



**(Formerly AFLAC International)
Established in February 1995**

A Government Approved Charity
Incorporated as a Limited Liability Company
In Sri Lanka in April 1998

**TWENTY FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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

President's Message

The organization has been around for 25 years, a quarter of a century. CandleAid Lanka that was earlier known as AFLAC has survived all this time simply to do only one thing, to serve people in need.

How well the organization functioned is not displayed on shining neon but its recorded in faded files and ancient 'word' documents. The best legacy of CandleAid's track record is what remains in the hearts of the people we have helped. Year after year, the students who were assisted, the cancer patients we supported, the destitute families we fed are the embodiment of the undertaking we give to people in need. Adding to that list are the 200 plus little libraries we have opened, the pool we constructed to offer free swimming training to more than 7000 students from low income families, the 70 over houses built in the aftermath of the Tsunami are just a few of the highlights of CandleAid's multifarious efforts to uplift the poor and alleviate poverty.

We have done what we can, we do not know what the future holds for us, but we are happy that we did our best in the last 25 years.

I thank all who are associated with CandleAid in numerous roles. Some donated money some gifted their time and energy, and some trudged with us in times of need supporting us in various ways to survive as a service-oriented organization.

The biggest blessing that we have is our network of sponsors from all over the world. They were linked to the people who sought our assistance under the various programmes we run, and they kept on sponsoring them year after year. They became the main sail of CandleAid in whatever directions we moved to help people.

I profusely thank everyone who is associated with CandleAid, be it the donor, sponsor, coordinator, representative abroad, volunteer or office personnel.

Please accept my humble gratitude.

Thank you

Blue skies

Capt Elmo Jayawardena
Founder President
CandleAid Lanka

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ANNUAL REPORT

We are privileged to present the Twenty Fifth Annual Report of CandleAid Lanka which includes the Audited Accounts and a Review of activities and projects for the year ended 31 March 2020.

INTRODUCTION

CandleAid Lanka (formerly AFLAC International) is a non-profit charity that commenced operations on 6 February 1995 with the objective of alleviating poverty in Sri Lanka by providing much needed assistance in the areas of education, food, shelter, health and community development.

REGISTRATIONS

CandleAid Lanka was incorporated as a limited liability company in Sri Lanka on 02 April 1998 bearing Registration No. N (A) 671A under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982.

CandleAid Lanka was also registered on 21 February 2000 as a Non-Governmental Organization, bearing Registration No. FL 03701 under Voluntary Social Services Organizations (Registration & Supervision) Act No. 31 of 1980 as amended by Act No. 8 of 1998 under the Ministry of Social Services in Sri Lanka.

CandleAid Lanka (formerly AFLAC International) was declared as an Approved Charity in Sri Lanka on 12 November 2001 under the Inland Revenue Act No. 38 of 2000.

The Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 required that all existing companies be re-registered and therefore CandleAid was re-registered on 21 January 2009 obtaining new Registration No. GA 201.

OUR MISSION

CandleAid Lanka (hereinafter referred to as CandleAid) functions on the premise that most people, irrespective of their circumstances, are capable of helping another person in some way or other. In that context, CandleAid functions as the link between someone's basic need and another's generosity.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CandleAid's Board of Directors comprises its Founder President and 7 other Directors. The entire Board functions on a voluntary and honorary basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

CandleAid office is located at 21/4 Dharmaratne Avenue, Rawathawatte, Moratuwa. As at 31 March 2020 there were 12 staff members, consisting of 2 senior employees on contract and 10 permanent employees.

OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION

13 individuals have been appointed by CandleAid in cities around the world to represent it in sourcing sponsors and donors for its projects and programmes, all of which are carried out in Sri Lanka.

BANK ACCOUNTS

All funds are channelled through the following Sri Lanka Rupee Current Accounts established in the name of "CandleAid Lanka".

- 🏦 Hatton National Bank, Moratuwa Branch - Account No. 022010223682
- 🏦 Nations Trust Bank, Moratuwa Branch - Account No. 014100008377

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

CandleAid adheres to high standards of transparency and accountability and as such its accounts are audited by B.R. de Silva & Co. and displayed in CandleAid's website www.candleaid.org

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

During the year under review, total receipts mainly in the form of donations aggregated to LKR 46,349,800 as compared to LKR 45,612,189 in the previous year. This included donations for the three on-going sponsorship programmes: Education, Cancer Patients and Gift-A-Meal, donations/contributions for other projects, recoveries and interest earned on investments.

