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SPECIAL FUND (FOOD) PROJECT REPORT As of 31.01.2026



Overview

The Special Fund (Food) Project is two-pronged i.e. the distribution of dry rations to low-income families and providing mid-day meals to children in rural schools. This humanitarian initiative was launched in **June 2022**.

Distribution of Dry Rations: The programme provides dry ration assistance to households irrespective of location, ethnicity, or religion, while upholding dignity, transparency, and accountability in every stage of implementation.

As at 31 January 2026, dry rations valued at **LKR 10,000** each have been distributed to **4,462 families** islandwide.

Midday Meal Programme: This initiative has been conducted in **33 schools**, reaching **4,661 students** in rural regions. These meals are prepared onsite by groups of parents and volunteers and are served for five consecutive days per project.

To date, the total expenditure of the above initiatives stand at **LKR 27.4 million**. All initiatives are implemented in accordance with CandleAid's strict operational guidelines, ensuring complete transparency and accountability for every rupee spent. These projects are carried out with the dedicated support of **147 volunteer coordinators** across Sri Lanka. A list of the volunteer coordinators who have been with us since the programme's inception is attached to this report.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SPECIAL FUND (FOOD) PROJECT (SFFP)

The ongoing SFFP completed its December round gifting dry rations to families in need. Our team of volunteer coordinators did yeomen service locating the families and going to their homes to present recipients with bags of food worth LKR 10,000.

This no doubt uplifted the families facing difficult circumstances. This was the festive season and many struggling mothers were able to place food on almost empty tables.

The donations came mainly from individuals. One long standing and committed donor scaled the Himalayas to raise funds that took care of 80 families.

This program commenced in 2022 and so far CandleAid has spent over LKR 24.5 million feeding families living below the poverty line in almost all districts of Sri Lanka.

I need to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one who took part in this project, the donors, the coordinators and the office staff who made all this happen. It is simply a matter of collective kindness.

CandleAid seeks ways to help, so that those who are hungry may have a meal.

Thank you!

Blue skies
Capt Elmo Jayawardena



FESTIVE SEASON DISTRIBUTION INITIATIVE

During the 2025 festive season, CandleAid launched a special distribution campaign to assist low-income families facing increased financial strain. Commencing in late November 2025, this seasonal initiative provided essential food packs to **150 families** as at 31 January 2026.

Each family received assistance valued at LKR 10,000, consistent with the standard structure of the main programme.

The intervention took place against a backdrop of ongoing economic challenges and the broader impact of Cyclone Ditwa. While not all beneficiaries were directly affected, many families experienced indirect consequences, particularly in areas impacted by flooding and landslides.

The timing of the distribution - from mid-December to mid-January - was especially significant. This period invariably brings heightened financial pressure due to holiday-related expenses, New Year observances, and the commencement of the school year. The recent environmental disruptions further increased household vulnerability, making this support both timely and critical.

Provincial Coverage – Sri Lanka

Province	District	Locations Covered
Central Province	Kandy	Panvilatenna, Udagama, Manikdiwela, Pussallawa, Gampola, Wattegama, Nillamba, Gelioya
	Matale	Matale, Galewela, Dewahuwa, Bambaragaswewa
	Nuwara Eliya	Halgranoya, Nildandahinna, Rozella
Southern Province	Matara	Pitabeddara, Matara, Akuressa, Makandura, Deyandara (Deiyandara), Urugamuwa
	Hambantota	Hakuruwela, Walasmulla, Kirama, Ranna North, Ranna South, Agunakolapelessa
	Galle	Ethkandura, Imaduwa, Angulugaha
Western Province	Colombo	Mattegoda, Ratmalana, Moratuwa, Madapatha, Pitipana, Hanwella, Kottawa, Kotte, Dehiwala
	Kalutara	Panadura, Wadduwa, Pelawatta, Mathugama, Horana, Maggona, Kalutara
	Gampaha	Negombo, Delgoda, Weliveriya, Gonawela, Kadawatha, Kelaniya, Makola

Sabaragamuwa Province	Ratnapura	Kolonna, Opanayake, Godakawela, Nivithigala, Kahawaththa, Rathnapura
	Kegalle	Rambukkana
North Central Province	Anuradhapura	Palugas Wewa, Ashokapura, Horowpothana, Eppawala
North Western Province	Kurunegala	Wengamuwa, Dummalasuriya, Ambagaswewa, Nagollagama
	Puttalam	Mundalama
Eastern Province	Ampara	Ampara, Hingurana
Uva Province	Badulla	Bandarawela
Northern Province	Jaffna	Manipay, Chulipuram, Urelu, Chavakachcheri, Kalundai, Jaffna

Geographical Coverage of the Dry Ration Distribution



Photographic Documentation

Some of the photographs of the distribution activities are given below to provide visual evidence of the Dry Ration Distribution Project.



