

# CandleAid Lanka – AT-A-GLANCE

(Formerly AFLAC International) was founded on the premise that:

*“It is better by far to light a solitary candle than to curse the darkness”*

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**Established:** February 1995

**Incorporated** as a limited liability company in April 1998 under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982

**Registered** as a Non Governmental Organisation under Voluntary Services Organisations (Registration & Supervision) Act No. 31 of 1980 as amended by Act No. 8 of 1998 of the Ministry of Social Services (Registration No. FL 03701)

**Declared** as an Approved Charity in Sri Lanka on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2001 under the Inland Revenue Act No. 38 of 2000

**Re-registered** under the Companies Act 07 of 2007 (Registration No. GA201)

**Name changed and re-registered as CandleAid Lanka** under section 8 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009

**Board of Directors:** Capt. Elmo Jayawardena (Founder President/Director), Dayantha de Mel (Director/Treasurer), Ralph Gunawardena (Director), Rajitha Fernando (Director), Himali Senanayake (Director) and Dil Jayawardena (Director/Executive Secretary)

**New Directors appointed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 :** Ranapriya Cooray and Mevan Jayawardena

**For the purpose of sourcing donors and sponsors,** CandleAid has appointed representatives in the following cities:

**Singapore, Hongkong, Dubai, Riyadh, Doha, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Wellington, Auckland, Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Wales, London, Devon, Eastbourne, Frankfurt, Amsterdam, Vienna, Bermuda, Stockholm**

**There are two other representatives in overall charge of Australasia and the Middle East.**

**Auditors:** B.R. De Silva & Co. Chartered Accountants, 17 Park Avenue, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka

**Corporate Secretaries:** Corporate Services Ltd., 216 De Saram Place, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka

## CandleAid Lanka BANK ACCOUNTS:

A/c Name : “CandleAid Lanka”  
Bank : Hatton National Bank, Green Path Branch, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.  
Swift Code (BSB) : HBLILKLX  
Account Nos. : Sri Lanka Rupee Current Account No. 005010006488

A/c Name : “CandleAid Lanka”  
Bank : HSBC Pelawatta branch, Sri Lanka  
Swift code (BSB) : HSBCLKLX  
Account No. : Sri Lanka Rupee Current Account No. 001426352001

**Finance Manager :** Upamali Weligodapola, Email : [candleaid\\_acct@sltnet.lk](mailto:candleaid_acct@sltnet.lk)

## PROGRAMMES

### EDUCATION

**Student Sponsorships:** Giving poor children an opportunity in life through education is CandleAid Lanka’s principal charity programme. CandleAid Lanka has so far granted 1185 scholarships, of which **358** have been for university students. Each student has a sponsor who donates US\$10 or SLR 900 per month for primary/secondary students and US\$16 or SLR1600 per month for university students. The programme like all others caters to students of varying ethnicity and religions.

Chief Coordinator: Vernon de Mel, Email: [candleaid\\_adm@sltnet.lk](mailto:candleaid_adm@sltnet.lk)

**Libraries:** CandleAid Lanka has set up **64** libraries in many rural communities offering poor students access to knowledge through books. Programme Director : Rajitha Fernando, Email: [rajithaf@aitkenspenca.lk](mailto:rajithaf@aitkenspenca.lk)

### FOOD

**Family Sponsorship programme:** Destitute families with meager income are given a monthly basic food supplement valued at SLR 1800. **336** families have been assisted to date. The monthly sponsorship is US\$18 or SLR 1800.

Chief Coordinator: Cyril Dassanayake, Email : [candleaid\\_ofc@sltnet.lk](mailto:candleaid_ofc@sltnet.lk)

International Coordinator: Savi Spittel, Email: [savid22@pacific.net.sg](mailto:savid22@pacific.net.sg)

### SHELTER

This programme endeavours to ensure that people live in habitable dwellings protected from the vagaries of weather. CandleAid Lanka has so far helped 62 families under this project. As this is a costly exercise, each project is individually evaluated and approved on a case by case basis.

Programme Coordinator: Sunil Warnakulasooriya, Email: [sunilwa@sltnet.lk](mailto:sunilwa@sltnet.lk)

**CandleAid Lanka Village:** This programme encompassed the complete rehabilitation and adoption of a backward rural village named Indigaswewa located in close proximity to the Sigirya Rock Castle in the north central province. CandleAid constructed 28 houses/toilets, a community hall and a playground in this impoverished village. The project is now complete.. It is now called the "CandleAid Lanka Village". CandleAid Lanka has expanded the scope of this project in providing other services to the villagers in the areas of education (library/pre-school), health facilities etc.