Total payments amounted to LKR 44,097,712 as compared to LKR 38,548,422 in the previous year. This included disbursements to sponsored beneficiaries in the three sponsorship programmes and other projects, administrative expenses, taxation, and bank charges.

The detailed Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 are in Annex II.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONS

A review of CandleAid's operations and a detailed description of on-going projects carried out by the organization during the year under review are in Annex I.

1.0 EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The student sponsorships, library project, book project and other education related projects come within the purview of the education programme. Total donations received for the education programme during the year under review amounted to LKR 18,361,697.

1.1 Student Sponsorships

This is CandleAid's flagship programme where financial assistance is extended to students from low income families. Under the education sponsorship programme, monthly disbursements were increased from LKR 1,000 to LKR 1,500 for pre-university students, and from LKR 1,800 to LKR 2,000 for university students. Monthly disbursements are directly credited to students' bank accounts.

The total number of students sponsored under this programme as at 31 March 2020 was 3701. The active number of sponsorships during the period under review was 978. Out of this total 348 were university students. Local and foreign sponsors numbering 378, and 926 coordinators supported this programme.

CandleAid received sponsorship donations aggregating to LKR 17,271,916. Disbursements to students amounted to LKR 16,120,500. The excess of donations received over disbursements represent donations received during the financial year but due for disbursement in the following year.

1.2 Library Project

CandleAid launched this programme in 1998 to supply books and other items required in setting up libraries in schools and community centres, mostly in rural areas. A number of individuals and corporate entities have funded these libraries.

During the year under review, CandleAid opened eight libraries at a cost of LKR 346,870. The library programme has set up a total of 205 libraries as at 31 March 2020. Out of this 129 have been General libraries, 38 are libraries in the North and East, 21 are Maths laboratories and 17 are English Books Only (EBO) libraries.

1.3 Book Project

This project is held annually to provide exercise books and other items of stationery to students for their ensuing academic year. This year's project was conducted in Moratuwa and also in six more locations around the island. The project served a total of 739 children at a cost of Rs 390,270. 56 students were served in Panadura, 57 in Matugama, 62 Mannar, 106 Tangalle, 138 in Siyambalaanduwa, 150 in Ipologama, and 200 in Moratuwa.

1.4 English & Personality Enhancement Programme

Many programmes towards the above purpose were conducted by CandleAid to provide undergraduates, graduates, advanced level students and others an opportunity to acquire English communication skills and secure jobs. Eleven courses have been organised and more than 900 students have been assisted as at 31 March 2020.

In 2019 January CandleAid received a special donation of LKR 1,287,574 from the LBW Trust, Australia, for the above programme. CandleAid utilized part of the funds during the last financial year to organize a five-day residential course for 28 participants and the balance in April 2020 for the second residential course for 25 participants who were mostly undergraduates receiving sponsorships from the LBW Trust. However due to the Easter Sunday attacks on 21 April 2019 we were forced to stop the programme halfway and send the participants back to their homes from Subodhi Institute of Integral Studies at Piliyandala. The total cost of the second course was LKR 333,532.50.

2.0 HEALTH PROGRAMME

CandleAid's multifarious health programmes come under four different initiatives; namely, the Cancer Patient Assistance Programme, R & D Special Fund, Sigiri Trust Fund and the Lunawa Hospital Project. There are a few other health related disbursements made using general project funds but all of the above come under the purview of the Health Programme. Details of the different initiatives are given below.

Total donations received for the health programme during the year under review amounted to LKR 9,306,615.

2.1 Cancer Patient Assistance

This programme identifies and assists poor cancer patients to procure at least some of their essentials through a monthly donation of LKR 2,000. The scale of this programme has expanded rapidly and from inception to 31 March 2020, a total of 1451 cancer patients have been assisted.

During the period under review 418 patients received assistance. 94 local and foreign donors and 404 coordinators supported CandleAid to carry out the cancer patient assistance programme successfully.

A total of LKR 6,975,030 was received for cancer patient assistance. A sum of LKR 7,702,007 was disbursed during the year under review. The excess of disbursements over receipts represent donations received during the last financial year but disbursed during this year.

2.2 R & D Special Fund

In 2015 a special donation was received from a family closely associated with CandleAid. The second donation for the above fund was received in June 2018. The donors wished the funds to be utilised to serve the needs of cancer patients and their family members, over and above the Cancer Patient Assistance Programme, mentioned above.