Deiyandara



Moratuwa



Maggona



Matara



Dewahuwa



Hingurana



Madapatha



Anuradhapura



Wewahamanduwa



Geliya, Peradeniya



Panvilatenna, Kandy



Athkandura, Galle



Pussellawa



Manikdiwela, Kandy



Rambukkana



Ampara



Kataragama, Monaragala



Rozella Colony, Nuwara Eliya



Wattagama



Urugamuwa, Matara



Bandarawela



Ranna

Volunteer Coordinators

Dear Volunteer Coordinators,

We extend our sincere appreciation for your continued dedication and support in coordinating the dry ration project once again this season. Your tireless efforts in identifying and assisting destitute families have made a profound difference in many lives. This initiative stands as a true testament to your kindness, generosity of spirit, and unwavering sense of responsibility toward those in need. On behalf of CandleAid, we say a heartfelt thank you for your remarkable service.

With gratitude,
CandleAid

	Name	Location		Name	Location
1.	Mr Priyankara Hitibandara	Kurunegala	56.	Mr Dushshantha Harmendra	Kalutara
2.	Mrs Chamila Mendis	Payagala	57.	Mr Desmond	Moratuwa
3.	Mr Helasiri Nawalage	Rukmale	58.	Mrs Molligoda	Pitakotte
4.	Mr D S R Jayasekara	Matara	59.	Mr Roshantha	Moratuwa
5.	Rev Fr Nadeep Fernando	Jaffna	60.	Mr Neero Bandara	Kandy
6.	Mrs Nilmini Weerasuriya	Kandy	61.	Mr Percival Fernando	Moratuwa
7.	Mrs Krishani Fernando	Moratuwa	62.	Mr Suresh Chetty	Hatton
8.	Mrs Manori Somarathna	Kalupahana	63.	Mrs Upeka Kariyawasam	Piliyandala
9.	Mr Reyon Vas	Koralawella	64.	Mr K L Kannappan	Ranna
10.	Mrs Mary Dalcy	Chilaw	65.	Dr Udani Kotalawala	Katuwana
11.	Mrs Inoja Sri Kumar	Talawakelle	66.	Ms Tisari Thilakarathne	Colombo
12.	Mr H N Perera	Rajagiriya	67.	Mr Dilum Manuranga	Kalutara
13.	Mr Gamini Kumanayake	Nugegoda	68.	Mr Yasar Udara	Waskaduwa
14.	Mrs Chamari Kumanayake	Nugegoda	69.	Mr Sajith Dushmantha	Ambalanthota
15.	Mr Janaka Kumara	Nagollagama	70.	Mr Ranil Samarasinghe	Rajagiriya
16.	Rev Father Deshapriya	Maggona	71.	Mrs Champika Vidanapathirana	Attidiya
17.	Mrs Wasantha Padmini	Batapola	72.	Mr Pradeep Dinawanse	Kandy
18.	Ms Subadhra Silva	Polgasovita	73.	Ms Dinithi Ranasinghe	Gampaha
19.	Ms Runesha De Silva	Negombo	74.	Mr Dayal Manohara	Horana
20.	Ms Kalani Samaraweera	Wadduwa	75.	Mr Shammil Wickramasinghe	Ududumbara
21.	Ven.Kosgahahinne Wajiragnana Thero	Kalawewa	76.	Mr Sunil Ariyasena	Mathugama
22.	Mr Nirmal Fernando	Kurunegala	77.	Mr Balasooriya	Horuvila
23.	Mr Tharaka Jayathissa	Kithalawa	78.	Mrs Mala Saluwadana	Pubbogama
24.	Mrs Dileka Dissanayake	Ampara	79.	Mr & Mrs Lasantha Mendis	Rajagiriya
25.	Mr Kamal Abeywickrama	Godagama	80.	Mr Robert Spittel	Wattala
26.	Mr & Mrs Aruna Samantha Mendis	Moratuwa	81.	Mrs Yasmin Weerasuriya	Koralawella
27.	Mr & Mrs Wijedasa	Kandy	82.	Mr Pradeep Moraes	Thalawathugoda
28.	Mr Prasanna Weerasinghe	Sooriyawewa	83.	Mrs T N Kaluarachchi	Imaduwa
29.	Mrs Nayomi Sandamali	Wewahamanduwa	84.	Mr Trevor Wanniachchi	Dehiwala
30.	Mr Rodney Gunawardena	Moratuwa	85.	Mr Rex Clemantine	Colombo
31.	Mrs Hasitha Lakmali	Moragala	86.	Mrs Shiroma Jayawickrama	Pelawatta
32.	Dr Chaminda Jayathilaka	Madawachchiya	87.	Mr Jayaprithi Perera	Moratuwa
33.	Mr Chaminda De Alwis	Lunawa	88.	Ms Janani Lakshani	Ragama
34.	Mr Abeysinghe	Beliatta	89.	Mr Aruna Fernando	Moratuwa
35.	Mr Lal Fernando	Tangalle	90.	Mr Chaminda Kumara	Boralesgamuwa
36.	Mr M Manoj	Rathnapura	91.	Mrs Nirmalie Peiris	Moratuwa
37.	Ms K K R C Dilhani	Mathugama	92.	Ms Prasadini Imalka	Boralanda
38.	Ms Imesha Madushani	Anuradhapura	93.	Rev. Father Sagara Prishantha Perera	Kurunegala
39.	Ms Achini Shashikala	Ampara	94.	Mr Amantha Gunarathna	Moratuwa
40.	Mr Tharindu Asintha	Dikkumbura	95.	Rev. Father Prabhash Reddy	Batticaloa
41.	Ms Piyumi Nisansala	Mathugama	96.	Dr Buddhika Tilakaratne	Rathnapura
42.	Dr Sameera Siriwardena	Alapaladeniya	97.	Mr Ramesh Rajapakshe	Moratuwa
43.	Ms Fathima Zahira	Badulla	98.	Mrs C W Bibile	Heiyanthuduwa
44.	Mrs John Pillai	Colombo	99.	W Virgin Delrin Fernando	Waikkala
45.	Mr Abhijaya de Silva	Tissamaharamaya	100.	Ms Janaki Rupesinghe	Panadura
46.	Mrs Manjula Perera	Moratuwa	101.	Group Capt. Poojana Gunathilake	Vavuniya
47.	Mr Anura Tennekoon	Nugegoda	102.	Mr Chandrarathna Vithanage	Maharagama
48.	Mr Kingsley	Moratuwa	103.	Mr M Thedanath Perera	Kotte
49.	Mr Aruna Jayasekara	Kirindiwela	104.	Mr Thisaru Silva	Negombo
50.	Mr Tony Jesudasan	Wellawatta	105.	Mrs A P Thilini Maduka	Mawanella
51.	Mr Bruno Diwakara	Mattakkuliya	106.	Mr A A S G Bandara	Dambadeniya
52.	Mr Anton Fernando	Moratuwa	107.	Mr N K G Rohitha Upul Bandara	Hanguranketha
53.	Mrs Lilani Gunawardena	Kelaniya	108.	Mrs Malsha Paris	Kandana
54.	Mr Udara Gnanarathna	Monaragala	109.	Mr Sriyan De Mel	Moratuwa
55.	Ms Dinushi Maduwanthi	Embilipitiya	110.	Mrs Arundathy Gunawardena	Moratuwa

