

## 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 (Executive 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, Calgary, Eastbourne, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Melbourne, Perth, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Toronto, Vancouver, and the Texas (one representative for all States). There are four other representatives in overall charge of 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"  
Bank : Hatton National Bank (7083)  
Moratuwa Branch (022)  
143/1, New Galle Road,  
Moratuwa 10400, Sri Lanka.  
Swift Code (BSB) : HBLILKXL  
Account No. : 022010223682 (Sri Lanka Rupee)

A/c Name : "CandleAid Lanka"  
Bank : Nations Trust Bank (7162)  
Moratuwa Branch (014)  
89, New Galle Road,  
Moratuwa 10400, Sri Lanka  
Swift code (BSB) : NTBCLKXL  
Account No. : 014100008377 (Sri Lanka Rupee)

**Finance Manager :** Krishani Fernando, Email : [financemanager@candleaid.org](mailto:financemanager@candleaid.org)

### 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 3908 education sponsorships to date, of which 1688 are for undergraduates.

Director In Charge: Dil Jayawardena, Email : [diljay@candleaid.org](mailto:diljay@candleaid.org)

Head - Education Programme : Cheryl Seneviratne, Email : [head\\_education@candleaid.org](mailto:head_education@candleaid.org)

**Libraries** CandleAid Lanka has set up 213 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.

Project Assistant : Chamila Mendis, Email : [education.2@candleaid.org](mailto:education.2@candleaid.org)

**Book Project** This project is held annually to provide books and other stationery for the ensuing academic year to children from low income families. The project is carried out at our Moratuwa office and six more centres around the island, to relieve parents of significant financial burden of purchasing academic needs for the new year in January. In Year 2021 we assisted 410 children with the support of others.

Project Assistant : Cheryl Seneviratne, Email : [head\\_education@candleaid.org](mailto:head_education@candleaid.org)

## **Health Programme**

### **Cancer Patient Assistance**

CandleAid Lanka has given out 1477 sponsorships to poor cancer patients from all parts of Sri Lanka. Under this programme patients receive a sum of LKR 2,000 per month.  
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Project Assistant : Reshadi Mendis, Email : [health@candleaid.org](mailto:health@candleaid.org)  
International Coordinator : Sabine Dias, Email : [s.diascandleaid@gmail.com](mailto:s.diascandleaid@gmail.com)

### **Sigiri Trust Fund**

CandleAid Lanka works in partnership with Sigiri Trust to render financial assistance to disadvantaged patients to meet their medical expenses in the pursuit of a cure from their illnesses. We have disbursed LKR 6.173 million to assist 60 patients.  
Project Coordinator : Pumala Weerasinghe, Email : [general.1@candleaid.org](mailto:general.1@candleaid.org)

### **Kidney Dialysis programme**

A new initiative to assist Chronic Kidney Disease patients (CKD) needing regular dialysis. Patients are compelled to get dialysed in the private sector hospitals over and above the free quota given by Government hospitals. Each round costs app.LKR 7,000 to 9,000. Contributions of any amount are received into a pool and disbursed monthly to the patients. CandleAid donates the cost of one round of dialysis per month for a period of six months to be reviewed on a case by case basis. We have helped 06 patients so far  
Director In Charge : Capt Elmo Jayawardena, Email : [elmojay1@gmail.com](mailto:elmojay1@gmail.com)  
Head-Health Programme : Mrs.Veena Natarajan, Email : [veena.candleaid@gmail.com](mailto:veena.candleaid@gmail.com)

## **Food Programme**

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

Destitute families with low income are given a monthly basic food supplement valued at LKR 2,000. 742 families have been assisted to date.  
Director In Charge : Capt Elmo Jayawardena, Email : [elmojay1@gmail.com](mailto:elmojay1@gmail.com)  
Head - Food Programme : Yasmin Weerasuriya, Email : [head\\_food@candleaid.org](mailto:head_food@candleaid.org)  
Project Assistant : Shalini Nisansala, Email : [food@candleaid.org](mailto:food@candleaid.org)

### **Mother & Child Programme-**

A new initiative to assist families that do not have a father due to one reason or another. They receive LKR 5,000 per month to uplift their impoverished lives initially for a period of one year. During this period CandleAid will also look out for ways to empower the mother to generate a livelihood through a home-grown initiative under its Self-Empowerment of Women programme.  
Director In Charge :Mrs. Dil Jayawardena, Email : [diljay@candleaid.org](mailto:diljay@candleaid.org)  
Head – Mother & Child: Yasmin Weerasuriya, Email : [head\\_food@candleaid.org](mailto:head_food@candleaid.org)

## **Special Needs Programme**

### **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. We also receive students from overseas as volunteer to interact with children.  
Project Coordinator : Pumala Weerasinghe, Email : [general.1@candleaid.org](mailto:general.1@candleaid.org)

## **Self-Empowerment of Women (SEW) Programme**

The above programme was launched in January 2014 to empower women who have 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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Project Coordinator : Pumala Weerasinghe, Email : [general.1@candleaid.org](mailto:general.1@candleaid.org)

## **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.  
Director In Charge : Dil Jayawardena, Email : [diljay@candleaid.org](mailto:diljay@candleaid.org)

## **North & East Projects**

CandleAid has established 38 libraries in schools and other community centres in the North and East. Additionally, CandleAid has granted education sponsorships to 158 students, both secondary and tertiary from Mannar, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya alone. Additionally, numerous needs of mainly children and physically challenged individuals have been fulfilled by way of many individual and community based programmes.  
Director In Charge : Priya Cooray, Email : [priyacooray9620@gmail.com](mailto:priyacooray9620@gmail.com)

## **Other Projects – Secret Santa**

In the past several years CandleAid has carried out the above project to give seasonal joy to mainly children who miss out on many joys of childhood due to their impoverished family background. In December 2020, 170 families were identified within the existing sponsorship programmes and they were given Rs. 10,000 each to fulfil their children's needs and any other pressing need of the family.  
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