

Annual Report

2018

National Youth Services Council

Introduction

This Annual Report presents the outcomes of the activities implemented by the National Youth Services Council in the year 2018.

This annual report strives to help in taking future decisions of the organization and best presents the external stakeholders with meaningful insight on the institution. Further, the performance contained herein is particularly vital in respect of receiving allocations for the coming year.

The report featured the strategies executed as well as the outcomes obtained through the implementation of youth development activities towards accomplishment of institutional objectives by rallying local as well as international youth communities. The report further traces the manner in which we have utilized physical and human resources for the youth development process.

Further, the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and other external parties who have shown interest to make collaborations with the National Youth Services Council can utilize this annual report to take decisions in this regard. Moreover, this report holds particular significance towards comprehending whether the institution has embarked on the right direction.

The National Youth Services Council had successfully implemented various programmes during 2018 which include establishment of Youth Clubs, Youth Leadership Programmes, Youth Sport Festival, sport squads, Community Development Programme titled "Thurunu Shrama Shakthi", Youth Awards Programme, Youth Drama Competition, National Cultural Festival, NYSCO Youth Cooperative Society Programme, Foreign Squads, International Youth Exchange Programmes, media workshops etc.

The organization is in a dire need to enhance the professional qualifications of officers and to recruit officers with higher academic record and professional expertise. As of previous years, lack of physical resources, insufficient resources to cope with the other competitive organizations in the similar category were the challenges confronted by the Council during this year too. In order to address the said obstacles, it is extremely required to train officials subsequent to assessing the training requirements, to make effective the promotions of officers, and to obtain assistance of the expertise and to upgrade the Management Information System (MIS) and physical resources etc.

We wish to place on record our gratitude to Hon. Prime Minister, Hon. Minister and all the officials of the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs and the Chairman/ Director General of the National Youth Services Council for their guidance and leadership extended for successful implementation of all the activities of the National Youth Services Council.

Planning & Progress Review, Officer Training Division

Vision

An Empowered Sri Lankan Youth

Mission

To facilitate towards empowerment of Sri Lankan Youth to confront life challenges by mobilizing local and international opportunities

Objectives

- To inculcate enthusiasm towards nationalism, a sense of discipline, an awareness on social and economic problems and a sense of dignity on labour among youths.
- To enlist the participation of youth in national development schemes.
- To promote collaboration and mutual understanding between youths of Sri Lanka and of other Countries.
- To encourage sense of competitiveness and achievement among youths.
- To widen the knowledge of youth and to provide training in the fields relevant to development.
- To encourage youths for cultural, literary and aesthetic activities.
- To encourage youth for development of physical fitness and sports.
- To facilitate the provision of recreational activities and entertainment for youth.
- To assist disabled youths.
- To provide regular employment opportunities for youths by efficient investments on a long term basis with the objective of strengthening economic agenda of the government.
- To provide opportunities for youth participation in the policy formation and implementation.
- To establish youth organizations and to assist the already established organizations in respect of youth welfare.
- To design, coordinate, promote and direct youth extension services.
- To develop the inherent characteristics of each individual youth.

Message of the Secretary

I am extremely delighted to send this message of greetings to this Annual Report which features the programmes carried out by the National Youth Services Council, being the first and foremost State Institution for the youth development activities in Sri Lanka, for the betterment and development of youth of our country during the year 2018.

The National Youth Sports Festival -2018 was held in very grand scale at the Kotavila District Sports Complex in Matara for the youths who had been excelled in events held at regional and district levels with the objective of bringing them up to the international level by further enhancing their sport skills. I consider this as a special achievement for youths with sport skills. Further, National Youth Drama Festival was held at the Tower Hall Theatre in Maradana to showcase innate artistry abilities of Sri Lankan youths in the drama spheres to national as well as international level. In addition, National Youth Awards Ceremony was held in grand scale at the Nelum Pokuna Theatre in November with a view to appreciate new comers who have been excelled in various fields in arts. It is noteworthy to mention that it had been able to present awards to more than 170 young artistes who have been performed well in drama spheres as well as other fields of arts.

A Diploma in Drama and Theatre for youths all over the country who have shown interest in drama field was held. Further, courses for those who were interested in Dancing and Music were held successfully in Maharagam, Belwood and Eraminiyaya Aesthetic Centres in 2018.

During 2018, the National Youth Services Council was able to establish 11,350 Youth Clubs in the Country towards further strengthening the Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation being the largest volunteering youth organization in the South Asian Region. They were successful in conducting many programmes in view of National Youth Day and International Youth Day on a grand scale and in fact it was a great achievement of Sri Lankan youth to hold the said events in such a manner. Further, successful sessions as well as educational and training workshops were conducted with the aim of strengthening the Youth Parliament. Another significant achievement to mention was that the Council had been able to conduct school media workshops, and provincial and national level media workshops in Sinhala as well as Tamil medium for youths of the country.

I consider it as a privilege with humble pleasure to mention so many other programmes implemented by the Council towards youth of this country in 2018 such as Nippon Maru – Friendship programme, International Youth Exchange Programmes, International Youth Conference, Student Leadership Programme, Regional Youth Camps, Career Guidance Programmes, National Youth Awards Programme, Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards Ceremony, National Youth Services-Rupavahini Trophy, Super League Tournament, maintaining sports squads in volleyball, kabadi, Judo, Karate, Yowun Puraya -2018 under the theme of “The Future Has Begun” at the Livestock Farm, Nikaweratiya with the participation of as many as 7,000 local and foreign youths, the reality programme –“Youth with Talent”, 200 projects under “Thurunu Shrama Shakthi” programme, National Youth Film Festival.

Secretary

Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province
Development and Youth Affairs

Message of the Chairman/ Director General

The National Youth Services Council established pursuant to the Act, No. 69 of 1979 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has set up offices covering each province as well as each district to serve the Sri Lankan youth. In addition youth training programmes are being implemented in 54 training centres island wide. The Council comes under the purview of the Ministry of National Policies, Economic Affairs, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Northern Province Development and Youth Affairs and the Ministry provides necessary guidance, supervision, instructions and annual provisions in respect of youth development activities. It is my pleasure to pen this message to the Annual Report 2018 elaborating on the progress of the Council.

The Council implements its programmes in terms of an annual action plan and several divisions have been established within the council with the intention of implementing programmes towards enhancing intrinsic skills of youths. The Aesthetic Skills Development Division has been undertaking the task of holding the National Youth Awards Festival annually for encouraging youths to develop their esthetics skills. Further, the Council endeavours to conduct 20 full time courses and 28 part time courses in each 06 months in collaboration with the Maharagama National Youth Centre and thereby endows large number of skilled youths to the country.

The Special Projects Division has been entrusted with the task of organizing 'National Youth Camp' annually and thereby paves the way to inherit the country as well as to village disciplined youths with good leadership and personality traits. In fact, the programme titled 'Gamata Kotiyak' facilitates youth communities island wide to utilize their labourer in more productive way towards construction of roads and bridges, renovation of religious places and other rural development programmes. The NYSCO Video Division conducts Television Diploma Programme and awards National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) certification. The National Youth Awards Division organizes the Duke of Edinburgh's International Awards through which youths are provided with a scheme to grant marks in their higher studies after recognizing their services towards other people.

In addition the Media Division provides the opportunity to youths to enter the media field and towards this end they are conducting media workshops regional wise. Youth Parliament programme ensures the youth participation in national level policy formulation and facilitates to obtain their views and suggestions also. The Council further engages in skills development of enthusiastic youths in the field of music by creating special musical groups. And the Sports Development Division also strives to endow the country with youths possessing sound physical, mental balance and good personality through conducting National Youth Sports Festival. There have also been established other Divisions namely International Youth Development Division, Cooperative Development Division, Technical and Vocational Training Division towards betterment of youths.

Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation established under the National Youth Services Council is the only volunteer organization in the country comprising such a large group of youths. Youth Clubs have been established in each Grama Niladhari Division and the Federation operates in regional, district and national levels.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed towards the productive progress made by the Council in 2018 in its endeavour to facilitate empowerment of Sri Lankan Youth to confront life challenges by mobilizing local and international opportunities pursuant to the vision of the Council that is an empowered Sri Lankan Youth.

Chairman/Director General
National Youth Services Council
Maharagama

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1.National Youth Services Council

The National Youth Services Council is the only state institution which have been established to promote the self-aspirations of youth so as to ensure full development of the youths of Sri Lanka.

The Parliamentary Acts relevant to the establishment of the National Youth Services Council:

- Volunteer National Youth Services Act, No. 11 of 1967.
- Volunteer National Youth Services (amendment) Act, No. 52 of 1968.
- Notification of series of regulations in the Extra Ordinary Gazette No.14837/6 of 23rd January 1969 in accordance with the section 26 of the aforesaid Act.
- National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979.
- The repeal of the Volunteer National Youth Services (amended) Act, No. 11 of 1967 and the proclamation of the date of enactment of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979 by the Extra Ordinary Gazette No.67/09 of 20th December 1979.
- Notification of regulations under section 34 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979 in the Extra Ordinary Gazette No. 69/09 of 02nd January 1980.
- Notification of National Youth Services Regulations No. 01 of 1986 under Section 34 of the National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979 in the Extra Ordinary Gazette No. 392/05 of 10th March 1986.
- Absorption of the Rehabilitation Commissioner General's Office to the National Youth Services Council in 1990.
- Inauguration of Sri Lanka Youth Concept in 2011.

The National Youth Services Council has been vested with extensive mandate to engage in youth development activities than previously under the National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979 which was enacted subsequent to the establishment of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Employment in 1978.

1.2 Name List of Board of Directors of the National Youth Services Council from 01.01.2018 to 30.04.2018

S.No.	Name	Designation
01	Mr. W.G.S.Erandika (Attorney- at- law)	Chairman/Director General
02	Mrs. Ashoka Alawatta	Board Member of the Council
03	Mr.H.Hewage	Board Member of the Council
04	Mr.K.P.Siribaddena	Board Member of the Council
05	Mr. C.H.S.Dangalla	Board Member of the Council
06	Mr.Dasun Nagashena (Attorney- at- law)	Board Member of the Council
07	Mr. Madura Priyabashana Welgama (Attorney- at- law)	Board Member of the Council
08	Mrs.H.M.Sudharshi Baghya Karunaratne (Attorney- at- law)	Board Member of the Council
09	Mr.Punsanda Vijayakumara	Board Member of the Council
10	Mr. Chaminda Thalgaswatta	Board Member of the Council
11	Mr.Ravi Krishan Jayawardena	Board Member of the Council
12	Mr. Ben Rajitha Shyamal Gunawardena	Board Member of the Council
13	Mr.W.Buddhika Lakmal Gunasekara	Board Member of the Council
14	Mrs. V.A.H.Sandaruwani	Board Member of the Council
15	Mrs.Nirosha Virajani	Board Member of the Council
16	Mr.Niluka Karunaratne	Board Member of the Council

Source – Secretarial Division, National Youth Services Council, Maharagama

Name List of Board of Directors of the National Youth Services Council who had been appointed after 03.08.2018

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
01	Mr. W.G.S.Erandika (Attorney- at- law)	Chairman/Director General	
02	Mrs. S.H.A.N.D.Abayarathne	Board Member of the Council	10.09.2018
03	Mr.H.Hewage	Board Member of the Council	10.09.2018
04	Mr. C.H.S.Dangalla	Board Member of the Council	17.09.2018
05	Mrs.D.S.Wijesekara	Board Member of the Council	25.09.2018
06	Mr.Dasun Nagashena (Attorney- at- law)	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
07	Mr.Punsanda Vijayakumara	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
08	Mr.W.Buddhika Lakmal Gunasekara	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
09	Mr. Kanishka Rajapakse (Attorney- at- law)	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
10	Mr. K.M.Romesh Sugathapala	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
11	Mr.Navodya Jayasinghe	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
12	Mr.Sampath Nirosha Dikkumbura	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018
13	Mr.Sathira Sarathchandra	Board Member of the Council	03.08.2018

Source – Secretarial Division, National Youth Services Council, Maharagama

Name List of Board of Directors of the National Youth Services Council who have been appointed after 02.11.2018

S.No.	Name	Designation	Date of Appointment
01	Mr.Manula Chamal Perera	Chairman/ Director General	02.11.2018
02	Mr.H.Hewage	Board Member of the Council	10.09.2018
03	Mrs. S.H.A.N.D.Abayarathne	Board Member of the Council	10.09.2018
04	Mrs.D.S.Wijesekara	Board Member of the Council	25.09.2018
05	Mrs. Vijitha Senevirathne	Board Member of the Council	26.11.2018
06	Mrs.K.Gunawardena	Board Member of the Council	26.11.2018
07	Mr.Meril Gunathilaka	Board Member of the Council	26.11.2018
08	Mr.R.D.Anura Ranasinghe	Board Member of the Council	26.11.2018
09	Mr.Saman D.Waduge	Board Member of the Council	26.11.2018
10	Mr. C.H.S.Dangalla	Board Member of the Council	17.09.2018

Source – Secretarial Division, National Youth Services Council, Maharagama

2. Audit and Management Committee- 2018

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|---|---|------------------------|
| ❖ Mr.C.H.S.Dangalla
Assistant Director
Department of Public Finance | - | Chairman |
| ❖ Mr.Dasun Nagashena (Attorney- at- Law)
A Member of the Board of Directors of
the Council | - | Member |
| ❖ Mr. Ben Rajitha Shyamal Gunawardena
A Member of the Board of Directors of
the Council | - | Member |
| ❖ Mrs. P.A.Kanthi
Chief Internal Auditor
Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs | - | Observer |
| ❖ Mrs. M.A.S.Pushparani
Audit Superintendent
Auditor General's Department | - | Invitee |
| ❖ Mr.W.L.Namarathne
Chief Internal Auditor
National Youth Services Council | - | Secretary/Convener |
| ❖ Mrs.C.K.Herath | - | Ex. Secretary/Convener |

