

Progress Report 2022

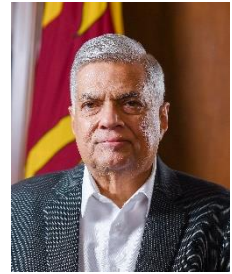


Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment

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Assuring Social and Economic Revival



It is the responsibility of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment to fulfill the responsibility assigned to the government for assuring the social and economic revival. In order to realize the aforesaid purpose, numerous departments and institutes; entrusted with varied duties and functions, are operating under this Ministry.

Giving social security for the marginalized groups of the society; that is, differently abled persons, elderly people, low-income families, women, children and mentally distressed persons, is one of the tasks assigned to the Ministry.

It is another responsibility to execute programs to build a productive generation of children from the children below 18 years; who account for about 33% of the total population, to suit the requirements of modern world and the future progression.

The task of strengthening the current socio-economic status of the women; who represent around 52% from the total population of Sri Lanka, preventing the violence against women and ensuring the welfare and development of victimized women while assuring their protection and safety has been assigned to this Ministry.

I am pleased to convey my heartfelt gratitude to the State Minister of Women and Child Affairs, State Minister of Social Empowerment, Secretary to the Ministry and the entire staff; who are supporting me vigorously for the service delivery in behalf of the target community of this Ministry.

Ranil Wickremesinghe

Minister of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment

A generation of women and children with a novel spirit and vision...



The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs & Social Empowerment (Women & Child Sector) plays a vital role in ensuring the safety, rights, development and welfare of women of 52% of Sri Lanka's population, and 33% of children under 18.

The Ministry is working towards to provide solutions to the short and long-term needs and unresolved problems of children and women through the implementation of programs across a wide field at the national, provincial, district, regional and rural levels. This includes many programs including the implementation of the 1929 Child Toll free helpline for child protection, fulfilling the needs of children in children's homes, nutrition programs for early childhood children, providing psychosocial assistance, capacity development of officials and development of infrastructure facilities in early childhood sector. In particular, the Ministry is implementing several programs with new vision to provide relief to the issues of children at the rural level. Sponsored foster parental schemes such as "Atwela" is being implemented to secure the future of children by protecting children's rights through the partnership of the public and private sectors.

The Ministry directs its programs on women empowerment aiming at strengthening the current socio-economic status of women by ensuring their safety and protection and raising them to a higher social level. In addition, training, awareness and skill development, provision of financial and technical assistance are continuously carried out in addition to formulation of rules and policies.

Also, special measures are being taken to prevent violence against women and ensure the welfare and development of victimized women, to meet the health and nutritional needs of women, and to strengthen the institutional framework. Under the patronage of the Honorable President and the government, a number of processes to strengthen the institutional mechanisms including the preparation of the national policy for the empowerment of women, the preparation of a special act for women and the establishment of a Women's Commission are being carried out.

It is my only determination to stand up in the midst of any challenges for the generation of beloved children who are unable to raise a strong voice for their rights and future prospects and for the generation of women who are suffering from various injustices.

Geetha Samanmalee Kumarasinghe

State Minister of Women and Child Affairs

Let's step towards a poverty-free Sri Lanka ...



I am happy to implement many development programs in the year 2022 through this ministry, which aims to empower the community to build a prosperous country through a people-centered economy, as well as to raise the living standards of the marginalized and disadvantaged people.

In order to economically and socially empower the low income earners, people with disabilities as well as the community in need of special relief, the Social Empowerment Section of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment has been received Rs. 108,713.70 million for the year 2022. . Out of which Rs. 55,500 million for the payment of Samurdhi Allowance, Rs. 4,860 million for the monthly allowance for people with disabilities, Rs. 2,646.62 million for Chronic kidney disease patients, Rs. 13,550 million for elderly people over 70 age and Rs. 33.59 million for 100 years of citizens have been given so far. It is also expected to strengthen the national economy by contributing to building the rural economy by promoting household economic products under the Saubhagya Production Villages Program.

Also, our main objectives are to promote the rights of the disabled and the elderly people and to strengthen the community mentally in order to empower the economy through their welfare and individual personality development.

Promotion of new contributory pension schemes and implementation of social security programs for the people who are currently not receiving pension, various programs to provide education on social work and social development and welfare, training and awareness on rural development and poverty alleviation strategies.

In this way, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to His Excellency the President and the Prime Minister, who are giving proper guidance to implement various programs in order to restore the lives of the people who have been severely affected by the economic crisis, and to boost the national economy

Anupa Pasqual,
State Minister of Social Empowerment

Towards the innovation of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment programs....



This ministry is carrying out a vast social mission by focusing on the main target groups of disabled, elderly, poor, children and women, and at a time like this when the budget for the year 2023 is being discussed, I'm to present the progress of the programs implemented until September 30, 2022. By my Ministry. Eradicating poverty and bringing prosperity to the nation is a special challenge that needs to be achieved through those plans when national policy formulation has started for the purpose of economic stability and social empowerment. Also, building a productive generation of children in a way that suits the needs and future of the modern world and protecting the rights and welfare of women is also an important task. In such a context, in a manner consistent with national policies and plans, the Ministry and other government agencies under it plan short-term, medium-term and long-term strategies and achieve nationally desired results by the year 2030, with my active contribution. It is with great pleasure to mention that under the leadership of the Minister of Affairs and Social Empowerment, it has been started and is being implemented.

By continuing all institutional activities along such a road map, to reduce the population poverty index of 14.3, and to make the low-income community into a high-income status, more and more for other marginalized communities such as those with disabilities and kidney patients. Provision of welfare and security, promotion of contributory pension system to the non-pensionable community, protection, confirmation and welfare of children's and women's rights are the special expected results to be achieved within the scope of duties entrusted to our ministry. For this purpose, livelihood projects, micro, small and medium scale financing projects and a number of projects involving the target community have been planned and are currently being implemented.

And in the year 2023, I hope to provide these services to the community in a more effective and efficient manner by reducing the economic and social problems of the target groups. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to His Excellency the President, Hon. Prime Minister, State Minister of Women and Child Affairs, State Minister of Social Empowerment and Mr. K. M. Mahinda Siriwardene, Secretary to the Treasury for their proper guidance and all staff of all departments and institutions and Divisions for their commitment to achieve our success.

Neel Bandara Hapuhinne

Secretary

Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment

04. Introduction, Subjects and Functions

The Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment was established by the Special Gazette No. 2289/43 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and dated 22.07.2022. This report includes information about the financial and physical progress achieved up to 30.09.2022 regarding the departments, institutions, sections and projects operating under this ministry and the provisions approved for the year 2022.

The main function and tasks of the Ministry are as follows.

- Compilation, implementation, follow-up and evaluation of policies, programs and projects related to the subjects of women, child affairs and social empowerment and the subjects of the departments and statutory institutions and government corporations affiliated to the ministry based on the national policies implemented by the government.
- Provisions of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.
- Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- Implementation of women's charter.
- Formulation and implementation of strategies to enhance women's participation and representation in decision making in state affairs and the political field.
- Adoption of necessary measures for empowerment of women affected by conflict and poverty.
- Strengthening and Implementation of laws and politics for the prevention of women and child abuse.
- Amending existing laws and formulation and implementing new laws and policies to prevent discrimination against women on the basis of sex and gender.
- Formulation and implementation of policies and programmes for the empowerment of women headed households
- Accomplishment of Sustainable development Goals in relation to women and child affairs
- Formulation, implementation of national policy for per schools.

- Formulation of policies and programme on early childhood protection and development aimed at bringing up physically and mentally healthy children.
- Development and implementation of programme and projects in line with international standards to protect the right of vulnerable children.
- Implementation of children's Charter.
- Regulation child care Center.
- Implementation of the Sevana Sarana Foster-Parent Scheme.
- Providing financial assistance for development the skill of exceptionally talented children.
- Implementation of Samurdhi programme.
- Identification of person with special needs and fulfilling such needs.
- Reviewing, re-organizing public assistance schemes, and interducing appropriate new reforms.
- Provision of assistance to patients of Tuberculosis, Kidney disease, Leprosy, Cancer and Thalassemia, and their dependents.
- Implementation of family counseling services.
- Matters relating to internationally recognized Conventions in relation to person with special needs.
- Implementation of required programme in coordination with relevant institution for providing vocational training and creation employment opportunities for person with special needs.
- Effecting policy changers, provision of facilities and Implementation of programmes required to integrate person with special needs into the mainstream and formulation and launch of appropriate programme.
- Implementation of social insurance schemes for person with special needs
- Taking necessary measures to care for elder, increase participation of elders in social development activities, and protect the rights for senior citizens

05. Summary of allocations and financial progress of the Ministry

Allocations have been allocated for this ministry under the head no. 171, for the Department of Samurdhi Development under the head no. 331, for the Department of Social Services under the head no 216 and for the Department of Probation and Child Care Services under the head no. 217.

Accordingly, the total allocation approved and financial progress achieved of the Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment is as follows.

Type of Allocation	Approved allocation for year 2022 (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected Expenditure from 01.10.202 to 31.12.202 (Rs. mn.)
Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment – Head No. 171			
Capital	3,664.78	2,639.95	1,024.83
Recurrent	28,058.83	16,155.92	11,902.91
Sub Total	31,723.61	18,795.92	12,927.69
Department of Samurdhi Development - Head No. 331			
Capital	164.70	48.62	116.08
Recurrent	83,203.50	49,472.59	33,730.91
Sub Total	83,368.20	49,521.21	33,846.99
Department of Social Services - Head No. 216			
Capital	39.00	11.60	27.40
Recurrent	786.50	520.64	265.86
Sub Total	825.50	532.24	293.26
Department of Probation & Child Care Services - Head No. 217			
Capital	61.15	42.11	19.04
Recurrent	370.74	272.62	98.12
Sub Total	431.89	314.73	117.16
Grand Total	116,349.20	69,164.10	47,185.10

06. Social Empowerment Sector



6.1 Vision, Mission and method of implementation

Vision (Social Empowerment Sector)

A poverty and hunger free Sri Lanka in year 2030

Mission (Social Empowerment Sector)

Empowerment of vulnerable communities providing improved social protection, livelihood assistance, micro-finance facilities, employment opportunities, job-oriented knowledge and vocational trainings

Method of operation

The Social Security Section has given its contribution on creation a prosperous nation by minimizing poverty of low income communities through the development programmes implemented in last year focusing more attention on above main target groups.

Social Empowerment Section of this Ministry executes its duties on making favorable environment and creation opportunities to poor and marginalized people in the society to contributing them as partners of development. Departments, Institutions and Development Divisions of this section are as follows;

- I. Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD)
- II. Department of Social Services (DSS)
- III. "Saubhagya" Development Bureau (SDB)
- IV. Regional Development Bank (RDB)
- V. National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)
- VI. National Council and National secretariat for Elders (NSE)
- VII. Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)
- VIII. National Institute of Social Development (NISD)
- IX. Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI)
- X. Counseling Division

Furthermore, Administrative Division, Accounts Division, Development Division, Internal Audit Division and Planning and Monitoring Division are functioning to provide administrative and operational support for the above institutions.

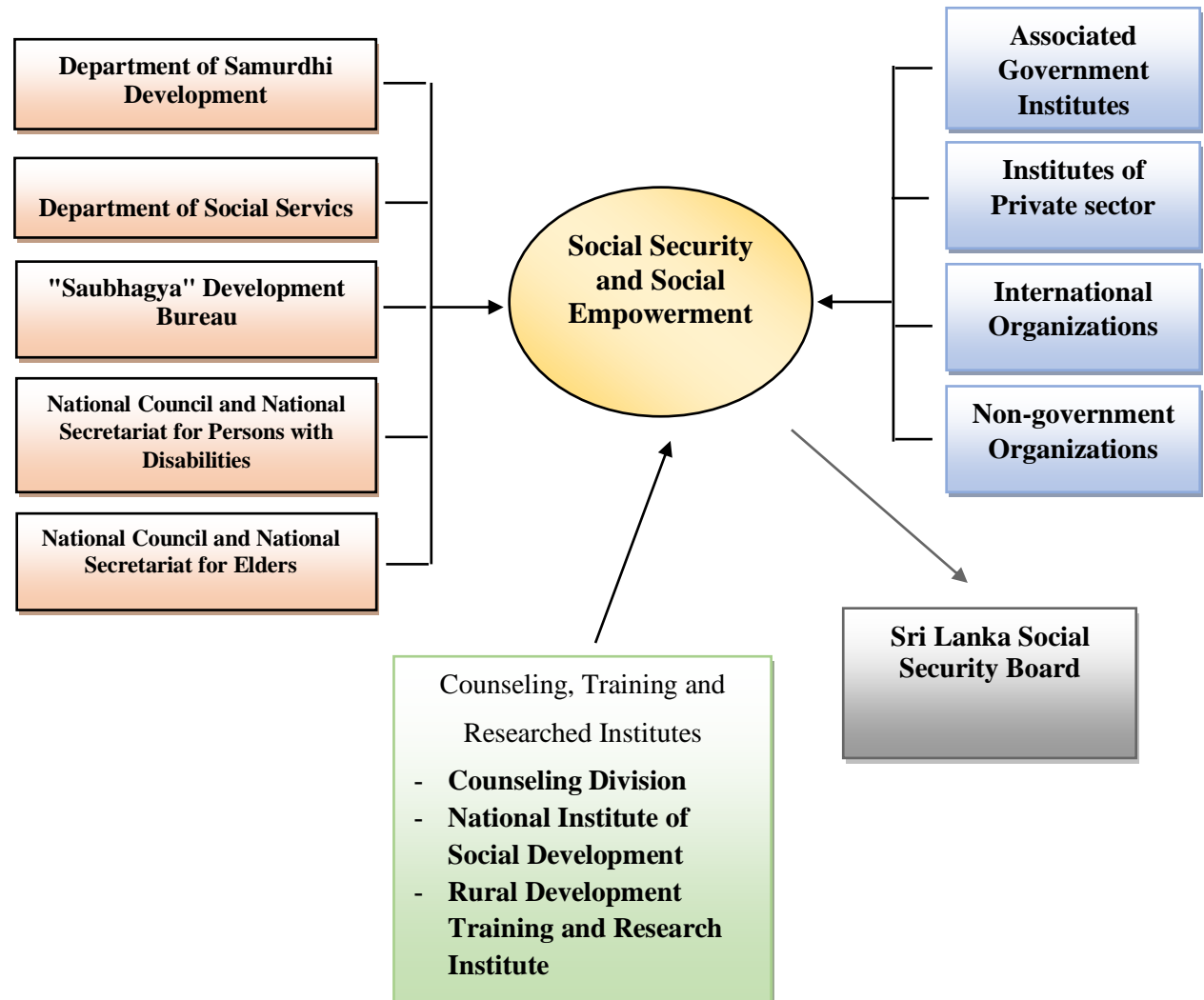
6.2 Summary of Financial Progress for Development Programme

Allocations and financial progress for development programs in each institution in the social empowerment sector

Institution	Programme/ Project	Capital		Recurrent	
		Approved allocation for year (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress up to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Approved allocation for year (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress up to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Department of Samurdhi Development	Empowerment Programme	150.00	45.14	-	-
	Samurdhi Subsidy Programme	-	-	55,500.00	36,889.08
Department of Social services	Community Based Rehabilitation	10.50	4.01	-	-
	Vocational Training Centers for differently Abled	-	-	30.00	13.17
	Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts	-	-	1.50	-
	Visually Handicapped Fund	-	-	9.00	4.15
	Facilitate for Recreational activities of differently Abled Children	-	-	10.00	3.11
	Daily allowance for differently Abled Students	-	-	25.00	13.22
"Sawbhagya" Development Bureau	Villages Empowerment National programme	1,350.00	1,185.08	-	-
National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities	Programme of assistance for Persons with Disabilities	32.00	24.10	-	-
	Providing Rs. 5,000/= monthly assistance for persons with disabilities	-	-	4,860.00	2,610.52
	Providing assistance for maintenance of Victoria home	-	-	8.00	6.00
	Providing Rs. 5,000/= monthly assistance for kidney patients	-	-	2,642.62	1,443.78
	Providing job opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	-	-	10.00	2.58
National Secretariat for Elders	Providing Rs. 2,000/= monthly assistance for Elders over 70 years of age	-	-	13,550.01	7,000.20
	Providing Rs. 5,000/= monthly assistance for Elders over 100 years of age	-	-	33.59	16.37
	Elders Benefited Programme	-	-	50.00	13.89
National Institute of Social Development	Construction of the building complex for National Institute of Social Development at Seeduwa	60.00	48.30	-	-
	Purchasing of furniture and other office equipment for new building complex	20.00	-	-	-
Rural Development Training and Research Institute	For development programmes	40.10	29.49	-	-
Counseling Division	Counseling programme	10.00	4.06	-	-
Total		1,672.60	1,340.18	76,729.72	48,016.07

6.3 Institutes implementing development programmes and their roles

In order to achieve the preliminary objective of eradicating poverty by 2030, the departments and statutory bodies of this section under the Ministry are working in collaboration with other government agencies, private sector and civil society as mentioned below.



6.3.1 Department of Samurdhi Development (DSD)



Introduction

The main function vested in this institution established by the Divineguma Act No 01 of 2013 which has been amended by the Samurdhi Act No. 02 of 2017 is providing Samurdhi benefits to 18 Million poor families, paying allowances to them through the Social Security Fund during day to day important occasions of those families, and eradicating poverty in Sri Lanka by empowering those families through programs relevant to the promotion of their livelihoods and providing various micro finance loans required by those poor families and low income earning families living in island wide through the 1,073 Community Based Banks. In addition, implementation of various programmes for social empowerment and establishing and maintaining a network of Community Based Organizations, assembling poor families and low income earning people.

Objectives

- Provide Samurdhi subsidies to meet the daily consumption needs of 1.76 mn. poor families
- Provide social security to 1.76 mn. families by providing financial benefits to be provided in special cases from birth to death
- Take action to improve the education of the children studying in A / L in the families receiving Samurdhi subsidies
- Empowering samurdhi beneficiary families by increasing their income levels.
- Organize poor families through community base organizations and work to develop them economically and socially.
- Provide micro finance credit facilities to uplift the livelihoods of low income families and improve Samurdhi entrepreneurs.
- Implement attitude development programs and social programs to bring about social development in poor families

Strategies

- Providing monthly allowances for 1.7 mn. poor families to meet their daily consumption needs under the 04 main categories of Rs.4,500.00, Rs.3,200.00, Rs.1,900.00 and Rs.420.00.
- Providing social security benefits by obtaining information in divisional level relevant to the above poor families relating to births, marriages, diseases, deaths and children's education as appropriate.
- Providing a scholarship grant of Rs. 1,500 per student for a period of 24 months to enhance the education of the children studying in A / L in the families receiving Samurdhi assistance
- Identifying the needs and implement livelihood development programs to increase the income level of Samurdhi subsidized families.
- Implementation of economic and social development programs aimed at poor and low-income families by establishing 30,211 community-based organizations, 331 regional organizations and 25 district organizations.
- Identifying the microfinance loan needs of poor and low income families and implement low interest microfinance loan programs for them through 1073 Samurdhi Community Based Banks and 331 Community Based Bank Societies and giving targets to officials.
- Providing Financial assistance from Rs. 200,000/= to Rs. 600,000/= to meet the housing requirement of homeless poor families.
- Creating social development of poor families through implementing of drug prevention programs to save people from the dangers of drugs, work to increase the literacy of children of Samurdhi families and implementing attitude development programs to prevent the mental stress of the poor communities.

Financial and physical progress

Treasury Provision

Type of Provision	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected total expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	164.70	48.62	116.08
Recurrent	83,203.50	49,472.59	33,730.91
Total	83,368.20	49,521.21	33,846.99

Other Funds

Types of Funds	Money allocated for the year 2022 (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress up to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected total expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Social Security Fund	3,086.26	1,246.40	1,839.86
Housing Lottery Fund	1,633.00	676.63	956.37
Micro Finance Bank Fund	40,000.00	20,776.77	19,223.23

Progress of the Development projects implemented up to 30.09.2022

Capital Allocation: - Programme of Empowering Samurdhi Beneficiaries

Project No. 01	Livelihood Development Programme
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Rs. 44.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 3.06 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.

1. No. of 1,074 programs are planned to conduct awareness and training programs and other coordination services for beneficiaries involved in home gardening, nursery and organic fertilizer production.
2. Samurdhi has planned to provide vegetable seeds for 140,021 gardeners.
3. It is planned to provide inputs to 800 Samurdhi growers for this purpose by encouraging the cultivation of additional crops.

Project No. 02	Entrepreneurship Development Programme
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Rs. 30.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 9.03 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.

1. Upgrading existing 04 Suva Bojun Hall and marketing centers.
2. Conducting 7 training programs on organic food production.
3. Conducting 275 entrepreneurship development programs.
4. Conducting 03 special marketing programs.
5. Conducting 230 programs related to the Soubhagya Trade Fair

Project No. 03	Social Development and Environment Programme
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Rs. 13.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 1.70 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.

1. Conducting 06 skill development training programs .
2. Conducting 19 National and District level progress reviews meetings.

Project No. 04	Community Based Organization Programme
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Rs. 5.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 2.50 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.

1. Conducting 04 training programs for community leaders and community members.
2. Conducting 25 District Committee meetings

Project No. 05	Information Technology Programme
Rs. 13.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 8.23 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintaining and Updating CRM Computer System. 2. Maintaining and updating the Human Resource Management (HRM) system . 3. Implementation of 80 IT training programs . 4. Developing digital infrastructure facilities of 335 district and regional offices to make services efficient. 5. Computerizing all Samurdhi Community Banks and Bank Societies 	
Project No. 06	Legal Programme
Rs. 0.40 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 0.36 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducting 04 legal empowerment programs for Samurdhi officials . 2. Conducting 04 legal empowerment programs for members of community bank societies . 	
Project No. 07	Media and Communication Programme
Rs. 16.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 13.39 mn. of financial progress. The following projects have been implemented under this programme.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducted 38 “Samurdhi Udanaya” Rupavahini programs to present the information of the beneficiary community who have succeeded in life through livelihood and microfinance programs. 2. Published 18 Samurdhi "E" Newspapers on the internet in Sinhala, Tamil and English media on the first and second week of every month. 	
Project No. 08	Planning and Monitoring Programme
Rs. 6.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 2.24 mn. of financial progress. Preparation of action plan under this program by national, district and regional level. Conducting 130 progress review meetings by national, districts and regional level . Preparing departmental overall Performance Report for year 2021 to submit to the Parliament.	
Project No. 09	Human Resource Development Programme
Rs. 11.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 0.75 mn. of financial progress. Under this programme, 03 capacity development programs have been conducted for the staff of the department by national, district and regional levels.	
Project No. 10	Micro Finance Programme
Rs. 7.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 2.00 mn. of financial progress. Under this programme, Under this programme, 14 new Community Based	

Banks have been established at the divisional level to make the services provided to the low income community more efficiently.

Project No. 11	Social Welfare Programme
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Rs. 0.60 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 0.55 mn. of financial progress. Under this program, a Gold Certificate Donation Program has been conducted to recognize families who have achieved high income levels through Samurdhi programs.

Project No. 12	Audit & Management Programme
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Rs. 4.00 mn. has been allocated for this program and achieved Rs. 1.33 mn. of financial progress. 02 training programs have been conducted for audit officers at regional level under this program.

Capital Allocation

Project No. 01	Upgrade household economic centered around 200,000 Samurdhi families and thereby empowerment their villages. (Budget Proposals 2021)
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For the year 2022 Rs. Million. 993 has been allocated and for the Rs. Mn. 353.76 payment of pending bills in the year 2021.

Recurrent Allocation

Project No. 01	Samurdhi Relief Assistance programme
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The monthly allowance was given to qualified low income families so as to cover the entire island from 01.01.2022 to 30.04.2022 by the approved provisions of Rs. 55,500.00 Mn . In subsequence, Rs. 36,889.08Mn was given to 1,760,700 beneficiary families. 1,760,700

- To provide relief to vulnerable groups affected by the ongoing economic crisis, under the Contingent Emergency Response Components (CERC) program of investment projects under World Bank financial facilities from May to July 2022 for low-income families and vulnerable families, a financial assistance program (Cash Transfer Program) was implemented. Under this project, Samurdhi beneficiaries receiving regular stipends, persons with disabilities, chronic kidney patients and senior citizens with an additional stipend for a period of three months of Rs. 3,000/= to Rs. A monthly allowance of up to 5,000/= was given. A monthly stipend of 5,000 rupees was also given to the families on the waiting list under this project, and the information about the target stipends and the number of beneficiaries is given below.

Cash Transfer category	Payment for existing beneficiaries			Number of approved waiting listed beneficiaries for Rs. 5,000 payment under CERC
	Regular monthly payment per person (Rs.)	Monthly payment per person with top up under CERC (Rs.)	Number of beneficiaries	
Samurdhi allowance	1,900.00	5,000.00	1,702,603.00	731,975
	3,200.00	6,300.00		
	4,500.00	7,500.00		
Allowance for persons with disabilities	5,000.00	7,500.00	72,000.00	62,457
Allowance for CKD patients	5,000.00	7,500.00	39,150.00	5,798
Allowance for senior citizens over 70 years	2,000.00	5,000.00	416,667	238,640
Allowance for senior citizens over 100 years	5,000.00	7,500.00	478	-
Total			2,230,898	1,038,870

From May to 2022.08.30, provision payments have been made under the Contingent Emergency Response Components (CERC) program funded by the World Bank. Monthly stipend has also been given to Samurdhi beneficiary families, persons with disabilities, kidney patients and persons above 70 years of age who are on waiting list under this programme. The details of the payment are as follows.

