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Introduction

Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare was established in accordance with the Gazette Extraordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, dated 21.09.2015 by setting up its mission on the providence of efficient, productive and friendly Socio – economic service to improve the living standards of the marginalized and under privileged groups of people.

This Ministry, to be the most respected model Ministry in the South East Asia in creating poverty free, right protected Sri Lanka by 2030, renders an immense service together with its above vision among several key target groups which are benefitted with the services rendered by Ministry and they are;

- Persons with Disabilities (8.7%among the total population)
- Senior citizens over 60 years of age (12.4%among the total population)
- Single Parent Families (11.8%among the total number of families)
- Low-income families (6.7%)

Department/ Institute/ Sectors Under the purview of the Ministry commit a lot for the social and economic development.

Department of Divineguma Development is the massive Development movement which provides the strength for enforcing the national policy of certifying the eradication of poverty and social equality towards the promotion of economic development process.

The Department of Social Services commits to undertake the tasks of skill development of the persons with disabilities and make them independent citizens and early intervention in cases of children with special needs.

The main role of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities is to promote the rights of the persons with disabilities including their welfares facilities for creating conducive environment for the disadvantaged people in the Society.

The National Secretariat for Elders provides necessary contributions to elders in Sri Lanka through various programmes for creating freedom, protection, self-achievement, participation and dignity for them as well as to offer due rights for the elders.

For the purpose of satisfying the country's requirement of professionals in Social Work and Social Welfare, the National Institute of Social Development is engaged in providing the education in Social Work as its key academic discipline.

The Single Parent Families Development Programme is being implemented under the Ministry for the purpose of assisting the poor Sri Lankan citizens who become single parents due to various reasons.

Rural Development Training & Research Institute makes a significant contribution to empower the community and maximize their active participation in the sustainable rural development, through research, training and compilation of information.

Sri Lanka Social Security Board provides the pension and social security benefits to all employees who need the coverage of the government pension including the self – employed persons, senior citizens, disadvantaged persons, single parents, foreign employees and artists.

In this way, this Ministry provides the active contribution by means of social and economic assistance for poor people, elders, single parents, drug addicted persons and orphans in the Society. Accordingly, the progress of the Development programmes implemented by the Departments/ Institution, Divisions of this Ministry, which is dedicating for the development of the country, up to 31st of December 2016 is included in this “Performance Report- 2016” book.

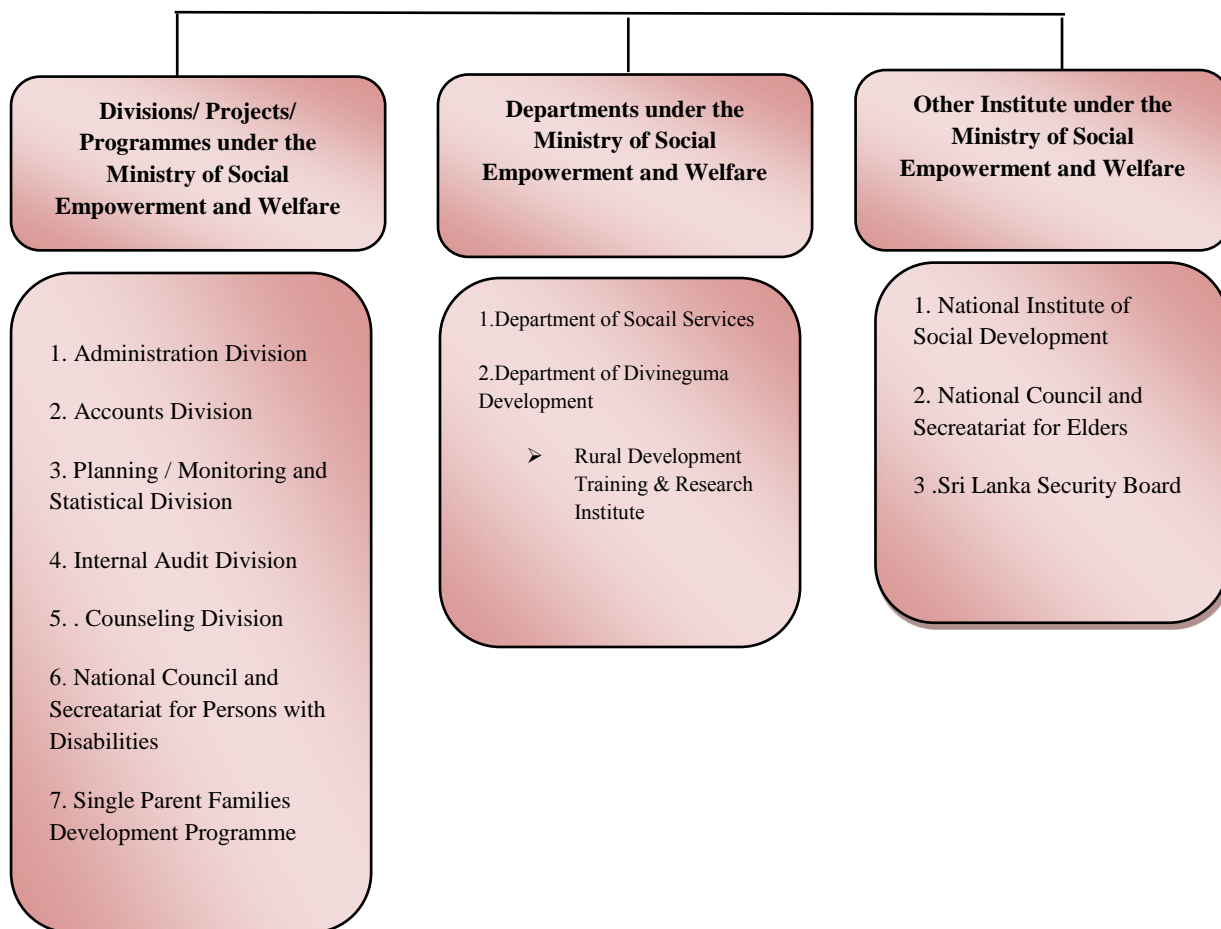
Main Functions & Activities

- ❖ Formulation and evaluation of policies, programmes and projects relevant to the subjects, Social Empowerment and Welfare and relevant to the subjects coming under the Departments and statutory boards of the Ministry.
- ❖ Introduction of strategies towards empowerment of life of the rural people and providing financial assistance to implement such strategies.
- ❖ Formulation of Rural and regional development such strategies.
- ❖ Development of infrastructure facilities in the rural areas.
- ❖ Implementation of the Divinagama Programme.
- ❖ Identification of incapacities in persons with special needs and rehabilitation.
- ❖ Reviewing and reorganizing the public aid scheme and introducing appropriate reforms.
- ❖ Providing aid to Tuberculosis, Kidney Disease, Leprosy, Cancer and Thalassemia patients and their dependents.
- ❖ Providing family counseling services.
- ❖ Developing strategies to provide vocational training to persons with disabilities and create employment opportunities.
- ❖ Implementation of social security schemes for persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Caring for the elderly persons, enhancing the elder’s participation in social development work and taking steps to safeguard rights of the senior citizens.

Legislation:

- ❖ Homeless Ordinance (No 4 of 1841)
- ❖ House of Detention Ordinance (No 05 of 1907)
- ❖ Poor Law Ordinance (No 30 of 1939)
- ❖ Gazette Notification of 21st September 1947, establishment of Department of Social Services.
- ❖ Poor Relief Act (No 32 of 1985)
- ❖ National Institute of Social Development Act, No. 41 of 1992
- ❖ Rehabilitation of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund Act, No. 9 of 1992
- ❖ Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. No. 28 of 1996
- ❖ Social Security Board Act (No. 17 of 1996)
- ❖ Protection of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities Act, No.28 of 1996 amended by the Protection of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Act, No.33 of 2003
- ❖ Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000 amended by Protection of the Rights of Elders (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2011
- ❖ National Policy on Disability for Sri Lanka (2003)
- ❖ Divineguma Act (No. 5 of 2011)
- ❖ National Charter for Senior Citizens and National Policy for Senior Citizens Sri Lanka (2006 March 30)
- ❖ Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No.28 of 2011

Structure and Information's of the Ministry of Social Empowerment & Welfare



PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

01. Counseling Division

1.1 Role of National Counseling Division

- ❖ Commemoration of the National Counseling Day in October every year.
- ❖ Preparing policies and plans for Counseling Services.
- ❖ Preparing standards for counseling services.
- ❖ Coordination of the Government Institutions that provide counseling services and Establishment of the inter-institutional committee.
- ❖ Assigning duties to the Counseling Officers at Divisional Secretariat Level and establishing *Sith Sarana* Counseling Centres.
- ❖ Increasing the attendance of clients at counseling centers by educating government officers, community leaders, students, teachers and parents about counseling and psychotherapy.
- ❖ Implementation of disaster counseling clinics and mediation programmes for the persons endangered by natural and man-made disasters.
- ❖ Conducting of attitude development programs to maximize productivity and efficiency in government institutes.
- ❖ Providing the services of trained counselors for government institutes and NGOs which are needed such services (Mental Health Unit, Medical Centers of Health, Prisons, Rehabilitation Centers, Stroke units, Children & Elders Homes, Aviation Services Ltd)
- ❖ Printing publications and leaflets in Sinhala and Tamil medium to make aware community on counseling and the benefits of those services.
- ❖ Conduct short-term capacity building programmes for improving skills of officers who do their duties relation to counseling service under this Ministry.

1.2 Activities in 2016

1.2.1 Implementation of counseling Programmes simultaneously with National Counseling Day.

- I. Commemoration Ceremony of National Counseling Day was celebrated in conviviality under the theme of “Counseling as a first aid of Mental health and Psychology for all” at Royal Kandyan Reception Hall under the patronage of Hon. Minister of Social welfare and Empowerment, Mr.S.B.Dissanayake collaborating with Government and Non-government Institutions on 13 October 2016.
- II. Awareness Programmes were conducted with a aim of propagating the counseling service at District and Divisional level based on above said Theme.

1.2.2 Compiling Policies and Plans for counseling services

System of Ethics was drafted for counseling profession with assistance of government and non-government counseling officers.15 Institutions contributed to that practice.

1.2.3 Implementation of curative and preventive counseling programmes in National, District and Divisional level.

No.	Programme	No of Programme	No of Beneficiaries
1.	Psychological Awareness Programme for youth on “We will give the strength of juvenility for a bright& strong land”	150	7,500
2.	Implementation a programme and a clinic for identification emotional issues of children by a Psychological investigation.	01	50
3.	Conduct a Counselling Programme on “Psychological comprehension in using media” for Journalists practiced in printed and electronic media in Anuradhapura District.	01	45
4.	Identification and prioritation of Psycho-social issues and making mediation plan at District level.	25	1068
5.	Making aware of Community Leaders based under theme “First Aid for Psychological and Mental health issues”	150	6000
6.	Drug Prevention Programme- Panduwasnuwara Regional Programme	01	40
7.	Awareness programme for officers of Divisional Secretariat on “Counseling for a successful life” (Mawanella, Rambukkna, Kolonnawa)	03	440
8.	Conduct a Counseling Programme for Staff of the Ministry	01	85
9.	Programme of Psychiatric treatments at Divisioanal Secretariat, Matale		
10.	Spiritual Development Programme for traditional Doctors in Ayurvedic protection Council	01	15
11.	Awareness counseling programme for success of challenges and building future targets of teenages for the students in Hikkaduwa Ga/Henthota Vidyabiwardhana Vidyalaya and Balapitiya Ga/Rewatha Natinal School	02	298
12.	Awareness programme for parents of Narawelpita Uthura Vidyalaya	01	44
13.	Conduct a programme for attitude Development and identification Psychological issues of children for Counseling teachers for schools in Hambanthota zone.	01	67

1.2.4 Contribution of Psychological Conseling for development programme of “Pibidemu Polonnaruwa”

- I. Prior discussion was conducted with 34 field officers engaged in District level field duties for identification of existing issues required counseling mediation in Polonnaruwa District.
- II. A three-days programme for 65 field officers was conducted in Divisional Secretariat of Welikanda as the first programme based on issues identified in District level discussion.
- III. The second three-days programme for 131 field officers was conducted in Divisional Secretariat of Dimbulagala

1.2.5 Conducting of counseling mediation programme in Northern and Eastern provinces based on recommendations of Lesson Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.

- I. Mental health programmes by forwarding proposals for identification and prevention of Psycho-social issues for students and teachers of three schools of Mulativu District. Number of participants were 680.
- II. Mental health programmes by forwarding proposals for identification and prevention of Psycho-social issues for students and teachers of three schools of Mulativu District. Number of participants was 361.
- III. Mental health programme for identification and prevention of Psycho-social issues for pre-school teachers, members of woman’s associations, youths in youth societies, members of rural development societies and 50 economic development officers.
- IV. Three Stress Management Programmes for 505 participants of government officers at Manmude north and Eravur Divisional Secretariats in Batticaloa District.

1.2.6 Conducting of Counselling Mediation Programmes and disaster counseling clinics for the community affected by the natural and man - made disasters.

- I. Counselling Mediation Programmes was conducted for the people in landslide disaster area in Aranayake and Bulathkohupitiya Divisional Secretariats of Kegalle District. This service was provided for 230 families.
- II. Making aware of 140 government officers on conducting of Counselling Mediation Programmes for the displaced persons due to flood in Colombo District.
- III. Counselling Mediation Programmes was conducted for the people who had faced to the disaster situation at Salawa area in Colombo District. 936 beneficial families were participated for that programmes.

1.2.7 Capacity Development Programmes

- I. 06 skill Development training programme were conducted for Counseling Assistance Officers and Development Officers (counseling).
 - a) 2 days initialization training programme for newly appointed officers.
 - b) 3 days training programme for Development Officers(counseling).
 - c) One day training programme for District Coordinators about identification of Psycho-social issues.

- d) 3 days training programme for Development Officers (counseling) and Counseling Officers.
 - e) Training programme for 50 of Development Officers (counseling) and Counseling Assistants offered their consent to serve at Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre for drug prevention.
 - f) 3 days training programme for Counseling Assistant Officers.
- II. Implementation of a feed-back programme with respect to programmes of peer groups observation and supervision together with Asian Foundation.
 - III. Implementation of the stage 3 under the series of training programmes which were implemented to bring Counseling Officers in this Ministry and Ministry of Woman & Child Affairs into common flat form under the patronage of the Asia Foundation.
 - IV. Conducting of one day skill development programme for District Coordinators for identifying the psychosocial issues in district level.

1.2.8 Monthly progress meetings in national level, quarterly and District level and accomplishing observations and supervisions regarding Counseling Officers

- I. Obtaining progress on the delivery of counseling service quarterly in District level by Counseling Officers who were assigned to coordinate District under this Ministry and discussing the issues and embarrassments quarterly in providing the counseling services.
- II. Hold monthly progress review meetings with presence of Development Officers (counseling) and Counseling Assistants and head of the District Secretary at District Secretariat.