Source – Internal Audit Division, National Youth Services Council, Maharagama

3. Details of the Income Received and Expenditure Incurred by the National Youth Services Council

Allocations received by the National Youth Services Council in the year 2018

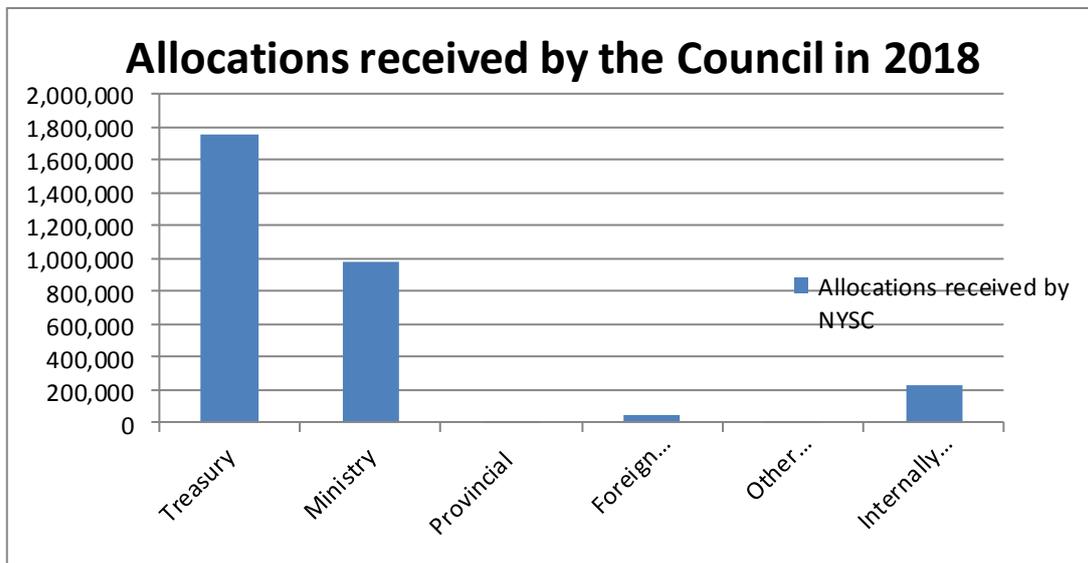
		(Rs. '000)
		2018
Treasury		
	Recurrent	999,930
	Development	531,475
	Capital	221,000
Treasury		<u>1,752,405</u>
Ministry		
	Recurrent	482,783
	Capital	497,202
Ministry		<u>979,985</u>
Provincial Councils		
	Recurrent	150
Provincial Councils		<u>150</u>
International Organizations		
	Recurrent	6,441
	Capital	45,980
International Organizations		<u>52,421</u>
Receipts – other External Institutions		
	Recurrent	1,213.00
Other External Institutions		<u>1,213.00</u>
Internally Generated Income		
	Internal Income	243,060
Internally Generated Revenue		<u>243,060</u>

Expenditure incurred by the National Youth Services Council in the year 2018

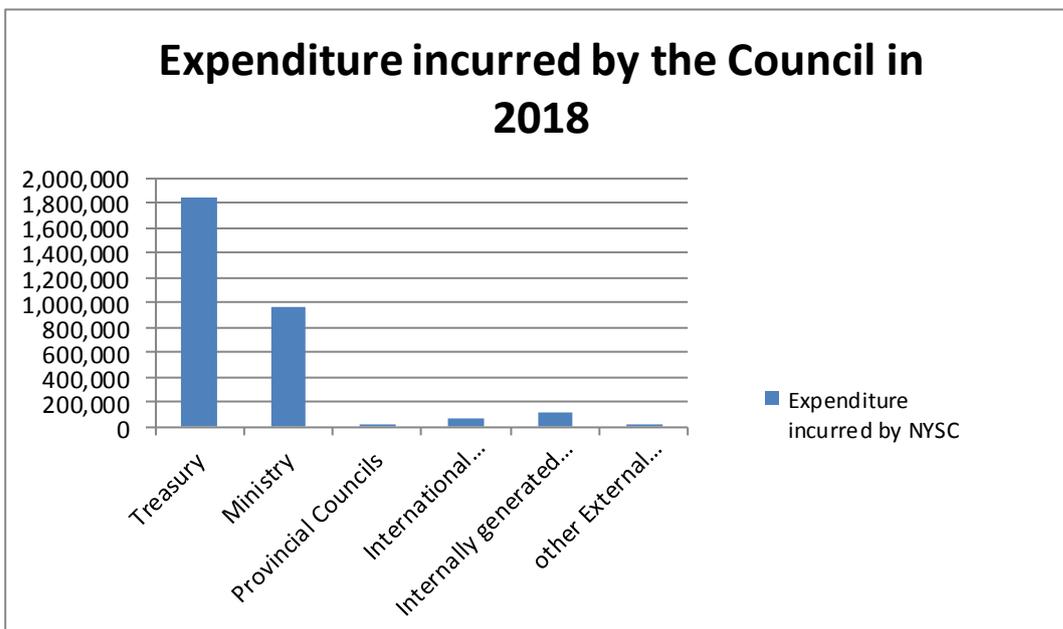
(Rs. '000)

		2018
Treasury		
	Recurrent	999,930
	Development	494,526
	Capital	221,000
Treasury		<u>1,715,456</u>
Expenditure - Ministries and State Institutions		
	Recurrent	482,626
	Capital	490,491
Ministries		<u>973,117</u>
Provincial Councils		
	Recurrent	150
Provincial Councils		<u>150</u>
International Organizations		
	Recurrent	10,971
	Capital	53,392
International Organizations		<u>64,363</u>
Expenditure – Other External Institutions		
	Recurrent	3,483.00
Other External Organizations		<u>3,483</u>
Internally Generated Income		
	Recurrent	124,806
	Development	109,798
	Capital	3,115
Internally Generated Revenue		<u>237,719</u>

Allocations received by the National Youth Services Council in the year 2018



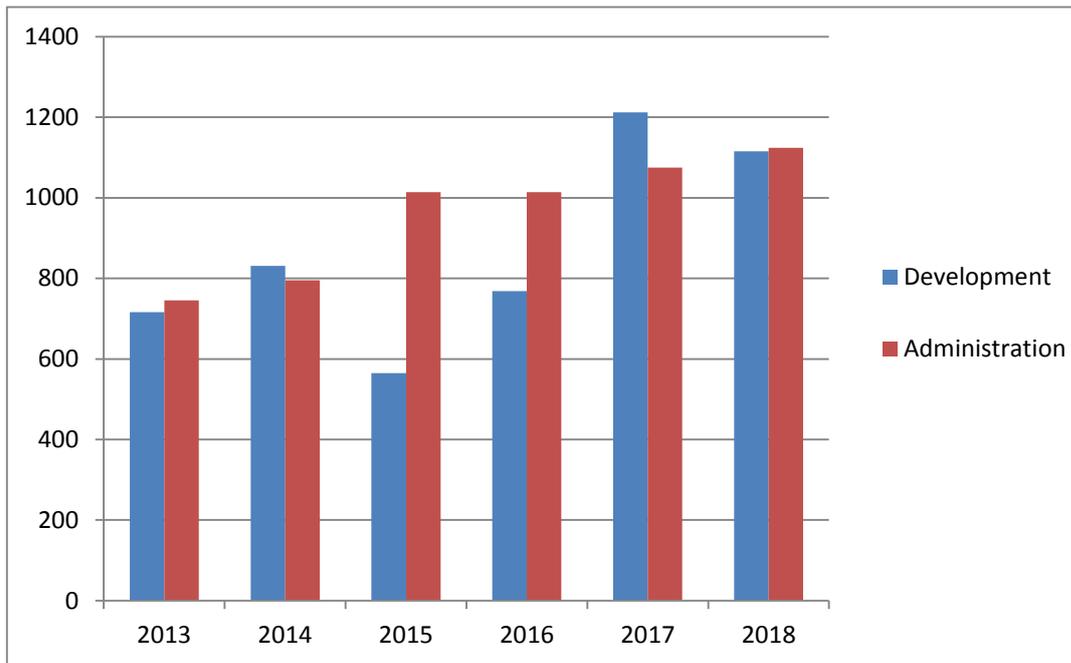
Expenditure incurred by the National Youth Services Council in the year 2018



Administration and Development Expenditure incurred towards the National Youth Services Council from the allocations by the Treasury, Internally Generated Income and of direct and indirect expenses borne by the other External Organizations during 2013-2018 (Rupees in Million)

Allocation	Year					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Development	716	831	565	768	1212	1115
Administration	745	795	1014	1014	1075	1124

Administration and Development Expenditure incurred towards the National Youth Services Council from the allocations by the Treasury, Internally Generated Income and of direct and indirect expenses borne by the other External Organizations during 2013-2018 (Rupees in Million)



Expenditure Summary of Development Programmes

S.No.	Programme	In Rs.Mn			
		Allocation		Expenditure	
		Treasury	Ministry	Treasury	Ministry
1	Aesthetic Skills Development Programme	87.9		75.64	17.84
2	International Youth Relations Activities	36		44.39	
3	Youth Organizations and Development Programmes	71	50	65.73	35.54
4	Activities of the Youth Awards Authority	43		10.12	
5	Sport Development Activities	188		120.76	
6	Technical and Vocational Training Activities	80.7		97.32	
7	Youth Cooperatives and Enterprise Development Activities	10		6.9	
8	Economic Promotion and Farm Development Activities	25		11.28	
9	Media Activities	10		10.57	
10	NYSCO Video Activities	5		2.75	
11	Activities related to Planning and Development	6.6		2.5	
12	Activities of the ICT Division	25		15.42	
13	Performance and Officer Evaluation Division Activities	15		9.78	
14	Activities of the Construction Division	169.8	300	75.83	263.37
15	Activities of the Supplies Division	40		77.48	0.29
16	Activities of the Special Projects Division	16	600	15.2	429.23
17	Activities of the Career Guidance Division	20		6.15	
18	Land related Activities	1		0.15	
Total		850	950	647.99	746.27

4. Development Activities- 2018

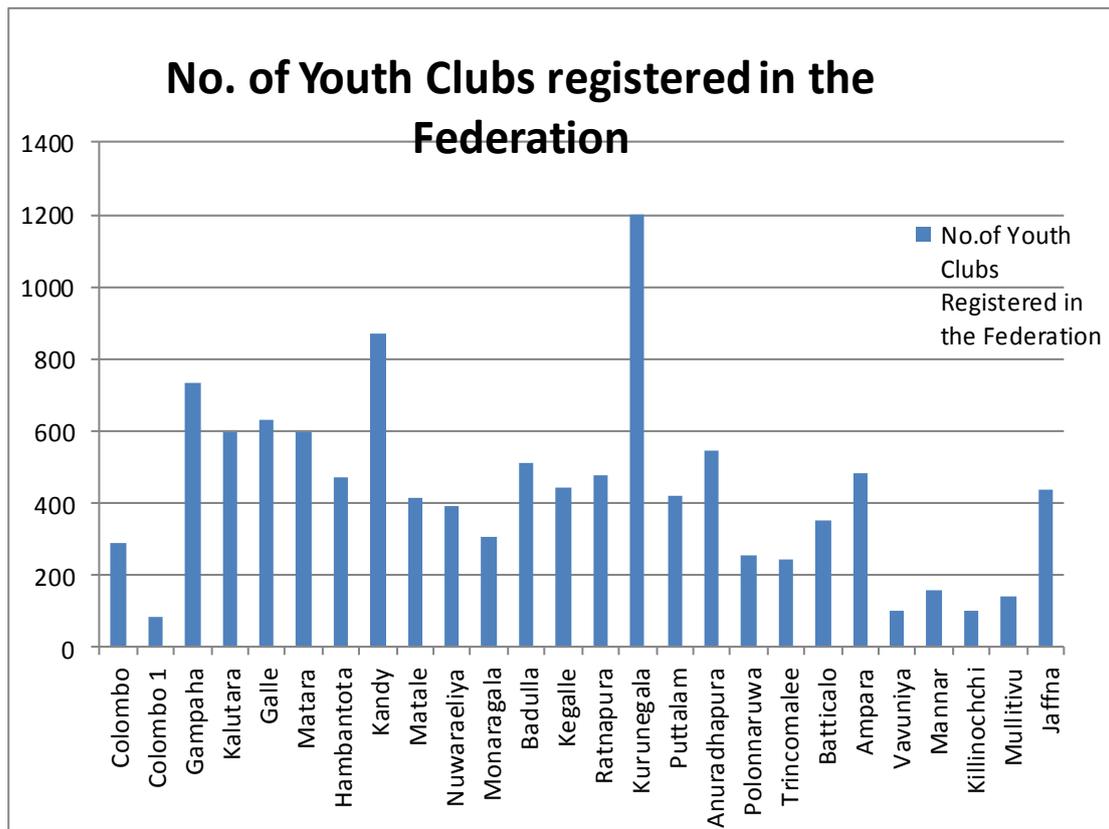
4.1 Youth Organizations and Development Activities

1. This organization network undertakes various community development activities by bringing youths together from village level to national level. Thereby, the main task entrusted to the Youth Organizations Development Division is to develop leadership and personality traits of youths through the experience youths gather from such activities as well as to inculcate and encourage thoughts on nationalism and discipline.
2. Strengthening the Youth Club Programme as a sustainable youth network by providing requisite practical and technical facilities towards implementation and sustenance of youth development initiatives.
3. To expand youth club movement to cover each and every Grama Niladhari Division in the country and promote its membership.
4. Establishment of Youth Clubs, Regional Boards, District Boards and National Boards and introducing access to leaders of youth organizations to contribute towards nation development.
5. To enhance skills of youths to cope with current trends in the information technology domain.
6. Organization of community awareness programmes by establishing drug eradication committees for making youths and adults at regional levels aware on the matter and to organize general community programme against drug menace by introducing integrated programmes.
7. To develop enduring attitudinal changes in youths for mutual friendship among youth of Sinhalese, Tamil and Muslim being the major nationalities in the country towards eliminating doubt and untrustworthy and thereby consolidating national reconciliation.

