred to the 1938 Women Help Line.

Construction of houses for 3 women referred to the complaints centre of the National Committee on Women who required houses, has been completed. These houses have been completed with the contribution of funds from the Presidential Fund and donors, labour contribution of the army and the support from the Divisions and District Secretariats.

The beneficiary family is residing in the house built in Maharagama DS Division. The house built in Matale district has officially been handed over to the family and the house built in Panduwasnuwara West DS Division is due to be officially handed over by the end of October.



Occasion of handing over the house built in Matale D.S. Division to the beneficiaries



House built in Panduwasnuwara West D.S.Division.

2.14 Eradicating Harassment of Women and Girl Children in Public Transport.

Awareness raising on the empowerment of women and girl children and law in sexual harassment is conducted for the public to prevent harassment faced by women in public transport (buses and trains). At the same time, this aims to minimize harassment through drivers, conductors, and passengers by intervening in such occasions and making them sensitive.

2.15 Establishing a National Policy in Collaboration with Foreign Employment Bureau to Ensure the Safety of Girl Children in the Families of Migrant Women Workers.

Using a questionnaire developed with resource contribution from University of Kelaniya and financial sponsorship of Chartered Institute of Human Resource Management, information relevant to the challenges that forced women to migrate as workers has been collected to cover all DS divisions and the information is being entered into a data base.

On the basis of the said information, it is intended to achieve safety of children, especially girl children, in the families of migrant worker women, ensuring education, health and safety of such children as work as mental and physical wellbeing of the migrant worker.

2.16 Improving Awareness of Estate Community

Providing understanding and knowledge about reproductive health to women in the plantation sector. This expects to minimize health issues including unwanted pregnancies, teenage pregnancies, unsafe abortions and sexually transmitted diseases through good reproductive health practices and to develop their capacity to lead a satisfied life free of domestic violence by providing awareness on reproductive health.

2.17 Programmes Implemented Under the SAARC Development Fund.

2.17.1 Strengthening and Maintaining the CRM Software System For 1938 Women Helpline with Necessary Tools and Equipment.

With the objective of providing a speedy and productive service for the parties who have become victims of violence, a new software system with necessary tools has been established under the grants from the SAARC Development Fund.

Receiving calls through the new CRM system commenced in June 2021 and it was officially launched in October with the participation of the stakeholder institutions.

2.17.2 Providing Training Opportunities for the Officers Serving at 1938 Women Helpline on Training Courses, Diploma Courses and Counseling Courses.

With the aim of providing more productive services to the women victims of violence, updating the knowledge and capacity building of the officers serving at 1938 Women Help Line are carried out. Especially for promoting capacity building in counseling, 10 officers have been referred to follow Higher Diploma Courses.

2.17.3 Establishing A Shelter with Lodging and Child Care Facilities for Women Victims of Violence to Improve their Capacity for Socializing with Economic Competencies.

This centre has to be established in Kalutara district is to provide the economic and social skills for women and child victims of violence to overcome the pressure and lead an independent life, facing the social challenges as strong women.

2.17.4 Awareness Programme for Professionals, Volunteer Organizations and Officers of Mediation Boards to Strengthen the 1938 Women Help Line.

With the strengthening and regulation of the service provided by the 1938 Women Help Line against gender based violence, a more productive service can be provided to the people. At the same time, maintaining a system to provide speedy and immediate relief to women and child victims of violence through maintenance of proper co-ordination between service providing institutions to build inter-institutional relations is established here. Necessary arrangements are being made to conduct the programmes at provincial level.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

3.1 Policies and Research

- Appointing National Committee on Women as a legal government institution.
- Implementation of research recommendations for ensuring cyber security.
- Inclusion of women for government land ownership.
- Implementation of a women friendly media policy.
- Taking action to prevent the delays in law enforcement of rape cases on women and girl children.
- Provide a quota for women at Parliamentary and provincial council elections.
- Create flexible working opportunities for young working mothers.
- Interventions for problems that prevail for Bhikkunis.
(To solve the Issue of obtaining identity card etc.)
- Implementation of the action plan of Prevention of Domestic Violence Act and conduct awareness.

3.2 Prevention of Violence Against Women

- International 16 day programme for prevention of all forms of violence against women and International Women's Day programmes.
- Coordinating with National Child Protection Authority to ensure child protection.
- Raising awareness on re-productive health.
- Prevention of harassment at work place, awareness raising to act against it.
- Eradicating harassment of women and girl children in public transport.
- Improving awareness of estate community.
- Improving awareness of youth expected to be marriage.

3.3 Safeguarding Women's Rights and Safety of Women.

- Identifying vulnerable families at Grama Niladari Division level. Strengthening and empowering monitoring committees.
- Developing the economic capacity and socializing skills required by girl children aged between 16-18 years leaving children's Homes to provide a safe and independent life.
- Taking actions for Economic, social, physical and legal empowerment of women.

- Establishing a national policy in collaboration with foreign Employment Bureau to ensure the safety of girl children in the families of migrant women workers.
- Creating social security for elderly women.
- Establishing a shelter with lodging and child care facilities for women victims of violence to improve their capacity for socializing with economic competencies.
- Expanding women's participation in agriculture.

3.4 Implementation of The SAARC Project for Strengthening 1938 Women Helpline.

- Strengthening and maintaining the CRM, software systems for 1938 Women Help Line with necessary tools.
- Providing Training Opportunities for the officers who are engaged in 1938 Women Help line.
- Networking with law enforcement institutions, professionals, volunteer organizations, local government institutions and mediation boards for strengthening 1938 telephone line.
- Mapping GIS Locations of institutions that provide services in relation to violence against women.
- Establishing three shelters with lodging and child care facilities for women victims of violence to develop economic skills and socializing capacity and provide training for shelter officials.
- Providing counseling for families of women victims of violence. (Problems related to drugs abuse, drinking Alcohol and extra marital affairs).
- Awareness programmes for field officers of women and child development units at Divisional Secretariat on 1938 complaints management and violence against women.

