

Special Fund (Food) Report as of 31 January 2025



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

CANDLEAID PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We have this **'Special Food Project'** spread across Sri Lanka. It is a great relief to many families who, on a daily basis, look for something to eat.



Just two days ago, a 19-year-old student visited me, hoping to find a job somewhere. He had that unmistakable **'Nobody Knows the Trouble I have Seen'** look and I could see it instantly. Anyway, I asked him if he had eaten breakfast. He said **"Yes, I had a biscuit"**. That said it all. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case - I would say it is the norm for many young people today who are struggling to find their way in life.

Our mission is simple: We just try to get donations from wonderful people all around the world who have the generosity in their hearts to share their blessings with somebody. So, they donate funds to us, and we ensure food reaches those in need, regardless of the recipient's race or religion.

I want to thank you for what you have done.

Please stay with us - let's feed those whose breakfast is just a biscuit.

Blue Skies
Capt. Elmo Jayawardena



Special Dry Ration Project – Seasonal Initiative

As you may be aware, Sri Lanka is facing a growing crisis of food insecurity, exacerbated by ongoing economic instability, leaving many households struggling to maintain a balanced diet. According to a study conducted by the Food-first Information and Action Network (FIAN) Sri Lanka, which assessed household food insecurity and dietary patterns across 10 selected districts, **56.6% of households experience food insecurity with moderate or severe hunger** (*The Morning*, 19 January 2025).

Against this backdrop, CandleAid once again launched its dry ration distribution campaign during the festive season to support low-income families facing food insecurity.

This special program, which commenced in the latter part of November 2024, has provided essential food supplies to **208 families** as of **31 January 2025**, addressing their immediate needs. While this is an ongoing initiative, for reporting purposes, we have included details only up to 31 January 2025.

As background, CandleAid Lanka launched its Special Fund (Food) Program in June 2022 and began operations on 6 July 2022 by distributing dry rations to destitute families in rural areas. To date, we have delivered LKR 10,000 worth of dry rations to **4,277 families** across Sri Lanka—irrespective of their locations, ethnicities and religions—with a total expenditure **exceeding LKR 22.6 million**.

In addition, our midday meal program under the Special Fund (Food) initiative has provided meals at **27 schools**, reaching **4,106 students** in rural regions. These meals are prepared on-site by groups of parents and volunteers and are served for five consecutive days per project. To date, disbursements for this program stand at **LKR 2,470,241**.

All projects are carried out under CandleAid's strict guidelines, ensuring complete transparency and accountability for every rupee spent. We manage these initiatives with the dedicated support of **131 volunteer coordinators** across Sri Lanka. A list of these volunteer coordinators, who have been with us since the program's inception, is attached to this report.

Below, please find a **summary of disbursements as of 31 January 2025**.

This entire effort has been made possible by the generosity of donors worldwide. Your contributions have created a profound impact, and we remain deeply grateful for your support. We look forward to keeping you informed about our progress and the life-changing difference your kindness continues to make.

CandleAid is forever grateful.

Thank you.

Priyangani Ratnayake
Coordinating Secretary

Geographical Coverage of the Dry Ration Distribution this Festive Season



Provincial Coverage Table

Northern Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jaffna• Kilinochchi• Neriyakulama• Vavuniya	Central Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Udapussallawa• Kandy• Dambulu Thalawilaara	North Central Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Galenbindunuwewa• Medawachchiya• Andiyagala
Western Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pasyala• Pelawatte• Dehiwela• Piliyandala• Rajagiriya• Nugegoda• Kotte• Kolonnawa• Ratmalana• Panadura• Mulleriyawa	Western Province contd.... <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handapangoda• Padukka• Weyangoda• Moratuwa• Matugama• Meegahatenna• Lihiniyawa• Radawana	Southern Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambalangoda• Matara• Kamburupitiya• Palatuwa• Ahangama• Imaduwa• Habaraduwa• Deniyaya• Beliatte• Ranna• Batapola• Walasmulla• Pitigala
Eastern Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Werankatagoda	Sabaragamuwa Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ratnapura• Kolonna	Uva Province <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ballaketuwa• Ella• Bandarawela• Thanamalwila• Pitamaruwa

Visual representation of some of the distributions



Mr Tharindu Asintha - Galle



Mrs Upeka Kariyawasam - Piliyandala



M Dishan Weerasinghe - Bandarawela



Ms Piyumi Nisansala - Mathugama



Mrs Jayamali Priyadarshani, Vice Principal - Galle



Mr Ralph Gunawardena - Moratuwa



Mr D S R Jayasekera, Deputy Principal - Matara



Mr Santhush Chamika - Tangalle



Mrs Nayomi Sandamali - Monaragala



Ven. Palagala Vajiragnana Thero - Palagala



Dr Chaminda Jayatilleke - Medawachchiya



Mr Chamal Hettiarachchi - Kirindiwela

Dear Volunteer Coordinators,

Thank you for your dedication and support in coordinating the Special Dry Ration Project once again this season. Your hard work has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many, and we truly appreciate your kindness and commitment.

