

## 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

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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), Dayantha de Mel (Vice-President/Director-Finance), Priya Cooray (Vice-President), Dil Jayawardena (Director/Executive Secretary), Ralph Gunawardena (Director), Dr. Razeen Sally (Director), Himali Senanayake (Director), and Mevan Jayawardena (Director)

**For the purpose of sourcing Donors and Sponsors,** CandleAid has appointed representatives in the following cities: Amsterdam, Auckland, Austria, Bermuda, Calgary, Devon, Dubai, Eastbourne, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Perth, Riyadh, Singapore, Sweden, Sydney, Toronto, Vancouver, and the United States (one representative for all cities). There are four other representatives in overall charge of Australasia, Europe, North America and the Middle East.

**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

A/c Name :	“CandleAid Lanka”	A/c Name :	“CandleAid Lanka”
Bank :	Hatton National Bank, Moratuwa Branch, New Galle Road, Moratuwa 10400 Sri Lanka.	Bank :	Nations Trust Bank, Moratuwa Branch New Galle Road, Moratuwa 10400 Sri Lanka
Swift Code (BSB) :	HBLILK LX	Swift code (BSB) :	NTBCLK LX
Account No. :	022010223682 (Sri Lanka Rupee)	Account No. :	014100008377 (Sri Lanka Rupee)

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### 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 1,500, and University students receive a monthly donation of LKR 2,000. CandleAid Lanka has granted 3701 education sponsorships to date, of which 1577 are for undergraduates.

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**Libraries** CandleAid Lanka has set up 205 libraries in many rural communities offering poor students access to knowledge through books. The cost of a library is between LKR 50,000 to 75,000, depending on the requirements of the recipient institution.

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**Book Project** This project is held annually to provide exercise books and other items of stationery for the ensuing academic year to children from low income families. The project is carried out at our Moratuwa and six more centres around the island, to relieve parents of the significant financial burden of purchasing new school books for the new academic year in January. Last December we assisted 739 children with the support of others.

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## Health Programme

### Cancer Patient Assistance

CandleAid Lanka has given out 1438 sponsorships to poor cancer patients from all parts of Sri Lanka. Under this programme patients receive a nutritional/food supplement of LKR 2,000 per month.

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## Food Programme

### Gift-A-Meal (GAM) Sponsorships

Destitute families with low income are given a monthly basic food supplement valued at LKR 2,000. 704 families have been assisted to date.

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## Special Needs Programme

### Visually Impaired Elders' Colony

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

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### Pathum Uyana, Niduk Piyasa & Sahaja

CandleAid provides assistance to these three day-care centres catering to special needs children on a funds available basis and help them receive special care in ways relevant to the child's condition.

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## Self-Empowerment of Women (SEW) Programme

The above programme was launched in January 2014 to empower women who have been entrusted with 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 37 such women have been assisted.

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## English & Personality Enhancement Programme (EPEP)

Many programmes towards the above purpose were conducted to provide undergraduates, graduates, Advanced Level students and others an opportunity to acquire English communication skills and secure jobs. To date, eleven courses have been organised and more than 900 students have been assisted. The programme continues if and when funding is available for the purpose. The final two programmes were funded by the LBW Trust, mainly for students sponsored by them.

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## North & East Projects

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. On completion of these projects, CandleAid established 38 libraries in schools and other community centres in the North and East and numerous needs of mainly children have been fulfilled by way of education sponsorships, provision of school needs and interactive programmes.

Based on a request made by one of our coordinators in Mannar, last year CandleAid decided to assist 32 children from 12 single parent families with their school requirements. Sadly their fathers had gone missing during the armed conflict and as a result the 12 families have suffered grave difficulties. The coordinator requested from CandleAid school stationery and bicycles for some students who walk two to three kilometres to attend school and tuition classes.

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