3.5 Awareness Raising for Women through Media Programmes

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of the Development Programmes Implemented-30.09.2021

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ of Participants	
						Female	Male
01.	Appoint National Committee on Women as a legal government institution	0.50	–	Appoint National Committee on Women as an Authority	Appointing a committee to submit a new cabinet memorandum to the Ministry and obtain recommendations	All women	
02.	Conducting policy discussions						
	i. Meetings of National Committee on Women	0.60	0.13	10 Discussions	3 meetings of the National Committee on Women have been held	All women	
	ii. Women's policy	–	–	Holding discussions, obtaining cabinet approval for women's policy	Ministry is taking action to obtain cabinet approval for amendments to women's policy	All women	
03.	Identification of vulnerable families at Grama Niladhari Division level and empowering monitoring committees	0.65	0.02	Identification of families and developing those families as happy families	Preliminary work of the project proposal to develop vulnerable families in Kurunegala and Polpithigama divisional secretariat divisions as happy families	50 families	
04.	Conducting international 16 days program, International Women's Day and parallel programs conducting with International	0.65	0.13	03 awareness programmes	Conducting "Palamu Pasala Mawu Kusai" programme in Kalutara on 13 th March of 2021 for pregnant mothers to mark International Women's Day.	100	
				01 mobile service programme	Awareness raising through social media for improving contribution of women and girl children in Science sector	All women	
05.	Media Programmes						
	i. Radio programmes	0.20	0.20	05 radio programmes	05 programmes have been conducted	All women	
	Ii Wanitha Vibhava Magazine	0.40	0.19	Printing 02 editions of the magazine	Frist edition has been sent for printing	All women	
06.	Implementation of research recommendations to ensure cyber security	0.15	*	02 training programmes	Programme plan has been prepared. Discussions have been held for holding in collaboration with National Youth Services Council.	Youth	
07.	Inclusion of women for government land ownership	–	–	Holding discussions with the Ministry of Land	Cabinet approval has been received for amending land laws.	All women	
Sub Total		3.15	0.67				

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
08.	Co-ordinating with National Child Protection Authority to ensure Child protection.						
	Developing a national policy on teenage pregnancy and safety of unmarried mothers.	0.10	*	Developing a national policy	i. Information has been gathered at provincial level about teenage mothers. ii. Discussion forums have been held to obtain views of experts and the policy is being drafted.	Youth	
09.	Taking action to prevent delaying law enforcement against rape of women and girl children.						
	Initiating a social dialogue to act against rape	0.40	-	*Holding discussions * Advocacy campaign	Content of the digital leaflet for community awareness through social media has been prepared.	All women	
10.	Implementation of the action plan of prevention of domestic violence act and awareness raising on the act.						
	Sensitizing officers on action related to incidents of violence against women.	0.20	-	01 training programme	Initial discussions have been held to conduct awareness programmes for the police officers of the Western Province.	All women	
11.	Creating awareness on re-productive health						
	Conducting forum discussions to include re-productive health education in school curriculum (grade 8) and submitting recommendations	0.06	*	1 discussion forum	The committee that met on 9 th February 2021 and decided that State Minister should be informed and discussions with Minister of Education and the Secretary should be started.	Community	
12.	Provision of quota for women at Parliamentary and Provincial Council elections.						
	i. Amendment of the relevant Act			Amendment of Act	Discussions were held at the meeting of National Committee on Women and relevant information has been collected. It has been decided to hold discussions with Elections Commission	Women expecting to join politics	
	ii. Initiating a social dialog			Advocacy campaign			
13.	Creating flexible working opportunities for young mothers						
	Conducting forum discussion and obtaining recommendations	0.10	0.01	1 Forum discussion	Forum discussion forum was held, recommendations obtained, policy paper has been drafted	All women	
14.	Awareness raising for prevention of harassment at work place and action against harassment						
a	Amendment of laws required by women employed in private sector to create a friendly working environment		-	Number of discussions	Information about rules and regulations, acts, affecting employees in private sector has been collected		
Sub Total		1.40	0.01				

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of participants	
						Female	Male
15.	Creating social security of elderly women						
	Working with National Secretariat for Elders to protect elderly women	0.02	–	Number of discussions	Discussions have been held with National Secretariat for Elders	Elderly women	
16.	Developing a combined system for providing housing facilities for vulnerable homeless women victims from violence.						
	Identifying vulnerable homeless women victims of violence	–		5 vulnerable women	Construction of houses commenced in 2019 for 3 women victims of violence has been completed	3 vulnerable families	
17.	Eradication of harassment of women and girl children in public transport.						
	Implement decentralized implementation of awareness programmes for bus owners, drivers and assistants.	0.40	*	2 programmes	Preliminary discussions have been held	Women victims of harassment	
18.	Establishing a national policy in collaboration with foreign employment bureau to ensure the safety of girl children in the families of women migrant workers.						
	Regular monitoring of the families of migrant Women employees.	0.10	0.02	A monitoring system	Women Development Officers have collected research information. Information is being entered in to a database.	Families of migrant women employees	
19.	Expanding women's participation in agriculture						
	SMART Agriculture / home gardening.	0.10	–	01 programme	This program is combined with the programme of identify vulnerable families. Implemented in kurunegala districts.		
20.	i. Awareness programme on reproductive health for estate community	0.10	–	02 programmes	Preliminary work has been done	Estate community	
	ii. Other expenditure	0.10	0.01	–	Cost of delivering reports to SAARC development fund through a Courier service	–	
21.	Other	0.22	0.21				
Sub Total		1.04	0.24				
Total		5.50	0.92				