Details of the youth clubs registered at the Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation

S.No.	District	No. of Regional Boards	No. of G.N. Divisions	No. of Members (according to available statistics)	No. of Youth Clubs registered at the Federation of Youth Clubs
1.	Colombo	08	454	6916	287
2.	Colombo 1	08	103	2102	84
3.	Gampaha	13	1177	22007	732
4.	Kalutara	14	762	16009	597
5.	Galle	19	896	13840	631
6.	Matara	16	650	4371	598
7.	Hambantota	12	576	8302	470
8.	Kandy	20	1188	24849	868
9.	Matale	11	545	8920	411
10.	Nuwara Eliya	05	491	10703	389
11.	Monaragala	11	319	7933	306
12.	Badulla	15	567	16759	511
13.	Kegalle	11	573	10228	444
14.	Ratnapura	17	575	15189	478
15.	Kurunegala	30	1610	21159	1200
16.	Puttalam	16	548	9546	421
17.	Anuradhapura	22	694	13597	543
18.	Polonnaruwa	07	295	6061	252
19.	Trincomalee	11	230	9278	240
20.	Batticaloa	14	348	17076	352
21.	Ampara	20	503	19130	482
22.	Vavuniya	04	102	5211	102
23.	Mannar	05	153	5099	155
24.	Kilinochchi	04	95	2635	97
25.	Mullaitivu	06	136	4721	142
26.	Jaffna	15	435	10544	436
	Total	334	14025	292185	11228

No. of Registered Youth Clubs



Programmes implemented at Yowun Puraya 2018

S.No.	Programme	No. of Programmes	Participation
1.	Training Programme on Disaster Management and Preparedness	01	125
2.	Establishment of Yowun Puraya Municipal Council and Training (Healthy Town Concept)	01	52
3.	Coordination and Invitations for the Yowun Puraya Participants	01	6593
4.	Programmes implemented by the allied organizations of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	05	1610

Details on the Programmes of the Youth Organizations and Development Division

S.No.	Programme	No. of Programmes	Participation
01	Establishment of Youth Clubs	11238	292185
02	Establishment of Regional Boards	334	33400
03	Establishment of District Boards	26	3900
04	Establishment of Consultative Committees	122	9034
05	Celebrating the Thai Pongal Festival	01	1100
06	Commemoration of National Youth Day (E-Library –Gearing Knowledge to Village)	35	
07	Commemoration of International Youth Day	01	1680
08	Training Camp for Youth Leadership	280	19143
09	No Drugs We Youth (District Level)	15	14500
10	No Drugs We Youth (National Level)	01	1000
11	Local Youth Exchange Programme	20	1295
12	“Healthy Youth” – Programme for Prevention of Non-Communicable Diseases	25	1292

Some of the Highlights of the Youth Development Activities



4.2 Career Guidance and Counseling Activities

A Career Guidance Unit under a Career Guidance Officer has been established in each Career Guidance and Counseling Centre which comes under the purview of the National Youth Services Council's Career Guidance and Counseling Division. Necessary guidance for youths who are desirous of pursuing a career is being provided by these Career Guidance Centres and facilities for individuals with various mental problems and other matters are also being provided by those Centres.

The tasks undertaken by the Division includes implementation of awareness programmes for school children as well as school leavers, teachers, parents, adults, other governmental and volunteering organizations, ensuring participation for exhibitions at different locations, and monitoring the progress of such programmes etc.

Some of the Programmes implemented in 2018

- **“School to World of Work”** - Through the programme on ‘building up of future life goals’, selected youths of Sinhalese and Tamil encompassing all the schools in the country were subjected to an occupational skills test and they were made aware on the aspects relating to building up their own future occupational targets, identifying and understanding on the current trends of world of work and credentials to be acquired.
- **Job Market** - It was held in collaboration with the District Secretariats/ Divisional Secretariats and with the participation of key private sector and public sector institutions. A large number of youths were participated in this event.
- **Preparation of Vasumes** - In today's context, jobs providing organizations tend to fulfill service requirements by utilizing modern technology and they go beyond the traditional curriculum vitae and entertain vesumes.

In this backdrop, the programme on preparation of vasume had been conducted covering some of the districts in the country and Sinhalese and Tamil youth were participated.

4.3 Sports Development Activities

Amongst the annual development programmes of the National Youth Services Council, the sports development programmes were implemented in a very successful manner for youths during 2018. Various sports programmes were implemented year around in 2018 to showcase talents of the members of youth clubs from rural level to the national level. What we have accomplished in this effort was that we had been successful in building up physically as well as mentally sound youth towards national development drive of the country.

In terms of the Annual Action of the National Youth Services Council, the Sports Development Division organized and implemented following programmes during the year.

01. National Youth Sports Festival
02. National Youth Services - Rupavahini Volleyball Tournament
03. Youth Services Sports Society
04. Sports Squads
05. Camp Programme to train trainee coaches
06. Distribution of sports equipment to youth clubs
07. Modernization of Day-Night Volleyball Grounds
08. Implementation of Sports Programmes in parallel to Yowun Puraya Programme
09. Implementation of Sports Programmes in parallel to Thai Pongal Celebrations
10. Cycle Competitions/ Tug-of-Wars/Marathons in parallel to Surya Mangallaya



Team Events for National Youth Sports Festival were held with the participation of 3598 of participants under 10 sports events covering 26 districts.

New Sports Records

Category	Name of the Sportsman/Sportswomen	District	New Records
Under 20 Men's			
High Jump	S.A.Tharindu Dasun	Galle	2.12 minutes
200 Meters Running	S.P.A.Dharshana	Matale	21.33 seconds
200 Meters Running (Preliminary Round)	R.P.I.Lakshan	Puttalam	1:55.20 seconds
400 Meters Running	P.M.P.L.Kodikaraz	Kurunegala	48.58 seconds
Over 20 Women's			
Long Jump	A.Pulwansa	Colombo	5.96 minutes
Under 20 Women's			
100m Hurdles	N.G.P.R.Gunathilka	Kegalle	15.24 seconds

Best Sports Men and Women

Women's Under 20	Triple Jump	V.R.Himasha Kooray	Urban Youth
Men's Under 20	200 Meters	S.P.A.Dharshana	Matale
Women's over 20	400 Meters	Nadeesha Ramanayake	Hambantota
Men's over 20	Long Jump	W.P.Amila Jayasiri	Puttalam

- Special Occasions at the National Youth Sports Festival



Youth Services-Rupavahini Volleyball Trophy

Challenge Trophy (women's)

S.No.	Winning Place	District
01	First Place	Kegalle
02	Second Place	Puttalam
03	Third Place	Ampara



Challenge Trophy (men's)

S.No.	Winning Place	District
01	First Place	Hambantota
02	Second Place	Kegalle
03	Third Place	Kalutara

Super League (men's)



S.No.	Place Secured	District
01	First Place	Sri Lanka Army Team
02	Second Place	Sri Lanka Air Force Team
03	Third Place	Youth Services Council's Team

Super League (women's)

S.No.	Place Secured	District
01	First Place	Casual Line Sports Team
02	Second Place	Sri Lanka Army Team
03	Third Place	Sri Lanka Air Force Team

Achievements of the Sports Squads Programme

Sansala Nethminee has been selected to the junior squad of under 23 women's volleyball.

Asian Kabadi Tournament - Indonesia

- W.G.Nishatha

Saduni Malsha and K.Lashiniya were participated at the grand finals of the Volleyball Tournament at 2018 National Sports Festival.

The National Youth Services Volleyball team had secured 03rd place in the National Youth Services-Rupavahini Super League Volleyball Tournament (Men's Category) in 2018.

Highlights of the National Youth Services-Rupavahini Volleyball Tournament



Sport Development Programmes

S.No.	Programme	No. of Programmes	Participation
01	National Youth Sports		
	Regional Level	337	253410
	District Level	26	31106
	National Level	01	1351
02	Sports Squads		
	Volleyball	01	40
	Kabadi	01	15
	Judo	01	15
03	Youth Services Sports Society	01	1370
04	National Youth Services-Rupavahini Volleyball Tournament		
	Challenge Trophy	20	3600
	District Trophy	24	288
	Super League	01	520
	National Trophy	01	112
05	Programme for Training of Trainee Coaches	12	760
06	Distribution of Sports Equipment to Youth Clubs	201	1472
07	Observation Tour to the Day-Night Volleyball Ground	01	453
08	Implementation of Sports Programmes in parallel to Young Puraya Programme	09	4110
09	Implementation of Sports Programmes in parallel to Thai Pongal Festival	03	518
10	Implementation of Sports Programmes in parallel to Surya Mangalya Celebrations	04	820

4.4 Aesthetic Skills Development Activities

01. National Youth Awards Competition and Festival

Identification of novice artistes entered into artistic field, provision of necessary assistance and appreciation of their creations are some of the important aspects to enrich aesthetic field of Sri Lanka. The youth novice artistes who have emerged through such initiatives



will serve immensely to the sector and it will undoubtedly contribute towards the betterment of the Sri Lankan artistic field. In this regard, preparing a proper mechanism for identification of young novice artistes at the village level and bring them up to the national level lies in the hands of the National Youth Services Council. To this effect, the Council implements a national programme to appreciate artistes and to recognize their talents by means of National Youth Awards. It is being implemented in three stages i.e. district, provincial and national level.

02. National Youth Drama Festival



This project has been implemented with a view to give a stimulus to youth to be enthusiastic on the field of drama and to bring the talents of interested youth on drama at regional level to the national level and to evaluate those talents.

03. Development of Aesthetic Centres

The implementation of projects in the aesthetic field for the development of the aesthetic domain in a country is conducive for betterment of a country through building up of an optimistic society. The National Youth Services Council, being a State Institution conducts Diploma Courses at the Belwood Aesthetic Centre, Eraminiyaya Aesthetic Centre and Maharagama Aesthetic Centre covering the music and drama fields. It is expected to enhance trainees' aesthetic knowledge by means of a comprehensive 03 years Diploma Course which spans over theoretical aspects as well as training on practical aspects relevant to those subjects.



04. Diploma Course in Drama and Performance Arts

It is expected to provide guidance to aspired young theatre artistes for their progression to national level by a pool of lecturers comprising veteran and talented young artistes and to build up talents of youths who are keen on the drama field. This course has been designed to develop skills of youths all over the country who are interested in the field of drama. This six months course intended to impart knowledge on the broad spheres of acting, production, script writing, make-up, background setup etc. towards developing an outstanding performer.

05. Youth Drama Shows

This project has been designed to emerge a group of people highly literate as well as highly appreciative in drama and to provide opportunities for public shows in respect of the award winning dramas at the Youth Awards Festival. It is further expected to extend assistance to youth artistes to create new dramas and to appreciate their work.



06. National Cultural Programmes

This programme intends to introduce diverse cultural values of different ethnicities to youths and to promote harmony among them since Sri Lanka, being considered as multi-ethnicity and multi-religious country and

the citizens of those different ethnicities have diverse cultural values. All nationalities living in Sri Lanka are desirous of living in harmony and to bring about reconciliation among each other from time immemorial. It has to be preserved from generation to generation. In this regard, organization of cultural programmes with diversity has taken place with the participation of youths.

4.5 Technical and Vocational Training Activities

Whilst transforming all the Vocational Training Centres, which come under the purview of the National Youth Services Council, into Quality Management Accredited Training Centres, National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) accredited workforce will be made available by providing training pertinent to domestic and international standards.

No. of Courses

NVQ	= 187
Non NVQ Full Time	= 39
Part Time	= 228
Total No. of Courses	= 454

No. of Instructors

External	= 303
Contract Basis	= 28
Permanent	= 62
Total No. of Instructors	= 393



Recruitment of Trainees -2018 (Provincial Wise)

Province	No. of Training Courses	Recruitment	No. of Students who had completed the Courses
Western	217	9,842	7,439
Southern	41	1,459	1,099
Sabaragamuwa	17	569	440
Uva	11	245	203
North Western	36	1,994	1,555

Central	51	3,312	2,598
North Central	26	1,135	860
Eastern	42	1,963	1,125
Vanni	11	457	242
Northern	02	49	40
Total	454	21,025	15,601

All these courses are equivalent to relevant NVQ I,II,III,IV levels.

Some Occasions on conducting National Youth Service Council's Courses



4.6 Activities of International Youth Relations

This Division of the Council undertakes the task of delivering superior and trustworthy service towards youths and officers towards creation of a disciplined youth with Sri Lankan identity who is conversant in knowledge in respect of global aspects.

❖ Programmes implemented in 2018

- International Youth Exchange Programmes
- Pakistan-Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme
- India-Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme
- Bangladesh - Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme



- German - Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme
- Facilitate to render contributions for International level from Sri Lankan Youth
- Volunteer Programmes
- International Youth Ship Programme
- Programme to select two Sri Lankan youths to represent Sri Lanka in the United Nations



- Provide Overseas Programmes to Officials (Conferences/Training/ Workshops)
- Training Programmes for Youths earmarked to send for Overseas Programmes (Youths of Foreign Squads)



Activities related to International Relations

Programme	Actual No of Programmes	Actual Participation
International Youth Relations Programmes	10	169
Regional International Youth Conferences	14	81
Global Youth Ship Programme	02	267
Youth Representative Programmes	01	02

Workshop to provide foreign training for Officials	11	16
Volunteer Programmes	21	114
Training Workshops for Youths who have been selected for foreign squads	02	208

4.7 NYSCO Video Activities

An environment where youths could not utilize their competencies had been emerged due to various hardships in the context of a highly competitive commercialized world. Thus, it had been necessitated the fact that intervention of a State Institution was required. The NYSCO Video Division has been established by the National Youth Services Council in this backdrop.

- To implement various programmes for the betterment of Sri Lankan Youth in compliance with the vision and objectives of the Council and in conformity with the vision of the Division towards accomplishment of goals of the National Youth Services Council.
- To make youth aware on television and other mass media sectors with the use of relevant clips from the aforementioned programmes.
- Videoing and conserving such clips relevant to the activities carried out towards youth development.
- To telecast over television media the programmes intended to bring out talented youths into national level.
- Videoing of various programmes implemented for economic, social, political, psychological development of Sri Lankan Youth and conserving the same for use in necessary circumstances and providing the same to those who require such clips.



Development Activities of the NYSCO Video Division during the year 2018

S.No.	Programme	Implemented Programmes
01	News Coverage (Production and Editing of Programmes)	140
02	7 th Youth Film Festival	05
03	Cleaning and Maintenance Activities of Studios	02

A Course of one year duration equivalent to NVQ 5th Level on Television Programmes Production Technologies was commenced under internal source of funds on 21.07.2017 with the participation of 33 trainees with a view to enhance artistic skills of youths, skills development as well as to provide job opportunities complemented with the latest technology conducive for economic gains. The said programme was concluded on 22nd July 2018.