1.2.9 Providing 24 hours Mobile Telephone Counseling Service

Providing counseling service by 88 Counseling Officers through the Dialog network with a view to address issues of the community.

1.2.10 Standardization of the Counselling Services

Implementation of following activities for the standardization of providing Counselling Service by the Counselling Officers under this Ministry.

- I. Using peer groups observation and supervision
- II. Using the client Assessment Tool for the evaluation of beneficiaries.
 - ❖ Client Screening Form
 - ❖ Client intake form
 - ❖ Intake / Follow up client Assessment form
- III. Preparing data system by means of following information interrelated with counseling service
 - ❖ Counseling Session Report
 - ❖ Monthly Progress Report – Awareness Programme
 - ❖ Monthly Progress Report – Capacity Building Programme
 - ❖ Phone Counseling Services Progress
 - ❖ Monthly District Progress Meeting Report
 - ❖ Monthly Summary Sheet – District Level

IV. Provision Trainings in respect to the standardization of the counseling Service.

1.3 Financial & Physical progress (up to 31st of December 2016)

Activity	Physical progress	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	Number of beneficiaries
National Counseling Day	Celebration the national festival	1.72	525 participants
Coordination of the institutions which are delivered counseling service	03 Programmes	0.10	15 institutions
24 hours Mobile counseling programme	Telephone Calls - 88	0.30	2638
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Launch of “Upadeshana” magazine – 1000 • Providing 180 bannars in District and Divisional level • Printing of formats to evaluate service gainers - 462500 	2.01	Public community
Capacity Development Programme	06-Training Programmes	1.83	214
Preventive & group counseling programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divisional Programmes -310 • District Programmes -25 • Programmes on request -02 • Programmes on the recommendations of the lessons learnt and Reconciliation Commissions – 09 • Pibidemu Polonnaruwa Programme – 03 • Disaster Programmes (Colombo, Kegalle) • Counselling Programmes for Kandakadu Treatment & Rehabilitation Centre - 02 	6.69	18,709
Coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes of the Ministry on quarterly based - 04 • Progress review programmes in District level 240 	0.36	214
Other	Payment of electricity bill of Sithsarana Centres Stationeries Additional fuel	1.53	-
Total		14.54	

02. National Council and National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

2.1 Introduction

The objective of the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities is to make legal provisions relevant to Act of Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities No.28 of 1996 enacted for the Promotion, Advancement and Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Sri Lanka and to provide for matters connected or incidental in that regard.

2.2 Functions and Activities

The National Council for Persons with Disabilities has been established for the purpose of making decisions with regard to rehabilitation of the persons with disabilities and implementing the legal provisions related to enforcing the National Policy on providing welfare and relief to them with a view to realizing the objectives of the above Act. In line with the decisions thus taken, the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities (NSPD) carries out the following activities:

- ❖ Programmes for poverty minimization and rehabilitation based on promotion of welfare of the persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Programmes for prevention and control of main causes of disabilities.
- ❖ Maintaining accurate data and statistics on persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Supervision, guidance and assistance when needed, for the institutions established for development and welfare of the persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Facilitating the access to inclusive development, preparing the physical environment and providing the relevant parties with direction, guidance and assistance when needed.
- ❖ Implementing programmes to ensure the continuous education of the children with disabilities who are at their due age for receiving education and currently going to school and such children who are currently not going to school and assisting them in their needs.
- ❖ Implementing Programmes to raise the public awareness about the social responsibility to incorporate the contribution of the persons with disabilities into inclusive development and programmes for carrying out promotional activities in that regard.
- ❖ Identifying the (Geographical) areas where the persons with disabilities occur in relatively higher numbers and implementing programmes to draw the public attention towards the factors causing such disability and carrying out follow-up actions and analyzing the progress of the programmes thus implemented.

2.3 Financial and Physical progress (as at 31.12.2016)

2.3.1 Implementation of the legal provisions for protecting rights of Persons with Disabilities.

2.3.1.1 A new draft bill to provide for protecting rights of Persons with Disabilities

The new bill, which has been drafted by a special drafting committee for further improving the Protection of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No .28 of 1996, has been submitted to the *Legal Draftsman's Department* for necessary actions.

2.3.1.2 Sign Language Draft Bill

The Sign Language Draft Bill prepared following the recognition of the Sign Language by the Parliament as an accepted language, was submitted to the Department of the Legal Draftsman and as of now, a preliminary draft prepared by the Legal Draftsman has been forwarded. As per the suggestions calling for further development of the draft bill, the National Council recommended obtaining views and suggestion from a committee of subject experts and such views and suggestions have now been referred to Legal Draftsman.

2.3.1.3 Draft Bill for Protection of the Rights of the White Cane Users

Since the rights of the visually handicapped are also protected by the Act No.28 of 1996 for Protection of the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities, the Legal Draftsman has informed that it is suitable to prepare a set of rules under the same Act rather than preparing a new Act for protection of the rights of the visually handicapped.

2.3.1.4 Ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

The Cabinet Memorandum forwarded to ratify of the International Convention of the United Nations on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was assented by Sri Lanka on 30 March 2007, was approved by the Cabinet of Ministries on 23.12.2015.

Accordingly, General Assembly of the United Nations has been declared as Sri Lanka is a ratified country to the said UN Convention on 08.02.2016.

2.3.2 Self-employment assistance for income generation.

Under this programme, with a view to poverty minimization of the low-income families with members with disabilities, such families or individuals are provided with a financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- to start or develop a self-employment, and necessary arrangements are made with regard to starting of such self-employments monitoring the progress, improving the quality of the products and assistance with selling of products.

No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs.Mn.)
386	9.254

2.3.3 Monitoring of Welfare and Development Centers

Implementation of programmes for supervision of quality, monitoring , and providing assistance when needed, with regard to the Welfare and Development Centers maintained by the voluntary organizations registered with National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities.

There are 130 of such centers being maintained by those registered institutions.

2.3.4 Providing Accessibility Facilities for the Persons with Disabilities.

All existing public buildings, public places and places of public service delivery shall be made accessible to the persons with disabilities, as per the Accessibility Regulations: No.01 of 2006 promulgated by the Gazettes Extraordinary No 1467/15 on 17.10.2006 and No 1619/24 on 18.09.2009 in accordance with the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996.

However, having appointed the committee headed by the Ministry of Social Empowerment & Welfare and with the participation of Urban Development Authority, Ministry of Transport & Civil Aviation, the *Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, Department of Urban Engineering, Road Development Authority and etc a report is being prepared for amending the regulations in the said Gazette Extraordinary notification because the specifications therein should be amended to be suited to more comfortable for the persons with disabilities and for the current needs.*

2.3.5 Providing Monthly Allowance for Persons with Disabilities.

The programme for providing a monthly living allowance of Rs.3000/- to the low-income families with disabled members is implemented since 2007. Factors such as poverty in the family, severity of the disability, householder being disabled and the number of members with disabilities in the family are taken in to account in granting the allowance.

No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs.mn.)
30,005	1074.37

It has been revealed through field observations that the economic, nutrition, mental and social levels of the persons with disabilities and their families have been improved with the assistance received under this programme.

2.3.6 Paying Monthly Living Allowance for Kidney Patients

As a measure of easing the difficulties encountered by the people suffering from Kidney Disease in obtaining their medicine or travelling to attend the clinics, 19,645 of kidney patients undergoing blood purification have been selected for a monthly living allowance of Rs.3000/- with the recommendation of the Ministry of Health, from Kurunagala, Ampara, Vavuniya, Badulla, Matale, Monaragala, Polonnaruwa, Mullaitivu, Anuradhapura and Trincomalee districts where the Chronic Kidney Disease is highly spread and 15,453 patients were receiving the allowance by 31st December 2016.

2.3.7 Providing Educational Assistance

The children with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, of low-income families are provided with the educational assistance up to a maximum of Rs.10, 000/- as a one-time payment, for the purpose of meeting the traveling expenses to go to school and obtaining educational materials. It is revealed through the field observations that due to the educational assistance provided under this programme, there is an improvement in the tendency among the children with disabilities at the school-going age to have education.

Granting Aids in this year (as at 31.12.2016) as follows.

No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs. mn.)
377	3.132

2.3.8 Provision of Assistive Devices

In order to making disable people contribute to their own inclusive development and to make them independent persons, while assisting their rehabilitation activities, financial assistance is given to obtain the Spectacles, wheel chairs, hearing devices, tricycles, crutches, wheel chairs and etc of the persons with disabilities. These equipments were provided to low income persons upon the medical recommendation in this year as follows and 98 mobile service programmes were held for this purpose.

Crutches	Spectacles	Wheel chairs (normal and with commode)	Special equipments	Forearm crutches	Hearing equipment	White canes	Amount Rs. mn.
93	56,406	303	35	139	06	0	13.548

2.3.9 Housing Assistance Programme

Housing assistance is provided, subject to a maximum of Rs.250, 000/- each, for building a new house or a part of the house for a low-income person with disabilities who has no house to live in or for the family who take care of such person, or for repair of a house, subject to a maximum of Rs.150, 000/- each. For the purpose of providing assistance under this programme, 5% of the income from sale of the Supiri Vasana Sampatha lottery is currently credited to the National Fund for Persons with Disabilities. Accordingly, as at 31.08.2016, a sum of Rs.35.995 million has been expended in respect of 375 houses.

2.3.10 Medical Assistance

Under the Medical Assistance programme, a family living on an income less than Rs.6000/- per month is provided with a financial assistance up to a maximum of Rs.20,000/- each on priority basis for the purposes such as obtaining medicines not provided by government hospitals to persons with disabilities and those who suffer from long-standing illnesses, meeting the travelling expenses for attending clinics, expenses incurred for heart, eye, kidney, brain, hip bone transplant, ear drum surgeries, purchasing special medical equipment such as water mattress, air mattress and speech aids and for blood transfusion. Medical assistance has been supplied up to 31st December 2016 as follows.

No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (Rs.mn.)
406	6.064

2.3.11 Courses

Ability to Communicating with persons with disabilities is particularly important in easily satisfying their service requirements. National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities has started a training programme on Sign Language, Braille Methodology, Mobility and Orientation for public officers to enable them to discharge their duties in a more productive and efficient manner and courses were conducted for two groups of 50 officers in 2016.

2.3.12 Provision of Assistance to Care Homes.

A provision of Rs. 8 million has been released to meet the expenses of water and electricity bills and salaries of the employees of the Victoria Home at Rajagiriya which gives refuge to a large number of persons with disabilities who are incurable and requiring life-long care.

2.3.13 Provision of Assistance to Voluntary Associations.

A sum of Rs. 2.4 million has been provided for development of facilities of 12 institutions engaged in the welfare of persons with disabilities and Rs 2.229 Million has been spent on this purpose by 31 December 2016.

2.4 Special Events

2.4.1 Offer of Scholarships for A/L Students who have been lost their parents by kidney disease (CKDU).

A sum of Rs.752,000.00 by Rs.1000/= each for 752 students who have been lost their parents by kidney disease in 3 districts of Anuradhapura, Badulla and Vaunia has been paid monthly from April to December. Provisions had been provided by Presidential Secretariat.

03. Single Parent Development Programme

3.1 Introduction

The number of Single parent families is increasing in the society at present. The objective of this programme is to be a handrail to the poor single parents citizens who have become single parents due to they were deserted by their spouse and children or due to the spouse were passed away, to uplift those families on standard level in this society by supporting to the economical issues they have faced.

3.1.1 Selection of Beneficiaries

- ❖ Women with infants or school-attending children and who have become vulnerable due to death of their husbands/wives by an accident, suicides or such an incidents.
- ❖ For families of which wife and children have been deserted by husband or, husband and underage children have been deserted by wife.
- ❖ For alone women/men who were not legally married but have underage children or school-attending children and without sufficient means of income to satisfy the needs of these children.

In selecting beneficiaries under the above criteria, priority is given to families with breast feeding infants and school-attending children.

As per the data of the Department of Census and Statistics in 2012, out of total number of single parents families in Sri Lanka 610,945, widowed and over 50 years old families are 77626, widowed but less than 50 years old families are 441,797, divorced and over 50 years old families are 8,856, divorced and less than 50 years old families are 9,043, deserted and over 50 years old families are 40,436, deserted and less than 50 years old families are 33,186 and the maximum single parent families have been recorded in Gampaha District. Small children and women are specified as significance the most vulnerable groups among them. There is a severe threat for their protection security and dignity because of their helplessness. In addition that Education and Nutrition of them was a problem and there is a tendency to be focused on various social offence

Further, according to a study done by the Ministry of Education, it has been revealed that 2% of children at the school-attending age are not attending to school mainly due to poverty. A considerable portion of this group is from Single parent families.

For alleviating this situation, following activities are carried out under this programme.

1. Providing aids for Self Employments, initializing of Self Employments and making feedback for empowering single parent families.
2. Initializing Reading Centres for increasing desire of the reading of the children and other members of single parent families.
3. Improving the Strength of Economy of mothers/fathers in single parent families, By making aware them about the role of performance executed for improvements of their families and social accountability, they are given necessary knowledge to continue their children's education. Conducting programmes to provide technical knowledge for the projects initialized by them and to develop psychological status of the target group while conducting programmes to stabilize families identified as risky families.

3.2 Physical and Financial Progress – as at 31.12.2016

Serail No	Programme	Physical Progress	Amount Rs.
1.	Supplying Aids for persons	815 persons	15.88
2.	Training Programmes	11 programmes	0.19
3.	Making aware to prevent children from drug calamity	05 programmes	0.12
4.	Initiating Reading Centers	23 centres	2.02
5.	Field Visits	06 observations	0.11
6.	Making Economical and social development of single parent families in a selected Divisional Secretariat (Welikanda Divisional Secretariat)	815 persons 02 Self Employment 12 housing assistance 03 educational assistance	0.94
7.	Others		0.74
	Total		20.00

The excellent service of implementing this programme is creation a group of people who are contributed to the upturn of the society through making them as partners of National Development by minimizing unemployment in the single parent family units.

04. Rural Development Division

4.1 Samurdhi Model Village Programme

4.1.1 Introduction

Samurdhi model village programme was implemented in order to achieve special objectives such as guidance community of the villages to livelihood development projects by empowering them for upliftment of their lives, infra-structure development for this purpose, providing market facilities for rural products, development of rural industries by using resources in the village, urging people for organic farming without poison, increasing nutrition condition of the family by influence to consume fresh fruits and vegetables, creation the righteous citizen through spiritual and ethical development, creation a protective and pleasant environment for living, reducing poverty in the village and with a view to develop a village as the pilot exemplary village to the Divisional Secretariat.

Under Stage I of this programme, at least one village in to one District amounting to 40 villages have been selected.

When selecting villages for this programme, the attention was drawn to a high density of low income people in the area and potentials of developing all sections including economical, social, cultural, spiritual environmental sections and when converting to a prosperous village it was also considered attitudes and effectiveness of the community, as well as officials and other parties associated the village.