The total number of people assisted under this special fund as at 31 March 2020 was 170, while the number of people assisted during the period under review was 43. The total donation for the above fund since 2015 amounted to LKR 4,427,663. We have not received any donations during the year under review as we had a balance of LKR 1,199,287 carried forward from the previous year. The total utilization from the special fund as at 31 March 2020 is LKR 3,951,288, while the disbursements during the year under review amounted to LKR 722,912.

2.3 Sigiri Trust Fund

CandleAid Lanka agreed to work together in partnership with Sigiri Trust, established by Dr Hans Wijesuriya, to set up and implement a project aimed at uplifting and assisting patients in need of financial support. The primary objective is to render assistance to disadvantaged patients receiving treatment in government owned/operated medical institutions or needing to obtain medical tests from other institutions due to unavailability of same in the government run hospitals.

Since June 2018 assistance has been given to patients recommended by doctors to undergo lifesaving medical procedures such as bypass and organ transplant and also to patients who require prostheses and assistive equipment needed to lead a normal quality life.

The total number of patients assisted under this special fund as at 31 March 2020 was 33, while the number of patients assisted during the period under review was 16. The total donation for the above fund since 2018 amounted to LKR 4,810,658, out of which a sum of LKR 2,250,000 was received during the year under review. The total utilization from the special fund as at 31 March 2020 is LKR 3,338,484, while the disbursements during the year under review amounted to LKR 2,100,588.

2.4 Lunawa Hospital Project

Lunawa Hospital Project was initiated on a proposal made by Dr Malkanthi Galhena, the consultant family practitioner at Lunawa District Hospital in March 2019, allocating LKR 14,930 from Dr & Mrs William Chan Fund. Another Rs 300,000 was allocated later from the same fund for the above project. Purpose of the programme is to give financial assistance to needy patients to obtain required tests and X-Rays from private laboratories. According to Dr. Galhena, there are many patients having TB and other chronic syndromes which were neglected for a long time due to non-availability of tests required to do a proper diagnosis and plan future treatment. This assistance is extended to patients certified as hailing from destitute families by the consultant.

In March 2019 CandleAid assisted the first patient with serious back pain to do an MRI scan of the spine and another 14 during the period under review, bringing the total number of patients assisted under the above project to 15. The total utilization as at 31 March 2020 is LKR 63,001, while the disbursements during the year under review amounted to LKR 48,071.

3.0 FOOD PROGRAMME

3.1 Gift-A-Meal (GAM) Sponsorships

Under this destitute family sponsorship programme, a monthly basic food supplement valued at LKR 2,000 is given to selected families lacking nutrition. A total of 704 families have been assisted from the inception of the programme up to 31 March 2020.

During the period under review 200 destitute families received assistance from CandleAid. 76 local and foreign donors, and 168 coordinators supported CandleAid to carry out the Gift-A-Meal sponsorship programme successfully.

CandleAid received donations totalling LKR 3,683,471 for the Food Programme, and disbursed LKR 4,128,000 towards Gift-A-Meal sponsorships during the year under review. Other Food programme related disbursements amounted to Rs 6,996, these being special donations received for GAM recipients.

4.0 SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMME

4.1 Blind Colony, Moratuwa

CandleAid continues to assist visually impaired elders at the above colony by providing them meals on days that HelpAge Sri Lanka is unable to do so. CandleAid also met the transport cost of getting the lunch from HelpAge and also provided medications they needed. In addition we provide each elder with a pack of essential items on a monthly basis. A general physician visits them twice a month on a voluntary basis. A sum of LKR 122,637 has been disbursed for this purpose during the year under review. Donations amounted to LKR120,000.

4.2 Mother Charitable Foundation - Pathum Uyana & Niduk Piyasa

The Foundation has established two centres, namely Pathum Uyana and Niduk Piyasa in Kalutara and Matara respectively to educate and develop children with special needs such as learning difficulties, communicating difficulties, sensory/physical/behavioural development delays, intellectual impairments, down syndrome and autism.

During the year under review students from United World College of South Asia, Singapore visited Pathum Uyana and interacted with the children. CandleAid also donated LKR 80,000 for their self-training residential camp and LKR 40,000 for school uniforms and shoes to be handed over during their Christmas programme.

4.3 Sahaja Special Needy Children's Welfare Foundation

The Foundation has established a centre in Ratmalana to educate and develop children with special needs. The main objective of the centre is to care for and uplift the lives of mentally and physically challenged children of extremely poor families. The centre therefore provides a meaningful service in the form of education and therapy.