4.8 Economic Promotion and Farm Development Activities

i. Agricultural Development Activities

- To provide the Sri Lankan Youth with knowledge through agricultural courses to accomplish control over farmlands in future through mobilizing new technologies and knowledge, conserving environmental equilibrium along with maximum utilization of resource and financial management.
- To generate income internally by developing lands owned by the Council.



ii. Farm Development

- Development and maintenance of 11 Farm Centres
- There was a Farm Product Sale Outlet at the Yowun Puraya 2018.
- Implementation of value addition projects for farm development
- Sale of farm products to Staff after being carrying them to the Head Office



- Training for Self-Employment

iii . Agricultural Courses (NVQ)

- Implementation of 10 Agricultural Courses in 10 Centres in 02 Groups as January-June and July-December
- Agricultural Courses:- Plant Nursery Development Assistant and Field Assistant (Agriculture) NVQ4



iv . Various Other Programmes

- Organized sharmadana, expeditions, stalls (Hela Nipayum) and tree planting programmes for Yowun Puraya Programme held in Nikawratiya.
- Contributed to National Food Production Drive – “Stand together and fill our Granaries”
- Providing assistance to Dengue Prevention Programme
- Implementation of Productivity Programme

Summary of the Programmes implemented by the Agricultural Development Division.

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Place of Conduct	No. of programmes
01	Farm Development	Batangala, Eraminiyaya, Pannala, Ethungama, Punagaree, Lewwaegoda, Dambulla, Nuwara Eliya, Heiyantuduwa, Ulapane, Doluwa	11
02	Agricultural Courses	Batangala, Eraminiyaya, Pannala, Dambulla, Lewwaegoda, Monaragala, Akmeemana, Ethungama, Punagaree, Doluwa	10

4.9 Planning and Development Activities

To enhance organizational performance through guidance for proper planning and implementation of organizational activities.

Strategic Objectives

- Enhance Professionalism of the Staff
- Engage in work efficiently and effectively.
- To cover the scope of the Division entirely.

Values

- Professionalism
- Ensure the employees' values
- Act enthusiastically in team spirit
- Cooperation between various Divisions and Regional Offices
- Clients' and Stakeholders' Satisfaction

Functions

- Formulation of Policies

Formulation of Corporate Plan
Formulation of Annual Development Plan
Formulation of Annual Action Plan
Formulation of Districts Plan

- Activities related to preparation and to obtain approval for project reports in relevance to youth development
- To conduct surveys in relation to youth development and formulation and presentation of reports relevant to such surveys
- Renovation of the Library at the Maharagama Centre and Distribution of Library Books to District Offices and Training Centres.
- Progress related Activities

Preparation of Weekly Progress
Preparation of Monthly Progress
Preparation of Quarterly Progress
To conduct progress meetings with the



Heads of Branches

To conduct progress meetings with the Provincial Officers

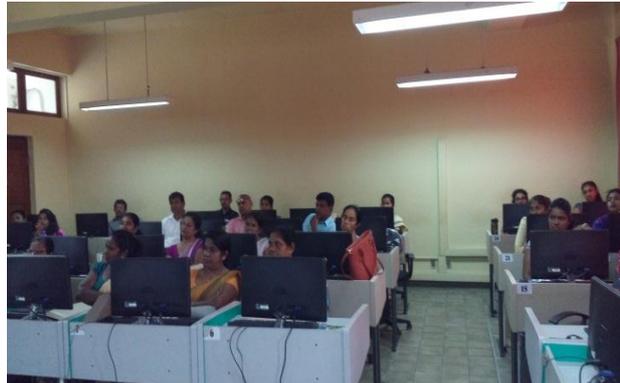
- To conduct meeting with Officers at regional level
- Preparation of Annual Reports

4.10 Performance Evaluation and Officer Training Activities

The one of the main tasks of the Performance Evaluation and Officer Training Division is to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of officers (human resource development) during officer training programmes in order to fill the gap between expected level and existing level of performance in view of rendering services in extremely well and sincerely manner whilst working as the pioneer in youth development towards empowerment of Sri Lankan youth to confront life challenges by utilizing local and international opportunities.

In the Performance Evaluation and Officer Training Division, the Treasury funds are being utilized under 02 categories. Namely,

- Staff Training Sector
- Performance Evaluation Programmes



In regard to Staff Training Sector, the officers discharging duties are provided with training relevant to their scope of work. The main objective is to accomplish organizational objectives through enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of employees.

Further the Performance Evaluation and Officer Training Division provides financial assistance to officers by means of paying course fees enabling them to participate in educational workshops conducted by other external organizations to enhance their knowledge and skills. To this effect, each officer is provided with a maximum of Rs. 02 lakhs for courses which has relevance to their job related work.

With a view to implement productivity process in the National Youth Services Council, this Division undertakes a programme for implementing productivity concepts at regional level. It encompasses making the officers aware on the productivity concepts, training and implementing productivity concepts in places of work.

Through the Performance Evaluation Programme, necessary action is being taken to evaluate the performance of the officers in the Council and to enhance their performance. Through the activities of the Performance Evaluation Programme, the officers with higher performance are provided with complements and certificates and necessary action is being taken to achieve required levels of knowledge, skills and attitudes in respect of the officers with lower performances. Further, the Division involves in preparing job specification for each post in order to make officers/employees familiar on their specifically assigned duties.



32 Training Programs were held in 2018 with the participation of 2462 officers.

4.11 Media Division

The Media Division is responsible to arrange wide publicity for the youth development programmes in newspapers/ radio/ television media, to construct exhibition stalls, to design and create all forms of promotional media such as leaflets/ posters/ cut-outs etc. in order to make aware the youths on all development programmes implemented by the Council.

- To make all Sri Lankans aware on the development programmes proposed to be implemented during a particular year (concerning 2018, 01 January-31 December 2018)
- To make all Sri Lankan youths aware on the development programmes proposed to be implemented in the coming years

- To make efforts to persuade youths who have still not gathered around the Council towards future programmes

➤ **District Media Conferences**

It is our responsibility to make youth aware on the fact that district youth development targets are on track. The Division had initiated plans to conduct district media conferences in proper manner whilst closely associating with all electronic and print media available. This was held in all 26 districts.

➤ **Media Schools (Workshops)**



Media Schools have been implemented targeting students who are active in School Media Units and in the age group of 15-20. It is envisaged to shape-up their skills to introduce them into national level and to provide them with proper training by eminent media personnel.

- To provide youths with a proper knowledge on media sector
- Development of School Media Units
- Take action to publicize and make aware of programmes of the Council from national level to village level

Activities

- ❖ Selection of 200 youths for the School Media Workshop from school level.
- ❖ To conduct the said workshop as a one-day workshop and to provide theoretical as well as practical training.

Advantages to Beneficiaries

This training provided an opportunity to students who inherit announcing skills to enhance their skills and depth of knowledge on use of electronic and print media.

The students who acquired knowledge through this training would be able to showcase their creative skills in proper manner through school media units.



Received the opportunity to acquire knowledge and experience of veteran journalists.

➤ **Media Workshops (Province/National)**

The Division implemented 12 media workshops in Sinhala and Tamil medium in 10 provinces island-wide targeting youths aged 15-29 who are members of youth clubs and interested on the media sector. Then skillful youths comprising 100 Sinhalese and 50 Tamils selected from the said workshops were provided with the opportunity to participate in 02 national level workshops conducted by eminent resource personnel. This project envisages to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of youth on printed and electronic media and new forms of other media in terms of theoretical as well as practical aspects and thereafter they will be introduced to the media institutions in the country.

- ✚ To provide practical and theoretical knowledge on the subject of media studies to members of the youth clubs island-wide who are interested in the media sector.
- ✚ To produce skillful journalists into the media sector in Sri Lanka.
- ✚ To create a conducive environment to obtain support of the youths who are not yet gathered around the Council for the future development initiatives through the intervention of these trainees.
- ✚ To provide training on media to members of the youth clubs in respective districts by the youths who have already participated in provincial media workshops.



It also maintains a data base exceeding more than 60,000 entries relevant to the Employee Information System and all the information pertaining to members of the youth clubs.

4.13 Examination and Evaluation Division

Main Tasks

- ❖ The main task is to conduct practical and written final examinations twice a year (in every six months) in formal and proper manner in respect of nearly 20,000 full-time and part-time NVQ and Non-NVQ Students relevant to 64 courses in 54 centres island wide.
- ❖ Upon completion of holding final examinations, action is taken to release the results to respective centres not later than 03 months. Further giving away of NVQ and Non-NVQ Certificates ceremonially in prompt manner for the trainees those who have passed the examinations on regional, district and centre-wise
- ❖ After conducting the final examinations, the trainees should be sent to six months on the job training (OJT). The Division properly undertakes the supervision of the overall progress of the trainees in OJT on centre-wise.
- ❖ Issuing nationally and internationally accepted National Vocational Qualification Certificates (NVQ Certificate) upon conducting assessments for skills-based courses conducted at the National Youth Services Council Training Centres.
- ❖ Thereby providing opportunities to vocationally qualified youths to find out employment opportunities expeditiously.
- ❖ This Division also undertakes development of curricula in order to conduct all the courses of National Youth Services Council's Training Centers under a common curricula.
- ❖ Training of counsellors to provide career guidance to all the students at our training centers located island wide.



Details of the Programmes implemented in 2018

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Participation	
		First Quarter	Second Quarter
1.	Conducting Practical Examinations	9834	9718
2.	Conducting Final Examinations of Courses	9834	9718
3.	Awarding of Certificates	6970	6866
4.	NVQ - Final Evaluation Activities	843	711
5.	NVQ - Written Examination	1021	1098
6.	Awarding NVQ Certificates	810	600
7.	OJT Programme	1523	1753

4.14 Special Project Division

This Division coordinates planning, organization and implementation of projects pertinent to the Section 4 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (m) of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979. Especially,

- ❖ Youth Parliament
- ❖ Yowun Puraya
- ❖ Thurunu Shrama Shakthi Community Development Projects and Selection of “Especial Youth”
- ❖ Special Musical and Dancing Groups

With the involvement in implementation of aforementioned projects, the division is contributory to

- obtain youth contribution towards development of the country and formulation of policies;
- promote attitudes and skills relating to voluntary services, social services;
- implement various activities and community development projects to build up leadership attributes;
- introduce youths with especial skills to national level;
- bestow talented artistes in music and dancing fields on the country.

The division, being implementing major programmes of the Council, discharges excellent service on behalf of the Council.

Programmes implemented in 2018

- i. Youth Parliament
- ii. Youth Parliament Programme
- iii. Youth with Talent – Community Development Project Programme
- iv. Youth with Talent – Reality Programme
- v. Yowun Puraya
- vi. Special Music Group
- vii. Special Dancing Group



Youth Parliament - 2018

It is expected from the Sri Lankan Youth Parliament that youth are to be provided with the opportunities in the state policy formulation and planning process, to provide hands on experience on the democratic procedures and to make future youth political leaders through a process which builds up reconciliation by consensus through dialogue on different viewpoints of different ethnicities.

Composition	- 225 members
On Divisional Secretariat Division basis	- 160
Appointed MPs	- 65

Yowun Puraya - Nikaweratiya

Leadership Workshops, Youth Camps, Youth Gatherings have been organized and conducted towards personality development of youths who have congregated around the Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation. Even though these programmes are being conducted at regional and district basis, a necessity has arisen to conduct such programmes at national level. Thus, Yowun Puraya is being implemented with the objectives of imparting sense of knowledge on national reconciliation and consensus among Sri Lankan Youths, exchanging ideas with youth of other countries relevant to youth development sector, engaging in different activities on the basis of corporation and co-existence with mutual understanding and to obtain views and suggestions of youth on national development through dialogues.



There were 6,710 youth club members who had attended the event.



Activities held in association with the Yowun Puraya

- Yowun Puraya Municipal Council
- Sports Events
- Educational Programmes
- Cultural Competitions
- Leadership Training
- Outdoor Leadership Training
- Sharmadana Campaigns
- Bonfire
- Tree Planting Programmes
- Entrepreneurship Programmes
- Excavation Programmes
- Musical and Cultural Shows
- Educational and Trade Fairs



“Thurunu Shrama Skakthi” Youth Community Development Projects – 3000 Programmes

This programme is implemented allowing Sri Lanka Youth Parliamentarians to engage in identifying the issues that affect the rural and urban communities and addressing the said issues, making the youth aware on the role of youths towards strengthening the country’s economy and make way forward to ensure active participation for the same, encouraging the feelings of competitiveness and success among the members of the youth clubs.



Areas under which projects have been implemented

1. Community Development Projects
2. Environmental Development and Conservation Projects
3. Technological and Innovation Projects
4. Economic and Employment Generation Projects
5. Agricultural and Irrigation Projects
6. Area Specific Special Projects

Objectives

1. Provide opportunities to youths to devote their leadership and skills in practical terms towards rural and urban development through volunteer services.
2. To inculcate social recognition and value for rural and urban youths.
3. To strengthen youth clubs and encourage youth leaders.
4. To fulfill rural community needs and to reach solutions by way of implementing projects island wide in association with youth clubs
5. To inherit the nation with a creative youth force by training them to manage physical and human resources, to finish work efficiently within a stipulated time period and follow-up activities in respect of implementation of projects

<u>Year</u>	<u>Financial Grants for the Projects 2016-2018</u>		
	<u>No. of Projects</u>	<u>Allocation per Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	1500	Rs.75,000.00	Rs.Mn 112.50
2017	3000	Rs.150,000.00	Rs.Mn 450.00
2018	1000	Rs.300,000.00	Rs.Mn 300.00

Achievements in Thurunu Sharama Shakthi – Community Development Projects

First - Kurunegala



Value - Rs. 9,630,000.00

Second - Nuwaraeliya



Value Rs. 3,750,000.00

Third -Matale



Value Rs.4,582,548.50

Youth With Talent Show - 2018
(Selection of the Most Outstanding Youth)

The objective of this programme is to conduct competitions at district and national levels after identifying youths with special talents and enhance their skills and to bring them to the national level.

❖ This programme is being jointly organized by the National Youth Services Council and the Independence Television Network.