Department of Divineguma development allocates Rs.7.0 million per one village for implementation this programme. Monitoring, supervision and follow up activities of this programme are carried out by the officers of Rural Development Division and Department of Divineguma under the provisions of the Department of Divineguma. This programme is implemented by the officers directly related to the village including Economic Development Officers in Divineguma Development Division of District Secretariats and Divisional Secretariats and in village level, Grama Niladhari, Divineguma Development Officers, Agriculture Reserch and Production Assistants, Mid-wives etc.

4.1.2 Selected Villages in District Level

Sub. No	District	Divisional Secretariat	Grama Niladari Division /Village
01	Colombo	Kesbewa	1. Pelanwatta – North
02	Gampaha	Diulapitiya	2. Induragara _South
		Mahara	3. Kirikiththa - East
		Mirigama	4. Dambutuwa
03	Kalutara	Bulathsinhala	5. Ratiyala
04	Galle	Kadawathsathara	6. Ukwatta
		Elpitiya	7. Mahauragaha (Kekirigashena)
05	Matara	Pasgoda	8. Mavarala
06	Hambanthota	Lunugamwehera	9. Punchi appujadura
		Katuwana	10. Kongastenna
07	Kandy	Deltota	11. Udadelthota (pahalagama)
		Hewaheta	12. Meeruppa
		Pahatha Hewaheta	13. Neelawala
08	Matale	Raththota	14. Udahapuinda
09	Nuwara Eliya	Hanguranketha	15. Makempe
		Kotmale	16. Kadadora(Kithulbedda)
10	Kurunegala	Mawathagama	17. Madawa
11	Puttalam	Pallama	18. Wathupola
12	Badulla	Ella	19. Maduragama
13	Monaragala	Bibila	20. Kanulwela(Ikiriyanpola)
14	Kegalle	Mawanella	21. Ambalawa
		Galigamuwa	22. Helamada
		Kegalle	23. Makoora
15	Ratnapura	Embulpe	24. Seelagama
		Kuruwita	25. Keeragala
16	Anuradhapura	Talawa	26. Moragoda
17	Polonnaruwa	Thamankaduwa	27. Ambanganga - North
		Hingurakgoda	28. Yatigalpathana
		Medirigiriya	29. Thalakolawewa
		Dimbulagala	30. Bandanagala
		Thamankaduwa	31. Laksha Uyana
18	Ampara	Potuvil	32. Potuvil (Sarvodapuram)
		Uhana	33. Walagampura
19	Trincomalee	Seruwila	34. Seruwila
20	Batticlo	Chenkaladi	35. Mawadiwembu
21	Vauniya	Vauniya	36. Omanthei
22	Jaffna	Thelippe	37. Kollankaladdi
23	Mannar	Madu	38. Pumalaththan
24	Mulatui	Mainei East	39. Ottaruttakulam
25	Kilinochchi	Poonahari	40. Mulaklavil

4.1.3 Progress of the Samurdhi Model Village Programme as at 31.12.2016

5635 Projects has been completed while target works for year 2016 of 39 villages out of 40 selected in 25 Districts have been totally completed. Total expenditure is Rs. 192.72 Mn. Out of these projects 3580 of Agriculture Development projects, 779 of livestock projects, 827 of Industrial related projects, 212 of marketing projects, 110 of Infra structure Developing projects, 74 of Social Development projects and 53 of Training Programmes were completed.

Village level progress as at 31.12.2016 as follows

Samurdhi Model Village Programme - 2016																			
Progress up to 31.12.2016																			
Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretariat	Village	Agriculture development		Animal Husbandry		Industrial		Marketing		Infra-structure Development		Social Development		Trainings		Total	
				Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)
1.	Colombo	Kesbewa	Pelanwaththa north	230	2.93	29	1.21	5	0.21							1	0.18	265	4.52
2.	Gampaha	Mirigama	Dambutuwa	573	0.17					4	0.15	13	6.43			5	0.15	595	6.89
		Divulapitiya	Induragara south	12	0.28			57	2.52	47	1.61							116	4.41
		Mahara	Kirikiththa east					21	0.50			3	1.47					24	1.97
3.	Kalutara	Bulathsinhala	Retiyala	168	1.34	12	0.18	9	0.40	25	0.71	7	4.31			2	0.02	223	6.96
4.	Galle	Four Gravets	Ukwaththa	71	1.68			9	0.15			2	3.11			5	0.07	87	5.00
		Alpitiya	Maha Uragama (kekirigaththa)	3	0.07			126	1.57			6	4.11			3	0.05	138	5.80
5.	Matara	Pasgoda	Mawarala	70	1.00			40	1.19			8	1.21	38	3.26	4	0.05	160	6.70
6.	Hambanthota	Lunugam vehera	Punchi appu Jadura	61	0.34	31	1.00	22	0.73	4	0.20	1	1.98					119	4.25
		Katuwana	Koongas thenna	4	0.06			44	1.39	23	0.49	2	0.26					73	2.19

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Progress up to 31.12.2016

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretariat	Village	Agriculture development		Animal Husbandry		Industrial		Marketing		Infra-structure Development		Social Development		Trainings		Total	
				Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.,Mn.)
7.	Kandy	Delthota	Upper Delthota	3	0.14	10	0.23	6	0.28	2	0.05	3	3.77					24	4.48
			Hewahata	2	0.04	6	0.13	12	0.41	5	0.12	5	3.80					30	4.49
			Lower Hewahata	45	0.73	11	0.39	42	1.63							2	0.02	100	2.77
8.	Matale	Raththota	Udahapuvida	15	0.31	7	0.34	65	1.98			7	3.57	19	0.85			113	7.05
9.	Nuwaraeliya	Hanguranketha	Makempe	60	0.78	17	1.25	11	0.31	1	1.99	2	2.66			3	0.01	94	7.00
			Kothmale	Kadadora (Kithul bedda)			10	0.35	14	0.11	1	0.05							25
10.	Kurunegala	Mawathagama	Madawa	232	0.40	30	0.69	38	1.32			5	2.67	13	0.40	4	0.07	322	5.55
11.	Puttalam	Pallama	Wathupola	8	0.57							13	6.33					21	6.90

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Progress up to 31.12.2016

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretariat	Village	Agriculture development		Animal Husbandry		Industrial		Marketing		Infra-structure Development		Social Development		Trainings		Total	
				Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)
12.	Badulla	Ella	Maduragama	26	0.81	6	0.33	12	0.66	15	0.71	1	3.17	3	0.40			63	6.09
		Welimada	Puranwela	71	1.79	8	0.28											79	2.06
13.	Monaragala	Bibila	Kanulwela (Ikiriyanpola)	25	0.20			62	1.78			5	4.72			2	0.26	94	6.95
14.	Kegalle	Mawanella	Ambalawa	864	4.03	125	2.54	2	0.13	3	0.19					2	0.01	996	6.89
		Galigamuwa	Helamada	230	0.83	34	1.13											264	1.97
15.	Rathnapura	Embulpe	Seelagama	104	1.46	3	0.15	11	0.26	8	0.26	10	4.84			1	0.03	137	6.99
		Kuruwita	Kiragala(Goda welawaththa)									3	1.91					3	1.91
16.	Anuradhapura	Thalawa	Moragoda	7	0.30	23	0.90	8	0.36	15	0.42					1	0.02	54	1.99
17.	Polonnaruwa	Thamankaduwa	Ambangaha North	250	0.39	67	2.11	18	0.90					1	0.02			336	3.43
		Madirigiriya	Thalakolawewa	66	0.62	101	2.12			1	1.97	2	0.26					170	4.97
		Hingurakgoda	Yatigalpathana	76	4.08	3	0.21	13	0.68									92	4.98
		Dimbulagala	Bandanagala			18	1.11	41	2.36	21	1.56							80	5.02
		Thamankaduwa	Laksha Uyana															0	0.00

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Progress up to 31.12.2016

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretariat	Village	Agriculture development		Animal Husbandry		Industrial		Marketing		Infra-structure Development		Social Development		Trainings		Total	
				Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Number	Amount (Rs.Mn.)
18.	Ampara	Pothuwil	Pothuwil (Sarvodapuram)			34	1.80	58	3.14			3	1.99					95	6.93
		Uhana	Walagampura	86	0.48	2	0.03	29	1.22	16	0.24							133	1.97
19.	Trincomalee	Seruwila	Seruwila	23	1.50	8	0.50	1	0.06			3	3.99					35	6.05
20.	Batticaloa	Wenkaladi	Eravur Pattu	9	0.36	18	1.36			3	0.25	2	5.05					32	7.02
21.	Vavunia	Vavnia	Omanthei	41	1.64	27	0.77	12	0.48	3	4.08					1	0.03	84	7.00
22.	Jaffna	Thelippalei	Kollankaladdi (Mavaikaladdi)	10	0.30	15	0.55	25	0.77	14	0.35	1	5.12					65	7.09
23.	Mannar	Madu	Poomalanthan	94	6.10	16	0.63	6	0.27									116	7.00
24.	Mulathivu	Manthei East	Otawarutwakulam	16	0.64	93	4.06	4	0.19	1	0.05	3	2.02			2	0.04	119	6.99
25.	Kilinochchi	Poonahari	Mulankavil	25	1.24	15	0.60	4	0.15							15	0.01	59	2.00
				3580	37.60	779	26.94	827	28.08	212	15.44	110	78.73	74	4.94	53	0.99	5635	192.72

4.2 SAARC Programme on Poverty Alleviation

The SAARC Programme was created by the heads of following states in the South Asia in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1985 and Afghanistan became a member of SAARC in the year 2005.

1. Bangladesh
2. Butan
3. India
4. Maldives
5. Nephah
6. Pakistan
7. Sri Lanka
8. Afghanistan

The SAARC Secretariat is based in Kathmandu, Nepal.

There are 22 SAARC Development targets prevailing under livelihood, health education and environment up to 2015 and future target to be identified in accordance with the UN Sustainable Development Targets. Dr.R.M.S. Rathnayake is the representative of the international specialist group, established for this purpose. The SAARC Programme is related to Our Ministry because of the poverty Alleviation Programme. Contribution on guiding principles of SAARC Poverty Alliviation action plan in National level and contribution from the programmes implemented by the Ministry for its special purposes should be reported to the SAARC Secretariat.

Amidst the 18th SAARC Summit held in Capital Katmandu, Nepal and 19th SAARC Summit will be held in Pakistan, an Inter-Summit Session was held in Nepal in March 2016. Following reports were submitted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for this purpose.

1. Poverty Alleviation Programme of the Ministry.
2. SAARC Programmes implemented by this Ministry.
 - ❖ Report on SAARC Development Targets.
 - ❖ Proposing of Dr. R.M.S.Rathnayake to the International Specialist Group of observing the SAARC Development Targets
 - ❖ Presentation of the project proposal of eliminating the poverty (SAARC) with Bhutan and Nepal
 - ❖ Presentating a report of Model Villages for the SAARC Model Village Journal.
 - ❖ Poverty eradication and best example on the achievement of SARRC Development Goals.
 - ❖ Contribution by means of policy matters and functional matters towards the action plan of the poverty eradication by the government of Sri Lanka.
 - ❖ Ministry's contribution to achieve these SAARC Development Targets

The meeting regarding SAARC Poverty Alleviation with the participation of Ministres and Secretaries will be held in Bangladesh.

05. Department of Social Services

5.1. Introduction

The Department of Social Service was established on 01st of February 1948 on a recommendation of Social Services Commission which was appointed in 1944 with the chair of Sir Ivor Jennings. Initially, the main task of the Department was to provide financial assistance to estate workers and poor families in our country on the occasions of victimization by disasters and illnesses. These relief programmes which were in primary level, have been expanded to encompass their livelihood development as well rising above the dependence mentality on the basis of contemporary needs.

Currently Sri Lankan government has to combat a number of contemporary social issues such as disability, sub-fertility, Non Communicable Diseases, Psychosis, suicides, poverty and drug addiction arisen due to either environmental hazards or conscious or unconscious human activities. This situation has direct or indirect negative impacts on the progress of the entire society as well as the individual.

The main objective of the Social Services Department is to incorporate these marginalized and disadvantaged communities into national development as active stakeholders through developing them by their own efforts. In view of achieving the above, various surveys, policy planning and development programmes have been successfully executed starting from national level to grass root level through participating development approaches during the year of 2016.

Service providing officers have been directed to local and foreign workshops, conferences and training programmes in order to promote their efficiency, motivation and productivity. The department won the 3rd place for government institutes at the productivity award ceremony in the year of 2016. Six vocational training institutions out of eight functioned under the purview of the Department could acquire awards and certificates at that award ceremony.

Activities

- I. Provision of Vocational Training and working tools for self employments for the youths who are disabled and directing them for open careers.
- II. Identifying and expansion the job market for persons with disabilities.
- III. Conducting surveys in order to identify contemporary needs and priorities of persons with disabilities.
- IV. Provision assistive devices for the persons with disabilities and empowering their families.
- V. Guidance of children with special needs for inclusive education through prior mediation.
- VI. Conducting workshops, conferences and training programmes for service providing officers in order to uplift their knowledge, skills and attitudes.
- VII. Providing a relief to day to day works of the person with hearing disabilities by issuing special identity cards and providing signal language translation services.

- VIII. Safe guarding the boys who are mentally retarded and had not custody of the guardian.
- IX. Providing financial assistance to the voluntary associations which are being standed for welfare of the persons with disabilities.
- X. Providing sports, educational and cultural aids for visually handicapped children.
- XI. Rehabilitation of drug adicted people in a residential manner.
- XII. Providing necessary services for the peoples with disabilities under community based inclusive development programme.
- XIII. Establishment, empowering and continueing swa shakthi groups of peoples with disabilities in divisional level.
- XIV. Implementation of various programmes through combined approachs.

5.2. Physical and Financial Progress up to 31.12.2016

5.2.1. Financial Progress (Summary)

	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	%
Recurrent	446.33	434.93	97.44%
Capital	50.11	48.89	97.58 %
Total	496.44	483.82	97.46 %

5.2.2. Financial Progress (Capital)

	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	%
Community Based Rehabilitation Programme	10.00	9.902	99.02 %
Renovation of Vocational Training Institutions (20 Millions)	20.00	19.827	99.13 %
Other Capital Programmes	20.105	19.16	95.29 %
Total	50.105	48.89	97.57 %

5.2.2.1. Community based Inclusive Development National Programme.

Objectives

The purpose of this programme was empowering disabled persons with knowledge and skills to enable them to enjoy their rights and perform their duties and responsibilities in accordance to the National Policy of persons with Disabilities.

- Implementation programmes for empowering peoples with disabilities and their families by knowledge, attitudes and activities.