Cash Transfer category	Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	Physical Progress
Providing regular monthly subsidy to Samurdhi beneficiary families	10,778.30	1,689,461
Providing subsidy to Samurdhi beneficiary families after increasing the allocation amount	155,44.30	1,689,461
Payment of wait listed Samurdhi Beneficiaries	10,896.73	726,449
Sub Total	37,219.33	2,415,910
Payment of wait listed persons with disabilities	1,974.02	131,152
Payment of wait listed kidney patients	377.36	25,072
Payment of wait listed beneficiaries who are over 70 years of age	48.60	3,232
Sub Total	2,399.98	159,456
Grand Total	39,619.31	2,575,366

The Asian Development Bank has made arrangements to make the allocation payments for the above program implemented under World Bank financial assistance from 01.09.2022. The details of the payment are as follows.

Cash Transfer category	Financial Progress (Rs. mn.)	Physical Progress
Providing monthly subsidy to Samurdhi beneficiary families	-	-
Providing subsidy to Samurdhi beneficiary families after increasing the allocation amount	5,148.24	1,682,009
Paying wait listed Samurdhi beneficiary families	3,623.11	724,622
Sub Total	8,771.35	2,406,631
Providing monthly subsidy to disabled beneficiaries	292.13	58,427
Subsidy for disabled beneficiaries after increasing the amount of provision	52.08	20,830
Paying wait listed disabled beneficiaries	105.94	21,188
Sub Total	450.15	79,615
Providing monthly subsidies to kidney patients	175.62	35,124
Providing subsidy for kidney patients after increasing the amount of provision	46.90	18,759
Payment of wait listed kidney patients	20.01	4,001
Sub Total	242.53	39,125
Providing monthly subsidy for elders above 70 years of age	661.35	348,081
Subsidy for elders above 70 years of age after increasing the amount of provision	618.29	206,098
Payment of wait listed elders over 70 years of age	558.79	111,578
Sub Total	1,838.43	665,757
Providing monthly subsidies to elders over 100 years of age	1.91	381
Subsidy for elders above 100 years of age after increasing the amount of provision	0.41	165
Sub Total	2.00	546
Grand Total	11,304.78	2,985,411

Other Development Programs which were implemented

- To increase the social security of Samurdhi beneficiary families, providing social security benefits to a total of 225,446 families in the manner of 9,094 births, 22,740 marriages, 33,334 hospital admissions, 28,997 deaths and 104,690 scholarships. The financial value of the Social Security benefits provided so far is Rs. 1,246.40 mn.
- 3,377 beneficiaries at a cost of Rs. 200,000 up to Rs 600,000 per person was provided under the Housing Lottery Program. Financial Expenditure was Rs. 676.63 mn.

- Micro finance loan facilities of Rs. 20,776.77 Million was provided to 240,113 beneficiaries by 1,073 community banks 331

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 01 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 02- end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- SDG 08 – Promote Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth full and productive employment and decent work for all

Challenges faced in implementation

- Increasing in prices of goods and services frequently due to the volatile market conditions.
- Inability to implement projects and programs for the planned period due to non-availability of treasury allocations and funds on time as expected at the beginning of the year.
- Global epidemic situations, economic crises and climatic impact occurrence.
- Change of action plan from time to time based on the above circumstances.

6.3.2 Department of Social services (DSS)



Introduction

On the recommendations of the commission appointed in 1944 under the leadership of Sir Ivor Jennings, the Department of Social Services was established on 01 February 1948 to provide the financial assistance in cases of need.

These programs which existed at the primary time, are being updated based on the needs of the time and the relief given is not limited to the dependency mentality and is transformed to develop the livelihood of the individual or the family. Nowadays, the department under the Ministry of Women, Children Affairs and Social Empowerment under the jurisdiction of Social Services is playing its role. The Department of Social Services plays a unique role with the aim of building a better environment for the marginalized and disadvantaged sections of the country. Accordingly, various programs are planned from the ground level to the national level.

Specially targeting the community with disabilities, many programs are carried out to contribute to the development of the country by securing their socio-economic well-being, among them vocational training for the youth with disabilities, Community Based Rehabilitation National Program (CBR), Children Guidance and skill development programmes, visually impaired rehabilitation and care for persons with disabilities are the main programmes.

In addition to this, programs such as rehabilitating drug addicts, conducting various social researches addressing current social issues and problems are also carried out by the department and through the implementation of each of these programs and projects, it is expected that the disadvantaged sections of the population in Sri Lanka will be uplifted by self-reliance. to be active participants in national development.

Objectives

- Empowerment of vocational and external activities of youth with disabilities aged 16-35.
- Providing residential care for children with intellectual disabilities who have lost their guardians.
- Early intervention to reduce disability in children with multiple disabilities aged 0-16 years.
- Intervention and empowerment of the disabled community to reduce the various problems they face in their daily life.
- Recognition and promotion of sign language.
- Empowerment of voluntary organizations serving persons with disabilities.
- Residential rehabilitation of drug addicts, vocational training and socialization.
- Providing proper guidance to people who are victims of various social problems.

Strategies

- Providing professional training to youth with disabilities, providing professional tools for self-employment and directing them to open market jobs.
- Identifying and expanding the employment market for persons with disabilities.
- To identify and research current needs and trends of people with disabilities.
- Early intervention for children with special needs through interventional education.
- Facilitating the daily activities of the hearing impaired by providing ID cards and sign language translation services for the hearing impaired.
- To provide life-long care for mentally retarded boys who are deprived of guardians.
- Providing financial assistance to voluntary organizations run for the welfare of persons with disabilities
- Providing contact lenses and medical assistance to visually impaired persons below 60 years, providing support for sports, educational and cultural activities, providing infrastructure for their institutions and other welfare activities to secure the rights of visually impaired persons.
- Providing necessary services to the disabled under the Community Based Rehabilitation Development Programme.
- Establishment and empowerment of self-help organizations of persons with disabilities at regional level.
- Conducting residential rehabilitation and awareness programs for drug addicts.

Financial and Physical Progress

Treasury Allocation

Type of Allocation	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expenditure expected from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	39.00	11.60	27.40
Recurrent	786.50	520.64	265.86
Total	825.50	532.24	293.26

Progress of the Development Project implemented up to 30.09.2022

Capital Allocation

Project No. 01	Community Based Rehabilitation
<p>Aiming to protect the rights of persons with disabilities, empower them and develop them so that they can work independently by strengthening the relationship between people with disabilities and their families, and between them and the social organizations of the community where they live, Rs. 10.50 Mn have been allocated and so far a financial progress of Rs. 4.01 Mn has been achieved. The following projects have been implemented to cover the entire island.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide support equipment to 82 persons with disabilities Rs. 1.53 Mn has been spent. 2. Evaluation of self-reliance organizations from the grassroots level to the national level (Regarding the "Swabhimani" national award ceremony, the 24 district competitions have been completed and Rs. 0.35 million have been spent for this purpose.) 3. A logo has been introduced for the products of persons with disabilities and it has been registered in the Small Business Sector and plans are being made to hold a product fair exhibition through it. 4. At present Rs. 1.27 Mn have been spent and 977 meetings have been held. 5. 15 projects have been implemented under special project activities for persons with disabilities, for which Rs. 0.85 Mn has been spent. 	

Project No. 02	Capacity Building
<p>For the organization of training programs for the efficiency, service motivation and effectiveness and spiritual development of all the field officers attached to the district and divisional secretariat offices under the department, the officers attached to the institutions under the department and the officers of the head office Rs. 2.00 Mn has been allocated . By now 17 programs have been conducted by spending Rs. 0.19 million.</p>	

Recurrent Allocation

Project No. 01	Vocational Training centers for differently abled
Vocational training will be provided to youth with disabilities through 09 vocational training institutes operating under the Department of Social Services, and for this project Rs. 55.00 mn has been allocated. Currently a financial progress of Rs. 26.39 million has been achieved and the following programs are being implemented under this.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For providing vocational training to 451 persons with disabilities Rs. 9.50 Mn has been spent. 2. For the 2 entertainment programme of the trainees, Rs. 0.01 Mn was spent. 3. Under Support for Maintenance of Skill Development Centers and Special Education Unit on Voluntary Basis Rs. 0.11 Mn to provide necessary support to one centre. 4. Under the provision of financial assistance to 43 pre-school teachers who are engaged in teaching children with disabilities on a voluntary basis, Rs. 3.55 Mn was spent. 5. Under the program of providing daily stipend to the 726 trainees of vocational training institutes, trainees of voluntary organizations for disabled persons and children with disabilities in child guidance centers, Rs. 13.22 Mn was spent. 	
Project No. 02	Rehabilitation of drug addicts
For implementation of projects, relating to the rehabilitation, socialization and professional development of drug addicts, Rs. 1.50 Mn has been allocated. Under this, necessary activities are being carried out to implement the following programs.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparation of rehabilitation development plan for rehabilitation of drug addicts 2. Survey of rehabilitated persons at Jayaviru Samadhi Rehabilitation Institute. 3. Implementation of recreational programs for rehabilitators. 	
Project No. 03	Visually handicapped fund
For the provision of services, rehabilitation and relief to visually impaired persons covering the entire island, Rs. 9.00 Mn has been allocated and so far a financial progress of Rs. 4.15 Mn has been achieved. The following programs are implemented under this.	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visually impaired children and normal children of visually impaired parents under the scholarship program from 1st grade to G.E.C. (O/L) to , G.E.C. (AL) and to Rs. 3.38 Mn was incurred to provide monthly allowance to 381 under graduate students 2. Rs. 0.17 Mn was spent to provide monthly stipend for 5 consultants. 3. Contact lenses were provided per person at a cost of Rs. 0.02 Mn 4. Rs. 0.23 Mn was spent for providing assistance for rehabilitation of 29 visually impaired persons in later life 5. Rs. 0.03 Mn was spent for the provision of 12 chess boards for special schools under the provision of sports assistance for visually impaired persons 6. For speech books of 11,983 pages, Rs. 0.32 Mn was spent. 7. Activities planned to celebrate International White Cane Day on 15th October. 	
Project No. 04	Facilitate recreational activities of differently abled children
In order to hone the aesthetic and sports skills of children with disabilities and socialize	

them as healthy and active people, national sports and art concerts are held every year to represent all the disabled youth in the island and their sports and art skills are recognized at the district level. For this program Rs. 10.00 Mn was allocated and so far a financial progress of Rs. 3.11 Mn has been achieved.

1. The National Apprentice Athletics Festival for Persons with Disabilities

The National Apprentice Athletics Festival for Persons with Disabilities has been conducted at the district level in parallel with the National Athletics Festival, which aims to improve the sports abilities of people with disabilities, and the winners of the competitions have been referred to the National Paralympic Competition, with 08 national level victories.

2. National Cultural Art Concert for Children with Disabilities - "Sith Ru"

The "Sith Ru" cultural show, which is implemented to develop the aesthetic abilities of people with disabilities, is scheduled to be held in December.

Project No. 05	Daily allowance for Persons with disabilities Children
For persons with disabilities undergoing training in vocational training institutes run under the department and of Rs. 25.00 Mn has been allocated for providing a daily allowance of Rs. 150.00 each and so far Rs. 13.22 Mn has been spent and allowance has been given to 726 trainees.	

Other Project (Capital Allocation)

Project No. 01	Modernization, improvement and reconstruction of institutions under the Department of Social Services
Rs. 20.00 Mn has been allocated for the modernization, improvement and renovation of vocational training centers run under the Department of Social Services. For the payment of outstanding bills in the year 2021, Rs. 4.73 Mn has been incurred and An expenditure of Rs. 0.13 Mn has been incurred for Kottawa Pre-Skill Development Center. According to the National Budget Circular No. 03/2022 dated 26.04.2022, the planned programs could not be carried out due to the limitation of capital expenditure.	

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 04 –Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 08 –Promote Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth full and productive employment and decent work for all
- SDG 10 – Reduce inequality within and among countries

Institutions and Funds under the Department of Social Services

Vocational training institutes

Aiming to provide vocational training to young people with disabilities, 09 vocational training institutes are operating in Seeduwa, Wattagama, Katawala, Thelambuya, Ragama, Amunukumbura, Kalawana, Madampe, Batticaloa and Tolangamuwa affiliated vocational training institute under the Department of Social Services.

Through these professional training institutes, with the aim of empowering the professional abilities of young people with disabilities scattered all over the island and contributing to their development through skill development, providing vocational training and personality development for young people with disabilities, sports and artistic skills of young people with disabilities. Projects are being implemented to develop, provide certificates and socialize trainees who have completed formal training, provide toolkits for self-employment and introduce job opportunities in the open market sector.

Eligible young people with disabilities between the ages of 16-35 are selected for training courses suited to their abilities after an interview conducted under a scientific method. The duration of training varies depending on the nature of the course and accordingly one or two years of formal training is given to selected trainees. During the period, a daily stipend and residential facilities, food and medical facilities are provided free of charge and vocational training is currently provided to 451 trainees under 26 courses.

Jayawiru Sewana Shelter Home (Care Centers for Persons with Disabilities)

Established on 31st July 2001 to provide care for male children with mental disorders due to lack of parental care, Jayawiru Sewana Institute is located in Puwakpitiya North Ambalanwatta area, Sitawaka Divisional Secretariat Division, Colombo District, Western Province.

Through this institution, which operates with the mission of making them part of the national development by providing affection and love to the intellectually deficient community and by providing an opportunity for the development of their abilities and talents and by making them contribute to the production process, these children who are resident throughout their lives are not isolated and cared for with love and care. Directed

to daily activities while taking care of themselves. During the period of care, food and drink and medical facilities are also provided free of charge, including residential facilities.

Jayawiru Samadhi Rehabilitation Institute (Drug addicts Rehabilitation Institute)

This institution was established on 31.07.2007 as a sub project of the Navodaya Project implemented by the Department of Social Services to rehabilitate, socialize and improve the professional abilities of drug addicts.

. In appreciation of the quality service provided in running the Jayawiru Samadhi Home, which has been operating as a private rehabilitation center for many years, the Drug Addicts (Treatment and Rehabilitation) Act No. 54 of 2007 for the Regulation of the Activities of Drug Addicts Treatment and Rehabilitation Centers The recommendations of the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board have been given to be designated this Centre as a Nominated Rehabilitation Center under Section 2 of the above Act

This institute provides residential rehabilitation of addicts addicted to various drugs with the mission of reducing addiction and contributing to the national development of the addicted youth through teaching the true philosophy of life and the true happiness of life and enhancing the abilities.

Through court orders, voluntary referrals by divisional secretariats and hospitals can refer nearly 60 service gainers to rehabilitation at a time, and the rehabilitation period is 03 months, 06 months and up to 01 year. The rehabilitation period of the service gainers referred on the basis of court orders is determined according to the court order.

The following functions are mainly carried out by this institution.

- To rehabilitate drug addicts, improve their vocational skills and socialize them.
- Intervention to reduce problems caused by drug addiction in their family environment.
- Building relationships with relevant parties to restore jobs and education that have been disrupted due to drug use.
- Conduct drug prevention awareness programs for vulnerable groups.

Nawinna Child Guidance Centre

This institution has been established in 2003, in Navainna, Pathiragoda area, in Maharagama Divisional Secretariat area in Colombo District of the Western Province, with the aim of providing the necessary guidance for the development of the child, in the event that there is any abnormal condition or abnormality in the development of a child from the birth.

Services are provided for an approximate rate in empowering parents and family members to face challenges with pride, intervening early for the maximum development of children with special needs and encouraging them to build and coordinate a network of services that reach at the right time and work as a mediator for 80 children with disabilities through this institution.

Sithijaya Child Guidance Center

This institution was established on January 25, 2022 in Ambalantota Divisional Secretariat division to provide services for children with disabilities in early childhood in Hambantota district, following the example of Navinna Children's Guidance Center, which operates under the Department of Social Services, and through this institution, nearly 15 children with disabilities are provided with services

The following tasks are mainly carried out by the above child guidance institutions.

- Identify early childhood disorders and introduce more effective methods of intervention.
- To strengthen the network of services related to the provision of services to children with disabilities.
- Strengthening early childhood education and interactive education of children with special needs.
- Conduct counseling services to improve the mental condition of parents and family members.

Kottawa Pre-Vocational Skill Development Center

Kottawa Skill Development Center was started on September 01, 2022 with the aim of pre-preparing the youth between the ages of 13-19 years for vocational training in the future.. About 40 children with disabilities are provided services through this institution.

Visually Handicapped Rehabilitation Trust Fund

With the mission of providing necessary services, rehabilitation and relief to people who become visually impaired, the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has passed an act called the Visually Impaired Rehabilitation Trust Fund No. 09 of 1992 and published it through a government gazette notice, and the minister in charge of the subject. This fund, which is managed through a committee headed by the chairman, is maintained at the head office of the Department of Social Services. The following projects are implemented by this fund.

- Providing sports assistance to visually impaired persons and visually impaired organizations.
- Training of visually impaired trainees by visually impaired instructors.
- Providing scholarships for visually impaired students and non-visually impaired school children of visually impaired parents.
- Providing bursaries for visually impaired university students
- Providing support for the magazine "Kalaya" published by braille media for visually-impaired readers.
- Mental empowerment and socialization program for the visually impaired.
- To ensure the right of visually impaired people to read, the conversion of printed texts from ordinary letters into talking books (talking book program).
- Providing self-employment assistance to visually impaired persons who have given up self-employment or have difficulty maintaining self-employment due to the Covid pandemic.
- Providing assistance for getting electricity and drinking water for houses of visually impaired people.
- Provision of assistance as per requests made by visually impaired persons or organizations of visually impaired persons from time to time.
- Providing financial assistance for contact lenses and eye treatments.
- Conducting National Program of International White Cane Celebration Day.

Other Development Programs which were implemented

Celebration of the International Sign Language Day and in line with the day launch of the sign language interpreters' pool

In conjunction with the International Sign Language Day, the Department of Social Services held a Sign Language Day celebration ceremony under the chairmanship of the Honorable Anupa Paskuval, State Minister of Social Empowerment, on September 23, 2022 at the Setshiripaya Second stage and the pool of sign language interpreters was also unveiled on this day with the aim of promoting sign language.

Project to promote employment support for persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka (ESPD)

The Project for Promoting Employment Support for Person with Disabilities in Sri Lanka (ESPD), which is implemented based on the integration of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Department of Social Services, will be implemented from 2021 to 2024, and its basic The work on the phase was started in the year 2022. Under this, it is planned to make the employment through vocational training more formal by public and private sector trainers.

Challenges faced in implementation

- Frequent increase in prices of goods and services due to volatile market conditions.
- As expected at the beginning of the year, not being able to implement the projects and programs due to the non-availability of treasury grants and funds on time.
- Change of operational plan from time to time based on above circumstances.

Proposals and new projects expected to be implemented in next year

- Inauguration of Rienzi Alagiyawanna National Center for Women Skill Development and Protection.
- Establishment of vocational training centers in Kilinochchi.
- Starting 03 new child guidance centers

6.3.3 "Saubhagya" Development Bureau (SDB)



Introduction

Saubhagya production village programme was introduced to make the vision of building the country, a reality involving rural people in production process directly for enhancement the National Production. Accordingly, Saubhagya Development Bureau was established under the State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self Employment and Business Development.

Villages are developed as production villages that produce value added products or supply services based on the resources availability, production potential, marketing facilities and ability to implement sustainably of each village.

The criteria for selecting a village are as follows:

1. Being a village that produces specific or unique products of the area or having a group with knowledge to produce any product or availability of resources or raw materials of the area.
2. The families engaging production processes are 20 or more than 20.
3. Having the ability to increase the production increasing the number of direct manufacturers in the production village.
4. Ability of continuous production improving quality of the production.
5. Market potential for identified productions.
6. Beneficiary has an ability to maintain uninterrupted income source.
7. Beneficiary has an ability to continue his production independently after a reasonable period of time since starting the production village.
8. Selection the production field according to regional, geographical, social and environmental feasibility.
9. Ability of using new technology.
10. Eco-friendliness.

Objectives

- Encourage and promote the local products
- Encourage existing and special products
- Reducing unemployment by creating job opportunities
- Create alternative income sources to enhance rural economy
- Increase of National Production

Strategies

- Encourage to create extra production villages to produce raw materials and packaging for one of another production
- Beneficiaries must be required to contribute in 50% or more for direct benefits
- Contribution of beneficiaries can also be provided as other capital type inputs instead of financial contribution.
- Ability of activating as a one production unit through all the beneficiaries of the production village are members of the production society.
- Provide benefits to more beneficiaries by providing commonly usable equipment and other facilities to the production society.

Way of implementation

Saubhagya production village programme is being implemented under the supervision of District Secretary and coordination of District Planning Director in each District, with the guidance of Divisional Secretary and coordination of Assistant Director (Planning) at the Divisional level, and in cooperation of Field Officers including Development Officer, Gram Niladhari and Samurdhi Development Officer at village level

Well-developed infrastructure is a great support to creating a people centered economy, developing the country by minimizing regional disparities through rural development. Therefore, infrastructure development that contributes to livelihood development is also carried out under this programme.

The attention is paid on development of basic infrastructure facilities such as, constructions and repair of rural roads, constructions and repair of culverts and small bridges, construction of drainage systems and constructions of small irrigation systems.

Financial and Physical Progress

Treasury Allocation

Type of Allocation	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expenditure expected from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	1,350.00	1,185.08	164.92

Progress of the Development Project implemented up to 30.09.2022

1. This year, 16 new production villages have been identified and a strawberry production village in Sita Eliya Divisional Secretariat Kottas in Nuwara Eliya District and a tourism service village in Kalthota Divisional Secretariat Kottas in Ratnapura District have been developed as production villages.
In the year 2021, 574 production villages have been started, of which 7 villages in Kandy district, 2 villages in Nuwara Eliya district, 1 village in Ampara district, 1 village in Anuradhapura district, 3 villages in Puttalam district, 1 village in Jaffna district, 3 villages in Kegalle district, 2 villages in Rathnapura district. Projects have also been implemented in 2022 for the improvement of 23 villages, one village in Hambantota district, one village in Badulla district and one village in Monaragala district. A financial progress of Rs. 20.04 Mn has been achieved.
2. For advertising Rs. 0.35 Milli. has been spent under which 2 radio programs have been conducted.
3. For the development programs implemented in the year 2021, Rs. 1,111.25 Mn bills settled.

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 01 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere

Challenges faced in implementation

- Frequent price hikes in goods and services due to volatile market conditions.
- Inability to implement projects and programs for the planned period due to non-availability of treasury allocations and funds on time as expected at the beginning of the year.
- The action plan changes from time to time depending on the above circumstances.

- Obtaining youth contribution to the production process
- Reluctance to provide contribution of the beneficiaries
- Prefer to sell as raw materials rather than value added production (ex- fresh milk)
- People as well as Officials are trapped in a traditional frame in the development concept for long period of time

Proposals and new projects expected to be implemented in next year

- Considering the existing social and economic conditions, it is planned to establish 145 new production villages in the year 2023 and it is also expected to make improvements to the villages

6.3.4 National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD)



Introduction

The National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities was established under the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996 to promote the rights of persons with disabilities and to provide relief, including their welfare, in order to create a conducive environment for persons with disabilities and the main role of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities is to implement the policy decisions taken by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities on behalf of the disabled.

Objectives

- Promote the welfare of persons with disabilities.
- Prevent and control the major causes of being disabled.
- Maintain an accurate database on persons with disabilities.
- Monitor, advise and assist to the Institutes which were established for persons with disabilities
- Fulfill the needs of persons with disabilities
- Make policies and programmes to provide appropriate accessibility facilities and provide guidelines for the persons with disabilities
- Increase the awareness of people on situation and needs of persons with disabilities

Strategies

- Implementation programmes to facilitate for basic needs of low-income persons with disabilities
- Implementation programmes for improving welfare of single parent families
- Providing opportunities to have more privileges to persons with disabilities updating Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996
- Preparation the sign language draft Bill to ensure right of communication of community with hearing impairments.
- Taking necessary actions to revise accessibility regulations for persons with disabilities as to ensure their right of accessibility

- Taking actions to provide employments for well-being of persons with disabilities in collaboration with the private sector
- Providing monthly maintenance expenses for welfare of the resident patients of Victoria Home
- Taking actions to provide the monthly allowance to the kidney patients to prevent them becoming disabled.
- Commencement of activities to establish 04 new care homes to secure the future of persons with disabilities
- To provide financial assistance to persons with disabilities who are struggling to stand on their own strength and to empower them by intervening in all areas of their financing, productivity and marketing of their products

Financial and Physical Progress

Treasury allocations

Type of allocation	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial progress from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	32.00	24.10	7.90
Recurrent	7,520.62	4,062.88	3,457.74
Total	7,552.62	4,086.98	3,465.64

Other funds

Type of fund	Allocated amount for year 2022 (Rs. mn.)	Financial progress as at 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Housing fund (5% from income of Supiri Wasana Sampatha lottery)	Expected amount Rs. Mn. 12	7.20	4.80

Progress of development projects implemented up to 30.09.2022

Draft Act to protect the rights of persons with disabilities

A number of Sub-Sections of the Protection of Rights Act No. 28 of 1996 were amended in 2003 and it was named as the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 33 of 2003. The Act will be amended again and the new draft Act has been handed over the Ministry to seek the Cabinet approval for the same.

