

Sigiri Trust Fund – Health Related Medical Assistance

Report for the quarter January to March 2021

Sigiri Trust Fund (STF) administered by CandleAid Lanka (CA) commenced operations at the beginning of July 2018. Given below are details of fund utilization during the period January to March 2021

CandleAid entertained requests from nine patients during the period under review. The Health Desk screened their applications for financial assistance to meet the costs of their medical needs and carried out due diligence and approved funding for the following patients. In addition, a patient who was assisted during the previous two quarters and who needed further treatment was also considered in the quarter under review. Amounts approved were fully released in respect of only one patient, while a part was disbursed for another during the period under review. Regarding the other seven applicants, although funds were approved their surgical procedures are still pending and as such the approved funds have not been disbursed.

Given below is a schedule showing fund movement during the period January to March 2021.

Date	Details of Fund Movement	Fund received	Funds disbursed for STF patients	Funds released for other needs	Balance in the fund
31.12.2020	Total funds received from 05.06.2018 to 31.12.2020	6,811,458.00			
31.12.2020	Total disbursements made up to 31.12.2020		5,534,918.44	347,000.00	
01.01.2021	Funds B/F from quarter ending 31.12.2020				929,539.56
	January to March 2021				
04.01.2021	STF 059 - Mrs A W Sumithra		150,000.00		779,539.56
04.01.2021	R 19943 dated 15.01.2021	250,000.00			1,029,539.56
22.01.2021	Cancer renewals AC 1035, AC 1188 & AC 1273 (Jan to Dec2021)		72,000.00		957,539.56
15.02.2021	R 20053 dated 15.02.2021	250,000.00			1,207,539.56
22.02.2021	STF 050 - Master Ilan Ramon		20,000.00		1,187,539.56
15.03.2021	R 20121 dated 15.03.2021	250,000.00			1,437,539.56
23.03.2021	STF 060 - Mrs P Vijayakanth		50,000.00		1,387,539.56
31.03.2021	Fund movement from 05.06.2018 to 31.03.2021	7,561,458.00	5,826,918.44	347,000.00	1,387,539.56

The total credits received during the reviewed period amounted to LKR 750,000. Total disbursements during the period under review amounted to LKR 292,000. A further amount of LKR 970,000 has been committed but is yet to be disbursed.

FEEDBACK OF PATIENTS SUPPORTED IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER

CandleAid Ref. No.	Name of Beneficiary	Medical or Surgical Procedure/Tests	Current status of patient
STF 055	Mr. J A Ariyarathna	Coronary artery bypass grafting	Patient is progressing well after the operation and attends clinic regularly.
STF 056	Mr. Denuka Dewasurendra	Implant of distal femur mega prostheses	Patient is progressing well after the operation and he is walking now.
STF 057	Ms. Shani Apeksha Pathirana	Regular hemodialysis followed by Kidney Transplantation.	Patient is progressing well after the operation and attends clinic regularly.
STF 058	Mrs. Rupa Chandani	Coronary artery bypass grafting	Patient is progressing well after the operation and attends clinic regularly.

PATIENTS SUPPORTED IN THE CURRENT QUARTER – JAN TO MARCH 2021

CandleAid Ref. No. : STF 059
Name of Beneficiary : Mrs A. W. Sumithra
Address : 32, Seenigoda, Wathugedara.

Health condition for which assistance was sought: Triple vessel coronary disease

Name of Institution where the patient is to receive treatment:
Sri Jayawardenapura General Hospital (SJGH)

Recommended Test(s)/Medical or Surgical Procedure: Coronary artery bypass grafting

Name of Doctor recommending the procedure/treatment/medical equipment: Dr. Rajitha de Silva, Consultant Cardiothoracic Surgeon (SJGH).

Name of Service Provider/hospital: SJGH

CA /STF financial assistance rendered/allocated: LKR 150,000 released direct to the Hospital on 04 January 2021



Current status of patient: Operation was carried out successfully and patient is at home. She is progressing well and attends clinic regularly.

Additional Information:

The patient is 50 years old and is a widow. Her husband died of cancer in 2015. She lives with her two sons and a daughter.

Eldest son is working at a Perera & Sons outlet as an attendant and draws a salary of LKR 30,000. The second son is an external student at Sri Jayawardenapura University. He does a part time job at a phone shop to earn his expenses. Her daughter sat for the GCE Advanced level examination last year and is now awaiting results.

Total estimated cost of surgery was LKR 550,000. The above information shows that the patient's children are not in a position to make a significant contribution. Funds given by relatives and friends including the contribution from the President's fund amount to LKR 400,000. Therefore the shortfall was LKR 150,000.