- Training of daily activities by the help of volunteer servants to carry out their duties as an independent person in their service stations such as home, pre-schools and Universities.
- Providing educational opportunities and leading for other services to the children with disabilities over inclusive educational system or special education system.
- Identification of job opportunities by connected with the Ministry of Labourer Affairs and private sector and making them prior preparation for other services to empower their economy.
- Making actions to provide vocational training through the national or divisional level vocational training Centers.
- Admission of the persons with disabilities to the programmes implemented by other Ministries and Departments. (such as sports, cultural and etc)

Financial & Physical Progress (up to 31.12.2016)

No	Programme	No. of beneficiaries/No. of programmes	Allocation Rs.Mn	Expenditure Rs. Mn.	%
	Providing assistance devices to the persons with disabilities.				
	I. Providing commods	137	10.00	9.90	96
	II. Providing water facilities	18			
	III. Providing electricity facilities	5			
	IV. Providing water mattresses	4			
	V. Providing accessibility facilities	11			
	VI. Others	31			
	Construction of the houses of the persons with disabilities	09			
	Empowering Swashakthi groups and volunteer groups	801			
	Workshops on training sign language for field officers	03			
	Workshops for Social Services Officers	180			

5.2.2.2.Renovation of Vocational Training Centers

	Institute	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
	Thelambuyaya Vocational Training Centre	20.00	19.83
	I. Constructing the entrance gate and access road.		
	II. Repairing the toilet system of the males hostel.		
	III. Painting the cafeteria		
	IV. Repairing the pavement of the carpenter section		
	V. Repairing the pavement of the pastry and bakery section		
	Waththegama Vocational Training Centre		
	I. Repairing TV room and toilet system		
	II. Repairing the Superintendent Quarters		
	Madampe Vocational Training Centre		
	I. Partition of the office room and store room		
	II. Repairing the toilet system of the hostel		
	III. Preparation of the playground		
	IV. Fixing two name boards		
	V. Constructing the garage		
	Seeduwa Vocational Training Centre		
	I. Curtaining for the office room, training section and the hostel.		
	II. Painting the conference hall		
	III. Fixing five name boards		
	Ketawala Vocational Training Centre		
	I. Construction of a room for the Painting Division		
	II. Repairing the toilet system in the Hostel		
	III. Preparation of the playground (I and II stages)		
	IV. Construction of the sports premises		
	Kalawana Vocational Training Centre		
	I. Repairing the toilet system		
	II. Partition of the office		
	Purchase of the office furnitures and equipment		

5.2.3.Financial Progress(Recurrent)

	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	%
Development Programme	24.2	24.54	100%
Other Recurrent Programme	415.14	406.39	97.89%
Visually Handicapped Trust Fund	7.0	7.00	100%
Total	446.34	437.93	

5.2.3.1.Physical and Financial Progress of development programmes (up to 31.12.2016)

No	Activities	Allocation (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing vocational trainings for 386 disabled youth who are registered in vocational training centers maintained by the Department of Social Services. Paying allowances for Trainees. Conduct of a cultural art festival (“Sith ruu” 2016) Raw materials and equipment Other welfare expenses Paying allowances for 123 Trainees who are training under under voluntary institutes 	17.20	21.54
2.	Providing services for the children with special needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> paying each Rs. 100/- per day for the children visit to get services from Nawinna Guidance Centre for children for service providing Physicians Other welfare expenses 	1.20	
3.	219 of professional tool kits have been provided to the trainees who have completed the training.	5.00	
4.	Providing maintenance financial assistance for 2 voluntary social services organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swarnadama Foundation - Rs.30,000.00 National Council for the Deaf – Rs. 40,000.00 	0.10	
5.	Paying for Rathnapura children guidance centre (Provisions have been released) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stationaries Speaking devices Transport allowances for mortivating children 	0.04	
6.	Issuing special identity cards for 1022 of hearing impaired children. Paying Teacher’s allowances for 4 Pre-school teachers	0.30	

	<p>who are serving on behalf of hearing impaired and mentally restarted children.</p> <p>Pre -School 04 children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For 2 teachers of Weeraketiya Arunella Pre-school –Rs.5000.00x12x2 • Hambanthota Katuwana Special pre-school Rs.5000.00x12 • Ritigahayaya Special pre-school - Rs.5000.00x12 <p>For 3 teachers of Badalkumbura Little Flower children guidance centre (for allowances and stationaries from September to December)</p>		
7.	Providing sign language services for the persons with hearing disability		
	Total	24.20	21.54

5.2.3.1(a). Rehabilitation, providing vocational trainings, Zocialization and providing security for the youth with disabilities.

This is a main programme implemented on target disabled community. The programmes carried out with the aim of empowering career capabilities, providing vocational training to develop their livelihood for youth with disabilities have been progressed successfully in 2016. 08 vocational training institutes have been functioning at Seeduwa, Amunukumbura, Ragama, Madampe, Ketawala, Waththegama, Kalawana and Thelambuyaya which are established in 06 Districts of Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy, Puttalam, Rathnapura and Hambanthota under this programme. The disabled young children between the ages 16 – 35 and eligible to follow certain training courses are admitted to these courses and trained formally in these institutions. Foods, accomadations and health facilities have been provided free of charging within the training period. Training periods of those courses are held as one year and two year. Allowance is paid for daily needs of trainees. The trainees, those who have successfully completed the training would be given the recognized certificates and tool kits for the self-employments. The department has been mediated for job opportunities in government and private sector for trainees who ere left to the society from institutes.

This taining not only provides oppotunities to improving their vocational capabilities but involves sharing their knowledge and skills regarding new technologies, communication, atr and sports with the world also. In addition to the vocational training, providing special identity cards to the persons with hearing disabilities, providing training allowances to the voluntary institutes which provide trainings for persons with disabilities, providing allowances to the pre-school teachers who teach the children with hearing disabilities and low intelligence, providing of pre-school teachers training , granting maintenance aids and ad hoc aids to the voluntary social institutes which receive financial assistance from the Department of Social Services and providing the sign language service to the persons with hearing and speaking disabilities are successfully done by the Department subject to this project.

The courses, which are conducted by the Vocational Training Institutes

1. Radio, Television and related accessories Mechanics
2. Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Mechanics
3. Carpentry and engravings Courses
4. Courses in sewing machine operations(Factories)
5. Handicraft Technology (Bamboo and Coconut)
6. Handicraft Technology (Brooms and Keel brooms)
7. Handicraft Technology (Cane and coir)
8. Handicraft Technology (fancy items)
9. Dress Making Technology
10. Tailoring Technology
11. Massage therapy
12. Masonry
13. Motor Mechancs
14. Mechanics
15. Electrical Engineering
16. Automotive Painting Technology
17. Welding technology
18. Cement manufacturing Technology
19. Leather and footwear Manufacturing Technology
20. Batik designs and Technology
21. Bakery products and food Technology
22. Home gardens and agriculture
23. Fabric weaving Technology
24. Computer Technology
25. Three-wheeler Repair Technology

Number of trainees in the Vocational Training Institutes under the Department of Social Services

No	Institute	No of Trainees in 2016
1.	Seeduwa Vocational Training Centre	91
2.	Ketawala Vocational Training Centre	39
3.	Waththegama Vocational Training Centre	90
4.	Thelambuyaya Vocational Training Centre	60
5.	Amunukumbura Vocational Training Centre	37
6.	Ragama Vocational Training Centre	18
7.	Kalawana Vocational Training Centre	29
8.	Madampe Vocational Training Centre	22
	Total	386

Providing allowances to the trainees in the voluntary Institutions that are supported with financial assistance by the Department of Social Service

	Institute	No of trainees in 2016
	Sri Lanka Foundation for the rehabilitation of the Disabled – Bandarawela	26
	The Islamic Centre for the Physically Handicapped- Thihariya	21
	Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd	09
	Sahana Camp – Colombo - 08	26
	Vocational Training Institute, Batugammana.	19
	Sukitha Vocational Training Institute, Horana	08
	Disabled womans association, Thalawa	06
	Saviya Development Foundation	08
	Total	123

Other Centers under the Department of Social Services

- Institute Jayavirusewana at Puwakpitiya
- Institute of of Jayaviru Samadhi at Puwakpitiya
- Child Guidance Centre at Navinna

5.2.3.1(b). Jayaviru Sewana (Caring home, Puwakpitiya)

Jayaviru Sevana Caring home has implemented programmes for providing protection and residential facilities to the mentally retarded boy children who lost their parents and guardians. Since the new building was constructed 23 of new trainees have been admitted within this year. These children are provided residential for entire life time, and they are referred to the day to day activities. There were 72 children obtained protection by 31.12.2016.

5.2.3.1(c). Child Guidance Center at Nawinna

In a doubted situation arisen of a growth defect or a stunted growth of a child in his/her pre-childhood, this programme gives afore mediation for guidance to develop the child. The parents, who came to seek the correct guidance towards their children, are initially registered by having obtained the bio data of such children. Having identified the needs of the child,

estimation is taken on the basic growth condition. After having the discussions between teachers and parents the children are referred to the suitable class room as per the skills of the children following the preparation of the detailed quality report. Their skills and growth conditions reports are prepared in every 6 months and 1 year as well as if it is required their follow up activities could be further extended.

- Number of newly registered children -98
- Number of parents who have obtained the counseling services - 81
- Number of children who were referred to schools in 2016 – 21
- Number of children who were referred to preschools - 15

Children registered in year 2016 - according to the age limits

Serial Number	Age limit	No. of children
1.	0-3	12
2.	4-5	31
3.	6-15	55
4.	Above 16	-
	Total	98

Services delivered by the sectors

Service	No. of children	No. of service turns
1. Physiotherapy Treatments	122	511
2. Speech therapy Treatments	113	372
3. Occupation Therapy Treatments	119	365
4. Educational Sector	238	7330

Children registered in year 2016 - according to the disability

Serial Number	Nature of the disability	No. of children
1.	Autism	19
2.	Curable Palsy	08
3.	Down Syndrome	15
4.	Global Development Delay	20
5.	Speech delay	14
6.	Hyper Activity	06
7.	Other	16

5.2.3.1(d). Drug Addicts Rehabilitation and Socialization Project

Drug addicts rehabilitation and socialization project is implemented by Jayaviru Samadhi home at Puwakpitiya which is functioned under the Department of Social Services. After the persons who have driven their lives to darkness by addicting Heroin, Ganja/Kerala ganja, alcohol and intoxicated tablets came to our institute, basically they are forwarded for rehabilitation process through the psycho therapeutic, psychological counseling methods and medical scientific

approaches. In the training period, yoga meditation and various religious programmes are held for the spiritual development of trainees. Foods, accomadations and health facilities are provided free of charging within their training period. A training of career development too is provided within the training period for developing their level of living. There were 212 service gainers to be rehabilitated in year 2016 while new admission was 167. 127 persons have been socialized in that year.

Beneficiaries of 2016 according to the age limits

Serial Number	Age limit	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Below 15 year	04
2.	16-20	30
3.	21-30	83
4.	31-40	64
5.	Above 40	22
	Total	212

Beneficiaries of 2016 according to the educational levels

Serial Number	Educational level	No. of beneficiaries
1.	Grade 0 - 6	66
2.	Grade 6 - G.C.E.(O/L)	91
3.	Up to G.C.E.(A/L)	53
4.	Up to degree	02
	Total	212

5.2.3.2. Visually Handicapped Trust Fund

The mission of this fund is inter alia to provide required services to persons with visual impairment rehabilitate and provide relief. The positive commitment to the growth of new attitudes has been gradually arisen on the disabled persons in Sri Lanka following the declaration of 1981 as the International year of Disabled Persons. As a sequel to this direction, an Act of Parliament No 09 of 1992 to establish a fund for visually impaired persons was passed by parliamentary of the Domestic Republic of Sri Lanka and this was published by a Gazette Notification. Various services in support of the disabled persons in Sri Lanka have been initiated in line with this Act.

Physical and Financial Progress – up to 31.12.2016

Serial No.	Program me	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs)
1.	Assistance for sports activities	200,000	Cricket	-
2.	Vocational Training	225,000	Mr.H.W.Sanjeewa Karunaratne Mr.D.Upul Shantha Mr.K.A.Lakmini Wasana	160,500
3.	Educational &	2,000,000	Granting 152 scholarships to the	

	Cultural needs		students with clear vision but parents are visually handicapped Granting 63 scholarships to visually handicapped university students Granting 05 scholarship to visually handicapped Advanced Level student Purchase of a Brail type writer and 32 ES Recorders Printing <i>kaalaya</i> Magazine	3,536,715
4.	Assistance for rehabilitation	1,500,000	National Council for Visually impaired people – Rehabilitation project aids Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped – English /Music Training Courses National Council for Visually impaired people – speech library project National Council for Visually impaired people – speech library project	1,185,760
5.	Eye Lenses& Eye treatments	1,700,000	126 eye lenses have been provided.	1,191,050
6.	Welfare Centre for visually impaired women	400,000	Payments of salaries of workers and purchase of elements required for the Institute	400,000
7.	Administrative Expenditure	900,000	-	474,021
8.	Audit fees	25,000	-	25,000
9.	Financial Expenditure	30,000	-	6,954
10	Miscellaneous Expenditure	20,000	-	20,000
	Total	7,000,000		7,000,000

Special Programmes implemented in the year 2016

- A Sports and New Year Festival was held on 10/05/2016 at *G. H. Buddhadasa Ground, Pelawatta* for the disabled youth trainees at the Vocational Training Institutions maintained under the Department of Social Services.
- Poson bhakthi Gee (religious songs) festival was held on 20 June 2016 at the ground floor of the Sethsiripaya Stage II by the the disabled youth trainees at the Vocational Training Institutions together with the staffs of such institutions.
- A medical clinic was held on 22 June 2016 at the Second Floor of the Sethsiripaya Stage II under the joined corporation of the World Health Organization and the Department of Social Services.
- National White Cane Day commemoration ceromany in line with the International White Cane day was held on 14.10.2016 at Baththaramulla *Ape gama* premises.
- *Sith-roo* the cultural art festival has been conducted from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. on 21.10.2016 at Baththaramulla *Ape gama* premises.

06. Department of Divineguma Development

6.1 Introduction

The Department of Divineguma Development was established in accordance with the DiviNeguma Act No 01 of 2013. The major objective of this Department is the eradication of poverty and the creation of a society that ensures social justice, by the promotion of individual, family, group and community based livelihood economic development activities.

6.2 Main Development Programmes Being Implemented

Under the Divineguma Development Programme, the under mentioned 08 main development programmes are implemented in the 25 Districts in the island:

01. Social Welfare Programme
02. Social Security Programme
03. Annual Development Programme
 - 03.1 Livelihood Development Programme
 - 03.2 Marketing Promotion Programme
 - 03.3 Social Development Programme
 - 03.4 Community Based Organizations Programme
 - 03.5 Information Technology Programme
 - 03.6 Media Programme
04. Training and Capacity Development Programme
05. Community Based Banking Programme
06. Projects implemented with funds of the Social Development Foundation
07. Housing Lottery Programme
08. Samurdhi Subsidy Survey Programme

6.2.1 Social Welfare Programme (Samurdhi Subsidy Programme)

The objective of the programme is to provide a financial subsidy to low incoming earning people to carry on their day to day subsistence, until they are freed from poverty through the provision of livelihood and micro finance facilities.