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs.Mn).	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ Participants	
						Female	Male
Implementation of SAARC Project							
01	Holding discussions with related institutions to strengthen 1938 women helpline . Strengthening, updating and maintaining a new CRM system of 1938 service which necessary tools	13.44	4.46	4 discussions – developed software system, No of equipment	Official launching of 1938 new software systems with required equipment on 16 October with the participation of relevant institutions Subsequently quarterly discussions will be held	Women and child victims of violence	
02	Networking law enforcement institutions, professionals, volunteer organizations, local government institutions and mediation boards strengthening 1938 telephone line	0.40	–	Purchased Network system established to women victims of violence. Developing a network to provide relief to women victims of violence	TOR developed. Conducting series of programmes for world Children’s day in October.		
03	Providing trainings, diploma and counseling courses for officers serving at 1938 women help line	11.62	1.20	20 trainings, diploma & other courses.	10 officers are following Higher Diploma Course in psycho social counseling.	08	02
04	Establishing a shelter with lodging and child care facilities for women victims of violence to improve their capacity for socializing with economic competencies.	30.00	–	01 shelter	Work relevant to construction of shelter at Beruwala in Kalutara district has been carried out.		04
05	Publications development	3.55	-	Number of awareness leaflets, books, stickers printed	Necessary arrangements are being made for printing awareness booklets, name boards , raise awareness of community regarding 1938 women help line.		
06	Developing a system to help women victims of violence	1.18	-	System Establish for assisting to ensure life of victims through education and protection.			
07	Other	18.81					
Sub Total		79.00	5.66				

Primary Education Division

Vision

Primary education for sustainable development

Mission

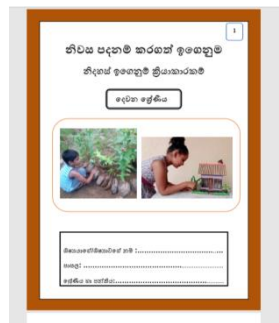
Creating an enjoyable learning environment during Primary Education that focuses on exploration, effective communication, creativity and enjoyment, providing opportunities for self-esteem and self-learning

1.0 Key Functions

- Identifying the vision, mission, and objective of primary education at the national level and raise awareness about it vertically and horizontally.
- Submitting concept papers and policy proposals related to the development of primary education to the Secretary of Education.
- Issuing circulars instruction letters required for primary education.
- Identifying plans and strategies related to the development of primary education at the national level, and formulate and implement short term and medium term plans of the Primary Education Division based on it and be responsible for them.
- Maintaining up-to-date data and information on human and physical resources relevant to primary education at the provincial, zonal and divisional levels.
- Regulating the schools in provincial, zonal, and divisional level in line with the national level objectives related to primary education.
- Coordinating with the National Institute of Education, the Department of Educational Publications and the Department of Examinations for the development of primary education.
- Coordinating with various local and foreign institutions to implement special programmes related to the primary education.
- Calculating and plan the learning equipment, furniture and building requirements necessary for the primary education sections of national schools.
- Regulating the management activities of the primary sections of national schools.
- Planning to provide quality inputs and other provisions for the development of the quality of primary education in national schools.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Preparation of learning tools for home based learning programmes.



Prepared home-based learning tools

2.2 Implementing programmes in coordination with UNICEF and Provincial Education Officers to Implement Remedial Learning Programmes for students in Primary Grades who have lost their learning opportunities during the Covid-19 Epidemic Situation.



Discussions on Remedial Learning Programmes with UNICEF and Provincial Officers.

2.3 Preparation of learning content for the “e Thaksalawa” learning management system.

2.4 Coordinating with the relevant institutions and branches regarding the preparation and telecasting of "Guru Gedara" TV education programmes.

- Recording of TV lessons for the 1st Term of grades 1 and 2 have been completed.
- Recording of Lessons for Terms I and III of Grades 3, 4, and 5 have been completed.



Preparation of “Guru Gedara” TV Education Programmes, Officers and Resource Persons of the National Institute of Education

- 2.5 Development of research equipment relevant to the ongoing research to examine the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic on the learning process of students in primary grades and assist in the launching the research.
- 2.6 Providing funds for quality inputs to the primary sections of 177 national schools.
- 2.7 Providing the requisite documents to the school building branch for repairing the primary section buildings of 08 national schools and constructing new buildings in the primary section of 05 national schools.
- 2.8 Children's desks and chairs of medium size have been provided for the primary sections of 49 national schools. Its regulatory activities are being carried out.
- 2.9 Issue circulars to Provincial / Zonal Officers and Principals of relevant schools for the renovation of 505 schools for the first phase under the programme of developing primary schools as child friendly schools and providing Rs. 184.75 Mn to all provinces to make them aware of the programme and implement it.



*Maintenance of school buildings
Ba/Kalu/ Dikbedda
Gunawardena
Primary School.*

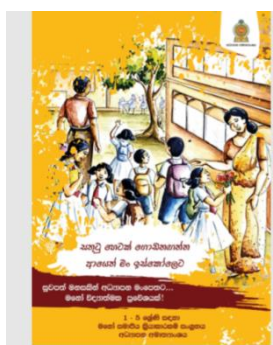


*A school where the floor is planned to be repaired -
Wayamba / Ibi / Manapaya Pri
School.*



*A school where the roof has been planned to repair - U / Man / St.
Joseph MV*

2.10 A set of instructions has been prepared and sent to all the provinces for the psycho-social development of students under the “*Sathutu Hetak Godanaganna-Aayeth Man Iskoleta*” programme, which is implemented as an entry point to bring primary students back to school as well as the learning process after the reopening of schools under COVID-19 Pandemic (from October 21). Also, all Provincial and Zonal Primary Education Officers have been made aware of this online.



