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|  **2022 December** AT-A-GLANCE | **CandleAid_logo.jpg** |
| ***“It is better by far to light a solitary candle than to curse the darkness”*** |

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| **GENERAL INFORMATION** |

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* Established in 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 Social Services Organisation (Registration & Supervision) Act No. 31 of 1980 as amended by Act No. 8 of 1998 of the Ministry of Social Services (Reg. No. FL 03701) on 21 February 2000.
* Declared as an Approved Charity in Sri Lanka on 12th November 2001 under the Inland Revenue Act No. 38 of 2000.
* Re-registered under the Companies Act 7 of 2007 (Reg. No. GA201) on 21 January 2009.
* Name change from AFLAC International to CandleAid Lanka was incorporated under section 8 of the Companies Act 7 of 2007 on 24 July 2009.

**Organisation**

**Board of Directors**: Capt. Elmo Jayawardena (Founder President/Director), Priya Cooray (Vice-President), Dil Jayawardena (Executive Director), Dr. Razeen Sally (Director), Himali Senanayake (Director),Yasmin Weerasuriya (Director) and Mevan Jayawardena (Director)

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

Amsterdam, Calgary, Eastbourne, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Perth, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Toronto, Vancouver,London,New York and Texas .

**Auditors:** B.R. De Silva & Co. Chartered Accountants, 22/4, Vijaya Kumaratunga Mawatha, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka

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

**CandleAid Bank Accounts (in the name of “CandleAid Lanka”)**

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| Bank : Hatton National Bank (7083)  Moratuwa Branch (022)  143/1, New Galle Road,  Moratuwa 10400, Sri Lanka.Swift Code (BSB) : HBLILKLXAccount No. : 022010223682 (Sri Lanka Rupee)  | Bank : Nations Trust Bank (7162)  Moratuwa Branch (014)  89, New Galle Road,  Moratuwa 10400, Sri LankaSwift code (BSB) : NTBCLKLX Account No. : 014100008377 (Sri Lanka Rupee)  |

**Finance Manager** : Krishani Fernando, Email : financemanager@candleaid.org

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| **PROGRAMMES** |

**Education Programme**

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| **Student Sponsorships** | Giving students from low-income families an opportunity in life through education is CandleAid Lanka’s principal programme. Pre-university students receive a monthly disbursement of LKR 2,000, and University students receive a monthly donation of LKR 2,500. CandleAid Lanka has granted 4298 education sponsorships to date, of which 1906 are for undergraduates. Director In Charge: Dil Jayawardena, Email : diljay1@gmail.com Head - Education Programme : Cheryll Seneviratne, Email : candleaid.inco@gmail.com |
| **Libraries** | CandleAid Lanka has set up 246 libraries in many rural communities offering poor students access to knowledge through books. The cost of a library is between LKR 50,000 to 100,000, depending on the requirements of the recipient institution. Coordinator : Chaminda De Alwis EmaIl : admin@candleaidaid.org ,Project Assistant :Pumala Weerasinghe, Email : general.1@candleaid.org |
| **Book Project**  | This project is held annually to provide books and other stationery for the ensuing academic year to children from low-income families. The project is carried out at our Moratuwa office and six more centres around the island, to relieve parents of significant financial burden of purchasing academic needs for the new academic year. In Year 2021 we assisted 470 children with the support of others. Cheryll Seneviratne, Email: candleaid.inco@gmail.com Project Assistant,Email: candleaid.edu2@gmail.com |
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**Health Programme**

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| **Cancer Patient Assistance**  | CandleAid Lanka has given out 1588 sponsorships to poor cancer patients from all parts of Sri Lanka. Under this programme patients receive a sum of LKR 3,000 per month. Head - Health Programme : Veena Natarajan, Email : head\_health@candleaid.org Project Assistant : Chamila Mendis, Email : health@candleaid.orgInternational Coordinator : Sabine Dias, Email : s.diascandleaid@gmail.com  |
| **Sigiri Trust Fund** | CandleAid Lanka works in partnership with Sigiri Trust to render financial assistance to disadvantaged patients to meet their medical expenses in the pursuit of a cure from their illnesses. We have disbursed LKR 14 million to assist 97 patients. Project Coordinator : Nalini Ariyaratne, Email : ca.coordinatingsecretary@gmail.com  |
| **Kidney Dialysis programme** | A new initiative to assist Chronic Kidney Disease patients (CKD) needing regular dialysis at times from the private sector due to non-availability of slots in the public hospitals. Each dialysis costs app. LKR 7,000 to 9,000. Contributions received are collected into a pool and disbursed monthly to the patients. CandleAid donates up to Rs 50,000 (the cost of one round of dialysis per month for a period of six months), to be later reviewed on a case by case basis. 41 patients have been assisted so far.Director In Charge : Capt Elmo Jayawardena, Email : elmojay1@gmail.com Head-Health Programme : Mrs.Veena Natarajan, Email : veena.candleaid @gmail.com |