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111.	Mr Dhananath Fernando	Moratuwa	131.	Ms M P Rasika Sandaruwani	Ihala Yakkure
112.	Mrs Priyangani Rathnayake	Mount Lavinia	132.	Mrs Cheryl Seneviratne	Dehiwela
113.	Mrs Harini Fernando	Moratuwa	133.	Mr Lasitha Nandana Fernando	Wadduwa
114.	Mr Ralph Gunawardena	Moratuwa	134.	Ms Shashi Mendis	Moratuwa
115.	Rev Fr Amila Fernando	Tangalle	135.	Mr M De Sirisena	Panadura
116.	Anusha Rajapaksha	Horana	136.	Mr S D Priyantha Arunasiri Fernando	Kalutara - South
117.	Mr T D C Keerthirathne	Katugasthota	137.	Late Mr G D K Dammika Kalawana	Kesbewa
118.	Mr Yohan De Silva	Kadawatha	138.	Mr Gamini Gunarathne	
119.	Mrs I G Ruwani Chathurika	Medawachchiya	139.	Ms Samantha Ranasinghe	Galoya
120.	Mr Ameenuddin	Galewela	140.	Mrs K D N Kahatapitiya	Beruwala
121.	Ven. Galewela Sumana Thero	Galewela	141.	Ms Pumala Weerasinghe	Moratuwa
122.	Rev. Fr. Sameera Perera	Moratuwa	142.	Ms Punesha Weerasinghe	Moratuwa
123.	H A Chamal Anuradha Hettiarachchi	Kirindiwela	143.	Mr Aishan Perera	Gampaha
124.	Mrs Dil Jayawardana	Moratuwa	144.	Mr Anuja Panagoda	Pannipitiya
125.	Mr Deeshan Weerasinghe	Bandarawela	145.	Mr Hashane Bolonne	Moratuwa
126.	Mr Santhush Chamika	Tangalle	146.	Mr Dinesh Priyankara	Colombo
127.	Mr Pradeep Rangana	Athiliwela	147.	Mr H G S Premasiri Perera	Makola
128.	Mr S Anpalagan	Haputale			
129.	Mr D F Sunil D Hettiarachchi	Colombo 05			
130.	Ms Rukmal Silva	Moratuwa			

SPECIAL FUND (FOOD) ACCOUNTS AS OF 31.01.2026

Details	Amount
Total Donations Received	LKR 28,219,041.37
Total Disbursements	LKR 27,454,561.88
DRY RATIONS	
Total Donations – Dry Rations	LKR 25,243,676.80
Total Disbursements - Dry Rations	LKR 24,526,470.00
Number of Families Assisted	4462
Balance in Dry Rations Account	LKR 717,206.80
SCHOOL FEEDING	
Total Donations for Schools	LKR 2,975,364.57
Total Payments for Schools	LKR 2,928,091.88
Schools Assisted	33
Total Number of Students fed	4661
Balance in School Feeding Account	LKR 47,272.69
Total Number of Volunteer Coordinators	147

Priyangani Ratnayake, Coordinating Secretary

04.03.2026

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