

# Special Fund (Food) Report as of 31 January 2024



This report highlights the significant economic challenges faced by Sri Lanka, particularly the soaring food inflation rates, and how CandleAid has proactively responded to address the urgent needs of vulnerable communities. The report outlines two key initiatives, Special Fund (Food) Initiative I and Initiative II, implemented by CandleAid to provide immediate relief to low-income families.

## **Special Fund (Food) Initiative I**

Launched in April 2022, this initiative aimed to tackle the escalating food inflation crisis by providing additional support to low-income families. CandleAid doubled the monthly allowances for **2,490** beneficiaries in the Gift-A-Meal and Cancer programmes, offering a supplementary donation of LKR 2,000 per beneficiary. This initiative successfully disbursed a total **LKR 4,980,000.00**, providing crucial financial assistance to those struggling with basic needs.

## Special Fund (Food) Initiative II

Building on the success of Initiative I, CandleAid extended its efforts with the 'Special Fund (Food) Initiative II, starting in June 2022. This initiative focused on distributing dry ration parcels to **1,523** impoverished families by January 31, 2024, at a cost of **LKR 15,251,470**. The programme also targeted rural schools, ensuring that children facing economic hardships received essential meals amidst the challenges brought about by the pandemic and Sri Lanka's financial crisis.

In the face of Sri Lanka's challenging economic landscape, marked by unprecedented food inflation, CandleAid remains committed to making a positive impact on the lives of the vulnerable. The success of both initiatives underscores the importance of collective efforts from the CandleAid team and that of the Volunteer Coordinators who are an integral part of this programme.

CandleAid expresses its gratitude to all those who have supported and contributed to these initiatives, recognizing that together, we can create meaningful change in the lives of those most in need.

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



## SPECIAL FUND (FOOD) ACCOUNTS AS OF 31.01.2024

### INITIATIVE II

Details	Amount
Total Donations Received	LKR 17,674,369.97
Total Disbursements	LKR 17,127,011.88
<b>DRY RATIONS</b>	
Total Donations – Dry Rations	LKR 15,704,362.09
Total Disbursements - Dry Rations	LKR 15,251,470.00
Number of Families Assisted	1523
Balance in Dry Rations Account	LKR 452,892.09
<b>SCHOOL FEEDING</b>	
Total Donations for Schools	LKR 1,970,007.88
Total Payments for Schools	LKR 1,875,541.88
Schools Assisted	17
Total Number of Students fed	3155
Balance in School Feeding Account	LKR 94,466.00
Total Number of Volunteer Coordinators	114

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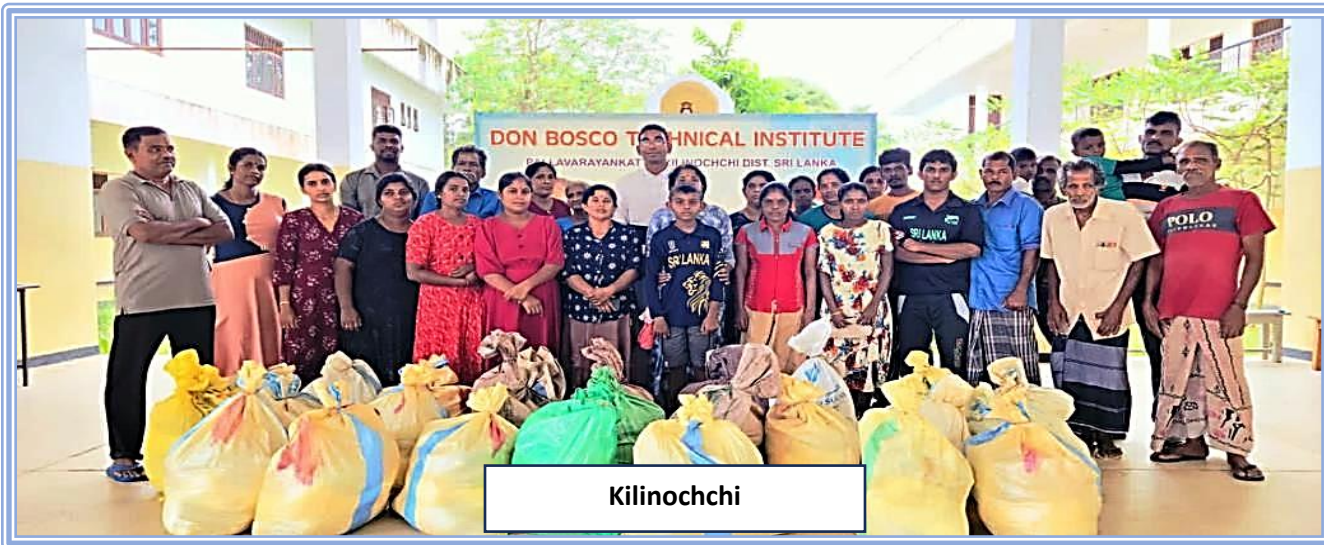
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