❖ Thereby enhancing the economic and social status of the skillful youths.



Special Music Group

To develop the talents of youths who show special skills and capabilities in the field of music and provide opportunities to attend to shows.

Objectives

- To introduce the most skillful youths with music talent into the national level.
- To provide opportunities to showcase their talents in a competitive context.
- To provide opportunities to enlighten their future through economic development.
- To encourage youths to conserve the good values in music and enhance spiritual development.
- To provide opportunities to win the global arena by creating qualitative new music creations.
- To provide an avenue of income generation to the council by way of providing music groups to state and non-state functions.



Special Dancing Group

To develop the talents of youths who show special skills and capabilities in the field of dancing and present them to shows.

Objectives

- To introduce the most skillful youths with dancing talent into the national level.
- To provide opportunities to showcase their talents in a competitive context.
- To provide opportunities to enlighten their future through economic development.
- To encourage youths to conserve the good values in dancing and enhance



spiritual development

- To provide opportunities to win the global arena by creating qualitative new music creations
- To provide an avenue of income generation to the council by way of providing dancing groups to state and non-state functions.



4.15 Youth Awards Authority

The National Youth Awards Divison has been entrusted with the main task of implementing the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme which was inaugurated in the United Kingdom in 1956 and it was first introduced to Sri Lanka in 1980 targeting the youths of 13-24 age group.

This programmme is being implemented along with the approvals of the University Grants Commission and Education Ministry for the benefit of youths in Government Schools,

National Colleges of Education, Centers for Juvenile Offenders, Children Care Homes, and Schools for Children with Special Needs and open Award Units.

In this regard, youth need to be engaged in four types of activities (voluntary service, desirability of skills, physical fitness and expeditions) for a specified time period and their



performance will be evaluated. Thereafter, they will be awarded with awards as bronze, silver and gold and certificates. It is more conducive towards their self-development which encompasses leadership qualities, ethics, considerations for environment, skills, mutual cooperation which leads to

personality development. One of the indirect advantages includes youth energy that is so developed through personal development can be utilized for the development process of the country.

The University Grants Commission has given legal approval to award merit marks to students who have not been selected to the Universities or National Colleges of Education under normal scheme of admission but they have achieved this award while they were preparing for their A/Ls during that period.



In 2018, 37 Programs have implemented and 3211 have participated in those programs.

4.16 Youth Co-operatives and Enterprise and Development Division

It is envisaged to be a pioneer organization towards setting up of an enterprise culture in the country whilst guiding towards minimization of the economic vulnerability of the Sri Lankan Youth Community.

Our mission is to develop the youth cooperative network in qualitative, quantitative and sustainable manner by a competent staff enriched with knowledge, attitudes and skills with maximum levels of productivity and efficiency in order to deliver services to youth entrepreneurs whilst implementing income generating projects.

Programmes implemented in 2018

- Participation for the One Day Programme on Entrepreneurship - 4408
No. of Programmes conducted - 26
- Participation for the One Day Program on Entrepreneurship – 438
No. of Programmes conducted - 16
- Participation for the Progress Review of the NYSCO District Committee Program-47
- No. of Programs conducted-01
Participation for the Self-Employed Technical Training Program-122
No of Programs Conducted-05
- Participation for the NYSCO Board Directors Program-85
No Of Programs Conducted-04



With the implementation of the aforesaid Programmes, it is intended to encourage youth to engage in self-employment activities. The beneficiaries who received loan facilities are as follows.



I. No. of Beneficiaries to whom loans granted by NYSCO Societies to a sum ranging from

Rs. 5,000.00 - 350,000 - 27

a total sum of Rs.920,000.00 have been granted.

II. Subsequent to conducting entrepreneurship programmes, each beneficiary was provided with a loan facility amounting to Rs. 500,000.

No. of Beneficiaries - 08 Total Expenditure – Rs. 4,000,000.00

III. Business Technology School Programme had been conducted in 16 districts and thereby training opportunities were provided to 438 entrepreneurs. They were guided and encouraged to commence self-employment ventures.

IV. Development of self-employment opportunities for 122 individuals through conducting self –employment technical training programmes.

5. Activities of the Administration Division - 2018

5.1 Administration Functions

The tasks carried out by the Administration Division of the National Youth Services Council from 01.01.2018 to 31.12.2018.

Pertinent to the functions entrusted to the Administration Division with respect to recruitment of required number of employees in terms of the provisions of the National Youth Service Act, No.69 of 1979 to implement programmes, promotions were given in the year 2018. However, action in respect of transfers, dismissal from the service in terms of disciplinary orders, vacation of post, salaries and wages, retirements from service and resignations from service were taken in the similar manner as of the previous years. Approved cadre and existing vacancies and details of existing vacancies in the cadre are given below.

- **New Recruitments (Permanent)**

Relevant to the year 2018, 11 new recruitments were made (Post of Warden – 06 Posts of Driver -05)

- **New Recruitments (Casual)**

02 new recruitments were made (Posts of Assistant Youth Services Officer – 01 Post of Management Assistant -05)

- **New Recruitments (Contract Basis)**
10 new recruitments (Instructor -10) were made during the year.
- **Communication and Information Technology**
01 new recruitment (Instructor -01) was made.
- **Computer Graphic Designing**
01 new recruitment (Instructor -01) was made.
- **Beauty culture and Hair Dressing**
01 new recruitment (Instructor -01) was made.
- **Automobile Technician**
02 new recruitments (Instructor -02) were made.
- **Promotions**
Promotions were granted to Youth Services Officers in Grade 1. Accordingly, 32 Senior Youth Services Officers had received promotions.
- **Granting Permanent Appointments to Officers in Casual basis**
20 Permanent appointments to Casual Employees (Warden -02, Office Assistants - 17, Cook -01) were given.
- **Retirements**
38 officers retired.
- **Resignation from the Service**
50 Officers of the Council resigned on various grounds during the year 2018.
- **Vacation of Post**
Action was taken in respect of 09 officers to consider them as those who had vacated their posts on various grounds in the year 2018.
- **Reinstatement in the Service**
02 officers were reinstated in their service in 2018.
- **Termination of the Service**
The termination of service on various grounds have been affected on 03 officers in 2018.

- **Interdictions**

01 officer was interdicted from the service in 2018.

- **Efficiency Bar Examination**

The Efficiency Bar Examinations with respect to all the posts relevant to the years from 2013-2018 were conducted.

- **Deaths**

06 officers of the Council died in 2018.

- **Officers who went on retirement voluntarily**

Officers who went on retirement voluntarily stood at 02 in 2018.

5.2 Supplies Division

The Procurement Division is mainly responsible for fulfillment of the procurement needs upon receipts of requests along with formal approvals from the Head Office, Regional Offices, District Offices, Training Centres for procurement related needs (for services and goods) whilst adhering to procurement process.

Necessary action was taken in 2018 to supply goods and services for the programmes implemented by the Head Office, Other Offices and Training Centres of the Council.

5.3 Transport Division

Being a main supporting service, the Transport Division extends its support to implement programmes by various other Divisions of the Council by way of providing efficient transport service towards accomplishment of main objectives of the National Youth Services Council.

- Carrying out vehicle services and repair work of the vehicles assigned to Head Office, Provincial Offices, District Offices, Training Centres and Farms.
- Investigations into road accidents.
- Control over drivers, obtain and examine running charts, inquire into any irregularities, refer the running charts to the Government Audit action
- Obtain Vehicle Emission Test Certificates and Revenue Licenses of vehicles annually.
- Coordination with the Ceylon Transport Board to obtain buses for programmes.

❖ List of Vehicles auctioned on 05.07.2018

1. 58 – 3574
2. 18 -7600
3. 51 -7263

❖ It was proposed to dispose 04 vehicles on 29.10.2018. The List of vehicles which was proposed to dispose are

1. 29 - 6264
2. 41 - 3420
3. 27 - 5984
4. 27- 5985

5.4 Internal Audit Division

The main duties entrusted to this division are carrying out the audit programme relevant to the National Youth Services Council approved by the Auditor General and investigations and attending to other special duties as instructed by the Chairman of the Council.

5.5 Secretarial Division

Organizing and conducting the Board of Directors Meetings of the National Youth Services Council and disseminating the decisions taken by the Board of Directors at such meetings to the respective Divisions, Directors and Deputy Directors are carried out by this Division. In addition, they also undertake other duties assigned to the Division with respect to other programmes of the Council as and when it is required.

5.6 Legal Investigation Activities

The Legal Investigation Division involves in representing the Council or the Chairman/Director General and providing required facts pertaining to the cases laid before the below mentioned Courts or Tribunals having regard to cases brought by or against the National Youth Services Council.

<u>Court</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>
1) Supreme Court	01
2) High Court	01
3) District Court	12
4) Magistrate Court	04
5) Labor Tribunals	-
6) Labour Compensation Courts	-
	<u>18</u>

Further, complaints currently being handled by the legal institutions are as follows.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>No. of Complaints</u>
1) Human Rights Commission	14
2) Complaints from Labour Offices	03

Further, it engages in conducting disciplinary inquiries on the directive of the disciplinary officer with respect to the Council's disciplinary actions, granting recommendations and/ or observations concerning the disciplinary orders and carrying out other duties assigned by the higher rank officials as and when required.

5.7 Construction Activities

Infrastructure development of all offices, district offices and youth centres, construction and modernization of buildings for vocational training, daily maintenance work of youth centres and modernization and renovations of centres located islandwide are carried out by the Construction/ Maintenance Division.





Accordingly, Rs. 376.3 million under the Ministry Allocations, Rs. 169.8 million under Capital Allocations and Rs. 65.0 under the Sectoral Skills Development Programme (SSDP) had been received in 2018. Of the said allocations, 12 construction/modernizations projects, 11 projects and 03 projects were implemented under the ministry funds, capital and SSDP allocations respectively. Of the said projects, 08 had already been completed and handed over to the respective centres and other projects will be completed in 2019. Further details in this regard are given below.

6. Voluntary Programmes

The Youth Services Officers serving in the divisional secretariat divisions along with members of youth clubs had organized various programmes according to regional and timely needs with the utilization of voluntarily earned funds.

Such Programmes had been implemented in the sectors as depicted in the table below. These programmes would help to foster inter-communal amity and reconciliation not only among the members of the Youth Clubs but also between the residents of the respective areas and the youths. It also paved the way towards involvement of youths in the development activities on voluntarily basis.

27,455 voluntary programmes had been implemented in 2018. 473,222 youths were participated in the said programmes. Further, the overall financial value of the said voluntary programmes stood at Rs. 14,518,634.00.