Sign Language Draft Act

It was approved at the Cabinet meeting held on 18.01.2021 As per the decisions taken during the discussion held with the Legal Draftsman on 22.01.2021, the amendments have been agreed and therefore they have been finalized and the draft is due to be received to the Ministry.

Accessability Order Gazzete Notification for Person with Disabilities

The Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1467/15 dated 17.10.2006 and its amended Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1619/24 dated 18.09.2009 which were published to make government buildings, public places and service places accessible to persons with disabilities and actions have been taken to redesign the above special Gazette Notifications to suit the present situation. Through a committee made up of scholars related to the relevant field, the gazette prepared according to the international standards and specifications will be drafted and the revisions will be completed and submitted to the sub-committee.

Treasury allocations

Capital allocations:- Assistance programs for persons with disabilities

Project No. 01	Provision of Assistive devices for persons with disabilities
Spectacles, wheelchairs, hearing aids, tricycles, crutches and etc. are as equipment and a maximum of Rs. 20,000 of financial assistance for special equipment such as air mattresses, water mattresses are provided used to assist in the rehabilitation of low-income persons with disabilities and to contribute to their inclusive development and make them independent individuals. For this program Rs.9.00 Mn has been allocated and a financial progress of Rs. 6.45 Mn has been achieved. 16 mobile services have been conducted here. 10,906 spectacles and 5 students have been financed.	
Project No. 02	Provision of medical Assistanc for persons with disabilities
This program is implemented to cover the entire island with the aim of preventing people with disabilities and those suffering from long-term illnesses from becoming disabled. In order to obtain medicines not provided by government hospitals, to cover the expenses required for any surgery such as heart, eye, kidney, brain, hip bone, ear tissue, etc. to participate in the clinics, a maximum of Rs. 20,000 for low-income families under this Assistance is provided. For this program. 6.00 Rs. Mn has been allocated and A financial progress of 10.45 Rs. Mn has been achieved. Financial assistance has been given to 696 students.	

Project No. 03	Provide financial assistance to the Voluntary Organizations which provide services to the persons with disabilities
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Rs. 1Mn has been allocated to provide financial assistance to voluntary organizations providing services to persons with disabilities in the manner of Rs. 0.20 Mn per one Organization and two have so far given Rs. 0.40M

Project No. 04	Educational Assistance for student with disabilities
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Under this program, once in a lifetime maximum of Rs.10,000 will be provided for students with disabilities on the recommendations of the Divisional Secretary to get assistance of Rs. 4.00 Mn. have been reserved. For 364 students were financed at a cost of Rs. 3.74 Mn

Project No. 05	Provision of self employment assistance for persons with disabilities
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Assistance up to a maximum of Rs.20,000 per person or family is provided for starting or improving self-employment and self-employment regulation, guidance to increase the quality of products and intervention in sales are done here.Rs. 4mn has been allocated for this program and a financial progress of Rs. 3.59 Mn was achieved. 136 persons were financially benefitted.

Recurrent allocations

Project No. 01	Providing monthly allowance for persons with disabilities
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Covering the entire island, the appropriate beneficiaries will be identified at the level of the Divisional Secretariat and the allowances will be paid through them. From January to May the monthly living allowance is Rs. 5,000/- and from May to September Rs. 7,500/-. Also, payments of Rs. 5,000/- each to the wait listed beneficiaries will be made from May. These payments are reimbursed under the Emergency Response Component (CERC) program funded by the World Bank. (Such information are included in Page No 14-16) Accordingly, for this project 4,860.00 Rs. Milli. has been allocated and 72,000 beneficiaries have received 2,610.52Rs. Milli. has been provided.

Project No. 02	Providing living allowance of Rs. 5,000 / - to kidney patients
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Covering the entire island, the appropriate beneficiaries will be identified at the level of the Divisional Secretariat and the allowances will be paid through them. From January to May the monthly living allowance is Rs. 5,000/- and from May to September is Rs.7,500/-. Also, payments of Rs. 5,000/- each to the pending registered beneficiaries will be made from May. These payments are reimbursed under the Emergency Response Component (CERC) program funded by the World Bank. (That information includes page no. 14-16). Accordingly, for this project Rs. Milli. 2,642.62 has been allocated and 39,001 beneficiaries have been given Rs. 1,443.78 Mn. has been provided.

Project No. 03	Providing employment opportunities for persons with disabilities
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Referral of persons with disabilities who are with capabilities to deploy in employment in private sector with a salary subsidy of half of the salary up to a maximum of Rs. 15,000

from the salary paid by the private employer. For these programs Rs 10.00. Mn has been allocated. At present Rs. 2.58 Mn have been given as assistance to 105 people.

Project No. 04	Providing assistance in the maintenance of the Victoria Home
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In order to provide assistance for the monthly salaries and water and electricity bills of the employees of Victoria House in Rajagiriya, Rs. 8.00 Mn has been allocated and Rs. 6.00 Mn have incurred expenses.

Other allocations

Project No. 01	Providing housing assistance for persons with disabilities
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Rs.250,000 for the construction of a new house and Rs.150,000 for repairs will be given to low-income, land-owning and disabled people. This program has been implemented since 2001 and 5% of the National Lottery Board's Super Luck Lottery revenue is used for the housing fund. For this year Rs. 12.00 Mn expected provision and Rs. 7.20 Mn has been provided to 82 beneficiaries.

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 01 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 03 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- SDG 04 –Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 08 –Promote Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth full and productive employment and decent work for all

Other Development Programs which were implemented

➤ **Establishing sign language as an additional subject**

The aim is to create an environment in which people with disabilities can reap the maximum benefits of public service by establishing sign language as an additional subject for public officers. In this regard, the syllabus etc. have been prepared as a preliminary stage and it can be implemented from next year.

➤ **Commencement of construction work of 04 care centers**

Cabinet approval has been received for the construction of 6 care centers throughout Dipa through the paper numbered AMA/18/0755/711/015. Approval was received to start 04

care centers. However, due to the lack of funding, only two centers in Dambulla and Akuressa are being implemented. Acquisition of the land for the Dambulla care center is in progress. The construction of the Akurassa Early Childhood Development Center is in its final stages.

Challenges faced in implementation

- Frequent price hikes in goods and services due to volatile market conditions.
- Inability to implement projects and programs for the planned period due to non-availability of treasury allocations and funds on time as expected at the beginning of the year.
- The action plan changes from time to time depending on the above circumstances.

Proposals and new projects expected to be implemented in the coming year

- Providing a monthly transportation allowance to 7500 children with disabilities to go to educational centers covering the whole island.

6.3.5 National Secretariat for Elders (NSE)



Introduction

As a unique opportunity to secure and develop the rights of the Sri Lankan elderly community, the National Council for the Elders and the National Secretariat for Elders have been established by way of the Act No. 05 of 2011 and amended Act No. 9 of 2000.

Objectives

- To educate the society that providing care, safety and welfare to the elders is a role to be played by the family itself
- Increasing opportunities for private sector investment in elderly care
- Development of the abilities and skills of the elderly to lead them to income generating ways.
- Prepare to overcome problems faced in retirement by developing awareness.
- Providing care for the elderly in need of assistance

Strategies

- To reduce the isolation of the elders by establishing elders societies at Grama Niladhari divisional Levels.
- Establishment of day care centers for elders.
- Making arrangements to prepare all the elders homes according to the standard.
- Creating livelihoods for the elders.
- To develop awareness by conducting training and awareness programs.
- Identifying the needs of the elders and preparing and implementing policies for them.
- Update information related to elders.
- To maintain the maintenance board to do justice for the parents who are neglecting the children.
- Providing monthly stipends for low income elders.

Financial and physical progress

Treasury Provision

Type of allocation	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected total expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	5.00	1.00	4.00
Recurrent	13,766.09	7,123.03	6,643.06
Total	13,771.09	7,124.03	6,647.06

Other Funds

Types of Funds	Money allocated for the year 2022 (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress up to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected total expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Elders Security Fund	763.35	314.77	448.58

Progress of the Development projects implemented up to 30.09. 2021

Recurrent Allocation

Project No. 01	Elders Benefited Programme
For this project 50.00 Rs. Mn. has been allocated and a financial progress of 13.89 Rs. Mn. has been achieved. The following programs have been implemented under this.	
1.	The Draft Law for the Regulation of Elders Committees at the Village Level has been submitted to the National Council for Elders for consideration. For this. 1.23 Rs. Mn. has been allocated and 120,000 copies are planned to be printed and distributed.
2.	For awareness program for school students and retired persons 5.24 Rs. Mn. have been allocated and 135 programs have been planned and 0.48 Rs. Mn. was spent.
3.	For issuance of Elders Identity Cards 3.10 Rs. Mn. was reserved. 183 ID cards have been issued at a cost of 0.06. Rs. Mn.
4.	For the renovation, registration, standardization and maintenance of Maligathenna elders Home. 1.00 Rs. Mn has been allocated while.Rs 0.90 Mn has been incurred.
5.	For providing self-employment for 500 elders Rs. 15.00 million has been allocated and 197 elders were benefitted by achieving a financial progress of 5.22.Rs. Mn
6.	To hold the National Council for Elders and Maintenance Board for Elders 3.62 Rs. Mn has been allocated and 1.91Rs. Mn spent from it and 35 discussion rounds have been held.
7.	As administrative expenses related to payment of elders allowance of 4.70 Rs. Mn has been allocated and 3.60 Rs.Mn has been incurred.
8.	For conducting audit and management committee meetings and progress review meetings 1.26 Rs. Mn has been allocated and 0.14 spent Rs. Mn on one discussion.
9.	0.50 Rs. Mn was allocated for Field inspections and those have been carried out in Galle and Hambantota districts at a cost of 0.19 Rs. Mn
10.	For conducting media programs and issuing publications 12.76 Rs. Mn was allocated and 1,000 books and 37,000 handbills have been printed at a cost of 1.36

Rs. Mn. and 143 books have been purchased for the libraries.
11. To celebrate the International Day of Elders on 01 October 0.50 Rs. Mn has been allocated

Project No. 02	Providing monthly allowance for Elders over 70 years of age
Covering the entire island, the appropriate beneficiaries are identified at the level of the Divisional Secretariat and through this, the allowances are distributed. Monthly living allowance of Rs.2,000/- from January to May and Rs.5,000/- from May have been given. Further wait listed beneficiaries were paid the allowance of Rs. 5000/- from May. These payments are reimbursed under the Emergency Response Component (CERC) program funded by the World Bank. (That information page no. 14-16 included). Accordingly, for this project 13,550.00 Rs. Mnhas been allocated and 627,771 beneficiaries have received 8,161.04 Rs. Mn has been provided.	

Project No. 03	Providing monthly allowance for Elders over 100 years of age
Covering the entire island, the appropriate beneficiaries are identified at the level of the Divisional Secretariat and through this, the allowances are distributed. From January to May the monthly living allowance is Rs.5,000/- and from May Rs.7,500/-. These payments are reimbursed under the Emergency Response Component (CERC) program funded by the World Bank. (That information includes page no. 14-16). Accordingly, for this project. 33.59 Rs. Mn has been allocated and 446 beneficiaries have been given A provision of 18.09 Rs. Mn has been made.	

Elders Security Fund

Project No. 01	Programmes conducted by Elders security fund
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For implementation of "Aarogya" medical assistance program of Rs.25,000 each for elders suffering from chronic non-communicable diseases who are not entitled to any allowance. 25.00 Rs. Mn has been allocated and for 688 elders 17.48 Rs. Mn has been given. To provide hearing aids to 300 low income senior citizens 5.43 Rs. Mn has been allocated and for 107 elders. Hearing aids were provided to 144 elders at a cost of 2.24 Rs. Mn For maintenance and administration of Pannala Reception elders Home. 10.00 Rs. Mn have been allocated and so far, 7.25 Rs. Mn has been spent. For the administration of Sarana Elders Home (Dehiattakandiya). 0.22 Rs, Mn has been allocated and so far 0.12 Rs. Mn spent. For the construction of Kataragama Elders Home. 180.00 Rs, Mn have been allocated and so far 93.25 Rs. Mn has been spent. Financial assistance of 2.0 Rs. million per household for construction and renovation of 50 elders homes. For this 100 Rs, Mn has been allocated and 3.71Rs. Mn has been provided for 6 elders homes. For the construction of 50 elders' day care centers per one center. Giving 3.5 Rs. Mn each. For this 175.00 Rs. Mn. has been allocated and 32.69 Rs. Mn have been given to 17 elders day care centres. 	

8. For construction or repair of houses for low income elderly persons 5.00 Rs. Mn for the Diriya Piyasa Housing Program 25.00 Rs. Mn has been allocated. 24.00 Rs. Mn has been given as housing allowance for 48 elders.
9. To provide minimum amenities and sanitation to the elderly to live in their own homes, per beneficiary a maximum of 0.075Rs. Mn. was given for comfortable financing scheme. Here, it is planned to provide benefits to 2,000 elders so that at least 06 beneficiaries in one divisional secretariat will be allocated Rs. 100 million has been earmarked for this program. 75.69 Rs. Mn has been given for 1,521 elders.
10. For organizing religious tours for adults Rs. Milli. 5 reserved. Here for one trip 0.05 Rs. Mn provides financing for 100 trips. 3.53 Rs. Mn has been given for 75 trips so far.
11. To empower village level elders committees. 99.90 Rs. Mn is allocated and a maximum of. 0.1 Rs. Mn each is planned to be given to 999 committees in each divisional secretariat. 50.11Rs. Mn has been spent on 501 committees so far.
12. In the manner of 0.05 Rs. Mn per one centre to provide financial assistance to purchase equipment for 50 elders day care centers 25.00 Rs. Mn has been reserved. 3.61Rs. Mn has been given financial assistance to 9 day care centers.
13. On request of 100 elders homes in case of epidemic or emergency a maximum of Rs. 2000/- each to be provided as assistance, 2 Rs.mn was allocated and for 3 elders home 0.46 Rs. Mn is given.

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 01 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 02 - End hunger, achieve food security and good nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- SDG 16 - Creating a peaceful and perfect society for sustainable development, providing opportunities for justice for all and building effective, responsible and perfect institutions at all levels.

Challenges faced in implementation

- Frequent price hikes in goods and services due to volatile market conditions.
- Inability to implement projects and programs for the planned period due to non-availability of treasury allocations and funds on time as expected at the beginning of the year.
- Change of action plan from time to time based on above circumstances.

Proposals and new projects expected to be implemented in next year

- A project to promote digital literacy for elders and contribute to the economy.
- Introduction and implementation of old age health insurance scheme.

6.3.6 Sri Lanka Social Security Board (SLSSB)



Introduction

This is a government statutory institute which was established by Social Security Board Act No. 17 of 1996 and Sri Lanka Social Security Board (Amendment) Act No.33 of 1999.

Objectives

- To provide social security to self employed persons during their old age and on disability
- To provide relief to the dependants of self employed persons, in case of their death
- To encourage self employed persons to continue in their respective occupations and to develop their capabilities and skills
- To encourage self employed persons to continue in their respective occupations and to develop their capabilities and skills
- To encourage youth to be self employed and to develop their capabilities and skills
- To educate self employed persons on the benefits of thrift and resource management
- To improve the living standards of self employed persons generally.

Strategies

- Formulating and introducing new pension schemes with targeted emigration and attraction benefits for each target group (seafarers, migrant workers, miners, plantation workers community, etc.).
- Simplifying, streamlining and expediting benefit entitlement by introducing new pension management systems and establishing an optimized information system to provide efficient customer service.
- To raise awareness about social security and its importance among school students.
- To encourage and motivate the youth towards self-employment by implementing an incentive, awareness and recruitment program for the pension scheme targeting youth groups in conjunction with vocational training institutes.
- Bringing all the social security programs under one body.
- Deploying officers and developing infrastructure at regional secretariat level to improve customer service.

- Minimizing customer alienation by providing opportunity to pay dividends and collect premiums through commercial banks and supermarkets.
- Providing loans to the state by commercial banks to the people who get membership through the coordination of the board.

Financial and Physical Progress

Treasury Allocations

Type of Allocation	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress as at 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expenditure expected from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Recurrent	135.40	103.68	31.72

Acquired outputs and achievements up to 30.09.2022

Progress of recruitment of members

Progress of recruitment of members for pension and social security benefit scheme

Duration	Progress of recruitment of members	Worth (1 st installment) (Rs. mn.)
01.01.1996 – 31.12.2021	834,796	641.34
01.01.2022 – 30.09.2022	16,788	46.67
Total	851,584	688.01

Payment of benefits from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022

Description	Number	Expenditure (Rs.)
Payment of pension	33,690	281.99
Payment of death gratuity	33	1.23
Payment of gratuity for partially disabled persons	-	-
Payment of monthly assistance for totally disabled persons	53	0.34
Payment of extra benefits (Grade 5 scholarship, G.C.E.(O/L), G.C.E.(A/L))	353	4.08
Total	34,129	287.30

Other Development Programs which were implemented

- Enrollment of 16,788 new members for social security schemes.
- Reactivation of 22 dormant members through new process for reactivation of dormant members.

- Conducting 1,288 awareness programs.
- Completion of preparation of Detailed Specification Report (DSR) required for development of new computerized pension management system.
- Conduct 3 programs to encourage youth for self-employment and improve their capabilities and skills.
- Conducting programs to promote social security and its importance among school students.
- Promotion of pension and social security schemes through social media networks, television and radio advertisements, media coverage through television and radio channels, television dialogues and newspaper articles.
- Introduction of new pension scheme for foreign employees.
- Introduction of a new pension scheme for parents of monks.
- Introduction of new social security scheme to seafarers.
- Recruitment of 85 artists for Artist Pension Scheme

It is expected to be achieved following Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) implementing above projects

- SDG 01- End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 16- promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.

Challenges faced in implementation

- Lack of awareness and understanding of people regarding the need for pension.
- High percentage of dormant members due to non-payment of premiums though they have obtained memberships of the schemes, and the contribution received from external parties such as state level, employer, non-governmental organizations etc. for membership fees is low to maintain the percentage of active members at a high value.
- Social security is not mandatory in our country for the people.
- Introduction of pension schemes at corporate level targeting various sectors.
- Existence of legal obstacles for introduction of schemes with competitive benefits and insufficient allocation of funds for promotional activities.
- Existence of large number of staff vacancies and legal obstacles to recruitment.

- In the first 8 months of the year, disruptions to field work due to travel restrictions and fuel crisis with the Covid pandemic.
- Decline in tangible value of committed pension plans due to hyperinflation.
- Decrease in personal savings due to economic crisis.

Proposals and new projects expected to be implemented in next year

- Implementation of new social security scheme for merchant seamen called “Seafarer”.
- Implementation of the pension scheme introduced for the parents of monks who gave up their children for the sake of the order called "Budhuput Matiya Harasara".
- Implementation of contributory contribution pension scheme for foreign employees called “Manusavi”.
- Accordingly, implementing comprehensive programs to educate the school students about resource management, social security and its importance, getting rid of dependency mentality, giving proper professional respect for every profession from childhood.
- Initiation of Diploma Course in Social Security.
- Creation of premium payment opportunities by supermarkets and private banks.
- Introduction of Pension Scheme for Gems and Mining Technicians.
- Introduction of pension scheme for employees related to plantation industry.
- Introduction of Pension Scheme for fishery Technicians.

6.3.7 National Institute of Social Development (NISD)



Introduction

This Institute established as a higher studies Institute named National of Institute Social Development by Parliament Act no:41 of 1992, is declared as an Institute authorized to award degrees under Section 25A of the University Grant Commission Act no:16 of 1978 and this is the only Government Institution that provides education on social works of Sri Lanka.

The Governing Council, the central body of the Institute which deals with the administration, management and finances of the institution. The Academic Affairs Board functioning under the Governing Council provides instructions and guidance for the academic activities of the institution.

The operational functions of the institute are carried out by four integrated divisions. They are;

1. School of Social Work
2. Training Division
3. Social Policy Research and Publications Division
4. Administration and Finance Division

Objectives

- Assisting the Minister to decision making on plans, programmes and affairs of promotion the social works and social development education
- Conducting undergraduate and postgraduate courses in social work and social development.
- Conducting and promoting education on social welfare strategies and social development programs.
- Initiating and promoting innovative practices in social work and social development education, including the use of technology in social work.
- Providing arrangements for the development of professional and management skills of the staff employed in Social Welfare Work.
- Provide specialist services related to social work and social development to government and other approved organizations.
- Collaborating with other organizations with similar objectives.

Strategies

- Promoting social work professional education.
- Conducting local training courses on social work
- Publish research and publications in the field of social work, social welfare
- Conducting consultative services in the field of social welfare.
- Improving the management and professional skills of employees engaged in social welfare activities in Government and non-government organizations.

Financial and physical progress

Treasury Provisions

Type of Allocation	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expenditure expected from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	80.00	48.30	31.70
Recurrent	126.00	92.88	33.12
Total	206.00	141.18	64.82

Financial and physical progress of construction activities of building complex for National Institute of Social Development at Seeduwa area

Construction affairs of this building was started on 01.01.2017 and subject to be completed in October 2022. This building contains two wings as A & B.

Total estimated cost (Rs. mn.)	Financial progress from 01.01.2017 31.12.2021 (Rs. mn.)	Approved allocation for year 2022 (Rs. mn.)	Financial progress from 01.01.2022 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Financial progress from 01.01.2017 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	physical progress as at 30.09.2022
1,000.00	750.45	60.00	48.30	798.75	Wing A - (97.1%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fixing Aluminum work and Ceiling work at 3rd Floor • Fixing of Electrical fittings and fire work • External plastering and External painting • Acoustics panel and Auditorium timber stage • 1st Floor to 3rd Floor bathroom wall & floor tile work • Excavation for drains, construction of rainwater disposal system Fixing eave ceiling – Moldings & Beading Wing B – (100%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Testing the function of the Fire protection system

Progress of Development Projects implemented under the Treasury allocations as at 30.09.2021

Courses conducted by Social Services School

Project No. 01	Bachelor of Social Work
<p>1. 04 year full time degree course. Conducting lectures and field training, field studies in English language for the years 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and in English, Sinhala, Tamil languages for the years 2019/2020 (E, S, T), 2020/2021 (E, S, T) Doing the work. The total number of students in all academic departments is 968.</p> <p>2. The first semester for the academic year 2021/2022 has been started. The total number of students in all academic departments is 448.</p>	
Project No. 02	Higher Diploma in Social Work (Sinhala and Tamil medium)
<p>For the years 2018/2019, 2019/2020, conducting lectures and field, training, field studies. The total number of students in all academic departments is 89.</p>	

Training Programmes conducted by Training Division

Project No. 01	Short term training Programmes
<p>Under this, for short-term training programs conducted based on the demand of other departments and training programs conducted in rural centers, Rs. 0.21Mn has been allocated and a cost of Rs. 0.09 Mn has been incurred. 15 programs have been conducted with the participation of 778 people.</p>	
Project No. 02	Field Work
<p>Under this, the translation of the field study practical manual into Sinhala has been completed and 2 programs have been held for faculty supervisors related to conducting field work supervision workshops. A provision of Rs. 0.12 Mn has been allocated.</p>	
Project No. 03	Introduce New Counselling Degree Programme
<p>Arrangements are being made to introduce a new degree in counseling and it is planned to submit 03 copies of the proposal to the Ministry of Higher Education for approval. Rs 0.17 Mn was allocated. The cost is Rs.. 0.05 Mn.</p>	

Conducted researches and issued publications by Research and Publications

Project No. 01	Issuing publications on social works <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work (Biannual) 2. Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development (Biannual) 3. E-Journal of Social work (Biannual) 4. Students Journal for Students Journal 5. News Letter (Biannual)
<p>Targeting all government, non-governmental organizations and private sectors, the progress of activities in all sectors of the National Social Development Institute and expected activities to be carried out in the future will be announced here. The first volume of bi-annual journals and articles</p>	

has been released. The student of social work is editing articles related to the magazine. For this program Rs. 0.10 Mn was allocated

Project No. 02	Conducting the book launch & Intellectual Discourse
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For this program Rs. Milli. 0.05 has been earmarked and 5 books are planned to be released. Activities related to holding an intellectual dialogue with the participation of 200 scholars have also been planned.

Project No. 03	Curriculum development for bachelor Degree in Social Development
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Discussions have been held regarding the development of the curriculum for the degree in social development and concept papers are being prepared. For this program Rs. 0.05 Mn was reserved.

