

# AT-A-GLANCE



## CandleAid Lanka

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

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Registered Address:** 45 Cornelius Place, Korallawella, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka

**Office Address:** 21/4 Dharmaratne Avenue, Rawatawatte, Moratuwa, Sri Lanka – Tel/Fax (94-11) 2642526

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**Website:** [www.candleaid.org](http://www.candleaid.org)

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 12th 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 24th July 2009

#### Organisation

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

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

Wales, London, Eastbourne, Devon, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Vienna, Dubai, Riyadh, Doha, Singapore, Hong Kong, Toronto, Vancouver, Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Wellington, Auckland, Bermuda. There are three other representatives in overall charge of Australasia, North America 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 Bank Accounts

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

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

**Finance Manager:** Upamali Weligodapola, email: [candleaid\\_acct@slt.net.lk](mailto:candleaid_acct@slt.net.lk)

### PROGRAMMES

#### Education

##### Student Sponsorships

Giving poor children an opportunity in life through education is CandleAid Lanka's principal charity programme. School-level students received a monthly disbursement of LKR800 with an additional donation of LKR1,200 given to primary and secondary students towards their books and other needs, while university students monthly received LKR1,600. CandleAid Lanka has so far granted more than 1300 scholarships.

Director: Dil Jayawardena, email: [diljay2@slt.net.lk](mailto:diljay2@slt.net.lk)

Chief Coordinator: Vernon de Mel, email: [candleaid\\_adm@slt.net.lk](mailto:candleaid_adm@slt.net.lk)

International Coordinator: Tanuja Rajah, email: [candleaid\\_inco@slt.net.lk](mailto:candleaid_inco@slt.net.lk)

##### Libraries

CandleAid Lanka has set up a hundred libraries in many rural communities offering poor students access to knowledge through books.

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

#### Food

##### Family Sponsorships

Destitute families with low income are given a monthly basic food supplement valued at LKR 1800. Nearly 400 families have been assisted to date. The monthly sponsorship is US\$18 or LKR 1800.

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

## Shelter

CandleAid constructed 28 houses/toilets, a community hall and a playground in Indigaswewa, an impoverished village located in close proximity to the Sigirya Rock Castle in the north central province. The project is now complete. 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...  
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## Health

### Health clinics

CandleAid Lanka provides part of the cost of drugs at a **free medical clinic** located in Rawatawatte by the Baptist Church. CandleAid Lanka has also conducted 37 **vision projects** giving prescribed spectacles to poor elders with vision problems.

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### 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.

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

Office Coordinator: Cyril Dassanayake, email: [candleaid\\_ofc@slt.net.lk](mailto:candleaid_ofc@slt.net.lk)

### Cancer Patient Sponsorships

CandleAid Lanka has given out more than 550 sponsorships to poor cancer patients from all parts of Sri Lanka. Under this programme patients receive a nutritional/food supplement of LKR 1800 per month. Sponsors donate US\$18 or LKR 1800 per month for this programme.

Programme Coordinator: Sunil Warnakulasuriya, email: [candleaid\\_camp@slt.net.lk](mailto:candleaid_camp@slt.net.lk)

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

### Visually Impaired Elders' Colony

The colony at Katubedde, housing seven destitute and blind elders is given meals and other forms of assistance on a regular basis by CandleAid Lanka.

Chief Coordinator: Arundathie Gunawardena, email: [sf-sa@slt.lk](mailto:sf-sa@slt.lk)

## St. Joseph's School for Hearing Impaired Children

The above school at Kuliypitiya educates 40 children, 18 of them from distant villages are given boarding facilities. CandleAid Lanka sponsors the cost of food for these 18 children @ USD 25 per month. CandleAid Lanka is also funding the salary of a teacher who conducts computer classes as well as the transport expenses of some children.

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

## Swim for Safety

Recognizing that many lives perished in the 2004 Tsunami due to the inability to swim and stay afloat, CandleAid constructed a pool at St. Sebastian's College in Moratuwa. Every month, CandleAid trains 100 children from very poor communities to swim free of charge. More than 3000 children have been enrolled in the programme. Training costs USD15 per child.

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

International Coordinator: Vanessa Gouloumet, email: [vgouloumet@yahoo.fr](mailto:vgouloumet@yahoo.fr)

## English language & Communication

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. To date, six courses have been organised and more than 700 students have completed this course. The programme continues if and when funding is available for the purpose through sponsorship.

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## Post war

Right after the end of the civil war, CandleAid decided to reach out to people in the North and East and immediately initiated short-term projects. 20 toilets were built in the Menik Farm IDP camp through the Rotary Club of Colombo City and the programme "**Children of the Conflict (COTC)**" was launched in order to establish libraries in the North and East and offer 20 student sponsorships (LKR 1,000 per month) to children of disabled or deceased soldiers for one year.

North/East Libraries Programme Director: Priya Cooray, email: [priyacooray@hsbc.com](mailto:priyacooray@hsbc.com)

To inculcate the fact that **Peace Begins with Me**, CandleAid's next attempt is to bring harmony, among children of all ethnicities. To this end, the project "**Uniting Children**" was launched and the first such link was established between the Methodist College of Colombo and the Wesley High School of Kalmunai.

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For consistency and administrative convenience we have fixed both the annual foreign currency amount of the sponsorship as well as the monthly rupee disbursement to beneficiaries under the respective sponsorship programmes, as it is not practical to keep adjusting sponsor donations and sponsorship disbursements in line with precise Sri Lanka rupee depreciation. Any excess from favourable foreign currency conversion is utilised to accommodate bank charges, possible appreciation of the Sri Lanka Rupee as well as costs associated with administering the sponsorship over a period of one year.

## CONTACTS

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