Progress of Volunteer Programmes - 2018

Progress of Voluntary Programmes Implemented in 2018																																														
District	Community & Social Development			Environmental Programmes			Health & Sanitary Service Programme			Sports Development Programme			Educational & Development Programme			Youth Participatory Development Programme			Providing of job Information			Religious Programme			Entrepreneurship & Economic Development Programme			Leadership & Personality Development Programme			Counseling Programme			Aesthetic Programme			Decision Making & Policy Development Programme			Other Programmes						
	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure	Number of Programme	Number of Participation	Expenditure										
Benue	20	638	25,345	11	855	45,000	5	600	66,000	23	1,100	78,000	5	300	95,000	18	978	11,230	23	755	11,023	13	522	75,000	10	31	12,100	20	650	132,000	4	320	3,100	18	60	76,000	7	25	5,000	11	650	30,000	188	7464	664,818	
Colon	10	255	26,500	13	752	65,400	10	300	10,000	20	656	30,000	7	650	65,220	50	700	32,500	20	645	17,485	20	850	80,000	12	330	55,000	80	1,100	144,500	5	125	12,000	12	145	55,000	7	15	3,000	13	81	20,000	279	6604	616,605	
Kaduna	7	95	16,000	17	1,200	42,000	65	1,020	60,000	15	825	75,000	5	614	11,200	12	1,225	15,670	36	503	15,200	13	1,222	40,000	10	120	75,000	145	1,450	150,000	10	45	165,000	8	330	156,000	6	52	4,000	6	13	7,500	355	7684	832,570	
Imo	5	15	29,160	6	45	74,000	14	1,050	17,550	18	850	95,000	8	60	15,500	13	1,058	21,300	15	200	17,000	16	783	30,000	5	133	66,000	50	65	22,000	11	183	45,000	10	100	45,000	8	215	5,500	8	145	75,000	187	4902	558,610	
Osun	95	17,800	15,620	21	205	17,000	11	152	60,000	30	650	70,000	4	708	80,000	20	800	65,000	15	300	16,000	45	1,020	15,000	10	250	35,000	30	250	65,000	11	123	65,000	11	415	95,400	6	45	5,000	16	123	23,200	1,8104	22,841	636,220	
Abia	100	3,165	25,520	11	123	18,000	5	390	65,000	9	680	78,000	10	203	85,000	24	3,433	42,730	20	150	17,800	15	835	31,500	11	115	45,000	35	110	13,900	5	96	15,000	6	60	14,000	5	95	1,200	19	965	58,000	3429	10,440	1,167,353	
Imo	26	2,345	10,585	3	60	32,000	6	120	15,500	14	220	151,500	2	68	1,100	882	386	56,500	30	112	18,000	23	1,694	66,500	10	102	14,500	23	80	12,500	6	56	15,000	1	60	480	7	200	2,000	12	122	40,000	995	7725	438,165	
Imo	25	121	45,000	5	45	11,200	8	312	78,500	12	300	45,000	5	65	1,450	28	112	75,000	20	101	25,000	10	401	18,000	12	89	15,000	12	102	58,000	7	45	78,000	13	180	4,500	4	65	3,000	10	52	20,000	166	8078	471,650	
Abia	23	23	14,500	8	25	3,600	10	100	65,120	10	102	11,500	6	89	4,500	20	203	57,000	12	103	45,000	5	250	56,000	23	125	13,800	12	302	16,500	5	23	4,500	5	95	1,250	7	60	5,000	4	32	15,000	150	2,687	312,970	
Abia	15	70	23,512	11	67	15,000	1	180	50,000	8	1,394	325,000	5	56	40,000	14	301	14,000	5	35	4,500	4	125	13,000	11	45	40,000	13	102	75,000	6	120	56,000	10	120	65,000	10	120	6,000	15	45	30,000	128	2,780	751,012	
Abia	18	15	37,150	8	551	95,550	15	621	22,250	18	1,697	502,000	8	25	20,000	5	328	6,800	12	300	12,500	38	713	194,500	14	230	66,000	11	666	175,000	3	100	14,000	8	250	55,000	11	125	4,000	5	60	3,000	174	17,9675	1,145,750	
Abia	15	65	12,400	5	195	54,000	12	95	11,500	6	120	7,500	9	14	65,000	12	800	14,500	15	198	23,000	4	2,818	26,000	13	166	40,000	8	189	27,500	7	321	14,500	7	76	48,500	13	201	6,000	5	25	7,500	131	11,982	357,900	
Abia	12	66	12,500	10	600	65,302	10	250	16,500	45	3,852	15,000	6	10	5,800	12	325	16,000	6	400	15,000	15	174	121,000	10	362	35,000	10	200	25,000	5	200	20,000	10	10	275	75,000	11	25	5,000	10	175	8,500	172	33,414	435,602
Abia	15	420	11,500	6	450	95,000	3	45	36,500	18	36	45,000	6	78	4,500	9	75	89,000	14	203	450	10	218	45,000	7	455	75,000	15	500	4,000	15	613	264,000	12	300	35,000	13	145	9,000	30	675	4,500	173	4,213	718,456	
Abia	80	171	12,500	8	43	5,000	9	60	6,500	25	997	116,000	6	55	6,000	7	95	6,500	10	300	6,000	8	102	108,500	13	856	45,000	21	600	60,000	8	781	6,000	13	220	78,000	5	133	6,500	10	23	2,500	223	16,765	466,000	
Abia	20	1560	15,120	12	600	17,500	25	1,045	12,500	15	3,924	11,200	11	300	11,000	36	1,241	17,000	21	966	15,600	15	165	193,700	12	725	66,800	12	200	75,000	10	120	7,000	8	300	45,000	10	150	7,500	4	20	2,800	211	2,486	497,320	
Abia	8	20	1,200	8	152	12,000	8	554	18,000	9	554	18,000	5	99	9,500	8	115	7,500	11	825	45,000	7	85	3,000	15	300	35,000	10	400	5,000	13	120	7,000	11	360	36,000	15	205	8,000	14	21	1,250	142	380	206,650	
Abia	15	95	2,700	8	50	8,000	16	1,000	80,000	10	116	280,000	10	110	1,200	7	189	44,600	13	200	15,000	12	359	4,700	18	200	121,000	11	450	75,000	11	450	8,000	15	560	63,000	12	210	10,000	6	65	5,000	169	5519	710,620	
Abia	706	37,445	56,000	13	270	26,000	18	608	23,850	22	730	64,000	6	170	2,030	18	595	45,250	23	120	10,300	36	1,295	24,450	15	502	96,000	123	7,955	60,000	4	210	13,710	18	1,002	232,000	12	450	56,000	25	56	35,158	1,039	13,823	744,748	
Abia	31	640	30,495	7	73	5,000	9	219	15,000	21	1,147	15,600	10	301	6,000	8	90	3,000	15	603	50,000	11	549	50,500	10	158	15,000	14	895	17,035	20	45	8,000	10	326	25,000	13	36	5,000	6	92	29,000	185	5774	423,630	
Abia	6	95	45,000	3	25	45,000	2	23	56,500	6	100	25,000	4	58	5,000	11	85	45,000	15	455	60,000	12	366	12,500	9	111	15,000	6	45	80,000	12	300	56,000	12	400	45,000	8	102	6,000	2	32	15,000	108	2,197	511,000	
Abia	22	65	15,000	6	30	32,000	4	25	36,000	16	95	15,000	4	45	8,000	13	56	56,000	12	142	32,000	9	95	36,000	11	56	14,000	5	55	45,000	6	45	32,000	2	25	5,000	33	5,000	11	125	22,000	126	892	353,000		
Abia	8	60	7,450	11	102	36,000	15	112	8,000	12	56	10,000	13	150	8,000	18	800	14,000	12	125	8,000	14	300	25,000	13	145	3,000	16	400	7,800	14	276	40,000	11	121	75,000	9	45	3,000	5	50	3,000	171	2,142	241,450	
Abia	10	50	45,000	52	450	16,000	6	65	4,000	18	300	13,500	5	201	4,300	3	300	60,000	8	200	45,000	14	400	46,000	10	800	65,000	12	200	45,400	8	400	65,000	10	120	45,000	8	60	2,000	9	60	4,000	173	3,866	460,200	
Abia	7	100	65,345	8	35	2,500	9	88	63,000	10	185	10,000	12	11	4,500	47	520	80,325	13	684	6,000	11	345	20,000	11	1,924	35,345	10	67	44,200	10	169	15,000	8	25	56,000	10	138	25,000	8	62	3,500	174	9,953	437,115	
Total	13,09	65,514	66,6102	275	7,295	8,9062	3,801	9,999	94,770	415	40,998	277,980	1,174	4,465	57,770	1,251	27,256	92,148	411	8,765	55,304	391	1,379	1,238,650	3,831	8,530	11,123,915	712	1,6665	1,603,335	224	5,386	10,440	754	5,981	14,465	227	1,282	1,997,000	3,881	3,801	46,948	27,555	47,322	1,453,854	

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES COUNCIL

A. Performance of the Institution**1. Provision of Allocations**

Total receipts of the National Youth Services Council during the year 2018 were realized from the General Treasury and the Ministry and other state institutions in sums amounting to Rs. 1,752.4 million and Rs. 979.98 million respectively. Of it, a sum of Rs. 1,482.5 million as recurrent expenditure and a sum of Rs. 1,206 million as development and capital expenditure have been disbursed. The National Youth Services Council during the year has earned Rs. 243 million through its internal avenues of income.

2. Development Programs

The National Youth Services Council under its development programs implemented throughout the year has conducted 13,059 domestic programs towards the skill enhancement of youth with the participation of a host of youth numbering 701,025. The amount of money spent on these programs was Rs. 351.90 million. The 30th National Youth Sports Festival, the 31 Youth Services Rupavahini Volleyball Tournament and the Sports Training Camp gained prominence among the youth sports development activities undertaken during the year 2018. The National Youth Awards Competition and Awards Ceremony and the National Youth Drama Festival held under the aesthetic skills development activities were also in the limelight during the year. In addition to it, the National Youth Services Council has made arrangements to conduct diploma courses in Drama and Performing Arts, Youth Drama Shows and National Cultural Programs.

3. Technical and Vocational Training Activities

The number of students recruited for 454 full-time and part-time training courses conducted at 51 training centers by the National Youth Services Council under its Technical and Vocational Training Activities was 21,025. Of it, students numbering 15,601 or a percentage of 74.2% have completed the courses. The National Youth Services Council has spent out a sum amounting to Rs. 77.2 million for the vocational training development during the year 2018.

4. Entrepreneurial Capacity Development

The National Youth Services Council has spent out a sum to the value of Rs. 6.7 million during the year 2018 for its programs conducted to build the national entrepreneurial skills and 4392 participants have attended 79 training programmes held for that purpose.

5. Development of Farms

The National Youth Services Council during the year 2018 has maintained and carried on 11 farming centers and conducted 10 agricultural courses at 10 of such centers. 286 male and female youth have taken part in these courses.

6. International Youth Relations

As for the Youth Exchange Programs, the Global Youth Shipping Program and the Regional Youth Conferences and Workshops conducted during the year 2018 concerning the aspect of International Youth Relations, youth representatives numbering 172, 02 and 75 respectively have participated. The National Youth Services Council has set two international awards programs of the Duke of Edinburgh in 2018 and 1400 representatives have participated in these.

7. Youth Parliament Programme

The Youth Parliament Programme has been in operation during the year 2018 as well intending to provide opportunities for the young community to make government policies and gain practical experience in that process. In this exercise, the 3000 Community Development Projects Programme, "Youth with Talent" has been put into practice to identify the various problems faced by the people in rural and Urban areas and find solutions to them. Moreover, the National Youth Services Council during the year 2018 has implemented an extravagant entertainment program titled "Youth with Talent Show-2018" to find out the most outstanding youth with talent and dexterity.

8. Matters relating to Cadre and Development

During the year, 11 officers have been recruited to the permanent cadre of the National Youth Services Council anew. Steps were also taken to conduct 26 training programmes 7,186 officers and 03 capacity building programs for training 26,350 personnel disbursing a sum of Rs. 25.2 million during 2018.

9. Construction Work

Apart from this, the National Youth Services Council has also initiated action to implement 12 construction and renovation projects investing Rs. 376.3 million of Ministry provisions and 03 projects investing Rs. 65 million provisions received under the Sectorial Programs on Skills during the year 2018.

B. Short-term and Mid-term Measures

The short-term and midterm measures expected to be followed in the future for the enhancement of the Institution's performance are as shown below.

Short -Term Actions

01. Launch new programs to develop the skills (Sports, Aesthetics, Professional Training, Entrepreneurship,) of the Youths affiliated with the National Youth Services Council.
02. Work in cooperation with the Government, Non-Governmental Local and International institutions and Private institutions.
03. Identify the talents of the officers and positioning them accordingly.
04. Facilitate Youth with timely training and new technological knowledge to empower their economy.
05. Initiate International Language Courses for the Youths to be able to compete internationally.
06. Develop mutual understanding and leadership of Youths through cultural, educational, and political fields.
07. Organize various programs to build positive attitudes in the Youth community.

Medium-Term Actions.

01. Develop new technological systems required for an effective service.
02. Provide training, evaluation opportunities to develop the welfare, motivation and create a skilled staff based on current needs and create a positive and productive work environment.
03. Modernize the administrative structure to suit the development of the institution.
04. Modernize functioned programs in line with the new programs introduced nationally and internationally for youth skills development.
05. Take necessary steps to strengthen the economy by developing the entrepreneurial skills of the youth.
06. Create the Sri Lankan Pride among the Sri Lankan youth.

8. Report on Actions taken to rectify the shortcomings stipulated in the Audit Queries related to the year 2018

Audit Query No.	Audit Query and Matters raised by the said query	Corrective Measures and Actions supposed to be taken in the future
VTY/A/NYSC/ 2017/10	Investigations into the Activities of the NYSCO Video Division	Action was taken to purchase required equipment for the modernization of the NYSCO Video Division.
VTY/A/NYSC/ 2017/11	“Strengthening the capacity of Governments in the regions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) to respond to the needs of youth in formulating inclusive sustainable development policies” - A project implemented with the financial assistance of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)	Action has been taken to comply with the Circular issued by the General Treasury in respect of obtaining assistance from the foreign organizations to the effect that State Institutions should negotiate with the General Treasury prior to obtain assistance from the foreign organizations.
VTY/A/NYSC/ 2017/12	Investigation into hiring of video walls for the Yowun Puraya Programme held in March 2017	The bid has been awarded to the Air Supply Production (pvt) Ltd which had offered the minimum prices. Steps will be taken to recover the money paid in excess.
VTY/A/NYSC/ 2017/13	Construction of the Nilvala Youth Garden - Matara	Necessary action had been taken by the then Ministry of Youth Affairs and Skills Development to acquire the land legitimately for the construction of the Youth Garden. As allocations were not received to continue the construction work after 2015, it has been halted.
VTY/A/NYSC/ 2017/14	Investigations into Lands	The further development work could not be proceeded due to the difficulty in obtaining allocations for the lands received

		<p>from Beruwala and Sooriyarachchi Foundation.</p> <p>With respect to the lands to which the Council do not have legal ownership as raised by the audit query, action is being taken to acquire the legal ownership of lands.</p>
VTY/A/NYSC/2017/15	Activities of the Sectoral Skills Development Programme - National Youth Services Council	Since the construction work of Dambulla and Chilaw Training Centres has not yet been completed, the work in respect of obtaining accreditations to be obtained from the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission has also been delayed.
VTY/A/NYSC/SSDP/2017/16	Payment of Performance Allowance to the Officers under the Sectoral Skills Development Programme - National Youth Services Council	The payments were made taking into account the attendance of the officers concerned. So the officers whose attendance was not satisfactory were not paid the performance allowance.
VTY/A/NYSC/2017/A/17	Auditing of the Financial Statements - 2017	<p>The accounting deficiencies pointed out in the audit query has now been rectified.</p> <p>Work relating to preparation of Consolidated Financial Statements have not yet been completed.</p>
VTY/A/NYSC/2017/B/18	Auditor General's Report - 2017	The follow up activities in respect of recommendations of the internal audit reports as raised by the audit query has now been completed.
VTY/A/NYSC/2017/B/19	Investigation into delayed construction works - 2017 National Youth Services Council	<p>The underground sewerage system of the Maharagama Youth Centre mentioned in the audit query has been handed over to the National Water Supply and Drainage Board through a Memorandum of Understanding for the upgrading work.</p> <p>The National Water Supply and Drainage Board had awarded the said contract to a contractor on 25.08.2016. After completion of the contract on 22.02.2018, it has been handed over to the Maharagama Youth Centre.</p>

		<p>As of now, Rs. 28.85 has been paid including the consultation fees. When making the final payment, action was taken to recover charges on late work.</p> <p>Taken into consideration the already completed work in comparison to total contract work in respect of the contracts awarded for modernization of Dambulla and Lovelane training centres, the Consultation Firm has informed that it was not up to a satisfactory level. Further they have been provided with extension of contract period on several instances. However, the construction work was progressing very slowly. In line with the recommendations to discontinue the contract pertinent to the contract agreement, a notice has been issued terminate the contract.</p>
VTY/A/NYSC/2017 /B/20	Auditor General's Report - 2017	The supplier was informed regarding non-functioning machines due to non-inclusion of software, non-functioning machines even though required software has been installed, inability to obtain attendance reports from certain machines, breakdown of machines due to thunder strikes, other breakdown machines etc. and requested to repair them in order to resolve the issues associated with installation and functioning of the fingerprint machines as raised in the audit query.
VTY/A/NYSC/2018 /AQ/01	Auction of goods held on 25 May 2018 and destroying of disposable items	<p>The non-auctioned tires due to the unsatisfactory prices offered by the bidders were utilized at the Batangala Training Centre for agricultural purposes and to prevent soil erosion.</p> <p>With respect to the matters raised by the said query, action was taken to rectify the matters in the subsequent auctions.</p>
VTY/A/NYSC/2018 /AQ/02	Investigation into removal of 23 GI tubes being used at the	The officer in charge of the centre was questioned on the removal of 23 GI tubes

	Belwood Training Centre	which could be used further as per the query. He was instructed to supply new tubes in place of tubes which have been removed without authorization. News tubes have been provided thereafter and it was subject to annual board of survey conducted in 2018. The Officer concerned had been thoroughly advised.
VTY/A/NYSC/2018 /AQ/03	An investigation into arrears to be paid in connection with the annual Get-Together of the National Youth Services Council	The payments were delayed due to the fact that the party who had initially agreed to provide sponsorship has turned down the offer and then there was a time lag to find another sponsor. The said payment was made in 30.11.2018.