During the year under review, students from United World College of South Asia, Singapore volunteered at Sahaja Special Needy Children's Welfare Foundation. The students helped with making floor mats and greeting cards, and painting pillow cases to raise funds for the centre. CandleAid also donated LKR 5,000 for their Christmas programme refreshments.

5.0 SELF EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (SEW) PROGRAMME

The SEW programme is a holistic attempt to strengthen and support women who have been entrusted with the responsibility of being the sole breadwinner in the family. Having identified the potential and suitability of such women for micro business success, CandleAid provides the cost of setting up or expanding the small business endeavour along with advice on a business plan and guidance on marketing their products.

CandleAid has empowered 37 such women since inception of the programme. During the year under review 6 women were assisted disbursing a sum of Rs 160,650.

6.0 DISASTER RELIEF

Due to the Easter Sunday bombings on 21 April 2019, there was assistance needed for the affected people in several areas of the country. CandleAid put together an action plan to assist the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by the bombs in the three churches. Our intention was to select families who need help through our volunteer coordinators and give them a monthly assistance of LKR 5,000 per month for a year, targeting mainly low-income families whose lives are even further fragmented due to this dastardly incident. We assisted 15 such families recommended by our volunteer coordinators and started disbursing funds from May 2019 on a monthly basis, and made a special one-time donation to one more beneficiary family recommended by the donor to improve their business in August 2019. In total we assisted 16 families disbursing a sum of LKR 925,000.

The Corona virus which hit Sri Lanka early this year affected the lives of thousands of people living in all parts of the island, especially because of the curfew imposed from mid-March. Due to the restrictions imposed we cannot purchase and deliver dry rations to families. It was equally difficult to screen and select families outside of our programmes. Hence we decided to help families already in our programmes and give them an additional allowance of Rs 2,000, as we believed this was the most effective way CandleAid can help families at this time. During the last week of March 2020, we made arrangements to initially help the

201 families in our Food Programme and 98 families of child cancer patients in our Health Programme utilizing General Project funds. We assisted a total of 299 families initially disbursing a sum of LKR 598,000 and decided to assist the rest of the beneficiary families on funds availability basis in April.

6.0 SECRET SANTA

This programme has been ongoing for a number of years where we select families who are living below the poverty line and give them a package of dry rations and other necessities. During the past we asked them what they wanted and bought the things and gave it to them through our coordinators. This time we changed the system by giving each family a cash donation of LKR 10,000 to buy what they wanted as a little kindness tinged with gifts of compassion and encouragement can make a huge difference in the lives of families who face multiple burdens of poverty.

With the generosity of many donors CandleAid assisted 16 families, mainly with their children's school requirements and seasonal needs. The recipients came from all races and all religions. Donations received for the Secret Santa project 2019 amounted to LKR 160,100 and disbursements amounted to LKR 160,000.

7.0 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, mainly targeting needs of children in Ampara, Batticaloa, Jaffna, Killinochchi, Mannar, Mullaithivu, Trincomalee and Vavuniya districts. On completion of these projects, CandleAid identified many needs of the villagers and established 38 libraries in schools and community centres, gave sponsorships to many students and destitute families, assisted patients, provided school needs of children and also conducted interactive programmes in the North and East, and continue to do so.

8.0 GENERAL/COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Apart from the above programmes CandleAid receives many requests for assistance from both individuals and institutions. For the period under review CandleAid undertook to assist beneficiaries with various needs including medical, nourishment, and incidental expenses, house rent, funeral expenses, tuition fees, loan settlements and also carried out a few projects to assist families with their house renovations/construction. During the year under review individuals and the community were assisted under General Projects disbursing a sum of LKR 2,597,697.

9.0 INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITY

CandleAid Representatives continued to support and sustain the projects carried out during the period under review. CandleAid is represented in 13 cities worldwide by an individual branch representative, who is expected to engender awareness among the respective communities about the multiple burdens suffered by the poor in Sri Lanka and CandleAid's approach to assist them. Donors from many nations, including Sri Lankans who live abroad, have granted a number of sponsorships under our three main sponsorship programmes and have also assisted our other projects. A summary of activities is given below.

9.1 Singapore

9.1.1 Tanglin Trust School - Primary students of the above school have been actively collecting and donating funds, especially for children's projects undertaken by CandleAid. These children carry out various initiatives to raise the necessary funds for our children projects.