3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in the Year 2022

- Implement remedial programmes to continue the missed learning of primary grade students due to the COVID-19 epidemic
- Capacity Development programmes to be implemented in relation to new educational reforms
- Programmes for the implementation of the primary section activity room and reading room.
- Empower teachers for the distance teaching process
- Capacity Development Programmes for Officers-in-Charge of the subject of Primary Education, Teacher Instructors and Teachers.
- Develop infrastructure of primary sections of national schools.
- Provide quality inputs for primary sections of national schools.
- Develop primary schools as child-friendly schools.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Project/Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/Participants	
						Female	Male
01	Repair to Primary section buildings of national schools	50.00	14.40	National schools with primary education sections 08	80%	Students of the Primary Education Section of the relevant National Schools	
02	Construction of new buildings in the primary section of national schools.	30.00	25.90	National schools with primary education sections 05	70%	Community of students who are present in the primary education section of the relevant national schools and who are to be admitted to those schools in the coming years	
03	Providing medium sized desks and chairs for students in primary section of national schools.	50.00	.3030	National schools with primary education sections 49	Medium-sized children's desks and chairs have been provided to 49 national schools with primary education section.	Female students 14,239	Male students 21,917
04	Carrying out essential repairs in selected primary sections under the Child-Friendly School Programme	399.30	184.75	Primary schools 443	25%	78,344 current primary students and the students to be admitted to those schools in the future	
05	Printing the instruction set for the activity room.	0.60		Books 1000	Relevant procurement work is in progress.	Teacher Instructors in Primary Education and the all Primary School Student Community	
06	Awareness programme for primary education officers, principals and resource persons	0.10	Conducted through online	107 officers in charge of primary education, 505 school principals	99 officers in charge of primary education	Primary Education Officers, Principals of relevant schools, Student Community	
	Total	530.00	255.35				

School Health and Nutrition Division

Vision

A healthy and active younger generation.

Mission

To make the school children healthy, empower the ones within self – ability to promote health in his family and the community and to prepare them for taking maximum advantage from the available educational opportunities.

1.0 Key Functions

- Minimize the nutritional issues among school children
- Minimize health issues among school children.
- Promote health and dietary habits.
- Create a health promoting school environment.
- Development of health facilities.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Programme of Providing Meals for School Children

A sum of Rs. 1258.00 Mn has been spent on the programme to provide food to school children in the year 2021. An arrears of Rs. 386.50 Mn has been paid to the Lanka Sathosa Ltd. to provide nutritional food package for the year 2020. The food programme will be implemented for 1,081,927 students in 7926 schools in the year 2021, and measures are being taken to provide nutritional food packages using Rs. 2183.00 Mn from the meal programme which was not spent due to the closure of schools and Rs. 39.60 Mn from the World Food Programme.

Province	2021	
	Number of Schools	Number of Students
Western	846	139,325
Central	1134	133,458
Southern	852	149,240
Northern	901	90,571
Eastern	941	127,436
North-western	935	127,711
North-central	694	109,580
Uva	773	109,555
Sabaragamuwa	850	95,051
Grand Total	7926	1,081,927

2.2 Save the Children, “PALMA” ව්‍යාපෘතිය



Also, **Save the Children** has launched a project to provide dry foods and kitchen and toilet facilities under the “PALMA” project as follows.

Proposed Constructions

District	Number of Schools	
	Kitchens	Toilets
Nuwara-Eliya	2	17
Trincomalee	1	12
Badulla	2	10
Monaragala	5	3
Ratnapura	7	8
Mulaitivu	0	3
Kilinochchi	0	3
Grand Total	17	56

Schools Where Dry foods are provided

District	Number of Schools	Number of Students to stand benefit
Kilinochchi	37	4,400
Mulaitivu	53	4,589
Trincomalee	115	14,639
Ratnapura	156	19,576
Nuwara-Eliya	251	28,168
Badulla	202	24,979
Monaragala	73	14,224
Grand Total	887	110,575

2.3 Programmes in operation under the World Food Programme (WFP):

- Providing Financial assistance to of programme of providing food packages to school children under COVID-19 and provided 446,160 cans of canned fish.
- Providing dining rooms, equipment required for dining rooms and kitchen utensils to 10 schools in Thanamalwila and Wilgamuwa zones. Also, providing computers to those schools, educating food suppliers, advising on home gardening, buildings (9) for crops and poultry farms and advising on maintaining chickens and farms.

Schools where the Project is Implemented:

Uva Province - Thanamalwila Zone	Central Province - Wilgamuwa Zone
• Mo / Thanamalwila Primary School	• MP / Will / Namini Oya Montigopallawa Model Primary School
• Mo / Hambegamuwa Primary School	• 2. MP / Will / Veheragalayaya Primary School
• Mo / Kahakurullan Pelessa Primary School	• MP / Will / Dharmapradeepa Primary School
• Mo / Kotaweheramankada Maha Vidyalaya	• MP / Will / Handungamuwa Primary School
• 4. Mo / Bodagama Maha Vidyalaya	• MP / Will / Dutugemunu Primary School

• Providing School Sanitary (Toilet) Facilities

A sum of Rs. 12.82 Mn has been spent for the construction of toilets in the year 2020, and 36 schools at a cost of Rs. 24.23 Mn a total of Rs. 37.06 Mn has been spent along with the provision of toilet facilities in 36 schools at a cost of Rs.24.23 Mn.