**Food Programme**

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| **Gift-A-Meal (GAM) Sponsorships** | Destitute families with low income are given a monthly basic food supplement valued at LKR 3,000. 822 families have been assisted to date. Director In Charge : Capt Elmo Jayawardena, Email : elmojay1@gmail.com Head - Food Programme : Yasmin Weerasuriya, Email : head\_food@candleaid.org Project Assistant : Shalini Nisansala, Email : food@candleaid.org |
| **Mother & Child Programme**- | A new initiative to assist families that do not have a father due to one reason or another. They receive LKR 5,000 per month to uplift their impoverished lives initially for a period of one year. During this period CandleAid will also look out for ways to empower the mother to generate a livelihood through a home-grown initiative under its Self-Empowerment of Women programme. A total of 92 such families have been enrolled from February to end of December 2021.Director In Charge: Mrs. Yasmin Weerasuriya, Email : ca.director.yw@gmail.com |

**Self-Empowerment of Women (SEW) Programme**

The above programme was launched in January 2014 to empower women who have the responsibility of being the sole bread winner due to numerous reasons. CandleAid helps them to enhance their entrepreneurial skills in order to maximize their efforts to earn a living for their family. To date 42 such women have been assisted.

Director In Charge : Yasmin Weerasuriya, Email : ca.director.yw@gmail.com

Project Coordinator : Pumala Weerasinghe, Email : general.1@candleaid.org

**English & Personality Enhancement Programme (EPEP)**

Many programmes towards the above purpose were conducted to provide undergraduates, graduates, Advanced Level students and others an opportunity to acquire English communication skills and secure jobs. To date, eleven courses have been organised and more than 900 students have been assisted. The programme continues if and when funding is available for the purpose. The final two programmes were funded by the LBW Trust, an entity in Australia, mainly for the 170 tertiary students sponsored by them.

Director In Charge : Dil Jayawardena, Email : diljay@candleaid.org

**North & East Projects**

CandleAid has established 38 libraries in schools and other community centres in the North and East. Additionally, CandleAid has granted education sponsorships to 158 students, both secondary and tertiary from Mannar, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya alone. Further, numerous needs of mainly children and physically challenged individuals and war affected villages have been fulfilled by way of many individual and community based programmes.

Director In Charge : Priya Cooray, Email : priyacooray9620@gmail.com

**Other Projects – Secret Santa**

In the past several years CandleAid has carried out the above project to give seasonal joy to mainly children who miss out on many

joys of childhood due to their impoverished family background. In December 2021, 111 families were identified within the existing

sponsorship programmes and they were given LKR 7,000 each to fulfil their children’s needs and any other pressing need of the

family. Another 60 families were given Bags of dry rations sponsored by 2 donors.

Project in charge - Yasmin Weerasuriya Email : ca.director.yw@gmail.com

**Covid Assistance**

CandleAid gave its nearly 1,500 beneficiary families a lifeline whenever it could afford to do so thanks to the amazing generosity of its donors and sponsors during the restrictive times of the pandemic. April, May and June 2020, LKR 8 Million was rolled out to all CA families by donating LKR 2,000 per family per month. Then in November 2020, LKR 726,000 was disbursed among 242 poorest of the poor families giving them LKR 3,000. Once again in May/June 2021, 1369 families were given LKR 3,000 each and another LKR 2,500 per month was given in July/August/September 2021 to 1390 families totalling LKR 4,107,000 and LKR 3,475,000 respectively.

CandleAid itself was pleasantly surprised that it had disbursed a whopping total of LKR 16.44 Million to give relief to its beneficiaries in these unprecedented times.

Additionally, much needed machinery, equipment, utensils, masks, food items etc. were distributed among national hospitals in Karapitiya, Ratnapura and Matara. These were all gifted for use in serving Covid 19 patients that flooded these hospitals at the height of the pandemic. These two were mostly funded with generous donations received from our gracious donors.

**Special Fund Food**

Due to the current economic downturn in Sri Lanka,, We assisted deserving families registered with CandleAid by giving them LKR 10,000.00 worth of dry rations totalling to LKR 4,980,000.00 & unregistered families spread across Sri Lanka totalling to LKR 11,461,470. We are happy to say that we were able to provide mid -day meals for 2 rural schools for a period of 30 days by donating LKR 976,291.88.00 and we hope to continue to assist schools in the coming months too.

CandleAid supported 1146 low income families throughout Sri Lanka with LKR 10,000 worth of dry rations under this project. Also. CandleAid provided lunch for 02 under privileged schools in Panadura and Akuregoda respectively.

Adikarigoda Gnanissara school in Kalutara has 120 students and we have given them lunch for 35 school days. Total amount for 35 days is LKR 526,291.88.00

Diamond Jubilee college Panadura has 198 students. We have provided them lunch for 30 school days and the cost was LKR 450,000.00

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