CandleAid Ref. No. : STF 060

Name of Beneficiary : Mr. P Vijayakanth

Address : 270, Posonwatta Road, Wanawasala, Wattala

Health condition for which assistance was sought: Mal-positioning, fused kidneys and chronic kidney disease

Name of Institution where the patient is to receive treatment:

Colombo North Teaching Hospital (CNTH)



Recommended Test(s)/Medical or Surgical Procedure: Nephrectomy to be followed by kidney transplant.

Name of Doctor recommending the procedure/treatment/medical equipment: Dr. Nalaka Herath, Consultant Genitourinary (Urogenital) Surgeon (CNTH).

Name of Service Provider/hospital: CNTH

CA /STF financial assistance rendered/allocated: LKR 100,000 approved and LKR 50,000 released direct to coordinator appointed by CandleAid Lanka on 24 March 2021. The coordinator, Mr Varuna Perera is an Air Force pilot well known to Capt. Jayawardena who has established close communication with Vijayakanth.

Current status of patient: The first procedure was carried out successfully and patient is still in Hospital. The date for the next operation will be informed by the Hospital shortly.

Additional Information:

- (i) The patient is a 35-year-old bachelor. He lives with his mother and younger brother in a rented house. He was working at a garment factory for about four years up to October 2018 until symptoms appeared.
- (ii) Presently his brother is the only breadwinner of the family. He works in a bookstore and earns a monthly salary of LKR 20,000.
- (iii) Patient's father had passed away six years ago and his mother is the donor of the kidney.
- (iv) The surgeries are to be carried out free of charge. However, the patient is required to provide a list of surgical and non-surgical items for himself as well as for the donor. These generally include injections and drugs that are not available at the hospital. Total cost is estimated at around LKR 100,000. The family does not have any savings to fund this expenditure.
- (v) The first surgery to be carried out in early April 2021 and therefore we have released LKR 50,000 to the coordinator who will ensure the funds are utilized for the purpose.

CandleAid Ref. No. : STF 050

Name of Beneficiary : Master Ilan Ramon

Address : 124, Rajasinghe Road, 3rd Kurana, Negombo

Health condition for which assistance was sought: Atopic dermatitis (eczema)

Recommended Test(s)/Medical or Surgical Procedure: Application of special soap, cream and oral medicine.

Name of Doctor recommending the procedure/treatment/medical equipment: Dr. Nalaka Herath, Consultant Genitourinary Surgeon (CNTH).

CA /STF financial assistance rendered/allocated: Apart from the LKR 28,140 and LKR 30,000 a further amount of LKR 60,000 was approved to be disbursed in monthly instalments of LKR 10,000. LKR 20,000 was disbursed on 22.02.2021 for February and March 2021.

Current status of patient: He is progressing well with medication.

The undernoted seven families have been screened and funds committed. The operations/procedures are expected to be carried out during the current quarter. Brief detail of the patients, disease and amounts approved are given below;

Name	Brief detail of disease/Recommended surgical procedure	Amount approved
Baby Lithumi Yanulya 5 years	Metastatic neuroblastoma/Bone marrow transplantation	LKR 150,000
Mr. B M Gayan Pradeep 40 years	Aggressive giant cell tumor of right proximal tibia/Revision Proximal Tibia Mega prosthesis implant	LKR 150,000
Mr. M A Chandrasiri 53 years	Severe triple vessel disease with moderate LMS disease/Coronary artery bypass graft surgery	LKR 100,000
Mr. B U Lakshman 65 years	R/hip joint wound caused by a motor accident/ Un-cemented revision, replacement of total hip system with a Wagner Revision stem.	LKR 100,000
Mrs. Hasini Prasangika 32 years	End stage renal disease/Renal transplantation	LKR 150,000
Master Hirushan Tharuka 12 years	Congenital Thoracic Scoliosis/urgent spinal surgery to correct the deformity	LKR 150,000
Miss Sanjika Jayasinghe 21 years	Osteosarcoma of the left leg/Mega Prosthesis implant	LKR 100,000 A further sum of LKR 100,000 to be allocated from another fund

Conclusion

Despite having screened a number of patients for their eligibility to receive assistance from this Fund, due to varying reasons they have not yet been able to go through the recommended procedures.

Mr Sunil Warnakulasuriya, our Head of Health retired wef 01 April 2021 but he has offered to work on a volunteer basis. CandleAid having accepted his offer has requested him to be the chief coordinator for the Sigiri Trust Fund activities.

CandleAid acknowledges with thanks the scope of the Sigiri Trust Fund which has enabled it to render meaningful assistance to those burdened with poverty, especially when they are facing serious medical issues involving expensive treatment processes.