Province	Number of Schools	Total (Rs.)
Western	6	4,003,000.00
Northern	10	6,760,000.00
North-Central	10	6,760,000.00
Sabaragamuwa	10	6,707,000.00
Total	36	24,230,000.00

2.4.1 Suraksha Student Health Insurance Programme

- A sum of Rs. 2000.00 Mn has been allocated for the year 2021, and the expenditure on benefits so far is Rs. 1981.00 Mn rupees.
- The Insurance Corporation has titles to pay further benefits for the year 2020 and the Cabinet has approved to pay the arrears on 27.07.2021.
- The Suraksha benefits are currently being paid under an agreement with Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation in the year 2021.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in 2022

Serial No.	Programme	Expected Targets
1	Providing meals for school children	Number of Students - 1,100,000
2	Providing fresh milk to school children	Number of Students - 400,000
3	Providing water and sanitary facilities to schools	Number of Students - 2000
4	Repairing School Dental Clinics	Number of Students – 25
5	New School Dental Clinics	Number of Students – 04
6	Suraksha Student Insurance	Number of Students - 4,500,000

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Implemented Development Programmes – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/ Participants	
						Female	Male
1	Programmes Providing meal for school children	4,800.00	1,258.00	1,100.00	1,082,136		
2	Providing fresh Milk to Providing school children	650.00	0.00	400,000.00	0		
3	Suraksha Student Insurance	2,000.00	1,981.00	For students in all Government, Private, Pirivena, aided Schools and International Schools (5-21 years of age)			
4	Providing required facilities for School Dental Clinics	50.00	8.00	14			
5	Programme for providing water and sanitary facilities to schools	50.00	37.00	30	36		
Total		7,550.00	3,284.00				

School Activities Division

Vision

Achieving excellence in the international community through a group of talented citizens who are partners in the Sri Lankan identity

Mission

To create a talented group of citizens to adapt to international trends through a modern and innovated approach of education that focuses on efficiency and high quality to the satisfaction of stakeholders.

1.0 Key Functions

The following activities are carried out with the objective of creating unity and formality in the school system by providing continuous education opportunities to the students and providing guidance for school administration and school management.

1.1 Providing Scholarships to School Students

- Providing scholarships to low-income students who have passed Grade 05 scholarship.
- Awarding “Technology Stream” and “Sujatha Diyani” Scholarships
- Awarding “Subhaga” scholarships

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Grade 05 Scholarships

Providing scholarships to 135,000 low-income students who have passed the Grade 05 scholarship. Under this, each student is entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs. 750/= and 10 instalments per year for 8 years.

2.2 Providing Scholarships to low-income Students in Advanced Level Technology Stream

- Technology - Rs. 15000.00 is provided at the rate of Rs. 750.00 per month for 20 months.
- Sujatha Diyani - Rs. 15000.00 is provided at the rate of Rs. 750.00 per month for 20 months.

2.3 Subhaga Scholarships

Students who excel in Innovation / Aesthetics / Sports at the Advance Level are entitled to a sum of Rs. 2500.00 per month. Each student is entitled to 10 instalments per year for 2 years.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in the Year 2022

- Increase Grade 05 Scholarship allowance from Rs. 750.00 to Rs.1000.00.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Project/Activities	Financial Target 2021 (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/Participants	
						Female	Male
01	Grade 05 Scholarships	937.50	462.35	10 instalments	06 Instalments	616,370 Beneficiaries	
02.	Technology Scholarships	10.50	3.00	Arrangements are being made to provide scholarships for Phases II and III	-	750 Beneficiaries	
03.	Subhaga Scholarships	50.00	Vouchers for the 1 st phase have been forwarded to the State Ministry	Payment of scholarships annually to 1000 scholarship recipients	-	1000 Beneficiaries	
04.	Sujatha Diyani	3.75	1.12	Arrangements are being made to provide scholarships for Phases II and III	-	250	
	Total	1001.75	466.47				

School Building/ Engineering Division

Vision

Development of educational infrastructure to build a safe and comfortable environment for learning and teaching process in educational institutions

1.0 Key Functions

- Minimize the impact of infrastructure on the learning environment
- Improve Student outcomes by providing high quality infrastructure and better teaching and also reducing the school dropout rate.
- Infrastructure designing contributes to learning based on 03 factors [Naturalness (e.g:- light, fresh air), stimulation (e.g:- complexity, colour), individuality (e.g:-adequate learning space)]

2.0 Main Development Programmes

- All schools - 10,165; provincial schools: 9809; Development of infrastructure under conversion of 831 provincial schools into national schools in addition to 353 national schools.



- Establishment of 20 fully-fledged trilingual secondary national schools at district level.
- Renovation work of 459 selected schools has commenced under the Development Program of 1000 National Schools.
- Renovation of 461 provincial schools under the child friendly school development programme.
- Providing teacher-quarters and rest rooms facilities for regional and rural schools.
- Development of infrastructure facilities of estate schools to uplift education of estate children
- Preparation of a master plan for each school as per Circular No. 24/2016 issued by the Secretary of Education and providing resources according to the relevant standards and dimensions within 05 years. Eg: - One toilet for 50 students, one classroom for 35 students, one lab for 500 students.