Project No. 04	Conduct researches on current situations and issues
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1. Issues faced by the persons recovered from COVID -19 in maintaining their inter relationships
2. Environmental impact of COVID 19 health care and waste Management: Societal Resilience for the future
3. mpact surveys on burning issues such as disaster, Education & health
4. Publishing publications on social policy - II

Data collection and discussions related to these tests are being conducted and Rs. 0.10 Mn reserved.

Project No. 05	Online International conference on Social Development
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For this program Rs. 0.05Mn has been allocated and this conference has been conducted and with the participation of 100 people.

Courses/Trainings conducted by charging

Courses conducted by Social Services School

Project No. 01	Master of Social Work - MSW
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The amount to be charged for the academic years 2018/2019 (English, Sinhala, Tamil), 2019/2020 (English), 2020/2021 (English, Sinhala, Tamil) is Rs.. 15.00 Mn. At present Rs. 3.04 Mn has been charged. Viva will be conducted for 16 final students of research project. Research project and field training II for 29 students will be carried out. Field training will be conducted for 66 students.

Training Programmes conducted by Training Division

Project No. 01	Diploma & Higher Diploma Programmes 2019/2020
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Diplomas were awarded to 564 diploma holders. The amount to be charged is Rs. 8.9 Mn. At present Rs. 0.08 Mn has been charged.

Project No. 02	Diploma in Counselling
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In relation to the academic years 2020/2021, 2021/2022, the National Social Development

Institute Head Office/ Talawa/ Ranna/ Kilinochchi and Ampara will conduct the lectures. Students are being registered for the academic year 2022/2023. The total number of students including the government officials and G.E.C. (A/L.) in all academic years are equivalents, to 1,100. The fee for the course is Rs. 25.30 Mn at present Rs. 6.12 Mn has been charged.

Project No. 03	Higher Diploma in Counselling
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Lectures will be conducted for 27 students for the 2022/2023 academic years. The total course fee is Rs. 2.00 Mn. By now, Rs. 0.42Mn has been charged.

Project No. 04	Advance Certificate course in Child Focuses Community Development
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The course is conducted for 19 students and the fee for the course is Rs. 0.21Mn.

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 04 – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 08 – Promote Sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth full and productive employment and decent work for all

Proposals and new Projects expected to be implemented in next year

- Start a Bachelor degree course and Master degree course in counseling
- Making necessary actions to create a recognition for social work profession with courtesy of UNICEF
- Making necessary action to transform the National Institute of Social Development into a University.

6.3.8 Rural Development Training and Research Institute (RDTRI)



Introduction

The Rural Development Training & Research Institute was established in 1974 and this is a National Institute that introduced a new development methodology in year 1978 through an action-training research programme called change-agent programme, based on participatory development concept for developing self-reliance and solidarity of the marginalized persons or deserted poor community in the development flow by raising their potential as a strategy of poverty alleviation and rural development.

Role of this Institute is motivation the empowerment process of poor community for turning the disadvantageous situation they are facing in production, sales, consumption and credit process completely into a more advantageous situation. The new adult education method, called social mobilization which is the process of action- learning through experiments is used for that. Later the Participatory Development Approach was adapted with rural development programmes and all other National and Divisional Development Programmes implemented with the aim of poverty alleviation in Sri Lanka. Workers of Government, Non-government and community organizations, who are engaging development affairs at divisional level, are empowered practically through 12 of trailing modules which was developed through above said action-research process.

Objectives

- Management of knowledge on Community Development
- Improving the efficiency and quality of Community Development Programmes
- Introducing new development approaches

Strategies

- Uplift social and economic status of target community
- Compile information for Policy Makers/ Developers
- Improve the quality of services and processes
- Socialize new development approaches
- Promote the technology by introducing new productions

- Socialize the expert and erudite knowledge on community development

Financial and Physical Progress

Treasury Allocations

Provision Year	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to 30.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected total expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Capital	40.10	29.49	10.61

Progress of the Projects implemented up to 30.09.2022

Project No. 01	Implementing participatory rural approach in selected suwbhagya village
A financial progress of 0.05 Rs. Mn has been achieved for this program and 2 programs have been implemented with the participation of 63 officers.	
Project No. 02	Case study programe on Implementing development programs for poverty Alleviation in line with the Subbaya Vision government policy
Under this, the study on the investigation of strategies used to make the rural development process successful and case studies on the implementation of development programs for poverty alleviation in accordance with the government policy have been done.	
Project No. 03	Implementation of training programs
29 online training programs for field trainers and a coordination program with external institutions have been implemented.	
Project No. 04	Issuance of publications
One e-volume of Prajashakti magazine has been released. One volume of Development News has been released through web publications.	
Project No. 05	Enhancing library facilities
Under this, the color code system has been implemented for 2,000 publications.	
Project No. 06	Conducting research on current needs
Under this, the research conducted on the basis of secondary data on the methods used by Asian and African countries to succeed in the rural development process in Sri Lanka (from 06 countries)	

- ❖ Rs. Milli. 1.42 earned by providing lecture halls and hostels of the institute to external institutes for training and accommodation

The following sustainable development goals were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 04 – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- SDG 16- promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels.

Challenges faced in implementation

- Inability to implement projects and programs for the planned period due to non-availability of treasury allocations and funds on time as expected at the beginning of the year.
- Change of action plan from time to time based on above circumstances.

Proposals and new Projects expected to be implemented in next year

- Conducting training programs to raise the awareness of regional and village level field officers and community organization activists through 12 training models prepared by the institute that can be implemented using the participatory development approach.
- Conducting 02 social researches covering current socio-economic trends.
- Conducting two surveys to examine the effectiveness of recent welfare programs for low-income people.
- Implementation of a case study program from development programs implemented for community empowerment.
- Publishing publications with the aim of disseminating knowledge about development strategies and development news to development experts, researchers, and development activists working for community empowerment.
- Generating revenue by providing external services like training facilities and hostel facilities and crediting the state revenue.

6.3.9 Counseling Division



Introduction

Due to the tsunami disaster of 2004, a division called the Counseling Division was established under this Ministry and the recruitment of new graduates in the year 2005 was occurred in accordance with the National Policy, the counseling mediation function has been expanded by recruiting officers as “Counseling Assistants” as a departmental post. Accordingly, there are currently 209 Counseling Officers currently recruited under various policies from time to time. They provide counseling services attached to the Head Office, District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats.

Objectives

- Reduce community vulnerability to mental disorders
- Psychological empowerment in order to strengthen the empowerment activities of the poor community in economically
- Provide quality consulting services using innovations in the field of consulting
- Establish a formal relationship between the professionals in the counseling service
- Supervision and guidance on the provision of counseling services

Strategies

- Psychological counseling intervention to maintain the sustainability of projects implemented for economic empowerment of beneficiaries in Production Villages
- Conducting developmental and preventive counseling programs to minimize psychosocial problems
- Implementation of disaster counseling clinics and programs for the community affected by natural and man-made disasters
- Coordinating government and non-government organizations, which provide consultancy services
- Conducting theoretical and practical training programs on counseling services
- Extension of counseling services through awareness of Psychology Counseling, Psychiatry and its benefits to Public Officers, Community Leaders, School Students, Teachers, Parents, Senior Citizens, Adolescents and Samurdhi Beneficiaries

- Providing the services of consulting officers to government and non-government organizations in need of counseling services (Hospitals, Prisons, Children and Elders' Homes, Airlines)
- Issuing publications for theoretical and knowledge development in the field of counseling (in Sinhala and Tamil medium)

Financial and Physical Progress

Treasury allocation

Provision Year	Approved annual budget (Rs. mn.)	Financial Progress from 01.01.2022 to 31.09.2022 (Rs. mn.)	Expected total expenditure from 01.10.2022 to 31.12.2022 (Rs. mn.)
Recurrent	10.00	4.06	5.94

Progress of the Development projects implemented up to 30.09.20221

Project No. 01	Psychological Counseling intervention programs for economically empowerment of the community from being victims of psychological confusion
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Rs. 6.78 Mn has been allocated for this program which is implemented at Grama Niladhari Division level in the district and divisional secretariats and 191 programs have been conducted for this purpose and a financial progress of Rs.1.98 Mn has been achieved..

Project No. 02	Conducting Psychological Counseling intervention programs as counseling clinics for Beneficiaries of Sawubhagya Production Villeges in District and Divisonal level
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133 counseling clinics have been conducted at the Grama Niladhari Division level in the district and divisional secretariats targeting the producers and the low-income community as well as the government officials who provide services to the Saubhagya production villages. Provision of Rs. 0.15 Mn has been allocated and a financial progress of Rs. 0.11 Mn has been achieved.

Project No. 03	Coordination of counseling activities of national and district level
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These programs are implemented monthly in the district secretariats under the leadership of the district secretary with the participation of the counseling officers working at the regional level and quarterly at the ministerial level under the leadership of the Additional Secretary and Director (Counseling). 12 discussions were held. Provision of Rs. 0.06 Mn has been allocated and a financial progress of Rs. 0.02 Mn has been achieved.

Project No. 04	Paying Sri Lanka Telecom to maintain an online database
For maintaining the online database of Sri Lanka Telecom Rs. Milli. 0.94 has been allocated and Rs. Milli. A financial progress of 0.38 has been achieved.	
Project No. 05	Re- form to a proper system for 24 hours mobile counseling Service
For providing psychological counseling service through telephone facilities to service gainers who need psychological counseling service, but are unwilling or unable to go directly for it, Rs. 0.08 Mn has been allocated and a financial progress of Rs. 0.08 Mn has been achieved. 2,032 phone calls received.	
Project No. 06	Commemoration of the National Counseling Day
In conjunction with the World Mental Health Week, which starts on October 10 every year, the National Counseling Day, which falls on October 15 in Sri Lanka, will be held on October 14 this year. In this connection, with the participation of counseling professionals, a program has been planned to be held at the national level with an expert lecture and discourse under the chairmanship of the Honorable Minister. For this purpose, Rs. 0.50 Mn has been allocated for this purpose.	
Project No. 07	Coordinating Psychological Counseling Service using new software and equipments, Promotion and Publication.
The provision of Rs. 0.96 Mn has been allocated for the improvement of technical facilities, provision of internet connection, provision of 2 computers and a color printer for the officers in the counseling division. A financial progress of Rs. 1.03 Mn has been achieved.	
Project No. 08	Construction of Sithsarana Counseling Centres/ Allotment of space/ maintenance work and purchase of office equipment
Providing office equipment for 17 offices in which Psychological Counseling Officers serve. A provision of Rs. 0.53 Mn has been allocated and a financial progress of Rs. 0.51Mn has been achieved.	

Other Development Programs which were implemented

- Conducting 2011 community awareness programs for 80,992 beneficiaries at Divisional Secretariat and District Secretariat level. (Leadership, Education, Premarital, Stress Management, Attitude Development etc.)

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 01 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 03 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

Challenges faced in implementation

- Inability to implement projects and programs for the planned period due to non-availability of treasury allocations and funds on time as expected at the beginning of the year

Proposals and new projects expected to be implemented in the coming year

- Conducting counseling programs for the economic empowerment of the community at the divisional secretariat level. (Small groups of 25-30 people)
- Counseling for Empowerment of Girl Child (Under 16 Years) Psychological Counseling on Gender and Equality (Social Youth Group)
- Counseling intervention for women empowerment (25 low-income families from one divisional secretariat)

6.3.10 Foreign Funded Projects

Coordination and supervision of these foreign funded projects are functioned by the Planning and Monitoring Division.

Project No. 01	Cash Transfer under the Contingent Emergency Response Components (CERC) of the World Bank Projects
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Cash transfers under the Contingent Emergency Response Components (CERC) of the World bank projects were implemented from May to July 2022 to provide some relief to the vulnerable groups affected by the prevailing economic crisis. Cash transfers for existing Samurdhi beneficiaries, persons with disabilities, CKD patients and senior citizens were paid with additional amounts under this project during the period of three months. Also, waiting list persons will get Rs. 5,000 per month will be provided under the project. Rs. 56.3 billion was approved for the above payments for the period of three months from May to July 2022 under the project.

Payments related to this project are made by the Department of Samurdhi Development. (Detailed information about payments related to this transaction is included on pages no. 14-16)

Project No. 01	Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project
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The project is being implemented for three months period from September 2022 under the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Cash transfer categories and the cash transfer amounts paid under the CERC are continued under the loan component of this project under the Empowerment Sector of the Ministry.

Project proposals for livelihood development programme, promotion/ construction of elders homes and shelter for persons with disabilities are being prepared by the Social Empowerment Sector of this Ministry, under the grant component of the project.

The following sustainable development goals (SDG) were expected to be achieved through the implementation of the above projects.

- SDG 01 - End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- SDG 03 - Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

6.4. Administration and Operation Units

6.4.1 Administration Division

Administration division functions for management of human and physical resources of the Ministry and Affiliated Institutes in accordance with Establishment Regulations and Circulars and occasional situations. This division functions efficiently rendering following services to the Institutes and divisions which implement development programmes under the Social Empowerment Sector.

- Monitoring the establishment and administration affairs related to the staff of the Ministry and all institutes of the Social Empowerment Sector.
- Development of human resource skills by providing local and foreign trainings
- Contribution on policy formulation by properly submitting Cabinet Memoranda, Bills, Draft Bills and etc. pertaining to the scope of Social Empowerment Sector.
- Providing human resource and infrastructure facilities required for carrying out the operations of the Ministry
- Coordination with all institutes of the Social Empowerment Sector Implementation of human resource development programmes

Rs. 1.2 mn. has been allocated in year 2022 for human resources development programmes conducted by this division and Rs. 0.37 mn. financial progress has been obtained as at 30.09.2022. Accordingly, following training programmes have been conducted.

- One day training program on public procurement process and guidelines - 62 officers have participated.
- Training Program on Filing
- Training Program on Spiritual Intelligence
- Training program on office management
- Training program on attitude development

Accordingly, , 351 officers have been trained under 5 programs for the development of subject-related skills and knowledge of officers, by 30.09.2022.. Also, two officers have been referred for postgraduate studies under individual training programs. Provision has been made for one officer to renew membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

6.4.2 Accounts Division

The section, assigned duties of obtaining of annual provisions for operation and development programmes, financial management and making payments, exercising the authority vested on the Chief Accounting Officer by the Financial Regulations to keep state accounts and maintain a transparent financial discipline is the Accounts Division.

In addition to maintaining accounts and all the procurement activities of the Ministry, it involves to monitoring accounts of Departments, Statutory Institutes and Boards functioned under the Social Empowerment Sector.

6.4.3 Internal Audit Division

This Division is functioning under the Chief Internal Auditor, who commits responsible directly to the Secretary of the Ministry and it guides to achieve expected development goals of the Ministry conducting financial audits, performance audits, management audits, environment audits, system controlling audits and risk factor audits, require to deliver quality and efficient services and programmes conducted by the Social Empowerment Sector.

6.4.4 Planning and Monitoring Division

Facilitating for preparation of policies, Programmes and Projects, monitoring the ongoing programmes and progress reviewing related with the subjects of Statutory bodies established under the social empowerment sector and coordinating the progress implementing by other line Ministries, Departments and Institutions are functioned under the Planning and Operation subject.

6.4.5 Development Division

Coordinating, monitoring, supervision and controlling affairs of the Social Empowerment sector and affiliated Institutes of the functions three Development Divisions are functioning.

Business Service centers

Development II Division coordinates the establishment of One Stop Shops to provide services to micro, small and medium scale enterprises at one place.

Microfinance, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises; which mark a significant contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Production, form a major portion in the national economy. Nearly 1.2 million microfinance, small and medium scale enterprises have been established in the country and more than 3 million people are being benefited with livelihood means. The number of employments generated in this sector is about 45% of the total number of employments in the country. It is observed that the entrepreneurs tend to register their businesses at a very meager pace due to the delays being caused by the Acts and Ordinance in effect with respect to business registration and legal proceedings such as the approvals and licenses to be obtained from various institutions, providing financial facilities and coordination of business infrastructure. The approval of the Cabinet of Ministers has been granted to establish business service centers in all 25 districts; at the district level, in order to coordinate the provision of the following services; including business registration, needed by these entrepreneurs.

Legal Services, Facilities and Consultancy

1. Capacity and Ability Development
2. Support for Technology and Innovations
3. Giving Entrepreneurial and Management Knowledge
4. Referral for Financial Facilities
5. Introduction of Market Opportunities

Consequently, such centers have been established in Monaragala, Badulla, Matale and Nuwara Eliya districts under European Development aids, in Kilinochchi district under Netherlands aids, and in Anuradhapura district under the aids of the United Nations Organization. The required arrangements are being made to obtain the approval of the Management Services Department for a staff of 75 officers with deployment of 03 Development Officers per Business Service Center. Accordingly, 18 Development Officers have been assigned to Monaragala, Badulla, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Kilinochchi and Anuradhapura districts; wherein the centers have presently been established, and the required equipment has also been provided to those centers.

07. Women, Child Affairs Sector



7.1 Introduction

This Ministry operates with the vision of “A country achieved sustainable development with productive citizenry and contented families where social equality reigns”.

Accordingly, our main mission is to formulate, implement, coordinate, regulate and evaluate the necessary laws and policies, plans and programs for the development and welfare of women and children. Introducing new laws policies and their revision, strengthening of institutional mechanisms, human resource development including capacity development, infrastructure development maintaining data, information and information systems and network system, research, program monitoring and evaluation are the main tasks performed by this Ministry.

Accordingly, the Ministry plays its role in the fields of women and children, taking into account international conventions and national priorities. Among them, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Women's Charter, Sustainable Development Indicators and its Fundamental Principles, the Convention of Children's Rights and all policies and plans that contribute to progress in the field of women and children are involved.

For that various role are played by the National Child Protection Authority, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services, the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development, World Bank Project for Early Childhood Development, the Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka and the National Committee. According to the revised budget estimates of 2022, an allocation of Rs. 5858.630Mn had been allocated to the Ministry for main development and welfare programs and as of September 30, the overall financial progress was Rs. 4510.051 Mn.

Also, Rs. 1208.630 Mn had been allocated as capital expenditure, and its progress was Rs. 1032.411 Mn. Amidst the complications and issues faced by women and children due to the covid 19 pandemic situation and economic crisis of the country, special programs have been implemented with the financial & technical support of international agencies

Through new approaches for the year 2023, the Ministry has set out to play a role that will directly benefit children and women in the short and long term.

7.2 Development Programs and Progress by Divisions / Departments

7.2.1 Development Division

1. Key Function

The main role of the Development Division, which holds the primary responsibility for the formulation of policies and the implementation of national level development programs of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, is to coordinate the programs implemented by the institutions functioning under the Ministry, coordinate the institutions affiliated to the United Nations along with foreign as well as local institutions, and to coordinate and evaluate the national level programs.

2. Main Development Programs

2.1 District and Child Development Committee Meetings

An allocation of Rs.0.930 Mn is released per year for 25 districts for conducting district child development committee meetings, and provisions to the value of Rs.0.699 Mn has been made for the first 3 quarters of this year. After obtaining the reports of those committees, the division takes necessary interventions at national level and makes follow-up activities.

2.2 Gender and Women's Rights Project under UNFPA

This project has been launched to ensure gender equality, prevent violence against women and girls, and provide opportunity for them to enjoy equal benefits of development while safeguarding their rights.

The UNFPA has provided a sum of Rs. 6.900 Mn to the Ministry to conduct programs of the year 2022. Most of the programs planned to be conducted at the divisional and district levels were held online due to the crisis situation prevailed in the country.

The handbook (Referral Guideline) on the mechanism of referring victims of gender-based violence to required services prepared with the technical assistance of the UNFPA was printed in three languages and disseminated among 24 districts (except Vauvniya) and 327 Divisional Secretariats. Conducted three online programs in Gampaha, Anuradhapura and Kalutara districts, and two physical programs in Kegalle and Kandy, to aware the relevant officials.

Measures were taken to prepare a series of online video tutorials using the online technology in Sinhala and Tamil media as a study manual titled Teleconferencing Platforms to provide wide knowledge about the use of online tools (Zoom, Google Meet, Webex, Microsoft Teams) for the field officers, and those manuals were delivered by post to 24 districts and 327 Divisional Secretariats.

After evaluating the project proposals prepared and presented at the divisional and district levels to prevent teenage pregnancies, a sum of Rs. 0.200 Mn has been released and follow-up is also carried out.

Measures were taken to provide a sum of Rs.5000 to each Divisional Secretariat to meet emergency management cost required in providing services to victims of gender-based violence. Accordingly, provisions to the value of Rs.1.800 Mn were distributed among 25 districts and 334 Divisional Secretariats.

2.3 Social Protection of Children (Save the Children Project)

A total of Rs.12.220 Mn was allocated to our Ministry for this project in the year 2022. That provision was divided among the Development Division, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development and the National Child Protection Authority, and the programs carried out.

2.3.1 Programs Executed by the Development Division (Rs. 2.185 Mn)

- Online training programs were conducted for the capacity development of field officers of Women and Child Development Units in 79 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the Northern and Eastern provinces in order to prevent teenage pregnancies.
- This training program was based on the "Capacity building training module of the officers of Women and Child Development Units set up at the district and divisional levels for the prevention of teenage pregnancies" and the copies of the training module were distributed among all Divisional Secretariats in those provinces.
- Further, all the districts in those provinces have already been instructed to prepare an Action Plan to Prevent Teenage Pregnancies, and provisions have been made to the districts of Kegalle, Badulla, Monaragala, Nuwaraeliya, Kurunegala, Kalutara,

Matale, Ratnapura and Jaffna and the programs have been held for school children in those districts.

- Two residential trainings were conducted by the Department of Health Promotion of the Rajarata University for the officers of Women and Child Development Units of 25 divisional secretariat divisions selected from 25 districts and the officers of the resource pool of the Ministry for the Joint Model Village Program based on the concept of community-based health promotion. Another 5 online programs have also been conducted.

At present, those officials are effectively carrying out community development activities in selected 25 Grama Niladhari divisions adhering to the following 6 principles.

- i. Build up connection with various community groups.
- ii. Initiate and sustain as a process.
- iii. Community has the ownership of those community development activities.
- iv. Identify underlying factors. (For community problems/happiness/wellness)
- v. Taking appropriate measures to address these underlying factors.
- vi. Measure differences using relevant and sensitive indicators.

Furthermore, the Development Division implements the monitoring mechanism for these fields, and the progress of these fields is also monitored by the Ministry on a monthly basis.

- **Mapping of Most-vulnerable Children (MVC Mapping)**

The Ministry has prepared a guideline for this purpose, and the main objective of this program is to make the government bodies follow a formal and systematic approach to protect the rights of those children by identifying children who has exposed to high vulnerabilities and curbing those risk factors. Pilot projects were carried out in selected GN divisions in the districts of Kegalle, Puttalam, Ratnapura, Kurunegala, Kandy, Kalutara, Colombo, Jaffna and Batticaloa and the relevant officers of those districts were trained for this purpose.

2.3.2. Department of Probation and Child Care Services (Rs. 2.015 Mn)

- Fourteen (14) care plans have already been developed to provide financial and non-financial support to families with vulnerable children through protection plans.
- Currently, 34 families have been given assistance under the program for supporting twins and multiple births.
- Provisions have been made to 25 districts under program for establishing resource pool for providing school equipment to children with economic difficulties. This year, Rs. 0.488 Mn provisions has been made to 4 districts to settle bills in hand.

2.3.3 National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development (Rs.4.000 Mn)

- An amount of Rs.1.166 Mn has been paid for 06 interviews of 30 minutes each telecast on weekends on 06 special topics on early childhood care and development.
- Five (05) video documentaries of 3-5 minutes duration related to early childhood education and safety were produced with the aim of educating the community using social media, for which Rs. 1.963 Mn has been paid.
- The remaining amount of Rs.0.350 Mn was used to settle the outstanding bills of the program for preparing child-friendly environment in selected children's homes in Ratnapura, Monaragala and Badulla districts under the Action Plan for the year 2021.

2.3.4 National Child Protection Authority (Rs. 4.000 Mn)

- Provisions have been sent to the divisional Secretariats in the districts of Ampara, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Nuwaraeliya, Trincomalee and Vavuniya for special programs on child protection through child participation for School Child Protection Committees.
- The Cybercrime Surveillance Unit of National Child Protection Authority is engaged in the administrative work of creating the online portal for reporting child abuse.

2.4. Project for Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Capacity for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals with Specific Focus on Gender Equality- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

• National Action Plan to Minimise Gender-based Violence

A participatory review of the implementation of the National Action Plan from 2017 to 2020 was conducted in 2021 with the technical support of UNDP and involvement of governmental and non-governmental partners. Accordingly, it was revealed that

the progress of the activities specified in the National Action Plan is almost 67%. The Ministry has already initiated the preparation of new SGBV National Action Plan to address the reduction of gender-based violence in Sri Lanka for the period 2023-2027, together with the UNDP and the UNFPA, based on the progress achieved through the implementation of the previous plan and the recommendations of the review.