9.Related Reports/Documents

- Financial Report 2013, National Youth Services Council
- Financial Report 2014, National Youth Services Council
- Financial Report 2015, National Youth Services Council
- Financial Report 2016, National Youth Services Council
- Financial Report 2017, National Youth Services Council
- Financial Report 2018, National Youth Services Council
- Corporate Plan 2013-2018, National Youth Services Council
- Action Plan 2018, National Youth Services Council
- District wise Progress Reports, National Youth Services Council
- Section wise Progress Reports of the Head Office, National Youth Services Council
- Treasury/Ministry Development Expenditure Report – 2018, National Youth Services Council

Annexure 01

Audit Committee Report

In terms of the Circular issued relating to conducting of the Audit and Management Committee Meetings, the number of committee meetings to be convened per year is four (04). Due to the fact that the National Youth Service Council had been under the purview of different Ministries with in the year 2018, the Audit and Management Committee was appointed only on 05.12.2018 (the term of the Board of Directors of the Council appointed by the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, being the line ministry till March 2018, was ended, and then the said Ministry was changed as the Ministry of Project Management, Youth Affairs and Southern Development in April 2018, then it was changed to Ministry of Youth Affairs, Project Management and Southern Development in August 2018, and thereafter in November 2018 again the Line Ministry had been changed as Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs). Upon appointment of the committee, action was taken to schedule a meeting on 21.12.2018. However, due to political crisis happened during that time, the scheduled meeting had not been convened.

Annexure 02 - Financial Audit Statement

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**National Youth Services Council
Statement of Financial Position
as at 31.12.2018**

	Index No	2018	(Rs) 2017
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash equivalents	01	3,944	8,268
Receivables	02	311,968	298,665
Stocks	03	10,081	13,272
Other Current Assets	04	330	319
		<u>326,323</u>	<u>320,524</u>
Non Current Assets			
Other Financial Assets	05	919,500	755,703
Plant and Equipment	06	582,248	333,793
Lands and Buildings	07	1,128,090	748,046
		<u>2,629,838</u>	<u>1,837,542</u>
Total Assets		2,956,161	2,158,066
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	8	110,554	129,506
Other Liabilities	9	10,870	18,590
		<u>121,424</u>	<u>148,096</u>
Non-Current Liabilities			
Allocation of Graduity	10	432,190	433,167
Total Liabilities		<u>553,614</u>	<u>581,263</u>
Net Assets		<u>2,402,547</u>	<u>1,576,803</u>
Net Assets/Equity			
Contributed Capital of the other government			
Institutions	11	5,298,333	4,506,286
Reserves	12	177,208	34,155
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)		(3,072,994)	(2,963,638)
Total Net Assets/Equity		<u>2,402,547</u>	<u>1,576,803</u>

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G.D.T.S.Perera
Director (Finance)
National Youth Services Council

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W.G.S.Erandika(Attorney-at-Law)
Chariman/Director General
National Youth Services Council

The Board of Management of the Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Financial Statement including the Page No 01 to Page No 02 of the Accounting Policies and Page No 05 to Page 08 of the Accounting Notes.

This Financial Statement will be presented with the signature by approving on behalf of the Board of M:

01.Mr.Dasun Nagashena(Attorney-at-L Board Di

02. Mr.Sampath Dikkumbura Board Di

National Youth Services Council
Statement of Financial Performance
for the last quarter of the year ended at 31.12.2018

Description	Sub No	(Rs)	(Rs'000)
		2018	2017
Income			
Government Contribution(Recurrent)		999,930	918,170
Government Contribution(Development)		531,475	304,969
		1,531,405	1,223,139
External Contribution (Recurrent)			
Provincial Councils		147	150
Ministries and Government Institutions(Recurrent)		482,625	749,745
Foreign Organizations		10,972	30,128
Other External Institutions		3,483	2,090
		497,227	782,113
Internal Earnings			
Income of the National Youth Services Center(Maharaga	6-1	45,731	41,594
Training Centers Income	6-2	158,044	146,888
Various Income	6-4	23,057	10,932
Exhibition Income		3,001	3,823
Profit of Removal of Fixed Deposits		4,518	597
Farm Operating Account Profit	6-5	8,269	7,931
Provision of Doubtful Debts		440	993
		243,060	212,758
		2,271,692	2,218,010
Operating Expenses deducted:			
Institutional and Administrative Expenditure	7-1	1,124,736	1,075,990
Fixed Assets Depreciation	2-4	154,759	189,495
		(1,279,495)	(1,265,485)
		992,197	952,525
Youth Development Expenses 07			
Aesthetics Skills Development Division	2-1	94,017	39,019
Media Division	2-2	10,569	6,438
Research and Planning Division	2-3	2,505	1,803
Career Guidance and Counselling Division	2-4	6,154	
Technical and Vocational Training Division	2-6	29,223	56,289
National Youth Center Maintenance Division	2-7	3,360	2,121
International Youth Affairs Division	2-8	44,395	45,315
Youth Awards Authority Division	2-9	10,121	6,564
Sports Development Division	2-10	120,955	107,630
Youth Organizations and Development Division	2-11	101,991	94,778
Farm Development Division	2-12	13,433	9,509
Youth Cooperative and Business Development Division	2-13	6,906	2,600
NYSCO Video Division	2-14	3,765	3,277
Assessment Division	2-15	9,774	8,356
Information Technology Division	2-17	15,422	1,714
Special Project Division	2-18	447,738	697,245
Land Development Division	2-19	154	-
Training Centers	2-6	146,071	145,524
National Youth Center-Maharagama	2-6-1	35,000	16,863
		1,101,553	1,245,045
Expenditure Surplus of the year		(109,356)	(292,520)
Added			
Expenditure Surplus (2018.01.01)		(2,963,638)	(2,671,118)
Brought forward balance		(3,072,994)	(2,963,638)

Annexure 03 . - Auditor General's Report



Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and Operations of the National Youth Services Council for the year ended 31 December 2018 in terms of Article 154 (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the of National Youth Services Council for the year ended 31 December 2018 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Finance Act, No.38 of 1971. My comments and observations which I consider should be tabled in Parliament appear in this report.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in Paragraph 1.5 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council as at 31 December 2018, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 1.5 of this report.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAS). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Council's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern



and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Council or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Council's financial reporting process.

As per Sub-section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Council is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Council.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Council's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am



required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

The scope of the audit also extended to examine as far as possible, and as far as necessary the following;

- Whether the organization, systems, procedures, books, records and other documents have been properly and adequately designed from the point of view of the presentation of information to enable a continuous evaluation of the activities of the Council, and whether such systems, procedures, books, records and other documents are in effective operation;
- Whether the Council has complied with applicable written law, or other general or special directions issued by the governing body of the Council;
- Whether the Council has performed according to its powers, functions and duties; and
- Whether the resources of the Council had been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.

1.5 Financial Statements

1.5.1 Internal Control over the preparation of financial statements

The Council is required to "devise and maintain" a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that , transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with the applicable reporting standards, and to maintain accountability for assets, access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Issues with regard to maintenance of key accounting records such as General Ledger, Journal and Journal vouchers, payment vouchers etc. may include under the following headings.



1.5.2 Non-compliances with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards

The following observations are made.

Non-compliance with Reference to the Relevant Standard	Management Comment	Recommendation
(a) Due to failure in annually reviewing the useful life of non-current assets in terms of Section 65 of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, No. 07, a number of 477 buildings, 28,555 items of furniture, and 1,797 items of machinery had still been in use despite being fully depreciated by the end of the current year. Action had not been taken to revise the estimated error in terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, No.03. Furthermore, the gross carrying amount thereof had not been revealed in the financial statements.	Action will be taken in due course to revalue the assets with zero value in terms of Sri Lanka Accounting Standard, No. 03, thereby revealing the gross carrying amount in the accounts.	Action should be taken in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.
(b) According to Section 69 of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, No. 07, depreciation of an asset begins once it is made available for use. However, the assets costing Rs. 125,492,259 purchased in the year under review, had not been depreciated for the year under review. Furthermore, depreciations totaling Rs. 29,575,000 relating to the year under review in regard to 57 motor vehicles revalued in December 2017, had not been brought to accounts.	All the assets will be accurately depreciated in the year 2019 in accordance with the Standards, and adjustment on depreciation relating to the revalued vehicles will be rectified in the year 2019.	Action should be taken in accordance with the Accounting Standards.
(c) The livestock of the farms owned by the Council worth Rs. 2,986,920 from which an income of Rs. 4,644,701 had been earned in the year under review without being relevant to the items identified as stocks in terms of Section 11 of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, No. 09, had	Action will be taken for the stock of livestock mentioned in the audit observation, to be brought into accounts as non-current assets.	The assets and the stock should be separately identified and brought to accounts in terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting



inappropriately been identified as stocks and shown under current assets.

Standards.

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| (d) In terms of Section 15 of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard, No. 09 the stocks should be valued to the cost or the net realization value, whichever is less. Contrary to that, the stocks policy had been identified to value on the cost of the stock. | Action will be take in due course to value the stocks in terms of Section 15 of the Sri Lanka Accounting Standard, No. 09 | The Accounting Standards should be adhered to. |
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1.5.3 Accounting Policies

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
Capital grants amounting to Rs. 5,298,332,712 had been shown as Government grants and grants received from foreign countries as equities in the statement of financial position. However, an accounting policy had not been identified in order to identify them as income on a systematic basis.	As for the assets shown in the statement of financial position as Government grants and grants received from foreign countries, action will be taken to maintain the policy of adjusting the relevant cumulative value of depreciation under this equity when eliminating assets in accordance with physical survey.	Action should be taken to identify the Government grants as deferred income on systematic basis.

1.5.4 Accounting Deficiencies

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
(a) Action had not been taken even up to the end of the year under review to assess and account the values of lands taken over during the period of 1984 - 2014 for maintaining 11 training centers, 05 lands legally owned by the Council, and 06 vehicles belonging to the Council.	Letters have been sent to the Lands Division informing to assess the value of those lands and report to the Accounts Division. corrections will be made on vehicles in due course.	Action should be taken to assess and account the values of assets legally owned by the Council, or being used by the Council.



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| <p>(b) A number of 289 mini Laptops worth Rs. 14,016,500 distributed among Members of Youth Parliament on the basis of non-recovery following a decision taken by the Council in the year 2016, had not been included in the value of computers and electric appliances shown in the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018. As such, the assets had been overstated by that amount whilst the annual depreciation and the balance in depreciation allocation account had been overstated by sums of Rs. 2,803,300 and Rs. 8,409,900 respectively.</p> | <p>Corrective measures will be taken in the year 2019.</p> | <p>Action should be taken to accurately identify and account the assets of the Council.</p> |
| <p>(c) The sum of Rs. 4,075,000 recoverable for the period from 06 November 2012 up to 31 December 2018 with respect to 02 vehicles given on lease by the Council to the Sri Lanka Youth Services (Pvt) Limited, had not been brought to accounts.</p> | <p>Even though letters have been sent to the company requesting to pay the rentals on the relevant vehicles, no replies have been sent, nor have the rentals been paid.</p> | <p>Action should be taken either to recover the monies, or retrieve the vehicles.</p> |
| <p>(d) Expenses of the preceding year totaling Rs. 32,065,606 had been brought to accounts as the expenses of the year under review whereas the accrual expenses amounting to Rs. 13,988,144 relating to the year under review had not been accounted.</p> | <p>Although provision was made for the year, expenses were made in accordance with the monies received. The bills in hand were settled by utilizing the provision of the year 2018 in terms of Circular, No. BD/CPB/4/1/9/-2018 of the Ministry of Finance and Media, and Section 04 of the Circular, No. 3/2017 of the Secretary to the Treasury, dated</p> | <p>When preparing the financial statements, the expenses should be accounted on accrual basis.</p> |



2017.12.27. As such, the values of vouchers relating to the year 2017 had not been brought to accounts, and the payments relating to the year 2018 had been settled in the year 2019.

1.5.5 Consolidation

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
The Sri Lanka Youth Services (Pvt) Limited had been established in the year 1981 with 98 per cent of its shares being owned by the National Youth Services Council, but the financial statements of the company had not been consolidated with that of the Council, thus failing to prepare consolidated financial statements.	Action will be taken to present consolidated financial statements in the year 2019.	The consolidated financial statements should be presented by consolidating the financial information of the Council with that of the Sri Lanka Youth Services (Pvt) Limited.

1.6 Accounts Receivable

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
As the verdicts returned by the court had not been heeded, the Council could not recover the sum totaling Rs. 600,000 receivable from 2 persons as at 31 December 2018.	The law investigation division has been informed that the monies receivable monthly from the relevant officers, were not being recovered.	Follow up action should be taken on the measures taken by the law investigation division, thus the monies receivable should be recovered.



2. Financial Review

Financial Results

The operating result of the year under review had been a deficit of Rs. 109,356,000 as compared with the corresponding deficit of Rs. 292,520,000 for the preceding year, thus observing an increase of Rs. 183,164,000 in the financial result. This increase had mainly been attributed by the decrease in youth development expenses by a sum of Rs. 143,492,000 and the increase in internal earnings by a sum of Rs. 30,302,000.

3: Operating Review

3.1 Uneconomic Transactions

The following observation is made.