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## HEALTH

CandleAid Lanka provides part of the cost of drugs at a **free medical clinic** conducted in Rawatawatte by the Baptist Church.

CandleAid Lanka has conducted 37 **vision projects** giving prescribed spectacles to poor elders with vision problems.

Programme Coordinator: Arundathy Gunawardena -94-11-2658914

**Cancer Programme:** Ward No. 14, the 45 bed female surgical ward at the Cancer Hospital in Maharagama was renovated and refurbished by CandleAid Lanka in February 2000. CandleAid Lanka continues to maintain the ward.

Project Coordinator: Frances Seneviratne, Email: [frances.seneviratne@lk.pwc.com](mailto:frances.seneviratne@lk.pwc.com)

**Cancer Patient Sponsorship Programme:** CandleAid Lanka has given out **508** sponsorships to poor cancer patients from all parts of Sri Lanka. Under this programme patients receive a nutritional/food supplement of SLR 1800 per month. Sponsors donate US\$18 or SLR 1800 per month for this programme.

Programme Coordinators: Sunil Warnakulasuriya, Email: [candleaid\\_canp@slt.net.lk](mailto:candleaid_canp@slt.net.lk)

International Coordinator: Sabine Dias, Email: [wskj4@singnet.com.sg](mailto:wskj4@singnet.com.sg)

**Visually Impaired Elders' Colony:** The above colony at Katubedde, housing eleven destitute and blind elders is given meals and other forms of assistance on a regular basis by CandleAid Lanka.

Programme Coordinator: Neil Fernando

**St. Joseph's School for Hearing Impaired Children:** The above school at Kuliypitiya educates 40 children, 16 of them from distant villages are given boarding facilities. CandleAid Lanka sponsors the cost of food for these 16 children @ USD 25 per month. Apart from this CandleAid Lanka is also funding the salary of a teacher who conducts computer classes and also funds the transport expenses for some children to travel to regular schools.

Project Coordinators : Dineli and Roshan Mendis, Email: [dinelimendis@gmail.com](mailto:dinelimendis@gmail.com)

## CANDLEAID LANKA SWIM FOR SAFETY PROGRAMME

Recognizing the fact that many lives perished in the 2004 Tsunami due to the inability to swim and stay afloat, CandleAid Lanka constructed a pool at St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa. CandleAid Lanka now trains 100 children every month mainly from very poor communities and schools to swim free of charge. To date 2200 children have received this training.

Programme Coordinator : Duncan Jayawardena, Email: [duncanjayawardena@hotmail.com](mailto:duncanjayawardena@hotmail.com)

## CANDLEAID LANKA ENGLISH LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION PROGRAMME

The above programme funded by USAID through Geneva Global was initiated to provide undergraduates, graduates, Advanced Level students and others an opportunity to acquire English communication skills and secure jobs by facing job interviews more confidently. Four courses were conducted spanning a period of 12 months. The fifth course was sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania. The sixth course was funded by the NDB Bank of Sri Lanka. The programme continues if and when funding is available for the purpose through sponsorship. To date 700 students have completed this course.

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Programme Director : Duncan Jayawardena, Email: [duncanjayardena@hotmail.com](mailto:duncanjayardena@hotmail.com)

## CANDLEAID LANKA POST WAR PROJECTS

CandleAid Lanka funded the construction of 20 toilets in the Menik Farm IDP camp through the Rotary Club of Colombo City.

**Children of the Conflict (COTC)** – With a view of reaching the children who have been adversely affected by the war, CandleAid Lanka has finalized all preliminaries to establish 24 libraries in schools and other institutions in the North and East. The first such library was opened on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 at a temple in Biyagama where 30 orphaned children (due to the war) are given accommodation and other facilities.

Programme Director : Rajitha Fernando, Email: [rajithaf@aitkenspence.lk](mailto:rajithaf@aitkenspence.lk)

The second project under the COTC programme is to award 20 student sponsorships (LKR 1,000 per month) to children of disabled or deceased soldiers for an initial period of one year. Already 12 such sponsorships have been awarded.

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