3. Specific programs targeted for the year 2023

- Conducting District Women and Child Development Committee meetings.
- Mapping vulnerable situations for the promotion of child protection, ensuring child development and strengthening the mechanism for minimizing violence against women and children. - MVC Mapping
- Joint Children and Women Model Village Project.
- Providing facilities to strengthen the mechanism of establishing Child and Women Development Units.
- Conducting island-wide awareness programs for different target groups about prevention of teenage pregnancies.
- Reviewing and implementing Annual Action Plan on Female Heads of Household (FHH) as per Cabinet decision.
- Activities and media publicity related to national events celebrated at the ministry level.
- Capacity development of focal points and the officers of Ministry's resource pool to implement Gender Mainstreaming programs at the national, district and divisional levels and divisional-level awareness programs.
- Economic and social empowerment of vulnerable poor women to implement the criteria of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Violence against Women (CEDAW).

4. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Seria l No	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/ Participants
1.	Program for the Prevention of Gender-based Violence (171-2-06-3-2509(13) Rs. 6.952 Mn					
	Program for the Prevention of Gender-based Violence	6.230	3.491	10 Programs	Conducting awareness programs (Referral programs) regarding the referral of victims of sexual and gender-based violence to district and divisional level services 5 - Kegalle, Batticaloa, (Anuradhapura, Gampaha, Kalutara - Online)	478 participants
				1500 printed books (1000 Sinhala, 500 English)	Printing and Distribution of Referral Guide (Sinhala/Tamil)	25 districts and their 334DS Divisions
				25 districts and 334 DS divisions x Rs. 5000.00	Case management costs related to SGBV issues have been paid by cheques.	25 districts and 334 DS Divisions x Rs. 5000/-
				Purchased stationery	Incurring cost of stationery to implement the activities of the “Annual Action Plan” by the Project Implementation Party of the Ministry.	
				10 districts	Training programs (ToT) on Teenage Pregnancy Prevention module were conducted for field officers In Galle, Kegalle, Hambantota and Batticaloa districts.	Kegalle, Galle, Tangalle, Sooriyawewa, Beliatta Divisional Secretariats.
		0.500	0.166	2 Awareness programs	Sexual Assault and Harassment in Public Transport- Counseling & raising Awareness in Jaffna District	100 participants
		0.222	0.069	5 Shelters	Monthly charges for CDMA phones installed in Shelters- Bills of 7 months have been paid	
	Total	6.952	3.726			
2	Prevention of child abuse and violence against women (171—2 -06 – 4 – 2509) - Rs.1.323Mn					
2.1	Conducting District Women and Child Development Committee meetings in 25 districts (25*4)	0.931	0.519	Conducting District Women and Child Development Committee meetings in 25 districts (25*4)	21/25 meetings were held in the first quarter, 17/25 in the second quarter and 20/25 in the third quarter. 58%	2327 participants
2.2	Mapping of Most-vulnerable children (MVC Mapping)	0.131	0.131	4 programs in 4 villages Ratnapura- Ayagama Colombo- Padukka Kurunegala-Rasnayakepura Kalutara- Beruwala	The program was implemented in the villages of Ratnapura - Ayagama DS Divison - Kottabandawa, and Colombo Padukka DS Division - Siyambalawa, Kurunegala-Rasnayakepura, Kalutara-Pinghena. About 90 vulnerable children have been identified in Ratnapura- Ayagama 100%	Children of the respective villages (Progress reports are being received.)
	Sub Total	1.062	0.650			

Serial No	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/ Participants
2.3	Settling bills-at-hand for goods purchased for Women and Child Development Units	0.184	0.183	For 1 unit	Settling bills in hand for goods purchased for Nivithigala DS Division.	
2.4	Model Village Project	0.077	0.077	Conducting field observations in the villages of Kurulugama-Anuradhapura, Pinhena-Kalutara, Madulla-Nuwaraeliya, Kannathitti-Vavunia, Kottabandawa-Ratnapura, Kottantiv-Puttalam	Problems such as *family crisis *increasing drug use *increasing non-communicable diseases *lack of physical facilities *dropping out of school children *low income earners have been identified through field visits. Officers of each Divisional Secretariat are preparing Action Plans for making interventions in those problems. The Development Division has developed an Operating Mechanism for the task.	Community in the village
	Sub Total	0.261	0.260			
	Total	1.323	0.910			
3.	Social Protection of Children Project (171—2 -08 – 6 – 2509(13))					
3.1	Development Division (Rs. 2.185 Mn)					
	Conducting program to educate school students, representatives of children's clubs and women's societies on the prevention of teenage pregnancies.	2.185	1.866	Raising awareness of all Women and Child Development Unit Officers in the Northern and Eastern Provinces and conducting program to educate school students, representatives of children's clubs and women's societies on the prevention of teenage pregnancies.	03 training sessions were conducted via Zoom for all Women and Child Development Unit Officers in Northern and Eastern Provinces on the prevention of Children from teenage Pregnancies.	110 Officers
	Conducting Capacity Development training programs for the members of the Ministry's resource pool and officers of Divisional Secretariats on the application of Community Empowerment Concept. Mapping of vulnerable children.				Programs have been conducted in 9 districts (Kegalla, Badulla, Monaragala, NuwaraEliya, Kurunegala, Kalutara, Ratnapura, Matale and Jaffna districts) to educate school students, and representatives of children's clubs and women's societies.	Progress reports are being received.
				2 residential training sessions 5 online training sessions	2two-day residential training and 5 online training sessions were conducted for capacity development of the resource pool members of the Ministry and the officers of the Divisional Secretariat.	150 Officers
				Kegalle / Puttalam / Kandy / Gampaha / Ratnapura / Batticaloa / Colombo	Mapping work has been completed in 6 selected villages in 6 districts under a pilot project. Guidelines on Mapping of Vulnerable Children have been drafted.	Progress reports are being received.
	Sub Total	2.185	1.866			

Serial No	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/Participants
3.2	Department of Probation and Child Care Services (Rs. 2.015 Mn)					
	Provision of financial and non-financial support to families with vulnerable children through care plans.	0.533	0.485	15 Care Plans	14 protection plans	14 plans
	Program for Supporting Twins and multiple births	0.488	0.277	60 children	34 families	34 families
	Establishing a resource pool to provide educational equipment to children with economic hardships	0.506	0.500	25 districts	25 Districts	
	Bills at hand	0.488	0.488	4districts	4 Districts	
Total		2.015	1.750			
3.3	National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development (Rs. 4.000 Mn)					
	Printing of Activity book for educating parents on home-based early childhood development	0.570	0.513	Printing 1000 books	Printing 1000 books	
	Media program for the promotion of concepts of early childhood development	3.130	3.130		week end television interview programs of 30 minutes each on 06 special topics on Early Childhood Care and Development -06 3-5 minute video documentary on Early Childhood Education and Safety using social media-05	The community
	Settlement of bills in hand of program for establishing child-friendly environment in children's homes	0.350	0.350		Settlement of bills in hand of selected Children's Homes in Ratnapura, Monaragala and Badulla districts	
	Total	4.000	3.993			
3.4	National Child Protection Authority- Rs. 4.000 Mn					
	Special Programs on Child Protection for child protection committees through child participation	1.000	0.000	333 schools	Rs. 0.825 Mn of allocation has been released to Ampara, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullativu, Nuwara Eliya, Trincomalee, and Vavuniya districts. Programs are being conducted as schools have started	
	Operation of Cyber Surveillance Unit (Internet portal for child abuse reporting)	3.000	0.000		Instruction has been obtained from the Attorney General to proceed with Internet Watch Foundation, UK. Administrative work is in progress.	
		4.000	0.000			
	Grand Total	16.782	12.252			

7.2.2 Planning and Information Technology Division

1. Key Functions

Strengthen planning and IT practices and strategies for effective and efficient delivery of Ministry services in the field of children and women.

In addition, operational and evaluation mechanisms are also in place from the national level to the district and divisional levels.

Furthermore, it is expected to achieve effective and qualitative social and economic development through empowering women and children with digital literacy and information and communication technology.

For that, the following main activities are implemented.

- Preparation of annual action plans, integrating the plans of all departments/institutions of the Ministry.
- Compile and contribute to national plans related to children and women.
- Review the progress of development programs including monthly, quarterly and annual progress reports.
- Take measures to monitor the developments programs
- Maintain the coordination process from national to regional level and coordinate special programs.
- Provide recommendations related to the subject of women and child affairs in relation to the national plans and policies prepared by various Ministries.
- Conduct and report various studies that contribute to advancements in the field of women and children.
- Conduct field supervisions related to development programs and provide reports including conclusions and recommendations to implementing agencies.
- Plan and coordinate special projects.
- Launch and conduct programs to develop women's knowledge through print media.
- Design, Develop, update and maintain software systems necessary for the use of electronic documents and electronic communications for the efficient and effective performance of the Ministry's functions.
- Maintain the Local Area Network system.
- Maintain the network, hardware and software system of the Ministry.
- Provide internet facilities and e-mail facilities for the officials of the Ministry.

- Maintain and update the official website, Facebook page and YouTube channel of the Ministry.
- Provide technical recommendations related to procurement activities in purchasing information and communication technology peripherals.
- Conduct training programs to enhance the computer literacy of the Ministry's staff.
- Implement the “Suhuruliya” training programs in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA) at the district level to empower the Sri Lankan women community through technology interventions
- Update and maintain the "E-Pola" digital marketing platform designed for women entrepreneurs.
- Implement the e- Government Policy in the Ministry.
- Introduce new technologies and tools.
- Publish two editions of “Suhurukatha” magazines to empower the Sri Lankan women community with information and technology.
- Update and maintain Virus Guard software of the Ministry.
- Carry out tasks related to statistical data and analysis related to the women and children subject.

2. Main Development Programs

2.1 Field Monitoring and Follow-up

Conduct a field observation of the women's shelter at Gampaha district and provide a report to the implementing agency including necessary recommendations to increase the effectiveness and quality of its services.

Arrangements have been made to conduct a field observation on women entrepreneurs in the Colombo district who have received assistance from the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau.

2.2 Decent Work Place

The Ministry of Labor and Foreign Employment and Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government have started to implement a program to provide services in a more conducive and safe environment by reducing harassment against women in work places under a new approach.

2.3 Coordination of Asian Development Bank (ADB) Project for the Women and Children Sector.

This is a foreign project addressing the high-risk nutrition and care issues faced by women and children in the face of the current economic crisis.

Food Security and Livelihood Development are the activities of this Recovery Emergency Assistance Project and coordination of women and child sector have been doing through this division.

2.4 Suhuruliya Program

The Ministry together with the Sri Lanka ICTA started the “Suhuruliya” program in 2016 as a concept of the Asian and Pacific Training Centre for Information and Communication Technology for Development (APCICT).

The primary objective of this program is to uplift the economy of Sri Lankan women by opening innovative opportunities in information technology, provide solutions for the economic and social problems they face, and create a better quality of life for all Sri Lankan women by creating a generation of digitally literate women. In the year 2022, it is planned to hold 27 Suhuruliya programs covering all the districts, and all most 21 programs have been successfully completed with the financial support of Facebook.

2.5 E – Pola - Digital Marketing Platform

In order to provide the benefits of today's highly advanced information technology to Sri Lankan entrepreneurs, the Ministry launched the e-market place, online marketing platform in the year 2022.

The aim is to create opportunities for women entrepreneurs to introduce their products to local and international markets and to do internet marketing. Women entrepreneurs registered in Sri Lanka Women's Bureau and Saubhagya Development Bureau are currently registered here.

3. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial No	Major Project/Task Monitoring	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	Number of Beneficiaries/ Participants
1	Field / supervision and monitoring			02 Field supervisions	Conducted a filed supervision of temporary women shelter in Gampaha	
2	Establishing and popurlizng “Decent Work Place” concept			Establish/implementthe integrated program	Conducted the initial discussion with stakeholders	
3	Progress Review meetings.	0.010	0.007	06 meetings	Conducted 05 Quarterly/ Monthly progress review meetings.	
	Sub total	0.010	0.007			
4	Establish digital marketing platform for women entrepreneurs	0.700	0.370	Training Programs, Service agreements and SMS gateway rental	Training programs, Service agreements and SMS gateway rental	40
5	Conduct “Suhuruliya” workshops for women	0.100	0.100	27 programs	21 programs	1700
6	Print the online Survey report on issues in Online Education of School Children in Covid 19 Pandemic	0.200	0.200	100 books	100 books	
7	Conduct IT training programs for Ministry officials	0.050	0.020	09 programs	07 programs	
8	Mapping the gender – based Data by districts (Gender Atlas)			Mapping of Sex and gender-based data (district wise)	Uploaded to Ministry website.	
9	Payments Annual Service Agreements	1.650	0.710	Renewal of 04 agreements	Renewed 02 agreements	
	Sub Total	2.700	1.400			
	Grand Total	2.710	1.407			

7.2.3 National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development

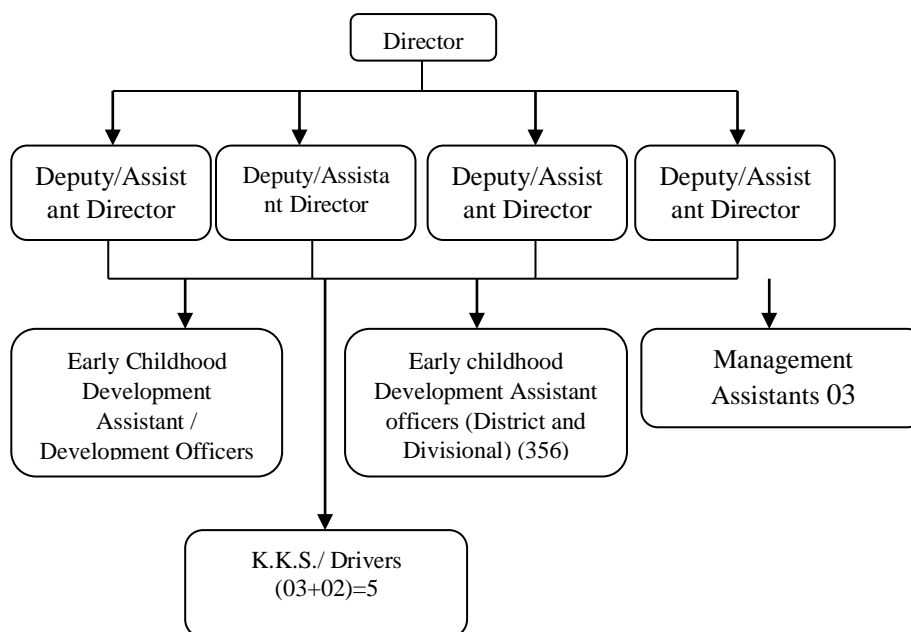
Vision

To create a physically, psycho socially and cognitively developed generation of Sri Lankan children in the Early Childhood.

Mission

Ensure the holistic development of Sri Lankan children in Early Childhood through formulation, implementation, monitoring and following up of policies programs as the national level focal institution.

Organizational Structure



1. Key Functions

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

2. Main Development Programs

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

This program, which was started in 2015, provides every pregnant mother who registers at the maternity clinics with 10 vouchers of the value of Rs. 2000/- each at the same time to get food containing extra nutrients that are necessary during the period of pregnancy and lactation. It is possible to get those nutritional food items for the last 06 months of pregnancy and the first 04 months during lactation. Likewise, an amount of Rs. 4,000 Mn has been earmarked for the implementation of this program in the year 2022. A sum of Rs.3,102.963 Mn has been spent for 119,462 beneficiaries as at 30.09.2022.

2.2 Program for Providing Morning Meal for Children in Pre-schools and Early Childhood Development Centres

The prime objective of this program is to improve the nutritional status of underweight pre-school children. Accordingly, about 90,203 children in 3,808 pre-schools in 256 Divisional Secretariat Divisions benefit under this program. A sum of Rs. 150 Mn has been allocated for the implementation of the program in the year 2022. The amount of Rs.30.00 allocated for one child is also insufficient due to the present inflationary situation. The Cabinet has approved to increase the amount allocated for one child up to Rs. 60.00 and to implement the program through the World Bank Project on Early Childhood Development during the period from 01 August 2022 to 15 May 2023. Accordingly, Rs. 73.273 Mn has been spent on 63,321 children as at 30 September 2022.

2.3 Program for Providing Monthly Allowance of Rs.2,500.00 to Pre-school Teachers - "Guru Abhimani Program"

A sum of Rs.500 Mn has been allocated in the year 2022 for 16,275 teachers who are benefitted under the programme of "Guru Abhimani", and an amount of Rs. 125 Mn has been allocated for each quarter. A sum of Rs.301.409 Mn has been provided by 30.09.2022 for 15,726 beneficiary teachers.

2.4 Other programs for Early Childhood Care and Development

Although the treasury has provided funds for these programs in the previous years, it has not made allocation for the year 2022. Therefore, the Early Childhood Development Project which is in operation under the financial assistance of the World Bank has

allocated funds for the implementation of these programs. The following programs will be implemented accordingly. The Early Childhood Development Project disburses funds quarterly.

2.5 Early Childhood Development Assessment Program

The Early Childhood Development Assessment Program has been devised by the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development to assess whether the child reaches the early childhood development standards experimentally developed by the Secretariat and to provide the necessary guidance. All the children belonging to the age groups of 3 - 4 and 4 - 5 years in every pre-school are enrolled in these assessment programs.

A sum of Rs.0.216 Mn has been allocated for training Early Childhood Development Officers, and an amount of Rs. 0.195 Mn has been spent on training of 151 officers.

A sum of Rs. 12.775 Mn has been allocated to educate pre-school teachers about assessment, and 69 programs have been conducted for 2905 teachers by 30.09.2022 spending an amount of Rs. 2.864 Mn.

A total of Rs. 1.250 Mn has been spent on the preparation of teacher training guide video on assessment.

2.6 Learning Circle Program for Early Childhood Development Centres/Pre-schools

A sum of Rs. 0.375 Mn has been spent on 990 beneficiaries under 26 Pre-school Teacher Training Program on "Activity/Play-based Learning Circles" in Early Childhood Development Centres.

An amount of Rs. 16.750 Mn has been allocated for the establishment of Pre-school Circles in 670 pre-schools in all the DS Divisions, and by 30.09.2022, a total of Rs. 6.244 Mn has been spent on 8040 beneficiaries by conducting 268 programs.

2.7 "Aruna Dakina Rataa" Art Exhibition and Workshop for Children in Early Childhood

The "Aruna Dakina Rataa" program is conducted covering all DS Divisions in Sri Lanka with the objectives of providing an opportunity to improve the aesthetic abilities of children in early childhood, developing their hand skills, appreciating their aesthetic abilities, and with the aim of creating a generation of early childhood children full of aesthetic abilities as well. A sum of Rs. 6.700 Mn has been allocated for this program in

the year 2022, and an amount of Rs. 5.025 Mn has been recorded as the expenditure for 335 programs conducted by 30.09.2022. The number of beneficiaries of the program amounts to 28,174.

2.8 Committee Meetings on Early Childhood Care and Development

"National Coordinating Committee on Early Childhood Care and Development" was newly established according to 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, monitors and makes changes to the national policy when necessary.

It ensures multi-sectoral collaboration from national to grassroots levels in formulating and implementing Action Plans and early childhood care and development work. All stakeholders of the subject of Early Childhood are represented in this National Coordinating Committee and the committee meeting was held in March 2022 spending an amount of Rs. 0.015 Mn.

2.9 National Committee on Early Childhood Education

The National Education Commission has completed the preparation of the National Policy on Early Childhood Education with a special focus on the stage of early childhood development which is a significant period of human resource development. A sum of Rs. 0.074 Mn has been spent for the committee meeting held on 12.09.2022 to aware all the Provincial Secretaries, National Committee members, and Heads of Provincial Pre-school Unit and all stakeholders about this educational policy.

2.10 Project on Home-based Early Childhood Care and Development

An amount of Rs.1.186 Mn has been allocated with the aim of achieving high productivity in home-based early childhood care and development and conducting special programs at the district level for identifying opportunities for home-based early childhood care and development. The number of beneficiaries was 811 as at 30.09.2022, and a sum of Rs. 0.346 Mn has been spent on the project.

2.11 Implementation of Programs According to New Concepts of Participation to Educate Parents on "Senehe Thataka".

A sum of Rs. 0.350 Mn has been allocated with the aim of identifying a new strategy on Home-based Early Childhood Care and Development through the approach of

participation and achieving high effectiveness in awareness raising programs on Home-based Early Childhood Care and Development for this year, and by 30.09.2022, an amount of Rs. 0.160 Mn has been spent on 796 beneficiaries.

2.12 Special Projects

A sum of Rs. 2.875 Mn has been allocated for this year to provide necessary office equipment to Early Childhood Development Officers with the aim of providing them with a good office environment and motivating them. Office chairs, tables and cupboards have been supplied to the officers of 10 Divisional Secretariats by 30.09.2022 at a cost of Rs. 0.912Mn.

2.13 Promotion of Research Activities Related to Early Childhood Development

A sum of Rs.0.434 Mn has been allocated for this year with the aim of encouraging and appreciating the officers who expanded research activities in the field of Early Childhood Development and Care and implementing formal programs based on research results and proposals. The awareness and evaluation program has been conducted in February 2022 for 35 officers at a cost of Rs. 0.030Mn.

2.14 “Mathru Abhimani” Program

An amount of Rs.10, 000.00 per DS division is released to conduct awareness programs on Early Childhood Development for pregnant mothers selected at the Divisional Secretariat level. A sum of Rs. 3.710 Mn has been allocated for this program, and 156 programs have been conducted by 30.09.2022 spending Rs. 1.226 Mn.

2.15 Establishment of Integrated Children and Women Model Villages

The program for establishing Integrated Children and Women Model Villages is in progress throughout the 03 years of 2018, 2019, and 2020. The National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development, the Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka, the Development division and the Department of Probation and Child Care Services are jointly conducting this program. Even though a sum of Rs. 6.200 Mn was estimated for this year, an amount of Rs. 0.200 Mn has been allocated for the Maha Oya DS Division alone in the Ampara district for the second quarter.

2.16 Progress Review Meetings of Early Childhood Development Officers

These progress review meetings are held to carry out the role of the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development with high efficiency by coordinating the Early Childhood Development Officers assigned to the District Secretariats and the officers working in Divisional Secretariats with the Head Office. An amount of Rs. 0.407 Mn has

been allocated for that program, and the progress review meetings have been held online due to transportation difficulties owing to fuel shortage. Districts that had held progress review meetings by convening officials have held 52 meetings and had incurred a sum of Rs.0.103 Mn by 30.09.2022.

2.17 Activities on Early Childhood Care and Development in Emergencies

This program allocates provisions to get the necessary equipment to the Early Childhood Development Centres that are affected by emergency situations. A sum of Rs. 0.271 Mn has been allocated for the year 2022, and an amount of Rs. 0.049 Mn has been spent on “Junior Step” Pre-school in Moratuwa DS division by 30.09.2022.

2.18 Capacity Development of Officers

Paying attention to the training needs of all officers working in the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development, a sum of Rs. 0.500 Mn has been allocated for their training, and an amount of Rs. 0.023 Mn has been spent on the training program on the preparation of performance indicators.

2.19 Creating a Child-friendly Environment for the Development of Child Care Centres

A sum of Rs. 7.500Mn has been allocated for this program which aims to create a child-friendly environment with wide development opportunities for children in Children’s Homes and Child Reception Centres and to improve the knowledge, attitudes and skills of the officials working in Children’s Homes and Child Reception Centres about early childhood development. Work related to the improvement of facilities is being carried out in 2 centres by 30.09.2022. A sum of Rs. 0.800 Mn is expected to be spent on that task.

2.20 National Week on Early Childhood Care and Development

Programs aimed at the safety, care and development of children in early childhood are conducted at the national, provincial, district, divisional and rural levels in every year from 14th to 20th of July gathering all the responsible parties related to the subject of early childhood. This series of program was implemented in the year 2022 under the theme of “Hemakal reka gathayuthu- Daruwan wei Minimuthu” and for that purpose, a sum of Rs. 7.500 Mn was allocated. Twenty-eight (28) programs have been conducted by 30.09.2022 incurring a sum of Rs. 6.141 Mn for 4,252 beneficiaries.

3. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial Number	Project/work	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2022)	Beneficiaries/Number of Beneficiaries
01.	Program for providing a nutritional allowance of Rs. 20,000/- for pregnant and lactating mothers	4000.000	3102.963	2,000,000 Nutritional Packs	1,194,624 (Approximate number of nutritional packs distributed)	Approximate number of pregnant mothers 119,462
02.	Program for providing morning meal to children in pre-schools/early childhood development centres	150.000	73.273	90,203 Pre-school children	63,321 Pre-school children	53,778 Pre-school children
03.	Program for providing a monthly allowance to pre-school teachers "Guru Abhimani"- Rs.2500/- per month	500.000	301.409	16,275 Pre-school teachers	15,726 Pre-school teachers	15,726 Pre-school teachers
Sub Total(Recurrent Expenditure)		4650.000	3477.645			
04.	Programmes in Early Childhood Care and Development					
4.1	Early Childhood Development Assessment Program	0.216	0.195	03 programs	03 programs	151 officers
	❖ Training of officers					
	❖ Training of teachers	12.775	2.864	280 programs	69 programs	2905 teachers
4.2	Program on Learning Circles for pre-schools/early childhood development centres					
	❖ Training of teachers	0.390	0.375	26 programs	26programs	990 beneficiaries
	❖ Setting up of Circles	16.750	6.224	334programs	250 programs	8040 beneficiaries
Sub Total (Capital Expenditure)		30.131	9.658			

Serial No:	Project/ Work	Financial Targets (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress) Up to (30.09.2022	Beneficiaries/Number of Beneficiaries
4.3	“Aruna Dakina Rataa” Art Exhibition and Workshop for children in early childhood	6.700	5.025	335 programs	335 programs	28,174 children
4.4	Conducting National Committee Meetings on Early Childhood Care and Development	0.165	0.015	04 Committees	01 Committee	31 Members
4.5	National Committee on Early Childhood Education	0.075	0.074	02 Committees	01 Committee	50 Members
4.6	Project on Home-based Early Childhood Care and Development	1.186	0.346	25 programs	10 programs	811 beneficiaries
4.7	Implementation of programs according to new concepts of participation to educate parents on "Senehe Thataka".	0.350	0.160	10 programs	07 programs	796 beneficiaries
4.8	Special Projects	2.875	0.912	25 programs	10 programs	10 Officers
4.9	Promotion of Research Activities Related to Early Childhood Development	0.434	0.034	01 Evaluation program, 02 programs	01Evaluation program	35 Officers
4.10	“Mathru Abhimani” Programe	3.710	1.226	336 programs	156 programs	6398 Mothers
4.11	Establishment of Integrated Children and Women Model Villages	6.200	0.200	25 Projects	1 Project	48 children and parents
4.12	Progress Review Meetings of Early Childhood Development Officers	0.407	0.103	104 programs	52 programs	356 Officers
4.13	Activities related to Early Childhood Care and Development in Emergencies	0.271	0.049	01 program	01 program	50 children
4.14	Capacity Development of Officers	0.500	0.021	04 programs	01 program	30 Officers
4.15	Creating a Child-friendly Environment for the Development of Child Care Centre	7.500	0.800	15 Centres	02 Centres	60 beneficiaries
4.16	National Week on Early Childhood Care and Development	7.500	6.141	28 programs	28 programs	4252 beneficiaries
	Sub Total (Capital Expenditure)	37.873	15.116			
	Total (Capital Expenditure)	69.000	24.569			

7.2.4 Early Childhood Development Project (World Bank)

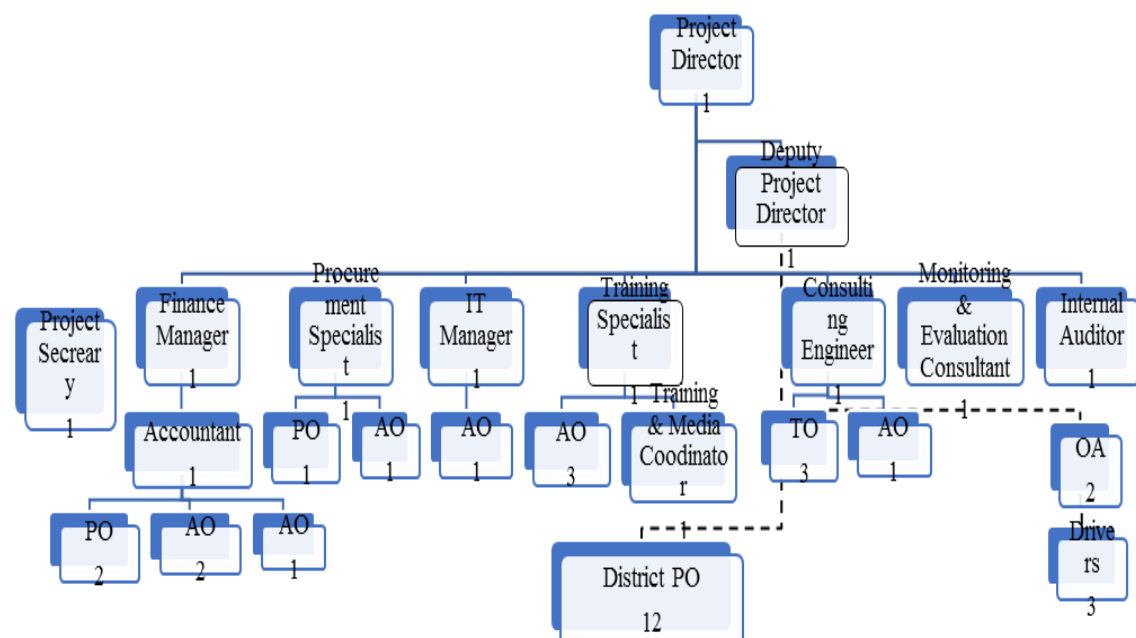
Introduction

Taking into account the importance of early childhood sector and the shortcomings identified based on the studies conducted on early childhood in Sri Lanka in 2014, the first Early Childhood Development Project in Sri Lanka was started in 2016 after the World Bank reached an agreement with the Government of Sri Lanka to improve the quality of the Early Childhood Development Sector in Sri Lanka and make it a service that is equally available to all. This project, which is implemented during the period from 2016 to 2022 with the financial support of the World Bank (IDA), carries out Early Childhood Development Projects throughout the island.

Objective

To enhance equitable access to and improve the quality of early childhood development services.

Organizational Structure



PO – Project Officer

AO - Assistant Officer

OA – Office Assistant

TO – Technical Officer

1. Key Functions

A national census of Early Childhood Development Centres/Pre-schools across the island was conducted in 2016. Based on the basic data of the census, the following activities are carried out under the project.

- Providing provisions for the improvement of facilities in Early Childhood Development Centres with less facilities.
- Establishing Early Childhood Development Centres in underprivileged/deprived areas.
- Providing pre-school fee concession for the educational activities of children with economic difficulties in early childhood.
- Establishing Early Childhood Development Resource Centres at the provincial level.
- Providing welfare support for children with special needs.
- Educating parents and teachers about early childhood health and nutrition.
- Referral of pre-school teachers for certificate/diploma training courses in Early Childhood Development.
- Educating parents and providing psychosocial support.
- Forming parental committees in every Early Childhood Development Centre.
- Providing teaching – learning materials to Early Childhood Development Centres.
- Training of Trainers Early Childhood Development.
- Conducting short-term standardized training programs for teachers of Early Childhood Development.
- Launching a formal monitoring and evaluation system for Early Childhood Development Centres.
- Activities carried out in estate sector
 - Construction and renovation of Child Development Centres.
 - Construction and repair of play areas in Child Development Centres.
 - Providing a Diploma Training Course for Child Development Officers.
 - Conducting advanced refresher training program for Child Development Officers.
 - Conducting awareness programs for parents.
 - Conducting programs for children's health and nutritional development

Beneficiaries of the Project

The direct beneficiaries of the project are pre-school children aged 3-5 years and children aged 0-2 years in the day care centres of the estate areas. Other indirect beneficiaries are Early Childhood Development Teachers and Teacher Assistants, Teacher Trainers, Early Childhood Development Administrators, Early Childhood Development Centres benefiting from the project and families of children enrolled in Early Childhood Development Centres.

2. Main Development Programs

- Construction of New Early Childhood Centres in Estate areas
- New play areas for Early Childhood Development
- Donations made to improve facilities in Early Childhood Development Centres
- Training of pilot-trainers in Early Childhood Development
- Improving sanitary facilities in Early Childhood Development Centres
- Donation of wooden furniture, educational play sets, water filters and first aid kits to Early Childhood Development Centres

3. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial No	Project Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Project Physical Target	Physical Progress
1	Improving facilities in Early Childhood Development Centres. (Facility Improvement Grant)	624.000	252.720	925 and 633 continued projects	
2	Establishing Early Childhood Development Centres in underprivileged/deprived areas	270.000	392.650	2022- 19 centers 2021- 2 centers	19 Under Construction
3	Establishing Early Childhood Development Centres in underprivileged/deprived areas	23.000	6.120	2022-1 and 2020-1 (continuation)	under construction
4	Supply of teaching and learning material packages (play materials) to identified ECD centres.	80.000	-	3386	In the procurement stage.
5	Supply of of water filters to identified ECD centres	72.000	-	6000	In the procurement stage.
6	Supply of Water, Sanitary facilities and Electricity to Early Childhood Development Centres – New	138.000	101.080	1394	Completed 73, 292 under construction.
7	Supply of reading materials to identified ECD centres	110.000	-	3386	In the procurement stage.
8	Supply of Materials to ECD Centres – Printing of 12,000 sets of materials by NSECD for conducting Annual Child Development Assessments (CDA)	82.000	3.140	12,000	Distributed 2300
9	Training of Trainers for ECD Trainers - Printing of Certificates and Award Ceremony	12.000	6.090	2	1 Program
10	Short-Term Training Program on Early Childhood Development for Pre-school Teachers	46.000	5.970	77	25 Programs
11	Interim Teacher Training Interaction Program for trained pre-school teachers	9.000	0.120	92	8 Training Programs
Sub total		1466.00	767.890		

Serial Number	Project Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Project Physical Target	Physical Progress
15	Long Term Certificate/Diploma Training Course in Early Childhood Development (National Institute of Education and Open University of Sri Lanka-200)	5.000	2.400	490	490 are in training.
16	Awareness Raising Programs on Early Childhood Development for Pre-school Parents	10.000	1.600	2500	2355 have completed training programs.
17	Social Audit on Early Childhood Development	6.000	-	1	The survey has been completed. The report will be submitted.
18	Establishment registration system at provincial level for the registration of Early Childhood Development Centres	10.000	-	1	The conceptual framework has been developed.
19	Fee Waiver Program	300.00	7.310	37,500	The process is in progress.
20	Providing morning meal for children in early childhood. (To increase the allowance of Rs. 30 to Rs. 60 and carry out the programme in collaboration with the National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development)	587.000	-	155,000	The preliminary work is over. Plans are afoot to start from November.
21	Operational costs	133.000	65.120		
Sub Total		1,051.000	76.43		
Total		2,517.000	844.32		

Project Activities Implemented by Plantation Human Development Trust (PHDT)

Serial Number	Project Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Project Physical Target	Physical Progress
1	Construction of New Child Development Centres	322.000	88.2400	21	21 centres are under construction.
2	Renovation of existing Child Development Centres -21	21.000	18.260	21	21 have been completed.
3	Supply of furniture/equipment (Construction of new CDCs/Renovation of CDCs)	16.000	15.140	91	Supplied to 35.
4	Supply of outdoor sports equipment	25.000	-	140	Supplied to 89.
5	Diploma Training for Child Development Officers (5 Modules)	6.000	5.960	3	3 have been completed.
6	Awareness Raising Programmes for Parents	2.500	1.970	240	137 training sessions were conducted.
7	Training on Child Assessment	1.000	0.520		3 have been completed.
8	Operational costs	19.220	17.610		
Total		413.000	147.700		

Project Activities to be implemented through the Agencies of Early Childhood Development Project under Project Restructuring

Serial Number	Project Activities	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Project Physical Target	Physical Progress
National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities					
1	Establishment of centres for children with special needs	54.40	21.330	Establishment of Centres -1	42%
Department of Probation and Child Care Services					
1	Equipment sets for 09 provinces	0.450	-	9	Procurement process is in progress.
National Secretariat for Early Childhood Development					
1.	Conducted a total of 29 trainings and other activities	95.000	13.760	Conducted a total of 29 trainings and other activities	600 – 100
Grand Total		3,079.000	1,007.95	100%	60%

7.2.5 Department of Probation and Child Care Services

Vision

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

Mission

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

1.Key Functions

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services delivers its services under two main sectors.

1.1 Probation Service

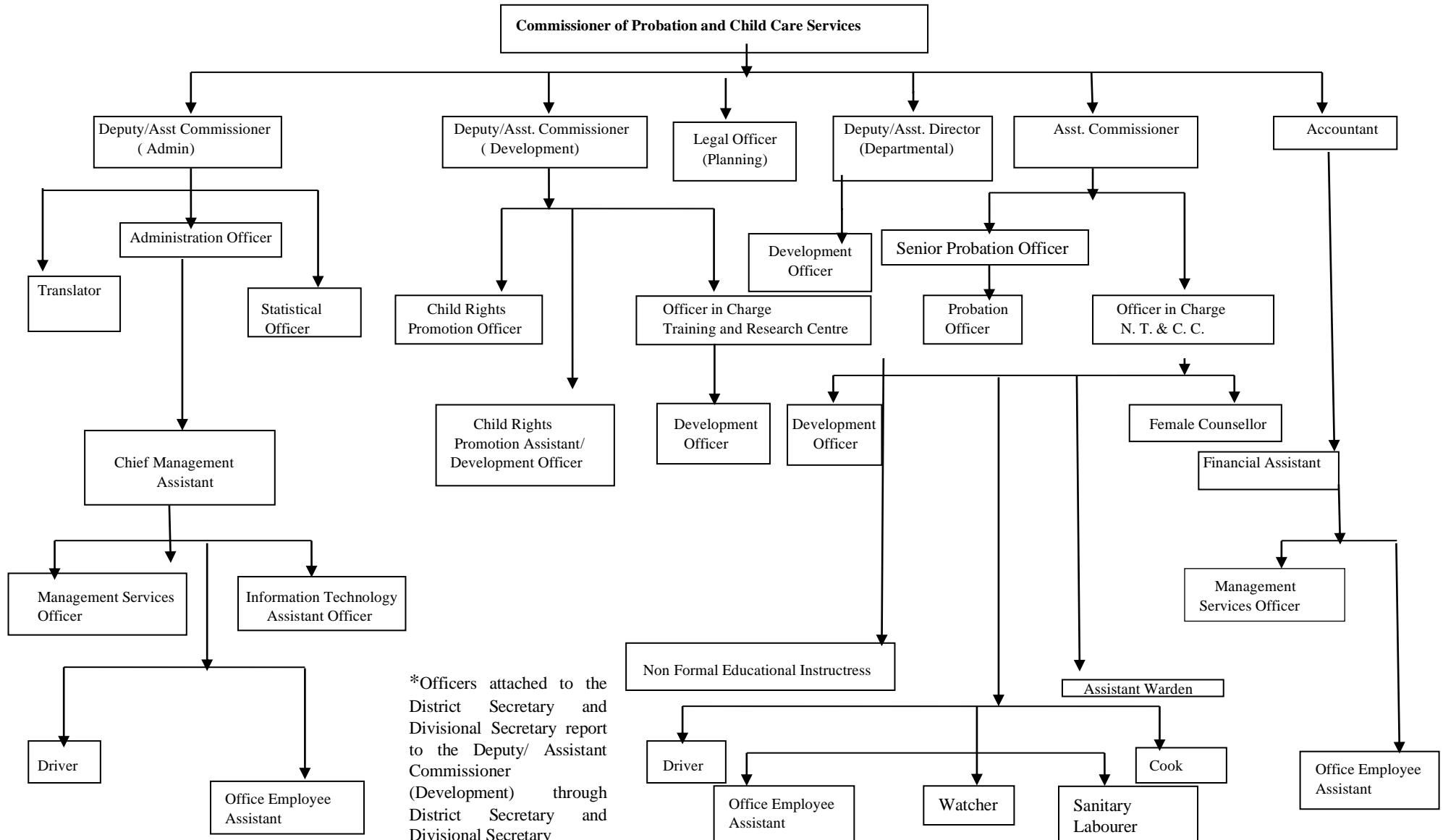
- Coordinating and assisting the functions of Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services and reviewing their progress.
- Providing guidance to the Probation Service and to various other agencies operating under it, and formulating national policies/standards.
- Formulation and amending of laws related to children.
- Implementation of the Alternative Care Policy
- Conducting research and training
- Providing assistance to improve Child Care Institutions

1.2 Child Care Service

- Formulation of national policies and plans related to children
- Implementation of the National Case Management Policy
- Implementation of various assistance programs for the survival and development of children
- Conducting research and training.
- Implementation of the Children's Charter

- Implementation of the Children's Club/ Children's Council program to ensure the participation right of children
- Establishment and strengthening of social structures for the protection and care of children
- Coordinating and monitoring the activities implemented for children at Divisional Secretariat level and reviewing their progress
- Taking action to fulfil the national needs in partnership with Non-Governmental Organizations and International Non-Governmental Organizations operating island-wide for the protection and care of children.
- Operate the National Monitoring Committee on Child Rights under the chair of the Secretary of the Ministry to give solutions to problems related to children unable to solve at the village, divisional, district and provincial level, and to take decisions that require national level intervention to solve them.

Organizational Structure



2. Main Development Programs

Child Care is a social responsibility which needs to be implemented focusing the community that plays a key role in the protection of children. The department is equipped with a well-focused and competent human resource base and several community-cantered child protection mechanisms to implement a number of robust programs that expand from village to national level.

2.1 Child Rights Monitoring Committees

This committee structure, which has been established at village, divisional, district and provincial level to ensure child rights is the main mechanism for discussing problems that affect children and initiating solutions for them. Cabinet approval has also been received for the guidelines for the establishment of village child development committees and so far 9,995 village development committees have been established island wide.

The Ministry of National Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management assigned the responsibility of operating Village Child Development Committees to Grama Niladhari in 2021 to ensure its establishment and continuous functioning. Further, the Provincial Child Development Committees operate as per Circular number 01/2018 of 10.01.2018 of the Secretary to this Ministry.

2.2 National Monitoring Committee on Child Rights

Preparing the periodic report on the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child that has to be submitted to the United Nations Organization, making comprehensive interventions to implement their recommendations, making advisory-advocacy interventions in relation to issues that affect children, robust awareness raising of the society regarding child rights and providing inputs to formulate national-level plans to prevent of all forms of child abuse are the main functions of this committee.

An online meeting of the National Committee was conducted on 13.09.2022 and action is being taken in relation to its suggestions that require prompt attention. The next committee meeting will be called depending on the issues that are referred to it from the committee structure.

2.3 Children's Club/ Children's Council Program

Children's Club program was introduced to make the participation right stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child more meaningful for the children of our country, and it is indeed a structure of the children. Accordingly, the Children's Clubs established at the Grama Niladhari division level expands to Divisional Children's Councils and to the National Children's Council.

2.4 Child-led Research

This is a program which has been implemented to practically obtain meaningful child participation. A training is given to children on research proposal formulation, and they then develop a project proposal including solutions for a problem they identify themselves. Further, implementation of the proposed solutions is also done by the children themselves, making them active change agents.

This year, action was taken to provide Rs.75,000.00 to each district selected from the proposals submitted by the children.

2.5 Child-Centric Disaster Risk Reduction Program

This program has been implemented primarily targeting the children's club and children's council members. Sri Lanka has been recently identified as a disaster-prone country. Therefore, strengthening children through disaster preparedness to enable them make comprehensive interventions is an important strategy, a long-term investment made for a secure society. The Department took action to implement the Child-Centric Disaster Reduction Program with this objective.

In 2022, the department plans to give priority to project proposals submitted by children. The department makes a maximum financial provision of Rs. 10,000.00 for each project proposed by the children.

2.6 Improving Child Rights Promotion Officers' Research Skills

A research publication with carrying sociological research content papers is published under this with the objective of providing opportunity to share knowledge, skills and career experiences of Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants attached to District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats and to further improve their professional skills. The cost of the research is borne by the officers.

2.7 Awareness Programs

Awareness programs are conducted with the objective of ensuring child rights within the society, preventing child abuse and strengthening the civil society. This enables to meet the requirement of raising community awareness on it, mentioned in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of

the Child. Awareness programs are conducted on safe use of the internet to protect children from online abuse when doing online education during the Covid-19 pandemic, and awareness programs are also conducted on positive parenting and child discipline techniques to develop parents' skills. Awareness on different areas relevant to child rights is conducted under this.

2.8 Implementation of programs to ensure child's right to survival and development stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child

2.8.1 Creation of a Rights Ensured Setting for Children of Marginalized Communities

Programs are implemented to ensure children's right to development, protection and care, and to receive education stated in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child. These programs are implemented with a special focus on children of marginalized communities such as street and estate communities, communities living in flats, indigenous and fisheries communities, who are more vulnerable of depriving those rights.

- Conducting mobile services for the children of marginalized communities and issuance of legal documents.
- Providing financial provisions to implement projects received in relation to disadvantaged communities.

2.9 Programs Aimed at Ensuring the Right to Education

Following programs are implemented as priority programs to safeguard the right to education which is a factor that directly affects the development of children.

2.9.1 "Sevana Sarana" Foster Parent Scheme

This is a program that offers scholarships under the financial sponsorship of foster parents to make the education of needy children successful. Facility has been made available to withdraw the donation of foster parents monthly from the post office. Duration of the scholarship is determined at the discretion of the foster parent.

2.9.2. "Athwela" Parent-Sponsored Child Support Scheme

The "Athwela" Parent-Sponsored Child Support Scheme operates with the objective of providing the opportunity for children attain a total development while ensuring them the right to live in a safe and secure family. The coordination between the child/family in need of assistance and the sponsor is done by the department. Interventions are made to provide financial assistance,

material assistance or service supports for children who have deprived child rights or at risk of depriving them and for children affected by sudden disasters. Financial assistance is provided through a bank account opened under the child's name, while material and service supports are made directly under the recommendation of the department. The minimum sponsorship is Rs. 5,000.00.

2.9.3 “SipSaviya” Educational Scholarship Program

From 2019, Atlas Sri Lanka provide assistance for needy children to continue their education without any interruptions, and a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed to continue the program for 5 years. 200 scholarships are awarded under this program. Children studying in Grades 6 -11 are selected under it and facility is made available to withdraw Rs. 1500.00 monthly while Rs. 500.00 is saved as a fixed deposit in an account opened for the child. Follow-up is conducted quarterly by calling the progress of selected children to department.

2.9.4 “Nena Diriya” Scholarship Program.

The Nena Diriya Scholarship program was initiated to assist children at risk of losing school education identified through the island-wide survey conducted in year 2011 on vulnerable children. This program operates as a sub-project of the “Sevana Sarana” Foster Parent Scheme, which is fully-sponsored by the private sector. Facility is made available to collect the monthly scholarship grant from the post offices.

2.9.5 “Kepakaru Deguru” Scholarship Scheme

This is implemented as a monthly scholarship for school children with economic hardships. Facility is made available to collect the scholarship grant every two months a time from the Divisional Secretariat. A child receives Rs. 700/- per month under this program. 2000 children are benefitted under the program and the national budget makes funds for this scholarships.

2.9.6 Admitting non-school going children to schools and provision of school supplies

Financial provisions are made to the Divisional Secretariat for children identified in the Divisional Secretariat divisions and Child Rights Promotion Officer/Child Rights Promotion Assistant at the Divisional Secretariat takes action to provide relevant school equipment to the

children. Six children selected from each Divisional Secretariat division are benefitted from this program and each child is entitled for Rs. 1000.00.

2.10 Programs Implemented to Ensure the Right to Health and Nutrition

Following activities are in place to ensure the Right of the Child to Health and Nutrition stated in the United Nation's Convention on the Rights of the Child.

2.10.1 Assistance in Sudden Disasters

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

2.10.2 Assistance for Twins and multiple births

This is an assistance provided for twins and multiples born into low income earning families. The program is implemented with the objective of providing support to meet the nutritional and other needs of such children. This is a one-time payment and Rs. 7500.00 for twins and Rs. 15,000.00 for triplets are paid through the Divisional Secretariat.

2.10.3 Provision of Medical Assistances

Financial assistance is provided under this for medical treatments of sick children in low-income families. A minimum of Rs. 5000.00 and a maximum of Rs. 15,000.00 is provided per child depending on the nature of the illness and based on medical reports, and the payment is made through the Divisional Secretariat.

2.10.4 "Senehasa Savings" Program

Rs. 1500.00 is deposited monthly in a National Savings Bank account for children who were orphaned as a result of the 2004 Tsunami, and children will be able to withdraw the money when they reach the age of 18 years. Accordingly, the number of children receiving benefits at present is 04.

2.10.5 Providing assistance for children affected by floods

Under this, assistance is provided for children who were orphaned as a result of the floods that caused in 2017. Accordingly, the number of children receiving benefits at present is 20.

2.10.6 Preparation of Care Plans for Vulnerable Children

Children become vulnerable due to various reasons and subsequently become victims of various types of abuse. Such vulnerable situations are identified before they experience such abuse, and after a technical analysis, Care Plans are developed to take appropriate measures to address the vulnerable situation to ensure the protection of such children.

Multiple approach is adopted to develop these Care Plans and it enables to provide long-term protection and development for children within the family unit.

2.11 Celebrating World Children's Day

Every year, World Children's Day celebration takes place under a theme going parallel to the International World Children's Day theme. It provides the opportunity for children to have a meaningful participation and showcase their talents, and encourages children by admiring and appreciating them. By taking the contribution of sponsors, the Department expects to make the community realize that discharging duties for children is a social responsibility. Prizes and certificates were also awarded for winners of the painting competition, "Bring your thoughts on to canvas- Marvel of the pencil" at the ceremony.

2.12 Implementation of Programs for Children in Children's Homes

Action is taken to develop the infrastructure facilities of children's homes with the objective of creating a safe and friendly environment for children in them. In addition, regular training is provided for children's home staff, and a strict supervision process is also implemented in order to maintain proper standards in children's homes and to bring the services for children to an optimum level. Programs are implemented giving priority for providing vocational training and life skills to the reintegrate institutionalized children.