- Priorities - Construction of water, sanitation, electricity, classrooms, laboratories and libraries
- The implementation of projects is also carried out by the Provincial Chief Secretaries / Provincial Directors of Education as applicable.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Activities	Financial Targets (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries /Participants		
						Female	Male	
01.	Modernization of primary education and new constructions	Mentioned under primary education branch						
02.	Modernization of secondary education and new construction.	350.00	298.00	Ongoing repair work-241 New work-32	-			
03.	Defence Service Schools	110.00 Provisions have been transferred directly to the Ministry of Defence.						
04.	Renovation of sports schools.	Mentioned under physical Education and sports branch						
05.	Renovation of estate schools and new constructions.	Mentioned under plantation schools division						
06.	Renovation of dental units and new construction.	Mentioned under School Health & Nutrition branch						
07.	Water and sanitary facilities in all schools.							
08.	Construction of teachers' quarters and rest rooms for local and rural schools.	140.00	42.00	Ongoing repair work- 04 New work- 13	Ongoing work –50% New work -30%			
09.	Electricity facility in all schools	100.00	2.00	Ongoing repair work- 03 New work-43	Ongoing work 50% New work 15%			
10.	Establishment of national schools in DS Divisions where there is no any national school	500.00	410.00	Repair work - 417	80%			
11.	Improving the facilities of secondary schools to establish 1000 national schools.	500.00	450.00	Repair work - 459	90%			
12.	Establishment of trilingual national schools in every district.	200.00	0.00	New Work-2 Repair work - 18	5% of Estimates received. The money is being allocated. Approve the work plan. (29.09.2021)			
13.	Establishment of cluster school system	200.00	5.00	Repair Work - 66	5%Procurement process has begun. Approve the work plan (01.10.2021)			
14.	Development of child friendly school	Mentioned under primary education branch						
	Grand Total	2100.00	1207.00					

Department of Educational Publications

Vision

Ensure equitable access to education through the provision of learning materials of distinctive pedagogical standards that keep abreast with international development in education.

Mission

Enhance the quality and value of education by implementing the Free Textbook Scheme of Government of Sri Lanka, progressively widening the range of available textbooks, workbooks, reference books, glossaries, supplementary readers, dictionaries, audio-visual study packs and other materials of high educational standards enabling to produce worthwhile and intelligent citizens with ability to contribute towards the development of the country

1.0 Key Functions

Duties assigned to the Department of Educational Publications by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 14, 715/3 dated Friday, September 30, 1966 of the Government of Ceylon;

- Translate, publish, distribute, and sell standard books for the use of primary, secondary and higher education, and purchase of copyright.
- Production, publication, distribution and sale of textbooks, glossaries, dictionaries, and other books required for educational purposes.
- Manufacture, distribution and sale of teaching-aids, audio-visual and other equipment.
- Encouraging the production of reading material.

According to the gazette notification, the following functions will be implemented.

- Providing free school textbooks for all students studying in grades 1-11 in government schools and pirivenas and general English textbooks for students in grades 12 and 13.
- Compilation of additional reading books for A/L and A/L examinations and sale at concessionary prices.
- Printing of question-and-answer books related to public examinations and selling at concessionary prices.
- Printing and distribution of teachers guides.
- Compilation of glossaries and dictionaries.
- Providing Braille textbooks free of charge for visually impaired students.
- Compilation of digital learning aids and e-textbooks using modern technology and distribute them to schools and upload to e-Thaksalawa learning site.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Printing and Distribution of Textbooks

2.1.1 Printing of Textbooks

- Textbooks for distribution to government schools, pirivenas and other educational institutions for the year 2022 are being prepared for printing in the year 2021.
- The contents of the textbook are prepared according to the syllabus issued by the National Institute of Education and the soft copies required for reprinting are prepared after periodic editing.
- The soft copies prepared by the Department of Government Printing, Government Printing Corporation and Private Printing Presses selected from the open procurement process are given below.

Table - Institutions to which soft copies of textbooks have been provided

Item	Types of Book	Number of Copies	Percentage %
Government Press	06	1,028,000	3.16
Government Printing Corporation	95	14,641,000	44.99
Private printing presses	301	16,871,750	51.85
Total	402	32,540,750	100.00

- Subject Coordinating Officers of the Department of Proofreading will proofread the copies submitted by the printers in accordance with the softcopy and then make the recommendation for printing. So far, 32% of the total book volume has been approved for storage.
- After printing, textbooks are handed over to the textbook storage complex at Pitipana by the printing presses.
- These books are scrutinized by a team of officials from the Department of Educational Publications at a ratio of 250: 1.
- The physical condition of the books is also checked by the department's laboratory.

2.1.2 Distribution of Textbooks

- Simultaneously with the printing, the textbook distribution mechanism will be implemented, and the textbooks will be distributed to 10,162 government schools, 754 pirivenas and 77 government registered private schools.
- It is planned to obtain the textbook requirements of the schools online and until then 80% of the books distributed to the relevant schools last year have been commenced to distribute.

- There are schools that distribute textbooks directly as well as schools that distribute them through centres.
- The places where the Department of Educational Publications provides textbooks directly are as follows.
 - All national schools in the island
 - Provincial schools with more than 2000 students
 - All schools in Colombo Educational Zone and Nugegoda Educational Division
 - Divisional Education Offices functioning as Distribution Centres
 - Schools that function as distribution centres
 - Pirivenas
 - Distributing to other schools through Divisional Education Offices and Regional Distribution Centres.

2.2 Printing and Distribution of Teacher Guides

- These Teacher Guides are prepared by the National Institute of Education and are printed and distributed only by the Department of Educational Publications. Following the approval of the Academic Council of the National Institute of Education, the soft copy of the relevant Teacher Guide has been submitted to the Department of Educational Publications for printing and distribution.
- The above soft copy is provided for printing to the printers selected by the procurement process.
- The proof obtained from the soft copy will be referred to the subject officers of the National Institute of Education for examination.
- Once they have given their approval for printing, they are printed by the relevant printers and delivered to the Pitipana stores.
- Teacher Guides along with textbooks are also distributed as per the requests received from the schools.
- 10 new Teacher Guides have been printed for the year 2021 and 30 Teacher Guides have been reprinted.

