

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

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), Priya Cooray (Vice-President), Dil Jayawardena (Executive Director), Prof. Razeen Sally, Himali Senanayake, Yasmin Weerasuriya, Mevan Jayawardena and Aruna Fernando

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

Amsterdam, Calgary, Eastbourne, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Dubai, 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”)

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

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

PROGRAMMES

Education Programme

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 4485 education sponsorships to date, of which 1996 are for undergraduates.

Director In Charge: Dil Jayawardena, Email: diljay1@gmail.com

Head - Education Programme: Cheryl Seneviratne, Email: candleaid.inco@gmail.com

Libraries CandleAid Lanka has set up 254 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: ca.coordinatingofficer@gmail.com, Project Assistant: Shalini Jayaweera, 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 13 more centres around the island, to relieve parents of significant financial burden of purchasing academic needs for the new academic year. In Year 2022 we assisted 943 children with the support of others. Head - Education Programme: Cheryl Seneviratne, Email: candleaid.inco@gmail.com, Project Assistant, Sanushi Mendis, Email: candleaid.edu2@gmail.com

Health Programme

Cancer Patient Assistance CandleAid Lanka has given out 1642 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: Rukmal Silva, Email: healthdesk.candleaid@gmail.com
Project Assistant: Chamila Mendis, Email: health@candleaid.org
International Coordinator: Sabine Dias, Email: sabine.cad2@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 18.4 million to assist 125 patients.
Head – Sunil Warnakulasuriya, Email: sunilwa@sltnet.lk
Project Coordinator: Rukmal Silva, Email: healthdesk.candleaid@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 LKR 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. 65 patients have been assisted so far.
Director In Charge: Capt Elmo Jayawardena, Email: elmojay1@gmail.com
Head - Health Programme: Rukmal Silva, Email: healthdesk.candleaid@gmail.com

Food Programme

Gift-A-Meal (GAM) Sponsorships Destitute families with low income are given a monthly basic food supplement valued at LKR 3,000. 838 families have been assisted to date.
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Project Assistant: Devinka Fernando, Email: caprojectassistant.food@gmail.com

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 111 such families have been enrolled up to 30 June 2023.
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Project Assistant: Devinka Fernando, Email: caprojectassistant.food@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 43 such women have been assisted.

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Project Coordinator: Shalini Jayaweera, Email: general.1@candleaid.org

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 LKR 12,781,470.00. We are happy to say that we were able to provide mid-day meals for 3 rural schools by donating LKR 1,096,791.88 and we hope to continue to assist schools in the coming months too.

CandleAid supported 1278 low-income families throughout Sri Lanka with LKR 10,000 worth of dry rations under this project. Also CandleAid provided lunch for 03 under privileged schools in Panadura, Akuregoda and Minneriya respectively as follows:

- Adikarigoda Gnanissara School in Kalutara has 120 students and we have given them lunch for 55 school days. Total amount for 55 days is LKR 596,291.88.00
- Diamond Jubilee College Panadura has 198 students. We have provided them lunch for 30 school days and the cost was LKR 450,000.00
- Minneriya Ekamuthu Montessori has 28 students. We have provided them lunch for 15 school days and the cost was LKR 52,500.00.

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