2.13 Formulation of National Policies and Plans relevant to children

Formulation of policies, plans and national guidelines relevant to the field of probation and child care is a key function of this Department. Accordingly, action has been taken to formulate the following policies, plans and guidelines.

- Case Management Policy for the Prevention of Child Abuse has been developed and is implemented after obtaining the Cabinet approval
- Alternative Care Policy
- Revision of Standing Orders for Child Development Centres and Probation Officers
- Guidelines on Meaningful Child Participation
- Guidelines on Village Child Development Committees

2.14 Training and Research

Trainings and workshops relevant to field officers are organized annually to regularly improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of officers serving under this Department.

The National Research and Training Centre affiliated to this department functions with the objective of conducting research on areas related to childcare, and for maintaining a collection of research papers published on this area by other institutions.

3. Programs Expected to be implemented in 2023

Programs for ensuring child rights to survival, development and education stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Programs for ensuring child rights to survival, development and education stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

- Implementation of the Children's Club program to strengthen and promote meaningful child participation.
- Preventing child right violations and making interventions for rights violations
- Promoting the rights of children of marginal communities
- Strengthening and promoting community-led child protection
- Strengthening children's intervention within the disaster risk reduction process
- Implementation of child-led research
- Ensuring the safety of children on the internet
- Implementation of the Alternative Care Policy
- Introducing a Foster Parent system for most vulnerable children
- Laying ground work for simplifying the child adoption process
- Developing Care Plans for vulnerable children as per the Case Management Guideline
- Conducting training and capacity building programs for human resource development
- Training and research
- Organizing national celebrations and commemoration
- Policy formulation and advocacy
- Conducting awareness raising programs
- Media and publications

4. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial No.	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ no. of participants
1	Ensuring child rights)UN Convention on the Rights of the Child/Children's Charter) Provision of assistance for needy children					
1.1	Providing medical and nutritional assistance	2.879	1.680	561 Children	326 Children	326 Children
1.2	Providing assistance for twins	1.097	0.795	142 Families	97 Families	97 Families
1.3	Assistance in sudden disasters	0.567	0.390	113 Children	73 Children	73 Children
1.4	Senehasa assistance) for children affected by the Tsunami(0.039	0.034	4 Children	4 Children	4 Children
1.5	Assistance for children affected by floods	0.458	0.342	20 Children	19 Children	19 Children
2	Provision of educational assistance and scholarships					
2.1	Kepakaru Deguru Assistance	16.800	13.405	2,000 Children	2,000 Children	2,000 Children
2.2	Educational assistance	2.078	2.074	2,023 Children	2,021 Children	2,021 Children
3	Implementation of programs for children of vulnerable and marginalized families					
3.1	Conducting mobile services for children of marginalized communities and provision of legal documents	0.686	0.453	16 Programs	10 Programs	10 Children, 10 families
3.2	Assisting to ensure the right to development and survival of vulnerable children	0.015	0.013	1 Meeting	1 Meeting	77 officers
3.3	Printing leaflets on Safe use of the internet	0.105	0.105	24,000 leaflets	24,000 leaflets	24000 leaflets
3.4	Developing Care Plans for vulnerable children	8.344	6.144	275 care plans	193 care plans	193 Children
3.5	Awareness raising of parents on ensuring children's safety on the internet	0.648	0.308	162 Programs	77 Programs and others are to be conducted	7 920parents
Sub Total		33.716	25.743			

Serial No.	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ no. of participants
4	Strengthening the community-based childcare process					
4.1	Conducting Divisional Child Rights Monitoring Committees meetings	3.249	2.270	1,340 meetings	800 meetings	59,375 officers
4.2	Conducting meetings of the National Child Rights Monitoring Committee	0.025	0.000	2 meetings	1 meetings	30 members
4.3	Training the Trainers of Village Child Development Committees	0.041	0.036	2 Programs	2 Programs	70 trainers
4.4	Conducting Provincial Child Rights Monitoring Committees meetings	0.131	0.072	14 meetings	6 meetings	375 officers
4.5	Conducting programs for Model Villages	0.000	0.000	Model villages	1 Program	30 Children
.46	Commemoration of World Children's Day	1.514	0.331	363 Programs	3 Programs	280 beneficiaries
.47	Skills development programs for parents on positive parenting and disciplining children, and capacity building programs for children on how to be an admirable child	1.855	1.753	336 Programs	325 Programs	13,975 beneficiaries
5	Implementation of Programs for Strengthening Meaningful Child Participation					
.51	Conducting Children's Club/Children's Council meetings)at divisional ,district and national levels)	2.290	1.062	721 meetings	337 meetings	20,500 Children
.52	Empowering children for the creation of a child-friendly society – Child-led research	0.095	0.000	3 researches	-	
6	Alternative Care					
6.1	Provision of physical resources lacking in provincial child development centers	1.922	1.459	6 children's homes	5 children's homes	110 Children
6.2	Reintegration of identified children into society	2.003	0.085	5 Children	1 Children	1 Children
Sub Total		13.125	7.068			

Serial No.	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ no. of participants
6.3	Training the care takers of child development centres	0.200	0.000	1 Program	0 Programs	officers
6.4	Conducting capacity development programs for Probation Officers on Preventing Human Trafficking and relevant laws .	0.250	0.006	2 Programs	2 Programs	officers
6.5	Coordination of Provincial Probation Departments	0.150	0.050	3 meetings	2 meetings	55 Children and officers
6.6	Conducting training/ capacity building and skills development programs for institutionalized children (Paratta)	0.008	0.008	1 Program	1 Program	1 Program
6.7	Providing financial assistance for needs identified through the children's home supervision and for maintaining children's home minimum standards	4.750	4.316	3 centres	2 centres	237 Children
7	Planning and Progress Reviewing					
7.1	Progress review at national and district levels	1.349	.0540	253 meetings	129 meetings	445 officers
7.2	Child Rights Promotion Officers' annual convention and experience sharing program	1.000	0.000	1program	To be conducted	445 officers
7.3	Continuous monitoring of officers' performance through the existing mechanism (Duty Record book)	0.567	0.000	450 Duty Record Books	The task is in progress	420 officers
7.4	Follow-up on beneficiaries of assistance programs	0.020	0.006	1meeting	1 meeting	
7.5	Follow-up on Care Plan beneficiaries	0.038	0.038	1 Program	1 Program	
	Sub Total	8.333	4.964			

Seri al No.	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of beneficiaries/ No. of participants
8	Capacity building for officers					
8.1	Training needs of officers at divisional offices)external trainings)	0.200	0.060	04 trainings	1training	1officer
8.2	Training for C.R.P.O.s on Case Management Guideline	0.200	0.196	4 Programs	4 Programs	
9	Other					
9.1	Printing and publications	0.150	0.107	4 publications	2 publications	
9.2	Bills in hand 217-2-2-5-2202	0.355	0.355			
9.3	Bills in hand 217-2-2-6-2202	0.600	0.600			
9.4	Projects suspended as per Budget circular 03/2022 - 217-2-2-6-2202	0.795				
9.5	Projects suspended as per Budget circular 03/2022 - 217-2-2-4-2202	0.475				
Sub Total		2.776	1.318			
Grand Total		57.950	39.094			

7.2.6 National Child Protection Authority



Vision

To create a child friendly and safe environment for children.

Mission

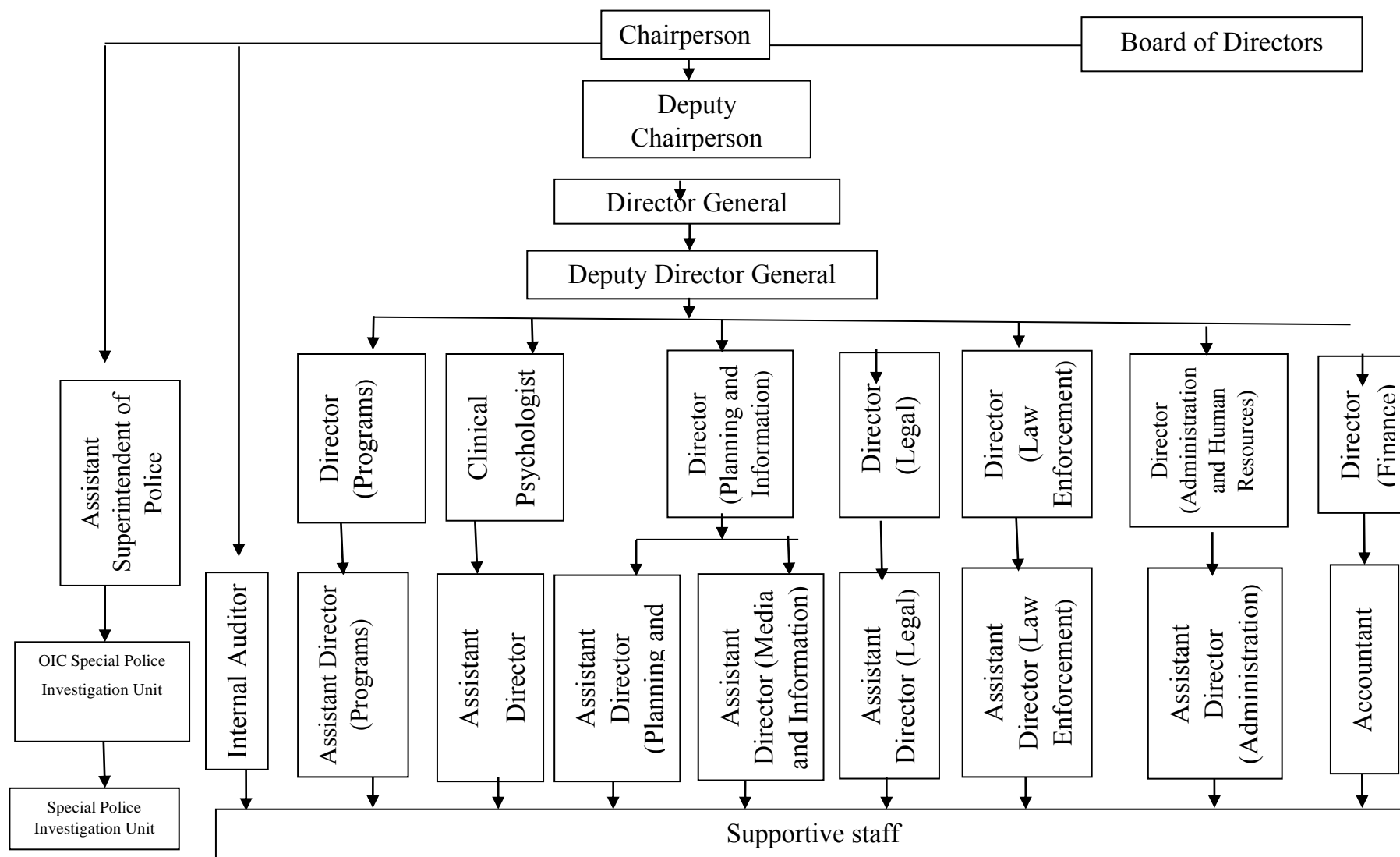
To ensure that children are free from all forms of abuse.

Key functions

As per the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, a comprehensive role has been assigned to the National Child Protection Authority.

- Advising the government for the formulation of a national policy to prevent child abuse and to protect and treat child victims of such abuse.
- Advising the government regarding the measures to be taken to prevent child abuse.
- Advising the government regarding the measures to be taken to protect victims of such abuse.
- Raising awareness about the child rights 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, and implementing all child protection measures, monitoring, regulation and follow-up, including prevention of child abuse, protection of victims.

Organizational Structure of the National Child Protection Authority in 2022



2. Main Development Programs

2.1 Awareness Creation on Public Sector Officials in District and Divisional Secretariats Regarding the National Policy on Child Protection.

The objective of the program is to aware the officials at the district level regarding the national standards of child protection and to promote the collaborative child protection interventions among the officers in the field of child protection and care. Programs for the year 2022 will be planned according to this policy, a pool of trainers will be formed for lectures, Training of Trainers (ToT) on curriculum, implement district level programs and monitor the progress are among that.

2.2 Preparation of National Policy on Child Day Care Centers.

The objective of the preparation of this national policy is to ensure, and maintain the higher standards of all the day care centers in Sri Lanka.

2.3 Development of National Data Base.

A national data base has been prepared which includes information related to child abuse, video evidence recordings, child abuse reporting mechanism to police stations and children at risk. Currently in testing phase.

2.4 Community Based Programs to Prevent and Respond the Violence Against Children.

Main Objective of this is to establish a formal mechanism to prevent violence against children and to protect children from all forms of abuse in religious places. Build up the resource pool comprising officials of National Child Protection Authority at provincial level, prepare the respective guideline and aware the religious leaders are being carried out.

2.5 National Program to Establish School Child Protection Committees. (SURAKUM PAWWA)

The objective of establishing the School Child Protection Committees is to ensure the compulsory education right of children and taking appropriate measures to prevent those children from abuses. This program is carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Education according to the Circular No. 17 of 2011.

2.6 “Student Ambassador National Program” for School Prefects.

The objective of this is to get the school prefect’s contribution to reduce and prevent child abuse incidents in the schools by aware them regarding the national policy on Child Protection. It is also expected to create a child-friendly and protective environment in the school and school prefects get involved in the decision making process on child protection. This program is implemented in the schools with the leadership of school prefects, teachers, and principals of government, semi-government, private and international schools. The program is implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, and school registration has already initiated.

2.7 Child Psychology and Psychosocial Program for Schools.

Training program for school primary teachers on positive tutoring using “Shiksha” manual. Under the ‘DIRIYA’ program, psychosocial intervention is provided to victimized, marginalized and vulnerable children.

2.8 Child Protection and Emergency Relief Program for Children in Emergency Disaster Situations.

The primary objective of this is to fulfil appropriate protective measures to ensure the child protection and care in emergency situations. Emergency relief is also provided for children.

2.9 Providing Educational Assistance or Required Assistance to Marginalized, At-risk, Vulnerable, and Victims of Child Abuse.

This program is carried out to ensure the education right of children who are victims of child abuse, children with various social and economic problems, marginalized and vulnerable.

2.10 Child Development Centers

The National Child Protection Authority is entrusted with the regulation and monitoring of Child Development Centers run by all religious and charitable institutions and other private institutions providing child care services for children. Accordingly, the program is implemented in coordination with the District Child Protection Officers, District Psychosocial Officers and Divisional Officers and the Department of Probation and Child Care Services.

2.11 Communication Programs including Development of Media Campaigns, Information, Education and Communication Tools on Child Protection, Day Celebrations and Events, Exhibitions and Mobile Services, Official website, Face book, YouTube and Twitter.

The primary objective of this is to develop and use information related to aware the public about the role of the National Child Protection Authority. Accordingly, awareness and publicity is done through printed and electronic media as well as audio-visual methods.

2.12 Conducting Special Investigations, Monitoring Investigations, and Cyber Regulatory Measures related to the Criminal Proceedings, Child Abuse and Judicial Proceedings.

The main objective of this program is to ensure the protection of children who are victims of child abuse. For that, special investigations related to child abuse are conducted according to the National Child Protection Authority Act.

2.13 Establish, Maintain and Support Child-friendly Video Evidence Recording Units and Provide Support for Children whose Rights have been Violated.

The main objective of this is to prevent children who become victims of child abuse from secondary victims. Child-friendly video evidence recording units at the National Child Protection Authority head office and at the ‘Children's Piyasa’ premises of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital (Ragama) have been initiated for the child evidence recording.

2.14 To Carry Out the Operation and Maintenance of the 1929 Sri Lanka Child Helpline and the 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection App.

The main objective is to receive the public complaints on child abuse. Through this, public complaints related to physical, mental, sexual abuse and neglect are accepted 24hours a day, 365 days a year.

2.15 Child Centered National Psychosocial Support Service .

The main objectives of this are to reduce the number of child victims and prevent the risk of child abuse and uplift the education, physical and mental health. This provides child-centered psychosocial support to children. This service is provided by District Psychosocial Officers and Divisional Child Protection Officers.

2.16 Providing Psychosocial Training for Professionals and Preparing IEC Tools etc.

The main objectives are to update the knowledge of child protection professionals and rehabilitate the victimized children.

2.17 Special Program for Vulnerable Community and Child Groups on Child Protection.

The main purpose of this is to ensure the protection of vulnerable children. Many programs are being implemented to ensure the protection of vulnerable groups such as children of migrant workers and children of the plantation community.

2.18 Development of Child Protection Resource Library.

The main objective is to create a collaborative environment for researches related to child protection by providing information services and information sources with maximum quality and to develop the reading attitude of the officers of the institution. Under this, it is expected to develop knowledge related to various leading fields such as child protection, child development, law, and psychology and child rights. The library of National Child Protection Authority is used by various children, researchers, university students and institutions to acquire knowledge.

2.19 Providing Assistance and Monitoring Tsunami Affected Children under Foster Care Program.

Under the Sustainable Development Goal of Education for all, providing educational facilities for marginalized and insecure children who were victims of the Tsunami disaster by monitoring their guardianship and providing recommendations for custody and care that ensure the best interests of those children are the main objectives of this program.

2.20 Continuing Professional Development Program (CPD) in Technical Subjects Related to Child Protection.

The main objective of this is to create a staff with full of knowledge and skills regarding child protection.

4. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial Number	Major Project/Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2022)	Beneficiaries/Number of Participants
01	Advocacy on National Policy on Child Protection- Awareness among public sector officials in District and Divisional secretariats	0.675	0.215	02 workshops 03 Awareness Programs	02 workshops	54
02	Develop policy on Day Care Centers.	0.400	0.040	Developed policy	8 meetings have been conducted. Cabinet approval has been received on 16.08.2022 for the National Policy on Child Day Care Centers.	Children in all child day care centers
03	Development of National Database on violence against children	0.500	0.000	Developed Database	National Database has been developed. The related improvements are being updated by Sri Lanka Telecom.	All vulnerable and marginalized children
04	Community based District and Divisional level programs on prevention and response towards violence against children.	4.000	0.809	250 Programs	02 Programs	161
05	School Child Protection Committees (SCPC) " Surakum Pawwa"	2.000	1.224	Prepare the Handbook on SCPC 500 Committee Programs	An experience exchange program was held in Batticaloa district. Funds have been released to 15 Divisional Secretariat Divisions in 16 districts	83
Sub Total		7.575	2.288			

Serial Number	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2022)	Beneficiaries/Number of Participants
06	"Student Ambassador" National Program (SANP) for School Prefects,	0.500	0.000	25 Programs	Registration of schools has started. All arrangements are made to conduct the programs with the registered schools.	-
07	Child Psychology & Psychosocial Program for Schools	1.250	0.062	100 beneficiaries 2 Days ToT Program , 09 Provincial Programs , 08 School Community Programs	Conducted the ToT program & 02 Provincial Programs.	80
08	Child Protection in Disasters / Emergencies & Disaster /Emergencies Relief Program for Children.	0.500	0.300	Based on the situation	Rs. 20,000/- each has been released to 25 districts.	-
09	Educational support or relevant assistance for marginalized, at risk, vulnerable & victims of Child	4.000	0.464	1000 Children	Allocation has been released.	330
10	Supervision of Child Development Centers	0.500	0.276	Supervision of Child Development Centers - 369 Provincial awareness programs 07 Awareness programs after supervision320	7 provincial awareness programs have been conducted. Supervision of 320 Child Development Centers has been started.	308
Sub Total		6.750	1.102			

Serial Number	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2022)	Beneficiaries/Number of Participants
11	Communication Programs on Child Protection- Media Campaign, IEC material development , Day celebrations & Events, Exhibitions & Mobile Services, Maintain NCPA Official Web, Facebook, YouTube and Twitter	1.000	0.774	Media Campaign 01, Poster on corporal punishment 01, National Day celebrations 04, web & Social media maintenance	Press Releases- 9 Media discussions - 55 Exhibitions & Mobile services -1 The official website, has YouTube channel, Twitter and FB page updated. Monitoring of daily newspaper reporting of child abuses. IEC printed material distributed to 25 districts. “Sithuvili Siththam 2022” All island Art, Poster and Cartoon Competition has been judged and the winners have been selected.	Providing information for 64 people All island winners – 55 (Gold-19, Silver-18, Bronze-18) District Winners - 737 (Gold - 285, Silver - 234, Bronze - 218)
12	Special Investigations/Monitor Investigations/Surveillance on criminal proceedings/Cyber Surveillance related to child abuse and court proceedings,	2.500	2.780	1000 Cases	The Special Police Investigation Unit has completed 1947 court appearances, (877 High Courts, 1137 Magistrate Courts) Legal Unit has completed 34 court appearances. Legal assistance has been given to 968 people. 123 cyber intrusion complaints received.	
13	Child Friendly Video Evidence Recording Units Establish / Maintenance & support to children who are being violated rights	1.000	0.505	100 Cases 3 units	132 video evidence recordings, 102 releases of evidence tapes released on court orders and 170 releases of typescripts have been made. 40 appearances have been made in High Courts for giving video evidence. A new video evidence recording unit has been opened at the Colombo South Teaching Hospital (Ragama).	
Sub Total		4.500	4.059			

Serial Number	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2022)	Beneficiaries/Number of Participants
14	Operation & Maintenance of 1929 Child Help Line & 1929 Sri Lanka Child Protection App	0.500	0.174	10,000 Cases	1929 Child Helpline received 6976 complaints. 1929 Child Helpline received 86,756 calls. The total number of complaints received by the National Child Protection Authority is 7553	
15	National Child Centered Psychosocial Support Service (NCCPSS)	0.600	0.255	Pilot programs-Galle & Ampara Providing psychosocial support for 175 cases	A cash advance of Rs.4000/- has been given to a child in Galle district to provide medical aid and necessary psychosocial support. Psychosocial support was provided to 9 children who came for video evidence recording.	Psychosocial intervention - 584 children Psychosocial support 34 children (22 girls - 12 boys) Follow-up on children - 432 Getting ready Children for Video Evidence Recordings -36
16	Trainings for professionals, Psychosocial IEC Materials & etc	1.450	0.094	Child Abuse Recovery Curriculum Print- 500 copies	Completed Tamil and Sinhala translation of Child Abuse Recovery Curriculum.	
Sub Total		2.550	0.523			

Serial Number	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2022)	Beneficiaries/Number of Participants
17	Special Community Program for Needy communities and children groups on Child Protection	2.500	0.408	100 programs	Programs for the Protection of Children of Migrant Workers (NISD)- 01 Awareness Program on Child Trafficking – 01 Awareness Program for Health Medical Officers – 01 Awareness Programs for Hotel/ Rest room owners - 03 Awareness Programs for estate sector - 04	
18	Develop Resource Library on Child Protection,	0.200	0.000	Maintenance	University students, National Child Protection Authority officials and others are given the opportunity to use the library to access books to improve knowledge related to child protection and other aspects of child development.	136
19	Supporting and monitoring tsunami affected children under the foster care program	1.000	0.584	30 children Tsunami panels 05	2 children Rs. 3500/= each, 17 children Rs. 5000/= each, for one (1) child Rs. 8000/= has been provided monthly as educational assistance. 02 Tsunami Trust Evaluation Boards were conducted in Ampara and Batticaloa districts.	20 children
20	Continuous Professional Development Programme (CPD) on technical subjects related to Child Protection	1.000	0.196	Based on requests.	. Conducting a training program for officers recruited for Ragama and Karapitiya Video Evidence Recording Units and officers of National Child Protection Authority. Provide financial assistance for capacity development of two district and divisional officials.	18 officials
Sub Total		4.770	1.188			
Grand Total		26.075	9.160			

7.2.7 Sri Lanka Women's Bureau

Vision

To become the national institution which creates a generation of prudent, sensitive and faithful women for Sri Lankan society.

Mission

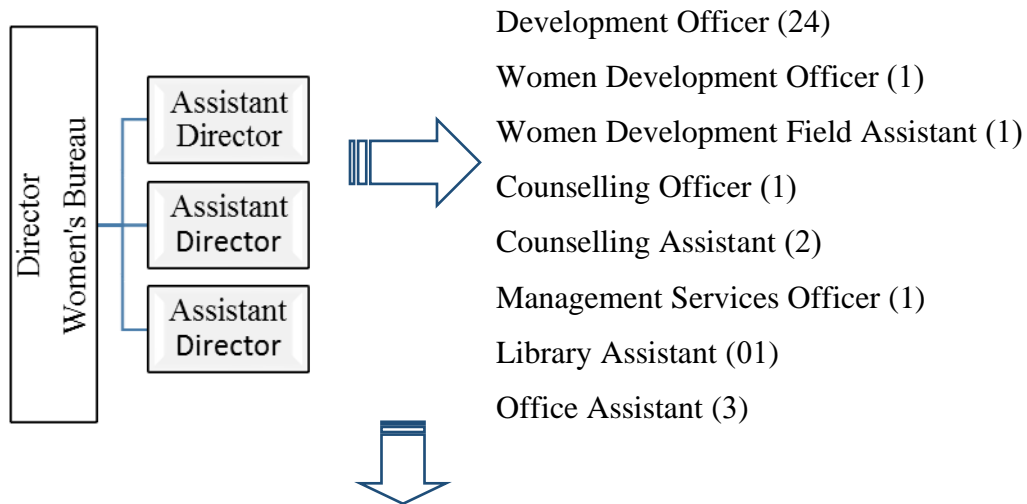
To become the national mechanism operating for women's wellbeing in keeping with state policy through social and economic empowerment activated by well-planned provision of awareness through a proper organizational framework to create an environment conducive towards a generation of women, who encounter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

1. Key Functions

1. Identifying, planning, implementing and evaluating programs for socio - economic empowerment of Sri Lankan women.
2. Identifying exceptional qualities of women in all age groups and implementing programs to make them stakeholders of total development of the country.
3. Implementing programs to alleviate difficulties faced by women owing to the sole reason of their femininity.
4. Implementing special programs for the women who confront numerous difficulties due to special social circumstances.
5. Implementing programs to upgrade the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the entire women generation to an esteemed level.
6. Organizing women in single network ranging from community-based level to national level to enable them to be operative within one organization.