2.3 Printing of Supplementary Books / Other Books

Several Types of books of educational value are printed under this. These are not free and can be purchased at a concessionary price. These books that are edited by panels of experts are in high demand.

- Supplementary reading books aimed at the school curriculum
- Past exam quiz books to help with public exams
- Additional books related to Advanced Examinations
- Glossaries and Dictionaries
- Books written on various subjects
- Translations

- Three additional books have been printed a fresh in 2021, and 10 additional books have been reprinted.

2.4 Printing Braille Textbooks for Visually Impaired Students

Preparation of textbooks in Braille for visually impaired students is carried out at Braille Press at Maharagama. Textbooks for all grades are printed in Braille and distributed to students who require them.

2.5 Sale of Textbooks / Supplementary Textbooks

Textbooks and supplementary books are sold at the Department's outlets in Isurupaya, Meepe, Maharagama, Maradana, Narahenpita and Jaffna. In 2021, a new store was opened at the Rajawasa Supermarket in Narahenpita.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in the Year 2022

- Printing of textbooks required for the year 2023
- Distribution of required textbooks for the year 2023 to schools and distribution centres
- Compilation of supplementary reading books
- Printing and distribution of teacher guides
- Compilation and distribution of Braille books required for visually impaired students
- Printing of past question-and-answer books required for public examinations
- Provision of digital learning aids
- Establishment of new marketing promotion centres

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Serial No.	Project/Activities	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/No. of Participants	
						Female	Male
1	Printing and distribution of textbooks and payment of salaries	4500.00	842.29			40	million students studying in government schools, pirivenas, government registered approved private schools, students studying in international schools, teachers and trainee teachers in colleges of education.
	1.1 Printing of Textbooks			402 types of textbooks to be printed in the year 2022 (32,540,720 copies of the textbooks) will be printed through public and private printing presses in accordance with the specifications and delivered to the of Educational Publications Store of the Department of Educational Publications.	63 types of textbooks (10,379,200 copies) 32% of the total number of copies have been approved for storage.		
	1.2 Distribution of Textbooks			Completion of the task of distributing textbooks to all schools, pirivenas and other educational centres for the year 2022.	So far 6.20 million books have been distributed to schools, pirivenas and distribution centres.		
	Total	4500.00	842.29				

Procurement Division

Vision

Development of a courteous procurement process-based on productivity

Mission

Providing resources and services in the development of Education for women and children to suit to the 21st century through the improvement of efficiency

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented -30.09. 2021

Serial No.	Project/Activities	Financial Target (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries /Participants	
						Female	Male
01	Supply of school uniforms. – 2021	3300.00	2194.00	4.5 million school children	Distribution of Uniforms have been and completed.		
02	Supply of chemicals to national schools	8.00	0.26	Chemicals for National Schools (for 93 schools)	Bids have been awarded.		
03	Providing aesthetic equipment for national schools.	8.00	-	Aesthetic equipment for national schools (for 37 schools)	Part of the goods received.		
04	Issuance of shoe vouchers -2021	900.00	898.00	750,000 children	Has been completed.		
05	Establishment of 1000 new national schools.	950.00	73.19	927,441 children in 831 schools	Provisions to the value of Rs. 822 have been issued.		
06	Purchase of furniture and other equipment for cluster schools	200.00	-	Purchase of furniture and other equipment	Items and equipment to be provided are being listed.		
07	Establishment of trilingual schools	300.00	-	Development of 20 schools as trilingual schools.	The Ministry of Education has nominated 15 schools and the equipment requirements of those schools are being listed.		
Total		5666.00	3165.45				

Health, Physical Education and Sports Division

Vision

To endow the country with a sociable and playful healthy citizen with a balanced personality

Mission

Creating the background, including physical and human resource development, to produce healthy and efficient Sri Lankan citizens who can successfully respond to changing trends and live in a cultural and dignified manner

1.0 Key Functions

- Provide the knowledge required to live a healthy life and familiarise with habits.
- Take action to develop students' physical, mental and emotional fitness.
- Identify students who have special talents in sports and give them the opportunity to develop their talents.
- Provide opportunities to engage in individual or team sports depending on ability and skills.
- Facilitate the healthy as well as physical, mental and emotional development of students.
- Evaluate students who have talents in sports.

2.0 Main Development Programmes

2.1 Implementation of Health and Physical Education Subject in the School System, Preparation of Guide Manual Pertaining to the Subject.

- Compulsory subject for grades from 6 to 9, and there are 02 periods per week. Basket subject for grades 10-11, and there are 2 periods per week.
- Failure to offer as an A / L subject has resulted in the deprivation of opportunities for students who have talents in the subject and hence deprivation of opportunities for students who wish to study in the field of sports.
- There are about 5000 health and physical education teachers in schools. 3480 Sinhala, 1326 Tamil, 170 English and only 200 graduate teachers.

2.2 Take Steps to Engage Each Student in a Sport / Co-curricular Activity

Cabinet approval has been obtained in this regard. Each student is required to participate in two activities, including a sport or cadet, scout or similar subject activity. It is also proposed to give marks to the progress report according to the talents of the participating students.

In addition to the selection of above activities as implemented during the year, the first-round competitions of the All-Island Games are held at the school level as well, providing an opportunity for all students to engage in a sport or co-curricular activity.