This is a tribute to your incredible efforts in identifying destitute families, ensuring they have food on their tables during this festive season. Your compassion and dedication have brought comfort and hope to those in need.

A Big Thank You from CandleAid!

	Name	Location
1	Mr Priyankara Hitibandara	Kurunegala
2	Mrs Chamila Mendis	Payagala
3	Mr Helasiri Nawalage	Rukmale
4	Mr D S R Jayasekara	Matara
5	Rev Fr Nadeep Fernando	Jaffna
6	Mrs Nilmini Weerasuriya	Kandy
7	Mrs Krishani Fernando	Moratuwa
8	Mrs Manori Somarathna	Kalupahana
9	Mr Reyon Vas	Koralawella
10	Mrs Mary Dalcy	Chilaw
11	Mrs Inoja Sri Kumar	Talawakelle
12	Mr H N Perera	Rajagiriya
13	Mr Gamini Kumanayake	Nugegoda
14	Mrs Chamari Kumanayake	Nugegoda
15	Mr Janaka Kumara	Nagollagama
16	Rev Father Deshapriya	Maggona
17	Mrs Wasantha Padmini	Batapola
18	Ms Subadhra Silva	Polgasovita
19	Ms Runesha De Silva	Negombo
20	Ms Kalani Samaraweera	Wadduwa
21	Ven. Kosgahahinne Wajiragnana Thero	Kalawewa
22	Mr Nirmal Fernando	Kurunegala
23	Mr Tharaka Jayathissa	Kithalawa
24	Mrs Dileka Dissanayake	Ampara
25	Mr Kamal Abeywickrama	Godagama
26	Mr & Mrs Aruna Samantha Mendis	Moratuwa

27	Mr & Mrs Wijedasa	Kandy
28	Mr Prasanna Weerasinghe	Sooriyawewa
29	Mrs Nayomi Sandamali	Wewahamanduwa
30	Mr Rodney Gunawardena	Moratuwa
31	Mrs Hasitha Lakmali	Moragala
32	Dr Chaminda Jayathilaka	Madawachchiya
33	Mr Chaminda De Alwis	Lunawa
34	Mr Abeysinghe	Beliatta
35	Mr Lal Fernando	Tangalle
36	Mr M Manoj	Rathnapura
37	Ms K K R C Dilhani	Mathugama
38	Ms Imesha Madushani	Anuradhapura
39	Ms Achini Shashikala	Ampara
40	Mr Tharindu Asintha	Dikkumbura
41	Ms Piyumi Nisansala	Mathugama
42	Dr Sameera Siriwardena	Alapaladeniya
43	Ms Fathima Zahira	Badulla
44	Mrs John Pillai	Colombo
45	Mr Abhijaya de Silva	Tissamaharamaya
46	Mrs Manjula Perera	Moratuwa
47	Mr Anura Tennekoon	Nugegoda
48	Mr Kingsly	Moratuwa
49	Mr Aruna Jayasekara	Kirindiwela
50	Mr Tony Jesudasan	Wellawatta
51	Mr Bruno Diwakara	Mattakkuliya
52	Mr Anton Fernando	Moratuwa
53	Mrs Lilani Gunawardena	Kelaniya
54	Mr Udara Gnanarathna	Monaragala
55	Ms Dinushi Maduwanthi	Embilipitiya

56	Mr Dushshantha Harmendra	Kalutara
57	Mr Desmond	Moratuwa
58	Mrs Molligoda	Pitakotte
59	Mr Roshantha	Moratuwa
60	Mr Neero Bandara	Kandy
61	Mr Percival Fernando	Moratuwa
62	Mr Suresh Chetty	Hatton
63	Mrs Upeka Kariyawasam	Piliyandala
64	Mr K L Kannappan	Ranna
65	Dr Udani Kotalawala	Katuwana
66	Ms Tisari Thilakarathne	Colombo
67	Mr Dilum Manuranga	Kalutara
68	Mr Yasas Udara	Waskaduwa