Progress of the Samurdhi Programme – 2016

Serial No.	No of family members	Amount paid per month (Rs)	No of beneficiary families	Amount of subsidy provided (Rs. Mn)
1.	4 >	Rs. 3,500/=	563,149	23,661.83
2.	3	Rs. 2,500/=	245,479	7,721.14
3.	2	Rs. 1,500/=	464,001	8,682.68
4.	No of empowered families	Rs. 420/=	134,606	674.52
	Total		1,407,235	40,740.17

6.2.2 Social Security Programme

The main objective of this programme is to provide a security net by giving financial assistance to the poor people to rise up during foreseen and unforeseen incidents they have to face in their livelihood and economic activities. Under this, social security programmes such providing assistance during births, marriages, illnesses and deaths of poor people and granting of scholarships to Advanced Level students of beneficiary families, are implemented.

Progress of the Social Security Programme – 2016

Incident		No of beneficiaries	Financial value of payments (RsMn)
1.	Child birth (Rs.7,500 /=)	7,918	56.54
2.	Marriage (Rs.7,500 /=)	29,853	215.56
3.	Hospitalization (Rs.7,500 /=)	36,758	111.25
4.	Death (Rs.15,000 /=)	26,739	382.12
5.	“Sipdora” Scholarship (24 months @ Rs.15,000 /= per month)	222,128	222.13
Total		323,396	987.60

6.2.3 Annual Development Programme

The General Treasury has allocated a provision of RsMn 1,200/- for development activities for the year 2016, and 09 main Development Programmes are being implemented. Shown below is the progress of the Development Programme.

Progress of Annual Development Program – 2016 -(Summary)

S/No	Program	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	No. of Projects Approved	Financial Progress		Physical Progress	
				Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	%	No. of Projects Completed	%
1.	Livelihood Development	577.06	34,601	558.82	97	32,573	94
2.	Social Development	211.00	3359	210.04	99	3,359	100
3.	Marketing Promotion	248.69	1,516	234.38	94	1,495	90

S/No	Program	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	No. of Projects Approved	Financial Progress		Physical Progress	
				Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	%	No. of Projects Completed	%
4	Community Based Organization	11.00	241	8.51	77	156	65
5	Information Technology	54.25	1,736	53.05	98	948	55
6	General Training	20.00	164	7.91	40	155	95
7	Media	23.00	77	22.69	99	48	64
8	Social Welfare (Survey being conducted)	52.00	01 (2.38)	42.98	83	01 (2.10)	100
9	Planning/Reviewing/Monitoring	3.00	14	2.69	90	13	93
	Total	1,200.00	41,605	1,141.07	95	38,644	93
Other Programs							
10	Samurdhi Assistance	43,950.00	01 (Beneficiari. 1,404,655)	40,740.00	93	01 (Beneficiari. 1,404,655)	100
11	Social Security	-	-	987.60	-	113,808(Beneficiari.)	-
12	Training & Capacity Building	8.00	94	7.93	100	94	100
13	Community Based Banks (Micro Finance - 1998 – 2016)	-	-	177,406.00 (Loan Value)	-	7,506,370(N o. of Loans)	-

6.2.3.1 Livelihood Development Programme

The main objective here is the enhancement of the living conditions of the poor people through the implementation of various livelihood activities. Accordingly, a large number of Livelihood Development Programmes, such as agricultural development, live-stock farming, development of the fisheries industry, entrepreneurship development, job oriented training, programmes for the cultivation of leafy vegetables and forestry, programme for the cultivation of seasonal crops and infra-structure development have been started island wide, and their progress is shown below:

Progress of Livelihood Development Program - 2016

	Project	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	No. of Projects Approved	Progress	
				Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Progress No. of Projects Completed
1	Livelihood development projects in the areas given above	284.50	16,275	277.91	16,275
2	Leafy Vege. Yam & Tree Planting	20.49	10,284	22.26	9,867
3	Samurdhi Model Villages	78.54	3,265	78.54	3,097
4	Livelihood development in Estate Sector	50.00	1,868	40.84	1,334
5	Programme for off-season crops cultivation & special projects	51.92	2,898	48.76	1,929
6	Infrastructure development	91.61	11	90.51	06
	Total	577.06	34,601	558.82	

6.2.3.2 Social Development Programme

The main objective here is the implementation of social development oriented programmes under the Divinagama Development Programme in every district and providing the benefits thereof to the people.

Progress of Social Development Program - 2016

	Project	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	No. of Projects Approved	Progress	
				Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Physical Progress (No. of Projects Completed)
1	Creation of Happy Families thro. Anti-smoking, alcohol & spiritual development	8.50	52	8.40	52
2	Child protection, children societies & cultural program	7.65	7	7.41	7
3	Counselling & career guidance	7.95	40	7.78	40
4	Commemoration of international days	6.00	53	5.94	53
5	“DiriyaPiyasa” Housing Program	145.80	100	145.80	100
6	“Divisaviya” Model Villages Program	33.00	56	32.91	56
7	Progress Review	2.10	253	1.80	149
	Total	211.00	3,359	210.04	

6.2.3.3 Marketing Promotion Programme

Provision of facilities for the marketing of the rural production surplus, formulation of new strategies in that behalf, briefing new entrepreneurs, creation of domestic storage facilities, establishment of producers associations, creation of sales outlets and holding of marketing exhibitions are the main objectives in this.

Progress of Marketing Promotion Program - 2016

Project	Allocation (Rs. Mn.)	No. of Projects Approved	Progress	
			Expenditure (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress (No of projects completed)
1	35.99	647	34.38	647
2	14.79	154	14.05	154
3	19.79	331	17.49	319
4	14.90	331	13.51	329
5	131.25	40	132.11	Conducted marketing programs in 40 villages
6	22.22	10	13.20	03
7	9.75	03	9.64	03
Total	248.69	1,516	234.38	

6.2.3.4 Community Based Organization Programme

Under this, it is expected to legally establish and strengthen 37,489 community based organizations operating island wide, thereby obtaining the active participation of the people in the development activities of the villages and, to gradually empower the people. 1.4 million beneficiaries have been targeted.

Progress - 2016

- Training of 142 trainers – Expenditure Rs.260,719.90.
- Training of 156 Divineguma Managers and Divineguma Development Officers at District and Divisional levels – Rs.7,018,472.10
- Conducting a workshop for briefing about the methodology for legalizing Divineguma Community Based Organization Banks and Community Based Organizations. Expenditure – Rs.1,224,903.00

- Preparation of draft constitutions and regulations for community based organizations at Divisional, District and national levels, in accordance with the Divi Neguma Act. Expenditure – Rs.5,905.00
- Total expenditure – Rs.8,510,000.00

6.2.4 Training and Capacity Building Programme

The objective here is the promotion of the capacity of the internal staff of the Department of Divineguma Development by providing local and foreign training, thereby obtaining their contribution for the development process.

Progress of the Training and Capacity Development Programme – 2016

Training Programme		Amount allocated (RsMn)	Expenditure (RsMn)	Physical progress
1	Capacity Development of Internal Staff	5.00	4.93	Programs - 92 Beneficiaries-7000
2	Directing officers for local & foreign events for sharing experiences	3.00	3.00	Foreign trainngs - 6 officers. local training- 50 officers
Total		8.00	7.93	

6.2.5 Community Based Banks Programme

The prime objective of this program is to provide micro-finance facilities at concessionary interest rates for poor and low income families of the country for their livelihood development, self-employment, housing and distress needs. The progress is given below.

Progress of Provision of Micro-Finance Facilities Provided – (Up to 31.12.2016)

S/No.	Type of Loan	No. of Loans Given	Value of Loans Given (Rs. Mn.)
1.	Cultivation	889,934	12,457.91
2.	Self-employment	3,524,288	87,042.83
3.	Consumption	1,212,808	7,698.11
4.	Distress	161,775	725.35
5.	Fisheries	15,679	380.41
6.	Housing	554,545	27,041.52
7.	“Mihijaya” and “Janapubudu”	371,483	11,973.12
8.	“Swashakthi”	104,712	3,582.07
9.	“Kirula” development	3,683	866.50
10.	“YowunDiriya”	1,497	47.32
11.	Livelihood	304,762	12,601.37
12.	“Rata-viru”	14,524	3,609.81
13.	“SahanaAruna”	309,174	6,357.69
14.	“DiriyaSaviya”	37,506	3,021.70
Total		7,506,370	177,405.71

6.2.6 Projects Being Implemented with Funds of the Social Development Foundation

Under this, by using the funds of the Social Development Foundation built up with the income from the sales of anti-smoking flags and other funds received from donors and institutions, various social development programmes are implemented at Divisional level.

Progress of Programmes Implemented with the Funds of the Social Development Foundation -2016

No.	Programme	No of Programmes Implemented	Expenditure (RsMn)
1.	Prevention of taking liquor and smoking, creation of contented families through spiritual development	1,451	5.42
2.	Protection of children, childrens' clubs and cultural programmes	933	7.02
3.	Schooling of non-schooling children	66	0.54
4.	Supply of school equipment	2,754	10.76
5.	Granting of Sisudiriya scholarships	2,403	14.35
6.	Counseling and vocational guidance	125	0.67
7.	Commemoration of international days	597	3.02
8.	Repair of houses	619	22.54
9.	"Diriya Piyasa" Housing Programme	274	20.66
10	Provision of sanitary facilities	1,905	16.18
11	Programme for the welfare of the disabled	125	6.47
12	Model Village Programme	248	2.86
13	Others	208	4.41
	Total	11,708	114.90

6.2.7 Divineguma Housing Lottery Programme

The basic objective of this programme is to provide every Divineguma beneficiary family with a permanent house. Under this, Divineguma lottery draws are held every month, and 200 houses at Rupees Two Hundred Thousand are awarded as prizes, and annually such prizes are awarded to 2,400 families. A sum of Rs Mn 480 is spent for this annually

Progress of the Divineguma Housing Lottery Programme - 2016

No of draws	No of house prizes	Financial value of each prize	Total sum of money provided (RsMn)
12	2,400	200,000/-	480.00

6.2.8 Samurdhi Subsidy Survey Programme

During the beginning of the final quarter of 2015, it had been decided to hold an island wide census to identify beneficiaries who really deserve the Samurdhi subsidy, and 2.5 million census forms in this respect had been printed and distributed.

Under its first stage, survey activities in respect of 1,436,210 families that are already receiving Samurdhi subsidies had been finalized, and under the 2nd stage, data had been obtained from 943,726 persons in order to identify a fresh people who are eligible to receive the subsidy.

Computerization of the data of the above survey has commenced in 2016, and the progress of the survey programme at 31.12.2016 is given below.

Progress of Samurdhi Survey Program - 2016

Existing beneficiaries at the time of distribution of survey forms	New Applicants	Total Applicants	Forms entered to the Computer System	Amount Spent (Rs.Mn.)
1,436,210.00	943,726	2,379,936	2,206,200	42.98

6.3 Rural Development Training & Research Institute

6.3.1. Introduction

Rural Development Training & Research Institute, established in 1974, is the pioneering institute which applies participatory development methodologies for the National development programs. By implementing the Change Agent Program in 1978, RDTRI launched an Action research in order to experiment the Participatory Development Approach for the first time in Sri Lanka. We have contributed to a number of development programs such as Janasaviya, Samurdhi, and Gama Neguma through introducing social mobilization methodologies in order to enhance the people participation for those programs. Currently RDTRI is comprised from main 4 divisions, namely Training, Research, Publication and Planning.

6.3.2. Programmes Scheduled of 2016

Programme	Provisions (Rs.M.)	Target
Training Division		
Implementation of annual training Programmes related to training modes that are updated	1.15	25 Training Programmes
Human Resource Development of the Staff	0.20	2 Training Programmes
Total	1.35	

Research Division		
conduct an Open Forum on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation	0.40	03 open discussion
Research on Prajashakthi organizations	0.20	09 Programmes
Strengthening of Provincial village Development	0.10	08 Programmes
Total	0.70	
Publication Division		
Publish the Prajashakthi Magazine	0.25	1000 Copies
Publish the 'Tharana' News Letter	0.05	500 Copies
Publish the Classical Magazine on rural Development	0.30	1000 Copies
Development of Libraries and Purchase of Books	0.10	Purchasing of books
Purchase of News paper	0.05	
Total	0.75	
Planning Division		
Preparation of Monthly Progress and Performance reports	0.10	12 Programmes
Preparation of annual action plan 2017	0.10	02 Programmes
Total	0.20	
Grand Total	3.00	

6.3.3. Progress up to 31December 2016

6.3.3.1. Training Division

The main task of this Division is to contribute to the national development by enhancing the awareness on the participatory development methodologies among the development workers, community leaders and village mediators who are engaged in the national development programs. These training programs focus on improving their knowledge, attitudes and skills which are imperative to achieve the expected goals/targets of development programs. In order to achieve these targets, this Division mainly conducts the training programs on following categories:

1. Training Programs on Strengthening the Capacity of Provincial Rural Development Program.
2. Training Programs for field officers on various Training modules
3. Identifying Training Programs to uplift the performance of Ministry & Divineguma officers

Progress of Training Programmes – Upto 31 December 2016

Training Division	
1. Implementation of annual Training Programmes related to the training models.	Various 32 Training Programmes were Completed and 923 trainers were trained
2. Human Resource Development of the Staff	
3. Training of trainers on Community based Organization Management	Two day training Work Shop was Completed
4. Training of Trainers Programme on Micro Finance Process	Two day Programme was completed
5. Pubudamu Polonnaruwa Model Village Programme	Survey activities were completed for identify the issues of people this will submit to Divisional Secretary through a proposal paper
6. Awareness among university Students on Rural Development	Two work Shops were hold for Students in the Department of Geograple in the university of Kelaniya and 35 Students were Participand
7. Awareness Programme for SLAS Office	Two Work shop

6.3.3.2 Research Section

The main task of this Division is to conduct research on new approaches and strategies which facilitate for rural development and poverty alleviation. In addition, researches and surveys on current socio economic issues are being conducted by this Division.

Progress of Research Programmes – Upto 31 December 2016

Research Section	
conduct on Open Forum on Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation	Two Open forum on Poverty alleviation and usage of Micro finance in Sir Lanka were Sulesshfully held.
Functional research on Prajashakthi Organization	38 th chang agent commemoration ceromory was sulesshlly held on 01.04.2016 at Pilimathalawa Training center
Strengthening of Provineal Rural Development Programmes	12 Training Programmes were completed
Survey on Elders allowance	Survey was Completed Report is being preparad

Research in relation with the Subject Scope of the Development of Divineguma	
• Survey on livelihood Development	Survey activities were completed up to the field inspection and it was unable to be completed due to lack of provisions
• Survey on Micro Finance Process	Survey activities were completed up to the field inspection and it was unable to be completed due to lack of provisions
• Survey on Social security Programmes	Survey activities were completed up to the field inspection and it was unable to be completed due to lack of provisions
• Survey on the effect Samurdhi Programme on eradication of Poverty	Survey activities were completed up to the field inspection and it was unable to be completed due to lack of provisions

6.3.3.3. Publication Division

The main task of this Division is to provide knowledge and information on participatory development and facilitate the development workers to exchange their experience and views by publishing various publications.