2.3 Sports Development Programme for a Generation of Students with Physical, Mental and Emotional Balance

- This programme operates and project, and Cabinet approval has been obtained by No.13/0778/552/008 dated 11.06.2013.
- Under this initiative, a fitness programme is implemented for all students for 20 minutes at the beginning of school for 2 days a week. CDs containing play-related background music have been provided to schools.
- "Game guides" and "videos" (CDs) are to be prepared and distributed to schools for the early stages of sports.
- "Primary Sports Festival" for students in primary grades from 3-5 is in progress. This is an enjoyable group activity that students in those grades can participate in.
- Establish a pool of 40 persons of selected talented players for each sport, and steps have been taken to train them.
- Also, steps have been taken to develop selected 24 sports in four stages after grouping them.
- The first phase includes athletics, volleyball, netball, rugby, football, gymnastics and physical fitness. Project officers have been appointed for these games. Those game development programmes are widely implemented. Establish a pool of 40 persons of selected talented players for each sport and steps have been taken to train them.

2.4 Monitoring and Supervision of Sports and Maintaining the School Sports Council Functions.

The School Sports Council is responsible for the activities of sports associations. It works in collaboration with the National Sports Council to promote school level sports. The functions of the School Sports Council are to control, supervise and regulate school sports associations, evaluate sportsmen and sportswomen by conducting school colour awards, and to provide opportunities for information competitions in collaboration with Asian and opportunities to school sportsmen and sportswomen in association with Asian and International School Sports Associations.

2.5 Establish and Monitor the District Level Sports Schools to Enhance the Skills and Abilities of Talented Students.

Talented students for sports are identified by a performance test in the third term of grade 7 and enrolled admitted to a sports school in grade 8. It is proposed to have one sport schools per district and at present 23 sports schools are functioning.

Provide accommodation, meals and allowances for the students in spots schools and arrangement have made allowances to paid for the coaches and administrative staff.

2.6 Expanding the space to develop the practical sports skills of the students

- Commencement of Diploma Courses in Sports and Physical Education by the University of Kelaniya and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura for new school sports coaches. (In addition, diploma courses are to be initiated by the National Institute of Education, Sabaragamuwa University, Jaffna University and the National Institute of Sports)
- Necessary preliminary steps have been taken for the payment of sports scholarships and other allowances in the first quarter of 2021.
- Working with the State Ministry of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion to purchase sports equipment for all sports and national schools.
- Working with the State Ministry of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion to develop total 100 playgrounds, per one playground per education zone.
- Working with the State Ministry of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion for the development of 16 sports schools.
- Working with the State Ministry of Education Services for the development of 02 more sports schools.
- Implementing quality development approaches through online discussions with sports school principals.
- Conducting online programmes for motivation and psychosocial development of students in sports school.
- Implementing online programmes to improve the knowledge of school sports coaches.
- Online programmes are to be conducted in collaboration with the National Institute of Sports Medicine for school sports coaches.

3.0 Programmes Expected to be Implemented in the Year 2022

- Proposed to start 04 new sports schools.
- Proposed that all school sports associations operate under a new circular.
- Proposed to include new sports events for all island school sports.
- Providing nutritious food to students of sports schools. Rs. 36 million.
- Providing Rs. 100 million for the development of sports schools.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Serial No	Project/ Activity	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/ Participants	
						Female	Male
01.	Development of sport school in Each District	100.00	12.52				
02.	Providing Nutrition food / meals for Children in sports school	36.00	2.90				
Total		136.00	15.42				

- *All the programmes listed here are to be completed online during 2021.*

Plantation Schools Development Division

Vision

Creating intelligent human capital from the plantation community through a sustainable and equitable education system

Mission

Orientation of marginal estate schools to provide resources and services to ensure a better learning environment

1.0 Key Functions

- Promoting the quality development of education in plantation schools.
- Coordinating with provincial authorities to enhance education in plantation schools.
- Coordinating with infrastructure development projects and other related projects related to plantation schools. (Local and Foreign Aid)
- Conducting capacity building programmes for schools principals, teachers and relevant officials of plantation schools.
- Organizing pilot and systematic programmes for selected plantation schools to enhance the educational performance of students.
- Assisting plantation schools to adapt to new digital / technological initiatives introduced in teaching and learning processes.
- Raising awareness and supporting the plantation school community in collaboration with other social (eg. National Child Protection Authority) and environmental (eg. Disaster Management Centre) organizations.

2.0 Main Development Programme

- 2.1** Development of infrastructure facilities in 9 selected estate schools in the Central, Uva, Sabaragamuwa and Southern Provinces with the assistance of the Government of India by an amount of Rs. 300.000 million and the contribution of the Ministry of Education by an amount of Rs. 45.000 million. Under this project, the Embassy of India has completed the financial evaluation of the construction of relevant buildings.
- 2.2** Improving the infrastructure facilities of Saraswathi Central College, Pussellawa, Kandy with the assistance of the Government of India. Under this project, the Embassy of India has finalized the activities up to the selection of relevant contractors for the supply of computers and furniture.

2.3 Coordinating the project related to improving the infrastructure facilities of plantation schools.

For new buildings and constructions to upgrade schools in the plantation sector to secondary level - Rs. 100 million

A sum of Rs. 100 million has been allocated for the renovation of buildings and structures.

2.4 Providing a cabinet solution to the land related problems in plantation schools.

Taking action to carry out development activities in the plantation schools, which occupy a maximum extent of 02 acres for 845 estate schools, and to obtain land ownership by acquiring those lands.

4.0 Summary of Physical and Financial Progress of Development Programmes Implemented – 30.09.2021

Serial Number	Project/Activities	Financial Target (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries / Participants	
						Female	Male
1	Coordinating the project related to the improvement of infrastructure facilities in estate schools. Up gradation of schools in the plantation sector to the secondary level.	200.00	54.78	55 Continuation 18 New	Continuation – 80% New–20%		
Grand Total		200.00	54.78				