9.1.2 United World College of South Asia (UWC) - We had two groups of students (9) from UWC who planned to visit Sri Lanka during May 2019 and March 2020 to work with special needs children in institutions connected to CandleAid. However due to the Easter Sunday bombings and the Covid-19 pandemic the visits by the students were cancelled. During the year under review they made significant financial contributions towards our disaster relief projects and education programme.

9.1.3 Dr & Mrs William Chan Fund - The fund is set up by a benefactor in memory of her late father and her mother to be used to fulfil needs of the people who seek help from CandleAid, at its own discretion. The fund set up in February 2014 has been used especially to fulfil various needs of CandleAid beneficiaries and other community based projects.

9.2 Sydney

9.2.1 LBW Trust - is made up of a group of people in Sydney who wishes to support university students in developing cricket playing nations. They have assisted 363 university students since 2012. Sydney branch who sourced this benefactor has undertaken to remit a sum of money towards the administration of these sponsorships.

Funded by the LBW Trust, CandleAid conducted the first course of the English & Personality Enhancement Programme during the last financial year and the second in April 2019. 25 undergraduates participated in the second course which amounted to LKR 333,532. Out of the donation of LKR 1,287,574, an amount of LKR 873,735 was utilized for this programme and the balance was transferred to cover LBW Trust sponsorship renewals.

9.3 Dubai

9.3.1 Lanka Lions Sports Club, Dubai - A group made up of Sri Lankans domiciled in Dubai, continues to be closely associated with CandleAid in serving the poor people of Sri Lanka through various projects from time to time.

9.3.2 Edrington Group - The Company's principal shareholder is The Robertson Trust. The Trust uses its dividends from Edrington to improve the quality of life of people and communities. During the year under review they had awarded a number of sponsorships to less fortunate students, destitute families and cancer patients in Sri Lanka through CandleAid.

9.4 USA

8.4.1 Clarendon Foundation of Los Angeles - Made up of Sri Lankans; they continue to provide sponsorships to cancer patients. Annually they sponsor 100 children diagnosed with cancer.

9.5 Frankfurt

Under the leadership of a committed representative, this branch has immensely assisted the education programme over the years by sponsoring 153 students overall.

All CandleAid representatives continue to support CandleAid in very meaningful ways. The dedication and commitment of the CandleAid representatives have given much value to the work carried out and has been a tremendous source of encouragement to all at CandleAid, mainly to its Board of Directors. Their voluntary efforts are acknowledged with deep gratitude.

10.0 ADMINISTRATION

As at 31 March 2020, twelve staff members served in CandleAid's office situated at 21/4 Dharmaratne Avenue, Rawathawatte, Moratuwa. They comprised 2 senior employees aged over 55 years serving on contract basis and 10 permanent staff. All employees are paid a monthly salary and contributions are made to E.P.F and E.T.F.

Staff emoluments including E.P.F. and E.T.F. during the financial year amounted to LKR 5,764,581. Other administration expenses aggregated to LKR 1,508,893.

As has been the practice since 2014, CandleAid levies a 10% administrative fee on donations received. This plus interest earned on its investments takes care of CandleAid's administrative expenses.

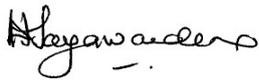
11.0 CONCLUSION

CandleAid attempts to alleviate poverty mainly by focussing on the areas of Education, Health and Food. CandleAid also carries out various other projects to help the underprivileged people in Sri Lanka. A special focus during the year under review was the upliftment of the lives of people with disabilities, mainly children. Towards this end CandleAid works with institutions catering to children with special needs. Apart from these

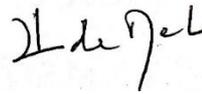
CandleAid gave education scholarships to differently abled university students and also rendered assistance to visually impaired elders.

CandleAid appreciates international and local donors who have supported and made possible the wide range of programmes/projects carried out to ease the burdens of the disadvantaged people of Sri Lankan society. They have been a tremendous source of encouragement to CandleAid and it is their generous contributions that have made it possible for CandleAid to execute all the humanitarian tasks mentioned in this report.

CandleAid acknowledges the invaluable voluntary services rendered by its network of coordinators spread throughout Sri Lanka. They come from all walks of life, all religions and ethnicities. Their common contribution is the time and effort they expend to coordinate CandleAid's many individual beneficiaries as well as community programmes. Their primary duty is to ensure the proper end use of funds disbursed and they are the link that binds CandleAid and the beneficiary, be it a person or a community. CandleAid wishes to acknowledge the services rendered by these coordinators and thanks every single one of them for the support extended to CandleAid.



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