Organizational Structure

Institutional staff



District and Regional Level Officers

Development Officer (361) Counselling Assistant (278)
Counselling Officer (11) Women Development Field Assistant (119)

Centre staff

Matron of the Safe home (01)
Assistant Matron of the Safe home (01)
Driver of the Safe home (01)
Office Assistant within the Safe home

Network of Women's' Organizations



2. Major Development Programs

Expenditure Head 1 – “Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship Development”

01. Expanding Self – Employment Opportunities for Female Headed households

Under this the women heads of household are made engaged in projects, their income is escalated, the self – employment opportunities are expanded. As well provide more opportunities to the women heads of households and their family members in order to get direct involvement in the economic development process.

02. Implementing Programs Targeting the National Centre for Empowering the Female

Heads of Household in Killinochchi District.

Effectively collecting and disseminating the data and information of all widows and women heads of households scattered in the Northern Province, and coordinating the projects implemented in all divisional secretariat divisions in the Northern Province and directing needy people for counselling services, are the main functions of this centre.

03. “Diriya Manpetha Program (Diriya Manpetha Projects and Home Industries Related to Agriculture)

Directing the women entrepreneurs scattered throughout Sri Lanka to engage in production utilizing local resources unique to their living area and empowering the self – employments that strengthen the economy are the objectives of this program. Financial allocations have been invested in medium and small-scale projects.

Implementing the project of cashew husking and marketing project in the Maha Oya Divisional Secretariat Division of Ampara district from 03.06.2022.

04. Empowering Women Engaged in Fisheries Industry and Related Household Enterprises.

In order to enhance the quality of life of women who are unemployed in the areas where the fishing industry is widely practiced, entrepreneurs will be identified and provided assistance and relevant equipment to the fishing industry.

05. Implementation of Awareness Programs in - collaboration with Stakeholders to Minimize the Impact on Women at the Disaster Situations.

It is implemented with the aim of ensuring the safety of women who are vulnerable to disasters. Awareness is provided on identifying disaster situations in advance, minimizing damage, and preparedness for the disasters.

06. Optional Income Generation Program for Women those Expects to Migrate.

In order to reduce family breakdowns and children's insecurity caused by women for work and to prevent the various violence they face while in abroad, the women are empowered to stay in their own households and engage in income generating self-employment.

07. “Diviyata Aruthak” (A meaning to life) Program – Economically and Socially Empowering the Women who Lost the Social Sensitivity due to Specific Reasons.

"A Meaning to Life" program is being implemented to economically and socially empower women who have lost social sensitivity due to special reasons. We also provide support requests or are made in person or are sent in writing as grievances.

08. Awareness and aid Program for the Families of Imprisoned Women

Under these circumstances, imprisoned women are directed to engage in self - employment to avoid re-imprisonment after their release, and the wives of husbands who are imprisoned for a long time are directed to start self - employment to build the family economy.

09. Empowering Women in the Estate Sector.

In order to strengthen the economy of the estate sector women of this country, the opportunity to engage in self-employment has been provided. as an additional source of income.

10. National Ceremony on the Women’s Day and Special in Programs in Parallel

It was held at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall on March 8, 2022 with the participation of 600 distinguished invitees.

Along with the national celebration program several programs of "Ammavarune" were also conducted. A program consisted of a trade fair, market, beauty culture, cooking and

photography was also held for the development of women entrepreneurs representing all the districts in the island.

Exhibition and market fair comprised with 75 stalls of the products of women entrepreneurs and other public private sector, non- governmental organizations and sponsoring agencies were also held with the aim of developing women entrepreneurs.

Along with the main program, many programs were also conducted at the district and local level. In conjunction with Women's Day, “Suwanari” Clinics, counselling programs were also conducted for women in the tourism and plantation sector of Nuwara Eliya district.

11. Market Promotion, Exhibition of Women’s Products and the Market Linkages.

With the aim of encouraging women, creating a market platform for sell designs and products and the exchange of entrepreneurship experience, the women's product market is implemented for sales promotion at the national, district and divisional secretariat levels.

12. Granting Relief to Rural Women who were Suppressed by Unregulated Micro – Finance Loan Schemes

A database is being prepared to cover all the Divisional Secretariat Divisions by getting information about the loans and sources of loans and their ability to pay the debts. Self - employment project support has been given to 13 women in the districts identified through the data system. According to the information available in the data system, their ability to pay debts and income generation will be increased through future coordination activities and projects. Increasing the success of the projects initiated under credit, reducing the risk and increasing the economic power of women are mainly focused.

13. Providing Livelihood and Welfare Facilities for Socialization of Female Girls Over 18 years of age in Children Homes/ Child Development Centres

A number of 10 girls over 18 years of age have been given sewing training and distributed equipment under this project in Nanattan Divisional Secretariat Division of Mannar District.

14. Empower the Disabled Women Through Livelihood Development.

By empowering disabled women who were subjected to only the compassion are socially and economically strengthened to contribute to the society as self-employed women.

15. Improvement of Infrastructure Facilities within the Women's Organization Network for Rural Development Activities

Women's action societies are there to provide the necessary facilities for the welfare of women and their social and economic empowerment.

16. Empowering Women in Model Villages with Economic Capability.

The aim of this is to implement individual or group projects to identify most vulnerable women who can be economically empowered and enhanced their potential in the most difficult and deprived village of the one divisional secretariat from each district.

17. Maintenance of Media, Publicity and Library.

The purpose of the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau and the Ministry is to be informed to the society, develop women's knowledge and attitudes in various fields and lead to a media culture that is friendly to women and children are aimed by this. Under that, maintaining the library, preparing the Kantha (Women's) Saviya magazine, printing and advertising leaflets and certificates, and printing the Women Development Officer's duty manual have been carried out.

18. Progress Review and Follow – up.

Conducted follow - up progress reviews at the district level and district progress meetings and the divisional level progress reviews of all programs under the supervision of staff officers of the Sri Lanka Women's Bureau.

Expenditure Head 02 – Prevention of Child Abuse and Harassment / Against Women

1. Maintenance of Women Safe Homes.

Women and child victims under 18 who have experienced violence and various abuses are temporarily protection within these centres. 07 women safe homes have been established in the districts of Colombo, Matara, Gampaha, Ratnapura, Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Batticaloa.

Clients who are referred to these centers by the courts, police and hospitals are given counselling, temporary care and safe socialization.

2. Maintenance of Counselling Centres.

Established in 12 locations in the areas of Kalutara, Anuradhapura, Monaragala, Nugathalawa, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Katunayake, Kegalle, Matara, Galle, Gampaha, and Kandy to provide counselling for clients suffering from mental distress, stress or psychosocial illnesses due to the existing social complexity and various reasons. The basic facilities required for the counselling centres are provided and are operated in these locations.

3. Programs Expected to be Implemented in 2023

01. Implementation of a program to ensure women's safety.
02. Implementation of a permanent program to provide care and facilities and reduce hardships to people who are vulnerable to frequent disasters, especially women and children.
03. Establishing mechanisms to provide women with the necessary knowledge / skills and time to give birth to a healthy child, take care of children in mother's affection and guide them.
04. Increasing the women's contribution among private sector entrepreneurs.
05. Human resource development to build a knowledge - based economy.
06. Provision of appropriate mechanisms for business training and market coordination with state intervention to complete the requirements for non-working women to direct to various enterprises.
07. Providing relief to rural women affected by unregulated micro - finance credit schemes.
08. To identify the unexplored market and improve the contribution of rural women in economic activities.

4. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial No.	Major project / Task	Financial target(Rs. Mn)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries / No. of Participants
Expenditure Head 1 – Empowering Women through Entrepreneurship Development - 403-02-03-007-2509						
1.	Expansion of self – employment opportunities for female heads of household	4.000	1.534	70 Projects 70 Beneficiaries	33 Projects (sent Rs. 0.800 Mn provision for 07 projects.)	33
2.	Implementation of a program targeting the national centre for empowering female heads of household in Killinochchi district.	1.000	0.000	03 Projects 08 Beneficiaries	Beneficiaries have been identified, Preliminary awareness given and requirements have been	-
3.	“Diriya Manpetha” program.	20.000	8.070	79 Projects 79, 634 Beneficiaries	Projects 38 (Sent Rs.4.799 Mn provision for 16 projects)	259
4.	Implementation of a program to involve women in home-based industry related to fisheries sector.	0.500	0.000	16 Projects 16 Beneficiaries	Sent Rs. 0.100 Mn provision for 02 projects.*	-
5.	Implementation of awareness programs for minimizing the impact on women at the onset of a disaster. (For Women Action societies)	0.300	0.088	37 Awareness Programs,1850 Beneficiaries	Conducted 11 awareness programs	547
6.	Implementation of optional income generation program for ensuring the economy and family safety of the women set migrate as housemaids.	1.500	0.400	38 Projects 38 Beneficiaries	08 Projects (Sent Rs. 0.120 Mn provision for 03 projects)*	10
7.	Economically and socially empowering the women lost sensitivity due to specific reasons (Meaning to Life)	1.500	0.454	Projects 30 Beneficiaries 30	Conducting 8 projects. (Sent Rs. 0.040Mn provision for 1 project)*	8
Sub total		28.800	10.546			

Serial No.	Major project / Task	Financial target (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries / No. of Participants
8.	Make aware and provide relief to imprisoned families.	0.500	0.135	10 Self - employment Projects 10 Beneficiaries	03 Self - Employment Projects (Sent Rs. 0.055 Mn provision for 1 project) *	03
9.	Empowering Estate sector women.	1.000	0.240	25 Projects 25 Beneficiaries	06 Projects (sent Rs.0.120 Mn provision for 03 projects *)	06
10.	Entrepreneur women development special program in parallel with international women's day National ceremony	1.649	1.605	Kaluthara, N'Eliya, Anuradhapura district programs and the national ceremony	Entrepreneur women development special programs parallel to Women's Day National Ceremony and the main ceremony	600
11.	Identification of rural women who were affected by unregularized micro – finance loan schemes, preparation of a database and grant relief to them.	2.000	0.500	40 Self - employment projects in 8 districts	13 Self - employment projects in 1 district	15
12.	Market promotion, conducting women's products exhibitions and markets	0.200	0.040	10 Markets, 500 Beneficiaries	2 markets	125
13.	Income generation trainings	0.700	0.363	42 Trainings, 1050 Beneficiaries	Conducted 22 trainings. (Sent Rs. 0.660 Mn provision for 04	555
14.	Provision of livelihood and welfare facilities for socializing girls / women over 18 years who are socialized and in children's homes.	1.000	0.000	2 trainings & 2 distributions of equipment. 20 Beneficiaries	Purchase of Juki machines – (Sent provision of Rs. 0.325 Mn)*	-
15.	Livelihood development and empowering for disabled women.	1.000	0.197	20 Self - employment projects 20 Beneficiaries	05 Self - employment Projects	05
16.	Enhancing infrastructure facilities within the network of women's organizations for rural development.	0.420	0.309	21 programs, 608 Beneficiaries	9 programs , 02 Projects	303
Sub total		8.469	3.389			

Serial No.	Major project / Task	Financial target (Rs. Mn)	Financial progress (Rs. Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries / No. of Participants
17.	Empowering women economically under / model village program	1.000	0.400	06 Projects, 27 Beneficiaries	01 Projects	05
18.	Women's day parallel special program	0.166	0.130	12 programs	Conducting 5 Suvanari programs and 4 counseling program. Women's day parallel program (N' Eliya and Kaluthara)	400
19.	Program expenditure in 2021 and 2022 (2021 without impress and 2022 for bills at hand)	4.564	3.568	Projects , program and trainings	Conducting 10 projects, sent provisions for 7 mobile selling units, conducting 1 women development program and stationary expenditure	57
20.	Media and publicity	2.500	0.661	Maintaining library, Media activities	Newspapers, magazines, books, 1000 Kantha Saviya magazines for Women's Day	-
21.	Supervision, follow – up and district progress review.	0.500	0.029	51 District progress meetings 01 Supervision and follow – up meetings 1	11 District progress meetings 11 , Colombo, Kaluthara, Gampaha 03 Supervision and follow – ups 3 (Sent provision of Rs. 0.041 Mn for 5 districts)	119
Sub total		8.730	4.788			
Total		46.000	18.723			

Expenditure Head 2 – Prevention of child abuse and violence / harassment against women (403-02-03-004-2509)

Serial No.	Main project / activity	Financial target (Rs. M.)	Financial progress (Rs. M.)	Physical target	Physical progress	No. of beneficiaries / No. of participants	
						Female	Male
1	Maintenance of existing women's shelters (07) Gampaha, Rathnapura, Colombo, Matara, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Mulathivu	14.660	1.195	Minor expenditure and security allowances of 7 centres	Centre maintenance expenditure	14	-
2	Maintenance of counselling centres (12)	1.302	0.725	Centre maintenance expenditure of 12 centres (minor expenditure and rental)	Centre maintenance expenditure of 12 centres	550	-
3	Bills at hand for the year 2021	1.981	1.981				
Total		17.943	3.901			564	

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1. The project has not been completed in the relevant quarter. Allocations have been returned from the district.
2. Due to lack of funds in the district, the project has not been completed in the relevant quarter.
3. As per the circular issued in the month of August 2022, the implementation of non-essential and new programs has been temporarily suspended.

7.2.8 National Committee on Women



The National Committee on Women was established on 8th March 1993 to implement and direct the provisions of the Women's Charter approved by the Sri Lankan Cabinet in the year 1993.

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 equality and contribute to their comprehensive development and stimulating the proper implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the same.

1. 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 annual progress reports from the relevant authorities and providing the opportunity to publicize those reports 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 researches.
- 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 programs assigned under the Annual Action Plan of the Ministry of Women's Affairs.

1.1 Complaints Centre

This centre was established in 1999 while receiving complaints on gender-based discrimination, injustices and violation of rights from both men and women, referring them to public and non-government institutions to investigating them, providing solutions and providing relief where necessary including legal aid and counselling are the functions of this. Complaints can be handed over in person, by letters, by e mail or over the phone during office hours.

1.2 The Women's Helpline 1938

The women's helpline 1938 along with the complaints centre provide provision of relief for various complaints received including those on violence against women, injustices, discrimination, and violation of rights, sexual harassment and cybercrimes.

The Women's Helpline 1938 which initially operated only within office hours began to operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the 23.03.2020

This telephone service is led by a team comprising of a legal officer, 3 counselling officers and 11 officers who receive complains directly. The supervising and directing of the above activities are done by a steering committee while the follow-up is also done by the above officials.

In addition, with the contribution of the SAARC Development Fund, this service has been made in to a computerized service with efficient and modern software using new technology.

2. Main Development Programs

2.1 Policed Programs

2.1.1 Policed Discussions

- **Appointing the National Committee on Women as a Legal Government Institution**

A cabinet decision has been taken to convert the National Committee on Women to a National Commission on Women, and that task is currently started.

- **National Committee on Women Monthly Meeting**

The expert committee of the National Committee on Women formulates policies according to the decisions taken based on the opinions and suggestions of the members in the committee meeting held once a month. 05 meetings has been held till August 2022 and Rs.0.253 Mn has been spent for this purpose.

- **Policied Discussion on Creating a Flexible Work Environment for Young Mothers**

The government should definitely provide provisions needed to take care of the children of working mothers in the current nuclear families. This program aims to reduce the mental stress of the working mother, increase the work efficiency and to provide protection and care to the child.

Discussions will be held with the participation of an expert panel and necessary action for the formation of the policy will be taken based on their opinions and suggestions. Accordingly, currently two discussions have been held and it's expected to draft the policy in the next round of discussions depending on the required data and information.

2.2 Programs to Oppose Violence Against Women

2.2.1 International Womens Day Program

- **"First School is Mother's Womb" Program Sereis**

The "First school is mother's womb" program was conducted in parellal with the International Womens Day 2022 on 21.03.2022 at Iththapana Temple of the Wallawita Divisional Secretariat area, Kaluthara and 120 pregnant mothers participated in it.

The religious program for pregnant mothers and a musical program to develop their physical and mental wellbeing as well as distribution of equipment kits for pregnant mothers have also been conducted here.

The second program of this was held at Peacock Hotel of the Aarachchikattuwa Divisional Secretariat Division, Puttalam. This program was conducted as two parts and and the first program, a music therapy and distribution of equipment kits were conducted with the

participation of 100 pregnant mothers with the support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). As the second part of this, an awareness program was conducted for young adolescents expecting to get married.

2.3 Advocacy/ Awareness and Capacity Building Programs

3.3.1 Awareness Creation of Police Officers In Charge

- **Sensitization of Police Officers in Dealing with Incidents of Violence Against Women**

Police officers are sensitized towards the domestic violence act and gender based concepts with the aim of creating a positive attitude change towards abused women through sensitizing police officers and providing them an effective service.

An awareness program for police officers was held on 22.03.2022 covering the Kaluthara District, which is one of the Districts that reported the highest number of domestic violence complaints for the 1938 helpline service. 100 people including Police Officers In Charge, Officers In Charge of the Police Child and Women Abuse Prevention Bureau, District and Divisional Secretariat officials working related to the scope of the Ministry and 1938 officers participated in this.

In this program, awareness was given about many important issues such as the Domestic Violence Act and its practical aspects, “Women, Law and role of the Police service” and role of police officers in relation to violence against women.

2.3.2 Programs to minimize violence in public transport

- **‘A Beautiful Journey to All’ Program Series**

This program was successfully held in the first quarter at Jaffna District with the complete financial support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

Here, awareness was raised for bus owners, drivers and conductors about the prevention of violence against women in public transport services.

‘A beautiful journey to all’ counselling program was launched on the 24th of March 2022 centered on the main bus stand of Jaffna.

There empowerment was done to oppose the violence against women while traveling in public transport services by distributing leaflets to the passengers, public in the main bus stand and surroundings and by pasting stickers on buses.

- **Awareness of the Representatives of the Local Government**

Sri Lanka Institute of Local Governance held Awareness workshops for the public representatives of the local government. The first program of it was held on 15.01.2022 at Deer Park hotel premises of Girithale, Polonnaruwa. There the local government members were informed about gender sensitivity and the 1938 women's helpline service.

2.4 Special program to Strengthen the 1938 Women's Helpline Service (SAARC Development Fund)

2.4.1 Providing training opportunities for the officers in the women's helpline service for training courses, diploma courses and counseling courses.

Here, knowledge updating and capacity building of the officers in the 1938 women's helpline service is done with the aim of making relief to abused women more effective. In particular, they are directed to study advanced diploma courses in counseling in order to promote the counseling capacity and at present 10 officers have completed this course.

2.4.2 Construction of a Women Safe Home for Women who are Victims of Violence

Proceedings of the land where the women safe home is to be constructed such as soil test, surveying and acquisition proceedings to the Ministry of Lands and the building plan have been prepared and approved.

This building plan of the proposed women safe home has been prepared by the Engineering division of the Ministry of Education. The estimate related to the building plan has been prepared by the Divisional Engineer's Office, Kaluthara and they have been submitted to the Secretary to the Ministry and Chief Secretariat of Western Province

The SAARC project provides funds for the construction of this building and the funds have not yet been received.

3. Summary of Physical and Financial Performance -30.09.2022

Serial No.	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn.)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants
1	Appoint National Committee on Women as a legal government institution – Carrying out the necessary procedures to establish the Commission on Women.	0.500	–	Preparation of the cabinet paper.	Necessary legal proceedings are being done.	-
2	Compilation of policies					
	i. Conducting discussions for the compilation of policies to create a flexible work environment for young mothers.	0.015	0.005	Discussions	2 meetings have been held and recommendations have been obtained.	Young mothers
	ii. Preparation of a national policy to ensure economical and family security of women emigrating abroad.			Preparation of the policy	The report is being prepared based on the survey results.	women emigrating abroad
3	Conducting National Committee on Women meetings	0.530	0.253	08 Discussions	05 discussions have been conducted	
4	i. “Happy Family” Project - Conducting the survey	2.000	-	Implementation of development plans.	Programs are being organized at Kurunegala District in association with identified families.	
	ii. Establishing and implementing secure pilot teams at the divisional secretariat level based on the database.			Supervising insecure families		
	iii. Encouraging the community to prevent violence by implementing community programs including music, drama and sports in rural areas.			01 Program		
	iv. Working to increase women's participation in the agricultural sector.			Introducing new projects		
	v. Directing victimized women in small and medium scale enterprises.			Directing women in new enterprises		
	vi. Working to provide welfare facilities and economic security to elderly and disabled women.			Providing welfare facilities.		
	Sub Total	2.595	0.258			

Serial No.	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries / No. of Participants
	Conducting programs in parallel to Women's Day Program			International days including International 16 Day program to prevent all forms of violence against women, International		
5	Conducting International women's Day Programs	0.500	0.470	Implementing "First school is mother's womb" Program in Puttalam and Kaluthara Districts	The program has been completed.	No. of Beneficiaries 220
6	International 16 Day program	0.600	-	Reducing violence against women and securing their rights.	Program are scheduled to be held from 11/25 to 12/10.	
7	Conducting media programs					
	i. "Women Awakening" Radio Program	0.200	-	05 Programs	The contract has been signed and the recordings are underway.	All women
8	Conducting awareness programs					
	i. Sensitization of police officers in dealing with incidents of violence against women.	0.800	0.319	02 Programs	A program was held in Kaluthara District and arrangements have been made to hold the second program in Rathnapura District.	No. of Beneficiaries 100
	ii. Educating the youth community about sex education (reproductive health) jointly with the National Youth Service Council.	0.100	-	Educating the youth community about reproductive health.	Arrangements have been made to hold the program in Gampaha District.	Youth Community
	iii. Educating the children of higher education institutions including tutoring classes.	0.150	-	01 Programs	Letters have been directed to Divisional Secretariat Offices in order to obtain the estimate.	All children
	iv. Implementation of pre-marital counselling programs	0.200	-	Development of knowledge about domestic life.	Letters have been directed to Nachcaduwa Divisional Secretariat Offices in order to obtain the cost estimate.	Marriage intended community
	v. Implementation of training programs for skill development of victimized women.	0.100	-	Strengthening the woman economically and socially.	Letters have been directed to Trincomalee Divisional Secretariat Offices in order to obtain the project report.	Victimized women
	vi. Raise awareness about standing against workplace violence.	0.250	-	01 Program	Letters have been directed to divisional secretariat offices in order to obtain the estimate.	
	Sub Total	2.900	0.789			

Serial No.	Major Project/ Task	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Physical Progress	No. of Beneficiaries/No. of Participants
	vii. Conducting awareness sessions for children of families of retired women. (About violence against women)	0.100	-	01 Programs	A two day program has been organized to be held on 2022.10.22 and 2022.10.24 at Ridigama Divisional Secretariat Office of Kurunegala District.	
	viii. Raising the awareness of women in the estate sector.	0.350	-	03 Programs	The program is scheduled to be held in October.	
	ix. Capacity building and stress management program for 1938 officers.	0.150	-	Making the service of 1938 officers efficient and effective.	programs are being organized.	
9	Promoting the political participation of women					
	i. Provision of a quota for women in Parliamentary and Provincial Council elections.	-	-	Conducting discussions with relevant parties.	Political parties have been informed to give more representation to women in elections.	All women
	ii. Informing local government representatives.	0.010	0.009	01 Program	The first program was held in Polonnaruwa District.	150 participants
	Other expenses	0.395	-			
Sub Total		1.005	0.009			
Total		6.500	1.056			

Programs conducted by the National committee on Women under the UNFPA provisions

Serial No.	Program/ Project	Financial Target (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress as on 2022.09.30 (Rs.Mn)	Physical Target	Current status of the program	No. of Beneficiaries/ No. of Participants
1	Formulation of a National policy on Teenage Pregnancy and Safety of Unwed Mothers	0.022	—	Preparation of the policy	Program is being organized.	
2	Conducting awareness programs on Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Public Transport and “ A Beautiful Journey to all” counselling program	0.509	0.156	Conducting counselling and awareness programs	The first program was held in Jaffna District and the second is planned to be held in Rathnapura District.	
3	Programs for the sensitization of police officers when dealing with incidents of violence against women	0.600	—	02 Programs	Arrangements have been made to hold the program on 14 th October at Rathnapura district.	
4	International 16 Days Program	0.384	—		Programs are scheduled to be held from 25 th of November to 10 th of December.	
	Total	1.515	0.156			