81	Mrs Yasmin Weerasuriya	Koralawella
82	Mr Pradeep Moraes	Thalawathugoda
83	Mrs T N Kaluarachchi	Imaduwa
84	Mr Trevor Wanniachchi	Dehiwala
85	Mr Rex Clemantine	Colombo
86	Mrs Shiroma Jayawickrama	Pelawatta
87	Mr Jayaprithi Perera	Moratuwa
88	Ms Janani Lakshani	Ragama
89	Mr Aruna Fernando	Moratuwa
90	Mr Chaminda Kumara	Boralesgamuwa
91	Mrs Nirmalie Peiris	Moratuwa
92	Ms Prasadini Imalka	Boralanda
93	Rev. Father Sagara Prishantha Perera	Kurunegala
94	Mr Amantha Gunarathna	Moratuwa
95	Rev. Father Prabhash Reddy	Batticaloa
96	Dr Buddhika Tilakaratne	Rathnapura
97	Mr Ramesh Rajapakshe	Moratuwa
98	Mrs C W Bibile	Heiyanthuduwa
99	Ms W Virgin Delrin Fernando	Waikkala
100	Ms Janaki Rupesinghe	Panadura
101	Group Capt. Poojana Gunathilake	Vavuniya
102	Mr Chandrarathna Dikpitiya Vithanage	Maharagama
103	Mr M Thedanath Perera	Kotte
104	Mr Thisaru Silva	Negombo
105	Mrs A P Thilini Maduka	Mawanella
106	Mr A A S G Bandara	Dambadeniya
107	Mr N K G Rohitha Upul Bandara	Hanguranketha

69	Mr Sajith Dushmantha	Ambalanthota
70	Mr Ranil Samarasinghe	Rajagiriya
71	Mrs Champika Vidanapathirana	Attidiya
72	Mr Pradeep Dinawanse	Kandy
73	Ms Dinithi Ranasinghe	Gampaha
74	Mr Dayal Manohara	Horana
75	Mr Shammil Wickramasinghe	Ududumbara
76	Mr Sunil Ariyasena	Mathugama
77	Mr Balasooriya	Horuvila
78	Mrs Mala Saluwadana	Pubbogama
79	Mr & Mrs Lasantha Mendis	Rajagiriya
80	Mr Robert Spittel	Wattala

108	Mrs Malsha Paris	Kandana
109	Mr Sriyan De Mel	Moratuwa
110	Mrs Arundathy Gunawardena	Moratuwa
111	Mr Dhananath Fernando	Moratuwa
112	Mrs Priyangani Ratnayake	Mount Lavinia
113	Mrs Harini Fernando	Moratuwa
114	Mr Ralph Gunawardena	Moratuwa
115	Rev Fr. Amila Fernando	Tangalle
116	Ms Anusha Rajapaksha	Horana
117	Mr T D C Keerthirathne	Katugasthota
118	Mr Yohan De Silva	Kadawatha
119	Mrs I G Ruwani Chathurika	Medawachchiya
120	Mr Ameenudeen	Galewela
121	Ven. Sumana Thero	Galewela
122	Rev.Fr. Sameera Perera	Moratuwa
123	Mr Chamal Anuradha Hettiarachchi	Kirindiwela
124	Mrs Dil Jayawardana	Moratuwa
125	Mr Dishan Weerasinghe	Bandarawela
126	Mr Santhush Chamika	Tangalle
127	Mr Pradeep Rangana	Athiliwela
128	Mrs P G L Jayamali Priyadarshani	Ahangama
129	Mr S Anpalagan	Haputale
130	Mrs K D N Kahatapitiya	Beruwala
131	Mrs Nilani Nonis	Moratuwa



SPECIAL FUND (FOOD) ACCOUNTS AS OF 31.01.2025

Details	Amount
Total Donations Received	LKR 25,563,873.10
Total Disbursements	LKR 25,146,711.88
DRY RATIONS	
Total Donations for Dry Rations	LKR 23,059,405.22
Total Disbursements for Dry Rations	LKR 22,676,470.00
Number of Families Assisted	4277
Balance in Dry Rations Account	LKR 417,161.22
SCHOOL FEEDING	
Total Donations for Schools	LKR 2,504,467.88
Total Payments for Schools	LKR 2,470,241.88
Funds Transferred to Dry Ration Project	LKR 34,226.00
Schools Assisted	27
Total Number of Students fed	4106
Balance in School Feeding Account	LKR 0.00
Total Number of Volunteer Coordinators	131

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