Progress of Publication Division – Upto 31 December 2016

Publication Division	
Publication of Prajashakthi magazine	Prajashakthi magazine was completed
Publication of Tharunya magazine	Tharunaya magazine was completed
Publication of classical magazine on Rural Development	It was unable to print due to non receipt of the procurement decisions
Library Development and purchase of books	Book lists were prepared and submitted and approval was not received for purchasing

6.3.3.4. Planning Division

Main roles of this Division is to achieve the annual progress through the coordinating of main programmes on the training, research and publishing Divisions in the institute.

Progress of the planning Division upto 31 December 2016

Planning Division	
Conduct of monthly progress review meetings	Held 06 progress review meetings
Preparation of annual action plan 2017	i. Annual plan prepared on the proposals of 2017 has been forwarded to the Ministry

6.4 Future Activities

It is expected to implement a 1800 families development programme under the low income family Development programme and improvement of 300 rural enterprenurs under rural small scale enteprenures empowerment mobilization training and research monitoring programme.

More are it is expected to implement programmes for introducing new entrepreneurs to the field. In addition to that , it is scheduled to conduct some researches and publication related to the subject field. Rural Development training & research institute wishes to be the expect in the rural development process through strengthening the research and plans.

07.National Secretariat for Elders

7.1 Introduction

The objective of this Secretariat is encouraging elders in Sri Lanka through various programmes for creating freedom, protection, self achievement, participation and dignity for them as well as offering due rights of the elders. In reaching those aims, powers are vested with this Institute by the National Council for Elders by virtue of Act No. 09 of 2000 and by amended Act No.5 of 2011 on ensuring the rights of elders. The Programmes implemented for the well-being of the Sri Lankan Elder population are as follows.

7.2 Activities & Progress up to 31st of December 2016

7.2.1 Financial Assistance for Elders committee

Provide financial assistance to Village Level Elders Committees/ Divisional level elder committees/ District level Elders Committees and Provincial level elders committees established as per Section 16th and their supervision. By the end of 31st of December 2016, Rs 1.999 million for 325 village level elders committees (Rs.5000/- each), 03 Divisional level elders committees (Rs.7500/- each), 01 District level committee, 01 North Western religious programs, 01 Northern province Meeting, Stationeries for 17 District elders committees have been spent under this programme.

7.2.2 Providing Eye lenses & Hearing Aids

Equipments such as eye lenses/ hearing aids needed by low income earning senior citizens aged over 60 were provided. By the end of 31st of December 2016, the total of incurred expenditure was Rs 9.998 million to grant eye lenses for 3693 peoples and hearing aids for 489 peoples under this programme.

7.2.3 Publication

By the end of 31st of December 2016, as publications 2000 copies of elder magazines, 5000 Elder Hand books and 4,000 Elders acts were printed for distributing among elderly community. Total incurred expenditure was 1.400 Million.

7.2.4 Providing of Identity Cards for Elders

The Special Identity card provides for above 60 years senior citizens. Under this, 61791 Elders Identity Cards have been provided for the Elders by the end of 31st of December 2016 and Rs 0.600 million has been spent.

7.2.5 Conducting of pre – retirement training and awareness programmes

Consultancy services are provided for improving mental health of elders through retirement training programmes for peaceful retirement life for employees of all sectors who are in retirement age. Further workshops for elder's committee members, other organizations and care givers (Home-base Attendants) who handle care of aging elderly citizens are also conducted. By the end of 31st of December 2016, Incurred expenditure was Rs.5.500 million for conducting 120 awareness programs for School Children, 121 awareness programs for womans` organizations, 01 District committee Awareness, 01 Awareness programmes regarding 2000/-allowances, 02 care giver awareness programs, Care giver T- shirts 90 and ID 30, 01

Care giver training, School Children awareness program in Anula Abhman Exhibition, 01 friendship exchange programme, 02 progress evaluation meetings.

7.2.6 Maintenance Board

Taking actions to refer helpless parents to the Maintenance Board for Elders established as per 24th section of the Act and taking initial steps to pay Maintenance. By the end of 31st of December 2016, 90 requests have been settled out of 130 and incurred expenditure for this purpose was Rs. Mn. 1.055

7.2.7 National council for elders

12 national council meetings and 05 audit and management committee meeting were held by the end of 31st of December 2016, under this providing financial assistance up to Rs. 0.903 Million were spend.

7.2.8 Monthly allowance for Elders (Rs. 2000/=)

Public Assistance Programme of Rs. 2000/-for low income earning senior citizens is being implemented, commencing from 2015 to provide protection and welfare to Sri Lankan citizens aged over 70. Under this, 386080 elders are benefited. Incurred Cost is 9265.92 million. Also 2.900 million was spent as administration Expenses on 2000/-Allowance.

7.2.9 Financial Assistance for Elders Homes

Funds to develop infrastructure facilities in Elders' Homes are provided Island-wide. Under this, incurred expenditure was Rs 13.580 Mn for 14 Elders Homes by the end of 31st of December 2016.

	Elders home	Provided Grants (Rs.)
1.	Pitabeddara Derangala elders home	796,828.17
2.	Bopitiya elders home	2058153.02
3.	Imbulandanda elders home	262,000.00
4.	Gurulupotha Sarana elders home	611,850.00
5.	Udunuwara elders home	1,509,000.00
6.	Medirigiriya Mapiya Sevana elders home	241,657.00
7.	Naththandiya senior citizen federation	562,082.74
8.	Jayawardana samara elders home	48,875.00
9.	Rathgama elders home	2,500,000.00
10.	Meerigama Day Care Center	100,000.00
11.	Weliweriya West Elder`s Committee building	934,357.81
12.	Polonnaruwa perakum elders home	574,469.20
13.	Pitabeddara Derangala elders home	1,850,000.00
14.	Kotawehera	39,934.53
15.	Katharagama & Maligathenne Elders Home Maitenance	1,518,792.53
	Total	13,580.000.00

7.2.10 Vedihiti Awarana Kepakaru Programme

Strengthen the Elder Care Foster (VedihitiAwaranaKepakaru) Programme through coordination, leadership and proper management of donations extended by local and foreign donors. Under this, 45 beneficiaries are being benefited. Out of this 10 beneficiaries are being granted Rs.500/-each and other 35 are being granted Rs.250/- each, upon the desire of donors.

7.2.11 Provisions Grant for income generating activities

Provisions Grant for low income elders above 60 years of age for their self employments activities. By the end of 31st of December 2016, under this, providing financial assistance maximum up to Rs.20, 000/- each and Rs.3.995 Million were spent for 209 beneficiaries.

7.2.12 Commemorating International Elders Day

Under the theme of “Take Stand against Ageism”, The International Elders day were celebrated on 2016.10.01 with the participation of Hon Minister and Elders who came from. By the end of 31st of December 2016, under this providing financial assistance up to Rs 11. Million were spent.

08. National Institute of Social Development

8.1 Introduction

The National Institute of Social Development (NISD) is recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as a degree awarding Institute, under section 25 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. It functions under the purview of the Ministry of Social Services. It is premier institution in Social Work education in Sri Lanka producing professional social workers to serve the social welfare system and to promote social development. This Institute operates under the provisions of the National Institute of Social Development Act No. 41 of 1992 in 2005 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, the Government of the Democratic, socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, granted the degree awarding status to the National Institute of Social Development for the purpose of developing higher education leading to the conferment of the Bachelor's degree in Social work. Subsequently the Master's Degree programme in social work was also approved and commenced in 2008. In 2013 Commencement of diploma, higher Diploma and Bachelor's Degree in social Work in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium according to trilingual Policy is a remarkable achievement.

National Institute of Social Development conducts interim professional training courses Bachelor of Social Work, Master of Social Work, Higher Diploma courses, Diploma Courses, Certificate Courses, conflict Management, leadership, Skills Development, Stress Management, Preliminary Counseling Courses and Project Management courses in Colombo head office and regional centres. In addition to that, having identified the researches and training activities which are currently important for formulating the government policies are also implemented.

These courses, which include practical trainings as well, have very high standard and applicable hence all the graduates who follow these courses are employees. 6.4% among them are employed in foreign universities and are attending in post graduate degree activities following the receipt of half and full scholarships.

The Organizational Structure of the Institute

The Governing council is the apex body in the organizational structure of this Institute while the Academic Affairs Board functions under the council as an advisor body on all academic matters. The regular operational functions of the Institute are carried out by four integrated divisions. They are;

- Sri Lanka School of Social Work
- Training Division
- Social Policy Development, Research & Publication Division
- Admin & Finance division

Details of the enrollment for the new intakes of the courses, which are conducted by the School of Social Work, the Training Division and social Policy Development, Research & Publication Division, are listed below.

8.2 Activities & Progress

8.2.1 Programmes under the School of Social work

Index No.	Programmes	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Duration of Course
1.	Master of Social Work (2015/2017) – English Medium	15	2015.05.08 - 2017.05.30
2.	Master of Social Work (2016/2018) – English Medium	17	It is expected to enroll
3.	Diploma / Higher Diploma/ Bachelor of Arts Degree in social Work (2013/2017) – English Medium A and B Groups	96	2013.07.30 – 2017.06.30
4.	Diploma/ Higher Diploma/ Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Work (2014/2018) – Sinhala, Tamil , English Mediums	112	2014.07.30 – 2018.06.30
5.	Diploma/ Higher diploma/ Bachelor of Arts in social Work (2015/2019) – Sinhala, Tamil, English mediums	100	2015.08.03 – 2019.07.22
6.	Diploma/ Higher diploma/ Bachelor of Arts in social work (2016/2020) – English Medium	45	2016-2020
7.	Diploma in sign language Interpretation	50	2016.09.26- 2017.09.27
8.	Diploma in Integrated Social Work	40	Registration of students is now progressing
9.	Diploma in Social Work (Week ends) – Sinhala Medium	40	Registration of students is now progressing
10.	Diploma in social Work (for Social Services Officers) – Sinhala Medium	35	It scheduled to be held the commomoratiann ceremony of Ranna Centre

8.2.2 Programmes under the Training Division

8.2.2.1 Diploma Programmes

Serial No.	Name of the Course	Duration	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Venue
1.	Diploma in Counseling 2015/2017 (Ampara)	18 months	28	Training Centre - Ampara
2.	Higher Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala & Tamil medium) 2014/2016	18 months	Sinhala -14 Tamil - 16	NISD
3.	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala medium) 2015/2017	18 months	50	Training Centre – Thalawa, Anuradhapura
4.	Diploma in Counseling (2015/2017) (Sinhala medium)(1 st Batch)	18 months	34	NISD
5.	Diploma in Counseling (2015/2017) (Sinhala medium)(2 nd Batch)	18 months	31	NISD
6.	Diploma in Counseling (2014/2016) (Tamil medium)	21 months	56	NISD
7.	Diploma in Counseling (2015/2017) (Tamil medium)	21 months	45	Ips Sri Lanka Institute , Baticaloae
8.	Diploma in Counseling (2015/2017) (Tamil medium)	21 months	45	Institute of Rural Development, Vauniya
9.	Diploma in Counseling 2015/2017 (Tamil Medium) - Ampara	18 Months	45	Training Centre - Ampara
10.	Diploma in Elders care - anuradhapura	18 Months	45	Training Centre – Thalawa, Anuradhapura
11.	Community based Diploma for Officers in the Department of Community Based corrections 2015/2016 (Sinhala Medium)	21Months	44	Department of Community Based Corrections
12.	Community based Diplomas for officers in the Department of Community Based Corrections 2016/2017	21Months	47	Department of Community Based Corrections
13.	Community based Diplomas for Officers in the Department of Community Based Corrections - 2016/2017 (Tamil Medium)	21 Months	17	Department of Community Based Corrections
14.	Diploma in Gerontology / Elder Care (Ranna)	18 Months	37	Training Centre, Ranna
15.	Diploma in counseling (Kandy) 2015/2017	18 Months	40	Rural Development, Training & Research Institute, Pilimathalawa

Serial No.	Name of the Course	Duration	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Venue
16.	Diploma in child Protection 2016/2018	18 Months	44	Training Centre, ampara
17.	Diploma in child Protection 2016/2018	18 Months	42	Moneragala
18.	Diploma in child Protection 2016/2018	18 Months	40	Batticaloa
19.	Diploma in child Protection 2016/2018	21 Months	40	Kilinochchi
20.	Diploma in child Protection 2016/2018	21 Months	40	Training Centre, Thalawa
21.	Diploma in Counseling 2016/2018	21 Months	40	Puttlam
22.	Diploma in Counseling 2016/2018 - sinhala	21 Months	50	NISD
23.	Diploma in Counseling 2016/2018 - Tamil	21 Months	50	NISD

8.2.2.2 Other Programmes

Index No	Programmes	Total No of beneficiaries	Venue
1.	Training of academic staff who teach the counseling subject in the NISDA upon the financial aids of Asia foundation	20	National institute of Social Development
2.	Commencement of a project on social care (UNICEF)	52	Kegalle Sanasa Institute
3.	Commencement of a project on social care (UNICEF)	50	Kegalle Sanasa Institute
4.	Commencement of a project on social care (UNICEF)	50	Uhana Divisional Secretariat
5.	Commencement of a project on social care (UNICEF)	32	Nuwaraeliya Divisional Secretariat
6.	Commencement of a project on social care (UNICEF)	204	Ampara & Batticaloa Divisional Secretariats
7.	Training courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia Foundation	45	Training Centre, Pelawatta
8.	Training courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia Foundation	33	Management Development & Training Institute, Wackwella
9.	Training courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia Foundation	18	Management Development & Training Institute, Passara
10.	Training Courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia foundation	30	Research Training Centre, Guruthalawa, Thannekumbura (Kandy)
11.	Training Courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia foundation	30	Yayamba Training Centre, Wariyapola

Index No	Programmes	Total No of beneficiaries	Venue
12.	Training Courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia foundation	40	Held in Puttalam, Kurunegala, and Wariyapola Districts.
13.	Training Courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia foundation	28	Held in Killinochchi, Mulathiv, Jaffna, Vauniya and Mannar Districts
14.	Training Courses conducted by the NISD together with Asia foundation	38	Matara & Hambantota
15.	Short term training programme on good Governance and Democratic values for community change agents Financial contribution – Stroam Foundation Total Cost – Rs.810,446.82	80	Held from 18.01.2016 to 30.11.2016
16.	Training workshop for academic workshop	26	University of Peradeniya – 29/28.09.2016
17.	One day workshop on child care for academic workshop	20	Child protection Authority
18.	Conduct of lecture under the topic of strength based access in the social work practice by Dr. Wenkatpulle	30	NISD

