

CandleAid Lanka

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Mother & Child Project Overview

The CandleAid has established a fund to support mothers who are either widowed, abandoned by their spouses or single mothers. These are women who are required to feed, clothe, educate and nurture the children alone while also making a livelihood to keep home fires burning.

This project comes under the umbrella of CandleAid's food programme.

It is a fund based project and anyone who wishes to donate to the project could do so at any time. Depending on the availability of funds, we enroll families in the project.

Each beneficiary family is recommended to the project by a person who is familiar with circumstances of the family. If the family is accepted CandleAid credits LKR 5,000 to the beneficiary's bank account at the beginning of each month for a period of 12 months.

More importantly, CandleAid will look into the possibility of empowering them to generate an income independently by discussing with them their abilities and strengths and providing the necessary support. Women who are already engaged in small-scale home-grown ventures will be assisted to improve the productivity of their endeavors through a discussed plan of action. There may be others who would like to initiate a new venture in an area of their competence. This aspect of the project will align with CandleAid's existing Self-Empowerment of Women programme. The type of assistance to be rendered may vary depending on the ages of kids and the level of support available from the respective extended family.

Local donors who wish to donate to the project could do so by remitting to any of the two bank accounts mentioned in the 'Ways of making remittances to CandleAid Lanka' document under the webpage 'donate'. Overseas donors are able to make their donation in any currency of their choice. All modes of remittance are indicated in the 'Ways of making remittances to CandleAid Lanka' document, which can be downloaded from our website www.candleaid.org.

The beneficiaries are required to abide by the laid-down procedures of this project, which include the submission of a Thank you letter within 14 days of first receipt of the donation and monthly donation acknowledgement form (MCP 004 form) once in 4 months. At the end of the period, a letter has to be submitted including the current information and progress of the family. If the beneficiary family fails to submit the required documentation, the allowance is suspended from the ensuing month. If the beneficiary family does not regularize the lapses despite reminders sent by CandleAid, the sponsorship is then terminated effective from the date of suspension.

A report is submitted every four months on the progress of the project to all donors, sponsors and other stalwarts of CandleAid Lanka.

Anyone who wishes to join the above project can contact the following personnel;

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