

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

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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

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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), Mevan Jayawardena (Director) and Aruna Fernando (Director)

**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 2,500, and University students receive a monthly donation of LKR 3,000. CandleAid Lanka has granted 4775 education sponsorships to date, of which 2160 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 264 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.  
Director In Charge: Capt. Elmo Jayawardena, Email: elmojay1@gmail.com  
Coordinator: Priyangani Ratnayake, Email: ca.coordinatingsecretary@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 12 more centres around the island, to relieve parents of significant financial burden of purchasing academic needs for the new academic year. In 2025 we donated LKR 1,153,883.59 for the book project with the help of generous donors.  
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 1792 sponsorships to poor cancer patients from all parts of Sri Lanka. Under this programme patients receive a sum of LKR 4,000 per month.  
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Project Assistant: Chamila Mendis, Email: health@candleaid.org  
International 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 28 million to assist 185 patients.  
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Project Facilitator – Sunil Warnakulasuriya, Email: sunilwa@sltnet.lk  
Project Coordinator: Priyangani Ratnayake, 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 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. 89 patients have been assisted so far.  
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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 4000. 878 families have been assisted to date.  
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**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 158 such families have been enrolled up to 31 December 2024.  
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## 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 45 such women have been assisted.

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## Special Fund (Food) Program

Due to the current economic downturn in Sri Lanka, we assisted deserving families registered with CandleAid by providing them LKR 10,000.00 worth of dry rations to 4,265 families totalling LKR 22,556,470. We are happy to say that we have also provided mid-day meals to 27 rural schools by donating LKR 2,470,241.88.

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