8.2.2.3 Short Term Programmes

Index No.	Name of the Course	Time Duration	Venue
1.	Priliminary counseling skills short term training programme	2016.01.30, 2016.02.01 & 2016.02.02	Killinochchi Training Centre
2.	Office management administration & Improvement of computer literacy	2016.06.29,30 & 07.01	NISD
3.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	2016 .08.18 & 19 two days	Anuradhapura, Thalawa Regional Training Centre
4.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	2016.08.24 & 25 two days	Killinochchi Regional Training Centre
5.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	2016.09.01 & 02 two days	Ampara Regional Training Centre
6.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development (2 days)	2016.09.01 & 02	Ampara Regional Training Centre
7.	Training Workshop for improving the	2016.09.02	NISD

Index No.	Name of the Course	Time Duration	Venue
	efficiency & productivity of the officers in Sri Lanka Social Security Board		
8.	Workshop on training of trainers for divineguma Development officers in the department of Divineguma Development	From 2016.10.03 to 05	Pensioners Holiday Resort, Kelaniya
9.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	2016.10.06 & 07	Addalaichenai Divisional Secretariat
10.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	From 2016.10.18 to 24	Task Force Training School, Katukurunda
11.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	From 2016.11.07 to 09	Pensioners Holiday Resort, kelaniya
12.	Short term training course on Traumatic stress Management & Leadership skill development	2016.08.04, 05	Ranna Training Centre
13.	Psycho social tnterrntion in the school system	2016.11.28	Sumedha Maha Vidyalaya, Thalawa
14.	Psycho social tnterrntion in the school system	2016.11.29	Manadhi Maha vidyalaya, Aranayake

8.3 Programmes in the Social Development Policy, research and Publication Division

Index No.	Name of the project	No. of beneficiaries	Duration
1.	New letter	Students, Researchers, academic staff & other relevant groups	From January to December 2016
2.	Sri Lanka Journal of Social Work 2016	Students, Researchers, academic staff & other relevant groups	From January to December 2016
3.	Annual Faculty Publication - 2016	Students, Researchers, academic staff & other relevant groups	From January to December 2016
4.	Research on findings the harassment of women in public transport, possibly and responses in this regard	All Sri Lankan and total women community	From 2015 May to 2016 December

Index No.	Name of the project	No. of beneficiaries	Duration
5.	Research on identifying the expected needs and challenges in granting donations in Sri Lanka	Policy makers and all beneficiaries who receives public assistance	From 2015 June to 2016 February
6.	Research to find effect of modern teledrama art on family structure	Officers in T.V. channels, NISD staff, students and others in the field	From 2015 November to 2016 December
7.	Theraka Magazine (Sri Lanka Journal of Social Development)	Students, Researchers, academic staff & other relevant groups	From 2016 January to December
8.	Preparation of a documentary film for NISD	NISD and other external institute	From 2016 January to February
9.	Assesment of expected needs of the courses implemented in the regional centres of NISD	Students inh NISD and all Regional Centres	From 2016 January to December
10.	Survey on beggers living on urban zone (Western Province)	Street beggers and children in Colombo	2017 February
11.	Research to find out the productively of the Samurdhi Development programme for Rural poverty minimum	All srilankan	2017 June
12.	Research to find out two productivity of various training courses conduct by the Ministry of social Empowerment & Welfare	Administrative and academic officers in vocational training centres and students	From January 2016 to December
13.	Survey on family welfare of the Kidny disease patients	Infected families in Anuradhapura Districts	From 2016 October upto 2017 October

8.4 Other Programmes

8.4.1 Construct of Seeduwa building belonging to National Institute of Social Development

2.1493 ha (05 Acr.01R 9.08 P) of Seeduwa land belonging to the Department of social Services of the Ministry of Social empowerment & Welfare was taken for constructing the permanent building for the National Institute of Social Development.

8.4.2 Open of Killinochchi Regional Traing Centre

With the objective of expanding the courses of National Institute of Social Development in rural areas, training centres were initiated. Thalawa Regional Training Centre in Anuradhapura District, Ranna Regional Training Centre in Ampara and Hambantota District have already been opened and fourth Regional Training centre was opened in the killinochchi District Secretarate on 16 January 2016.

8.4.3 Convocation of National Institute of Social Development

Convocation ceremony of awarding degree certificate and diploma certificates of the National Institute of Social Development was held on 20.03.2016 at BMICH. Accordingly 11 social work post graduate degree holders, 56 graduate holders and 401 counseling Diploma holders obtained their degrees.

8.4.4 Renovation of the Thalawa Regional Training Centre

This work has been completed and short term and long term training courses are being conducted. In addition to this, lecture hall and residential facilities are provided with the external institutes and persons.

8.4.5 Filling of Vacancies

Activities have been made for filling 24 vacancies of academic and non academic staff of the institute. Provisions have been requested for the year 2017 for this purpose.

8.4.6 Library Facilities

The library which is the largest resource centre in Sri Lanka consisting of more than 2000 publications and books related to social works. These books have been computerized successfully.

8.4.7 The programme of Teaching English Language

There are continuous English classes for the students who follow social work Diploma, Higher Diploma, and degree in the NISD. An intensive course for improving English language will be conducted one month prior to start the Bachelor of Arts degree and qualified external and internal English lectures are employed for this purpose.

8.4.8 Library facilities for Regional Centres

A small library has been opened for each thalawa, ampara, Ranna and killinochchi Regional Centres. Supervision and documentation of these library affairs will be conducted by the library and store division of this institution.

8.4.9 Affiliated National Institute of Social Development with the University of Sri Jayawardanapura

The process of affiliating the NISD with the University Sri Jayawardanapura has been commenced and it officially opened under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between two institutions.

8.4.10 Special Projects

Find out the actions to be taken to improve the family welfare of the Chronic Kidney Disease (CKDu).

The above research, which is implemented under the financial provisions and coordinators of President Office by the National Institute of Social Development, is scheduled to be held on 01.11.2016 to 30.06.2017. This is being implemented in Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa

Districts in association with 10 Divisional Secretariats. Followings Divisional Secretariates have been selected for this research as sample.

Anuradhapura District – Medawachchiya, Thirappana, Rabawa, Padawiya, Horwpathana, Ipalogama, Nuwaragam palatha East, Rajanganaya

Polonnarawa District – Medirigiriya, Elahara

Rs. 2,538,250.00 has been allocated for the research and Rs. 159,681.33 was spent by 31.12.2016.

Progress up to 31.12.2016

Serial No.	Date	Activity
1.	18.10.2016	Priliminary Discussion on the research
2.	08/09/10.11.2016	Pilot Research Anuradhapura District - Padawiya, medawachchiya, Anuradhapura, Horowpathana, Thirappane, Ipalogama, Rajanganaya Divisional Secretariats Polonnaruwa District - Elahara, Madirigiriya
3.	17.11.2016	Priliminary discussion on preparing Questionnaire
4.	22.11.2016	Discussion on collection of data
5.	24.11.2016	First consultation committee meeting on obtaining the views and suggestions on preparing the Questionnaire.
6.	07.12.2016	Conduct of special discussion with the participation of relevant officers of Medawachchiya Divisional Secretariat on the Questionnaire
7.	08/09.12.2016	Priliminary inspection of the Questionnaire Padaviya, Medawachchiya, Rabawa, Nuwaragam Palathe East, Horowpathana, Thirappanae, Ipalogama, Rajanganaya Divisional Secretariates.
8.	20/21.12.2016	Priliminary inspection Polonnaruwa District – Medirigiriya and Elahara Divisional Secretariats.
9.	28.12.2016	Training programmes for the –invigilators- Polonnaruwa District Secretariat.

09. Sri Lanka Social Security Board

9.1 Establishment of the Board

Sri Lanka Social Security Board has been established in accordance with the Act No. 17 of 1996 dated 26th July 1996 and subsequently the original Act was amended by the Act No. 33 of 1999.

9.1.1 Activity

This Social Security Board was first established under the purview of the Ministry of Social Services in the year 1996 and subsequently it was affiliated to the Ministry of Finance from May 2010. Later on, this Board has been executed under the authority of the Ministry of Social Empowerment & Welfare with effect from 21.09.2015.

9.1.2 Objectives

- To provide social security to self employed persons during their old age and on disability
- To provide relief to the dependants of self employed persons, upon death;
- To encourage self employed persons to continue in their respective occupations and to develop their capabilities and skills
- To encourage youth to be self employed and to develop their capabilities and skills
- To educate self employed persons on the benefits of thrift and resource management
- To improve the living standards of self employed persons generally.

9.1.3 The Role of the Board

The pension and social security benefits scheme is targeting the individuals, who do their own self-employments. Nevertheless, presently, in addition to the self-employed persons, there is a need and situation of implementing the pension and social security benefits scheme for the employees in the private sector, foreign employees, artists, and for individuals, who engage in agricultural and fishing activities.

9.1.4 The Pension and Social Security benefits Scheme

Sri Lanka Social Security Board provides the social security to all, who need the coverage of the government pension during their older age and benefits like monthly pension to the spouse in case of death of the subscriber, partial disablement benefits and total disablement benefits before reaching the pension entitlement, death gratuity are implementing in-an-assured-manner.

9.1.4.1 Service fields, which have been covered

Presently the self-employed persons, the employees in the private sector, the employees in the Cooperative Services, the employees in the Statutory boards, professionals, artists, ayurvedic medical practitioner, foreign employees, priests, indigenous people and all the others who need the care and security of the government pension scheme are covered by the Sri Lanka Social Security Board.

9.1.4.2 The Pension and Social Security benefits Schemes, which have already been implemented

- "Surekuma" pension and security benefit schemes was introduced by an Extraordinary Gazette Notification of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 22 nd September 2006 bearing the number 1464/5. All those who are in the ages of 18 to 59 years can be entitled to the scheme.
- "Arassawa" preplanned Social Security Benefit scheme was introduced as a preplan for the Surekuma" pension and security benefit schemes for the children who are below the age of 18 years.

9.1.4.3 Benefits of the Pension Scheme

- To provide a pension at the age of 60 years until the demise of the contributory members.
- At the demise of the contributory member before reaching to the age of 80 years,
 - If the spouse is alive he/she is entitled to the pension up to the age of 80 years.
 - If the spouse is no more, his/her nominating successors would be able to obtain the net total contribution and interest deposited on the name of the contributor in return.
- If a contributory member becomes permanent and partially disabled he is entitled to an adjusted gratuity of net contribution according to the insured's age and, after the payment of contributions completely he/she is entitled to the monthly pension after reaching 60 years.
- If a contributory member becomes permanently incapacitated he is entitled to an adjusted gratuity according to the insured's age and/ or the monthly pension from the date on which the member is incapacitated.
- Special financial benefits are granted to the children in the Grade Five scholarship, G. C.E.(Ordinary Level) and University premises Examinations under "Arassawa" Social Security Benefit scheme.

9.1.4.4 Obtaining the membership of the Scheme

Any member of the society could obtain the membership from the Head Office of Sri Lanka Social Security Board, District Offices, Divisional Secretariats or through Grama Niladhari

Officers, Divineguma Development Officers and from any other Officer to whom the responsibility has been entrusted by the Board.

9.1.4.5 Payment of the Installments

Installment payments could be made through all branches of the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, and National Savings Bank, Post Offices and Grama Niladhari Officers to whom the responsibility has been entrusted by the authority.

9.1.5 The priority need of the Social Security programme

The percentage of population over 60 years by 2012 was 12.2% and it represented 2,468,329 elders. It is estimated this percentage to be increased up to 24.9% by 2041. Representing a large portion of elders in the population will be a threat to senior citizens, children and generally to the all communities.

Having drawn special attention, in this regard, a considerable number of social security programmes have been included in the government policies following the identification of the elders as the senior citizens. Sri Lanka Social Security Board is highly committed to fulfill the national responsibility of assuring the pension and social security benefits towards the future senior citizens while making them more secured and dignified community.

9.2 Implementing Progress

9.2.1 Implementation of the Pension and Social Security Benefits Scheme

Enrollment of new members

Total up to 31. 12. 2015		From 01.01.2016 to 31.12. 2016		Total Sum	
Number	First Installment Rs. Million	Number	First Installment Rs. Million	Number	First Installment Rs. Million
494,294	307.46	52,603	27.37	546,897	334.83

9.2.2 Payment of benefits

Payment of pension

Total up to 31. 12. 2015		From 01.01.2016 to 31.08. 2016		Total	
Number	Value Rs. Million	Number	Value Rs. Million	Number	Value Rs. Million
22,629	826.02	25,263	238.29	25,263	1048.56

9.2.3 Payment of gratuity

Serial No.	Description	Total up to 31.12.2015		From 01.01.2016 to 31.12.2016		Total Sum	
		Number	Value Rs.Mn	Number	Value Rs.Mn	Number	Value Rs.Mn
1.	Death Gratuity	1994	29.71	78	2.03	2022	31.75
2.	Total Disablement Gratuity	30	0.88	02	0.07	32	0.96
3.	Partial disablement Gratuity	67	1.05	-	-	67	1.05
4.	Total Disablement Monthly allowance	26	4.57	25	0.52	25	5.10

9.2.4 Fund and Investment Activities

The contributions, which are obtained from the members of the Pension and Social Security Benefits Scheme, are invested in the state banks approved by the General Treasury. The total value of it was Rs. 1.875 Millions by 31. 12. 2016.

9.3 Implementing the special programmes

9.3.1 National Social Security Award Ceremony

The relevant circulars have been released to appreciate the officers, who have achieved the required targets, following the providence of the targets to the Public Officers, those, who implement the Pension and Social Security Benefits Scheme. These appreciations are done in district and national level. Although the district appraisal ceremonies have been held in district level, an appraisal ceremony in national level has not been held since 2008. The said National Social Security Award Ceremony was held under the distinguished patronage of Hon. S.B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment & Welfare on 11.07.2016 at the Nelum Pokuna (Lotus Pond) Theatre in Colombo. Awards and certificates were granted to 194 Public Officers including District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries, Divineguma Assistant Commissioners, Divineguma Managers, Social Services Officers, Grama Niladhari Officers, Divineguma Development Officers and District Coordination Officers of this Board.

9.3.2 International Relations

Special attention has been drawn to implement the pension scheme for the Sri Lankan labours who are serving in South Korea. In parallel to this, we work together with the National Pension Service (NPS), which is the state Institution in South Korea to implement a social security programme and representatives of the said Institution, have visited this Board and had

a discussion with the Authority. Moreover, Officers of this Board participated in the Training Course on Pension of Asia and Pacific Zone held in South Korea in 2015 and 2016. The basic foundation has been made to sign the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between two countries on this matter because the service experiences and methodologies of the said Institution are very important to this Board.

Actions are in the process of obtaining the service of a foreign consultant under the sponsorship of the National Pension Service (NPS) and South Korean Embassy in Colombo in the year 2007.

9.4 Treasury Provisions and Progress

Type of expenditure	Approved provisions (Rs. Mn)	2016.08.31 Total Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	%
Recurrent Expenditure	107.37	107.30	99.93
Capital Expenditure	7	4.14	59.13
Total Expenditure	114.37	111.14	97.44

10. Other Information

10.1 Special Projects implemented by the Ministry in 2016 and its progress

❖ Re-formulation of the Family Policy for Sri Lanka

In accordance of with the cabinet decision dated 15.12.2011. It was decided to formulate the family policy again with the board frame work that to be fit for strengthening as the primary unit in the society while empowering the family in economic, social and spiritual means, because the family policy, which was presented in the year 2011 as a draft, was only discussed about the disadvantaged people in the society.

In subsequence, a committee, under the chairmanship of Pro.K. Karunathilaka of University of Kelaniya, has formulated this document with the broader vision. Presently, trilingual translation activities (Sinhala, Tamil, and English) are under the process. Final draft has been submitted to the Department of National Planning for observation.

❖ Establishment of the National Volunteering Secretariat (NVS).

The National Volunteering Secretariat Sri Lanka was established in 2013 under the Ministry of Social Empowerment & Welfare in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance & Planning, UNDP and UNV. Preliminary Activities in this connections were done by UNDP and the Secretariat was established under the direct financial contribution of the UNDP. A website was launched for two activities of this Secretariat under the sponsorship of UNDP in the year 2014 and National Policy on Volunteerism was drafted.

10.2 Allocation acquired (up to 31.12. 2016) Head No.124

Category	Allocation (Rs.)	Supplementary Allocation(Rs.)	Total Allocation (Rs.)	Expenditure Up to 31.12.2016 (Rs.)
Recurrent	11,766,712,000/-	24,020,000/-	11,790,732,000/-	11,383,254,694/-
Capital	104,610,000/-	150,820,000/-	255,430,000/-	238,877,766/-
Total	1,871,322,000/-	174,840,000/-	12,046,162,000/-	11,622,132,460/-

10.3 New Appointments, Retirements, Transfers and Resignations up to 31.12.2016

10.2.1 New Appointments

Senior level Officers	-	01
Tertiary level Officers	-	01
Secondary level Officers	-	27
Primary level Officers	-	04

10.2.2 Retirements

Non Executive Officers	-	05
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10.2.3 Officers Transferred from the Ministry

Executive Officers	-	13
Non Executive Officers	-	17

10.2.4 Officers Transferred to the Ministry

Executive Officers	-	06
Non Executive Officers	-	10

10.2.5 Resignations - **02**

10.2.6 Permanently releases - **01**

10.2.7 Officers passed away - **01**

10.4. Cabinet Memorandums up to 31.12.2016

Serial No	Subject
1.	Resolving the administrative issues when absorbing Officers into the Department of Divineguma Development under Section 44(e) of the Divineguma Act No. 01 of 2013
2.	Providing Employment for the Disabled in accordance with the Public Administration Circular No.27/88
3.	Amendment to the gazette notification on the recruitment of Divineguma Development Officers
4.	Grant of monthly allowance of Rs.3000/- for differently able low income persons
5.	Royal Charity Foundation (Incorporation Bill)
6.	Creation of Six (06) Assistant Director (Supernumerary) Posts
7.	Sri Lanka Hira Foundation (Incorporation Bill)
8.	Champika Premadasa Community Development Foundation (Incorporation Bill)
9.	Annual Report for the Year 2014-National Council for Elders
10.	Deduction of Rs.100/- from the Monthly Elders Allowances of Rs.2000/- which is paid to low income Senior Citizens Over 70 years of Age to establish a Social Security Board

11.	Obtaining Funds for the Construction of a Building Complex for the National Institute of Social Development in Seeduwa
12.	Reactivation of the Post of Social Services Officer that was created at the initial stage of the Department of Social Services
13.	Allocation of Additional Provisions for the monthly elders Allowance of Rs.2000/- which is paid to low income senior citizens over 70 years of age
14.	Absorbing the staff of the Second Community Development and Livelihood Improvement (Gemidiriya) Project into the Department of Divineguma Development
15.	Inclusion of the period of service for the calculation of pension due to attachment from a permanent post to a temporary post and the retirement from service with effect from 08.08.2014- Mr. E.J.K. Tissa Weerasinghe (Middle Level Technical Officer III)
16.	Extension of Service of Mr. Gamage Karunaratne, Additional Director General (Academic) of the National Institute of Social Development, for a period of one year beyond 60 years.
17.	Providing Vehicles to Sri Lanka Social Security Board
18.	Annual Report for the Year 2014- National Institute of Social Development
19.	Turning the post of graduates working as “Elders Rights Promotion Assistants” in the National Secretariat for Elders into pensionable position
20.	Renovation of the “Seth Sevana” Government Elders’ Home at Mirigama established for commemoration Right Honourable D.S. Senanayake
21.	Amending the Sri Lanka Social Security Board Act
22.	Obtaining funds for promotional activities when implementing the Pension and Social Security Benefits Scheme
23.	Obtaining Funds for the construction of a Building Complex for the National Institute of Social Development in Seeduwa
24.	Obtaining additional provisions due to expansion of the scope of the Ministry
25.	Private Member Bill – Thidora-Theatre Institute for Disability Oriented Research and Advocacy (Incorporation) Bill
26.	Annual Report for the Year 2014- Sri Lanka Social Security Board
27..	Construction of Bank building for the Divineguma Micro Banking System of the Department of Divineguma Development
28	Absorption of the staff as per the provision of the Divineguma Act No.1 of 2013
29.	Recruitment of Sign Language interpreters to the Department of Social Services
30.	Increase of the allocation released to the Housing Assistants Programme for Persons with Disabilities from the revenue of Supiri Wasana Sampatha Lottery
31.	Establishing the Posts of Counselling Assistant and Development Officer (Counselling) of the Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare as a Special Service under the same Ministry
32.	Appointment of Mr. H.K.D.W.M. Neel Bandara Hapuhinna of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service (Special Grade) as the Director General of the Department of Divineguma Development.

33.	Amalgamating Divineguma Insurance Trust Fund with Sanasa Insurance Company Limited
34.	The Act to amend the Divineguma Act, No. 01 of 2013
35.	Payment of pension gratuity, death gratuity, pension and Widows' and Orphans' pension for the officers absorbed into the Department of Divineguma Development as per section 44(e) of the Divinegum Act, No.01 of 2013"
36.	Extension of Service of Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawaratne for the Post of Consultant in the Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare
37.	Getting approval for the staff of the Department of Divineguma Development
38.	Implementation of the Supreme Court ruling and providing solutions for the problems arisen due to such ruling
39.	Expanding the Thelambuyaya Vocation Training Centre
40.	Recruiting of the Mr. Nandasena Kumarasiri, who being a disabled person, has been serving in the Post of Substitute Vocation Instructor in the Department o Social Services, to the permanent post
41.	Draft Bill for the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
42.	Acquisition of the Service of Consultants
43.	Variation of the specified limits of 124011 Public Officers Advance "B" Account for the financial year -2016

10.5. Scholarships up to 31.12.2016

	Programme	Country	Name of the Participant	Period
1.	Expertise on Rain Water Harvesting and Solutions to CKDu	India	Hon. S.B.Dissanayake(Hon.Minister) Mrs. Thamara Dissanayake(Private Secretary)	09.01.2016 - 14.01.2016
2.	The first T – 20 Asia Cup Cricket Tournament of Blind	India	Mr. Y.G.A.Sumanaweera (Attendant)	16.01.2016 - 25.01.2016
3.	Emotional balancing for Higher Productivity Programme	India	Mr.A.G.S.Ashoka Kumara (Assistant Director – Department of Social Service)	20.01.2016 - 30.01.2016
4.	Visit Royal Project & OTOP Site	Thailand	Hon. S.B.Dissanayake(Hon.Minister) Mrs. Thamara Dissanayake(Private Secretary) Mrs. Chandra Wickramasinghe (Director General, Department of DiviNeguma Development)	05.02.2016 - 08.02.2016
5.	Fourth Session of the	Thailand	Mr. S.D.Udawatta	27.03.2016

	Committee in Social Development		(Additional Secretary-Administration & Finance)	- 01.04.2016
6.	Asia – Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development Regional Priorities for the Implementation of the 2030 agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific	Thailand	Hon. S.B.Dissanayake(Hon.Minister) Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawarathne (Consultant to the Hon. Minister)	02.04.2016 - 06.04.2016
7.	Seminar on International Production Capacity Cooperation for the “Belt and Road” (Asian) Countries.	China	Mrs. I.D.N.Sanjeewani (Assistant director-Department of DiviNeguma Development)	06.04.2016 - 26.04.2016
8.	Training Programme in Japan for Health Official Responsible for Elderly Care and Planning	Japan	Mr. Mahinda Senevirathne-Secretary Mr. W.W.P.P. Yasarathne (Director- Department of Social Service)	13.05.2016 - 22.05.2016
9.	Capacity Building Programme for People working in Disability Field	Korea	Ms. P.J.D.Fernando (Senior assistant Secretary) Mr.M.S.Salgado (Social Service Officer) Ms. T.V.M.Peris (Social Service Officer) Mr. Gamini Ilangasinghe (Social Service Officer) Mrs. A.D.M.Maduwanthi (Social Development Assistant) Mrs. N.Sheriffdeen (Chairman, Swashakthi Organization, Kandy) Mr. R.G.P. Rajapaksha(District Chairman- Swashakthi Organization, Badulla.) Mrs. P. Ramanayake (Treasurer, DOJF) Mr. W.M.P.K. Wickramasinghe (Co-Secretary, Sri Lankan Visually handicapped Rehabilitation Fund)	23.08.2016 - 04.09.2016
10.	Emerging Challengers for Social Development and Human Services Practice in the Asia Pacific Region	Indonesia	Mr.Ridly Jayasinghe (Director General-National institute of Social Development) Mrs. M.T.R.S.Attanayake (Director- Collage of Social Services)	17.06.2016 - 20.06.2016
11.	Training Course on Public	Korea	Mr. Pakiyarasa Pradeepan (Co-Ordinating Officer,	28.05.2016 -

	pension In Asia Pacific		Sri Lanka Social Security Board)	05.06.2016
12.	Strengthen Low Income Families Through Women in Rural Area	Korea	Mr. K.A.L.Cyrl (Director-Department of Divi Neguma Development) Mr. A.M.S. Atapattu (Training & Research Officer – Institute of Rural Development Training & Research)	02.06.2016 - 17.06.2016
13.	2016 Seminar on MSE capacity Building for Developing Countries	China	Mr. I.C.J. Gunarathna (Assistant Director-Department of Divi Neguma Development)	27.05.2016 - 18.06.2016
14.	Exposure Visit to India	India	Mr. M.M.Abdulla (Social Service Officer) Mr. M. Kugadasan (Development Officer) Mr. F.M.Farmi (Development Officer)	11.06.2016 - 18.06.2016
15.	Outstanding Performance Award 2016 Victims of Trauma Treatment Programme II	Nepal	Mr. Susantha Wijayakumara (Counseling Assistant)	01.08.2016 - 13.08.2016
16.	The First Asia Pacific International Conference on Positive Behaviour Support	Taiwan	Mrs. G.L.I.Gunasinghe (Social Welfare Superintendent)	20.06.2016 - 29.06.2016
17.	Regional Expert Forum on aging population	Thailand	Mr. Suminda S. Singappuli (Director- National Council & Secretariat for Elders)	11.07.2016 - 15.07.2016
18.	Conference on Rural Development and Poverty Reduction for Developing Countries - 2016	China	Mrs. Pushpa Nishanka (Director- Rural Development section)	09.07.2016 - 30.07.2016
19.	Conference and Programme for people who engage in Social Works	Japan	Hon. Ranjan Ramanayake (Hon. Deputy minister) Mr. Valter Wijayananda (Social Service Officer) Mrs. Gayani Balasooriya (Co-ordinating secretary of the Secretary) W.M.P. Kumari (Divineguma Manager) Mr. Pabath Nishantha (Divineguma Development Officer)	19.10.2016 - 26.10.2016
20.	HelpAge Asia/Pacific Conference	Vietnam	Hon. S.B.Dissanayake(Hon.Minister) Mrs. Thamara Dissanayake(Private Secretary) Mr. Suminda S. Singappuli	06.09.2016 - 08.09.2016

			(Director- National Council & Secretariat for Elders)	
21.	Conference on Economic Development and Financial Management	China	Mrs. S.S. Noor Amith (Chief Internal Auditor)	17.08.2016 - 19.09.2016
22.	Tour of TATA Factory	India	Mr. S.D.Udawatta (Additional Secretary- Administration & Finance) Mrs. Chandra Wickramasinghe (Director General, Department of DiviNeguma Development) Mr. Anura Weerathna (Director- Department of Divineguma Development)	19.09.2016 - 22.09.2016
23.	15 th Asian Spinal Cord Network Conference	Indonesia	Mrs. Radha Nanayakkara (Director- Department of Social Service Department) Mr. W.M.Weerakoon (Social Service Officer) Mrs. Indika Premasiri (Social Development Assistant) Mr. Dhammika Wasala Bandara (Social Service Officer) Mr. Priyankara Bandara (Social Development Assistant)	26.10.2016 - 30.10.2016
24.	Zonal Meeting on Healthy Aging	Thailand	Mrs. Nayana singappuli (Director- National Council & Secretariat for Elders)	26.10.2016 - 28.10.2016
25.	Capacity Development Programme on global friendship disability policy	Korea	Mr. A.G.S.Ashoka Kumara (Deputy Director- Department of social Service) Ms. Kalpana Ranganadan (Development Assistant)	23.10.2016 - 12.11.2016

10.6. Local Training Courses up to 31.12.2016

S/No.	Training Courses	No. of Participants
1.	Personal Files	02
2.	Procumbent Planning & Bidding Document	01
3.	Microsoft Excel- Advanced Analysis Tools	01
4.	Practical Strategic Planning for Journey of Excellence	02
5.	Bidding Document for Procument	70
6.	Responsibilities of Technical Evaluation Committee	70
7.	Personal Files	70
8.	Salary Conversion	65
9.	Attitude Development training Programme	110

10.	CIGAS – Computer Training Programme	08
11.	Preparing accounts statements on an accrual basis	42
12.	Pay Roll - Computer Training Programme	11
13.	Special Training Programme for office Employees	29
14.	Duties and Responsibilities of Shroff	01
15.	‘Mama gihin ennam’ Awareness of road safety programme	45

10.7 Recommendation for Duty Waivers up to 31.12.2016

S/ No	Name of the Institute	Donated country	Donated Items
1.	Sarana Family Development Unit	Sweden	Humanitarian equipments
2.	Colombo friends society	India	Material for artificial limbs
3.	Rammuthugala maha viharaya	Japan	Used Wheel chairs
4.	Jayapur Rehabilitation Centre	Switzerland	Material for artificial limbs
5.	Singha Titus Wijerathne	Finland	Used spectacles
6.	Secretary, Ministry of Social Empowerment and Welfare	Singapore	Humanitarian equipments
7.	Hon. Minister of Parliament Buddika Pathirana	USA	Humanitarian equipments
8.	Hon. Minister of Parliament Buddika Pathirana	USA	Humanitarian equipments
9.	<i>Maha Karuna</i> Buddhist Society	Singapore	Humanitarian equipments
10.	Colombo friends society	India	Material for artificial limbs