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
(a) A sum totaling Rs. 1,029,518 had been incurred on air tickets and casual expenses for a Directress of the Council and 2 youth agents in regard to their participation in a youth conference held in United States of America on 30 & 31 January, 2018. However, due to failure in obtaining approval for Visa within the specified time, they had left the country on the date of conclusion of the said conference. As such, the expense incurred had become uneconomic.	Visas had been received on 2018.01.30 and the programme had commenced on 2018.01.30 with conclusion on 2018.01.31. However, due to reasons such as, the follow up action thereof had continued on 2018.02.01, and the Sri Lankan youth would be deprived of such a chance in the future if no one participated therein in representation of National Youth Services Council being an entity involved in youth affairs in Sri Lanka by unheeding the special invitation of the US, the said trio had been dispatched to take part in the programme despite being delayed.	The provisions and facilities should be made available to ensure participation in the conference from the date of commencement itself whilst drawing attention on the utilization of public funds with economy.
(b) Under the process of adding new countries to the international youth exchange programmes, 03 officers of the Council had toured in China spending a sum of Rs. 1,738,966	Matters of observation were identified from among the opinions and proposals presented in the discussions. As this relates to the participation in youth	Action should be taken to improve the performance of the Council by means of those



during a period of 05 days from 09 July 2018 to 14 July 2018 to hold a discussion with a youth organization in china. Nevertheless, the Council had reaped no benefits even up to 30 July 2019 as a result of those discussions programmes held among institutions, a signed agreement exists as to how expenses would be incurred when interacting with those institutions after the tour. discussions. Funds of the Government should be utilized in a productive manner.

3.2 Management Inefficiencies

The following observations are made.

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
(a) Although the Treasury had approved a provision of Rs. 5,000,000 for the international Youth Day celebration festival in the year 2018, expenses amounting to Rs. 9,602,715 had been incurred in excess of that limit. Provision made on two other programmes had been made use of thereon.	Expenses could be minimized by implementing the "No Drugs Api Youth" programme included in the annual plan for the year 2018 and the "Youth With Talent 2018" programme in consolidation with international youth day programme. Additional funds had been obtained through the "No Drugs Api Youth" programme, and the Youth Parliament programme.	Attention should be drawn to manage expenses within the limits of provision approved for the programmes.
(b) According to the project report for the "Yovunpura" programme of the year 2018, the estimated cost amounted to Rs. 150 million, but a sum of Rs. 176,578,040 had been spent thereon, thus exceeding the approved limit by a sum of Rs. 26,568,040.	It was planned to conduct the "Yovunpura" programme - 2018 incurring a sum of Rs. 150 million with the participation of 7000 youth. However, an additional amount had to be incurred on activities such as, obtaining 250 additional tents from external institutions, paying sums in millions to Government institutions like the Ceylon Electricity Board and the Water Supply and Drainage Board on sanitary and water facilities,	The approved expenses estimated should be incurred.



improvement of infrastructure, and awarding souvenirs such as, T-shirts, caps & mugs to the participants.

3.3 Transactions of Contentious Nature

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
<p>The National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979 states the objectives such as, establishment of youth associations, assisting the associations already established in view of the welfare of youth, establishment and registration of youth associations, providing such associations with instructions and technical knowledge, and providing financial assistance. Contrary to that, sums of Rs. 3,050,000 and Rs. 3,219,500 had been given to the Sri Lanka Youth Society Conference for the execution of 9 items of work relating to the programme for celebrating international Youth Day of the year under review, and providing refreshments for "Yovunpura" programme respectively.</p> <p>Furthermore, those works had been assigned to the Sri Lanka Youth Society Conference without following the procurement process. The relevant files had not been made available to the Audit even up to 31 December 2018 for examining the expenses in that connection.</p>	<p>Grants amounting to Rs. 3,050,000 had been provided for the Sri Lanka Youth Society Conference upon approval of the Board of Directors of the Council, and 9 items of work had been executed with those monies.</p> <p>The Sri Lanka Youth Society Conference requests to execute the tasks of the "Yovunpura" programme by themselves. As the said tasks should be executed responsibly and properly, the Sri Lanka Youth Society Conference, following approval of the Board of Directors of the Council, was entrusted thereto so as to gain experience in that connection.</p> <p>The Sri Lanka Youth Society Conference, has been instructed to promptly furnish the relevant files.</p>	<p>The Act of the Council and Government Procurement Guidelines, should be adhered to.</p>



3.4 Delays in Projects and Capital Works

The following observations are made.

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
<p>(a) Due to low progress relating to renovation and modification of the Love Lane training center in Trincomalee, and the Swiss training center in Dambulla with agreed values amounting to Rs. 73,007,519 and Rs. 68,903,239 respectively, the contract agreements had been cancelled in the year 2018. However, action had not been taken up to 31 July 2019 in terms of Government Procurement Guidelines for blacklisting the contractor. No other contractor had been awarded a contract up to 30 June 2019 for completing the rest of the works.</p>	<p>All the plans and engineering estimates required for completing the rest of the works of the 2 projects have been provided by the consultancy firm. Due to inadequacy of provision granted for the year 2019 under the Skills Sector Development Project, additional provision has been requested. As such, it was stated that the two projects would be implemented by taking into account the provision received by the National Youth Services Council as well. The secretary to the Line Ministry will be informed in due course with regard to blacklisting the contractor.</p>	<p>The projects should be commenced by utilizing the provision received whilst taking action to conduct training programs as scheduled at the training centers by avoiding delays.</p>
<p>(b) Stages I and II of the works for modernization and new constructions relating to the Bellwood Aesthetic Residence should have been completed by 02 November 2018 and 31 March 2019 respectively. However, the progress thereof remained as low as 60 per cent and 8 per cent respectively as at 30 June 2019.</p>	<p>The contract for Bellwood Stage I has not been completed, and the works continue at a slower pace. Penalties for delay totaling Rs. 1,395,210 have been charged on the bills furnished. Due to lack of satisfactory progress, action will be taken in due course in terms of conditions of the contract to prohibit works at the site.</p> <p>Contract for Stage II proceeds at a slower pace, and the contractor has been informed thereon.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to get the relevant works done in terms of the agreements.</p>



3.5 Deficiencies in Contract Administration

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
<p>In terms of Circular, No. 02/2016 of the National Youth Services Council, dated 11 February 2016, contracts with the value ranging from Rs. 100 million to Rs. 200 million should be entered into under approval of the Procurement Committee of the Ministry. Nevertheless, the work of modernization and new constructions relating to the Bellwood Aesthetic Residence had been divided into two segments as Stage I and Stage II with values amounting to Rs. 99.66 million and Rs. 97.79 million respectively without an acceptable reason. Accordingly, the said contract had been awarded to the same contractor in 2 instances in the year 2017 under approval of the Procurement Committee of the Department.</p> <p>Furthermore, before commencing constructions of the new building under Stage II, demolition of the old building should have been completed under Stage I. Nevertheless, contract for Stage II had been awarded and a payment of Rs. 22,491,900 had been paid prior to 10 months of the completion of contract period of Stage I without meeting the preliminary requirements for the commencement of the works.</p>	<p>A limited amount of provision had been allocated for the constructions of this project in the Action Plan of the year 2017. The contract was awarded in July 2017 as Stage I in line with the amount of provision made.</p> <p>As 07 projects mentioned in the Action Plan, had not been implemented by the end of the year 2017, the Action Plan was revised based on "expediting the Government procurements" stated in Government Procurement Guidelines with the objective of maximum utilization of provision received, thus awarding the Bellwood Stage II contract on 30 December 2017.</p> <p>The contract under Stage I relating to constructions and modernization of Bellwood Aesthetic Residence, should have been commenced on 2017.08.03 and completed by 2018.11.02. The contract for Stage II should have been commenced on 2018.01.05 and completed by 2019.04.25. As such, demolition of the building had been commenced in September 2017 under Stage I. the preliminary works of Stage II had been commenced in January 2018.</p>	<p>Provisions of the Government Procurement Guidelines should be adhered to. Action should be taken with proper supervision to ensure that the contracts are completed on time.</p>



3.6 Human Resource Management

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
<p>Action should be taken to recruit permanent officers in accordance with the Scheme of Recruitment approved in terms of Section 3.3 of Chapter IV of the Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. However, 14 Assistant Youth Service Officers and a Management Assistant (Non technical) had been recruited on casual basis for a period ranging from 09 months to 04 years. Eleven of them had not met even the basic qualifications mentioned in the Scheme of Recruitment.</p>	<p>Recruitments had been made in the year 2014 based on requirements of the Council. Even though instructions had been sought from the Ministry with respect to unqualified officers, no instructions have been received. As such, further action will be taken once the instructions are received.</p>	<p>Action should be taken to recruit officers in accordance with qualifications stated in the Scheme of Recruitment.</p>

3.7 Sustainable Development Goals

Audit Observation	Management Comment	Recommendation
<p>Every public institution should comply with "2030 Agenda" on sustainable development adopted by the United Nations. The National Youth Services Council had not taken measures to identify the Sustainable Development Goals and targets under their scope.</p>	<p>No comments.</p>	<p>Action should be taken in compliance with Circular, No. NP/SP/SDG/17 of the Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, dated 14 August 2017.</p>

The Auditor General's Report on the Financial Statements of the National Youth Services Council for the year ended 31st of December 2018 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No 19 of 2018

Audit Observation	Current Status	Director in-charge of the Subject
1. Financial Statements		
<p>1.1 Opinion The opinion will be determined upon taking into account the matters presented in respect of the audit observations contained in the draft report.</p>		
1.2 Basis for the Opinion		
<p>(a)The consolidated financial statements had not been prepared by consolidating the financial statements of the Youth Services Company (Pvt) Limited, which was initiated in 1981 with the share capital entitlement of 98% by the National Youth Services Council, with the financial statements of the Council (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/16)</p>	Action will be taken to present the Consolidated Financial Statements in 2019.	Director (Finance)
<p>(b) Expenditure relevant to the year 2017 to a sum of Rs. 32,065,606 has been brought to the accounts as an expenditure of the year under the review.</p>	<p>The voucher amounts with respect to the year 2017 have not been brought to the accounts taking into consideration the following facts. 1. Even though allocations have been made relevant to the year 2017 expenses were incurred in terms of monies received. And payments with respect to the bills in hand were made utilizing allocations of 2018 pertinent to the paragraph 3 of Circular No.03/2017 issued by the Treasury Secretary and Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Mass Media (Letter No. BD/CPB/4/1/9/-2018 dated 27.12.2017)</p>	Director (Finance)

<p>(c) The expenditure payable amounting to Rs. 13,988,144 relevant to the year under review has not been brought to the accounts. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/16)</p>	<p>Security Expenditure of December 2018 amounting to Rs. 5,675,120 was paid in February 2019. With respect to other vouchers, payments were made as shown below (relevant to Divisions)</p> <p>5(34) Janitorial Expenditure Rs.2.836,283.40</p> <p>5(9) Printing Expenditure Rs.6,243,506.00</p> <p>3(6)5(12) Entertainment Expenses Rs.4,713,003.00</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>
<p>(d) The sum of Rs. 4,075,000 for the duration of 06 November 2012 to 31 December 2018 payable to the Council by the Youth Services Company (Pvt) Limited in respect of the 02 vehicles given to the latter on lease basis has not been brought into the accounts. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/15)</p>	<p>The sum of Rs. 4,075,000 which is the due monthly rental from the Youth Services Company (Pvt) Limited was brought to the account as debtors account. (Journal No. 98) Action will be taken to recover the said sum in 2019.</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>
<p>(e) Since non-current assets were not depreciated annually during their useful time in terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 07 (paragraph 65), 447 buildings, 28,555 units of furniture items and 1,797 machinery units which had completely been depreciated, were still under use. The estimated deficiency so arisen was not corrected in terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 03. Further, gross carrying amounts were not disclosed in the financial statements. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/18)</p>	<p>Action will be taken to disclose gross carrying value after revaluation of the assets which reach 0 in terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 03.</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>

<p>(f) Action had not been taken even up to end of the year under review to value and bring into books the values in respect of 11 lands taken over by the council during the period of 1984- 2014 to maintain 11 Training Centres, 05 lands legally owned by the Council and 08 vehicles owned by the Council.</p>	<p>The letters have been forwarded informing relevant authorities to furnish the assessed value of lands in which 11 training centres are located to the Accounts Division. Further, the Lands Division was informed to assess the value of other 05 lands and furnish the relevant information. Upon receiving the said values, action will be taken to bring them into books.</p> <p>Since the vehicles bearing nos. 27-5984 and 27-5985 are not owned by the Council, the details of them are not included in the financial statements. Since the said vehicles were belonged to the Ministry of Manpower Utilization, they were handed over to the said Ministry and Transport Officers have informed it in writing on 06.12.2013.</p> <p>Later on, the said two vehicles were again handed over to the National Youth Services Council. Upon taking over them, they were kept at the Sapugaskanda Training Centre until its disposal in future.</p> <p>The Transport Division has informed that the tractor bearing no. 37-6665 has been obtained for the training course at Ethungama Training Centre.</p> <p>Necessary action will be taken upon obtaining necessary details in respect of the motor coach vehicle bearing no. NC-0859.</p> <p>Action will be taken in future subsequent to obtaining required details on these motor bikes from the Transport Division.</p> <p>The trishaw bearing no. YG-7110 has been brought to the financial statements.</p> <p>The total value of bicycle bearing no. TD-9198, bicycle bearing no. TD-9206, bicycle bearing no. TD-9263 and trishaw bearing no. YG-7110 stood at Rs. 334,320/-. However the number of the trishaw was erroneously mentioned as 207-4654 in third page of the Schedule. The value of the trishaw bearing no.207-4654 was accounted</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>
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	as Rs. 160,350/- in the second page of the schedule.	
(g) In terms of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 07, depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use. However, assets to a value of Rs. 125,492,259 bought in the year under review had not been depreciated in the year under review.	Action will be taken to depreciate all assets accurately in terms of accounting standards in 2019.	Director (Finance)
(h) Even though Rs.5,298,332,712 was stated as grants of government and grants of other countries in the Statement of Financial Position, an accounting standard had not been identified to recognize them as revenue under a proper basis. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/16)	Assets stated in the Statement of Financial Position as grants of government and grants of other countries will be subject to physical surveys during the assets disposal. The accumulated depreciation will be adjusted under equity and will be maintained it as a standard.	Director (Finance)
(i) 289 mini-laptop computers amounting to Rs. 14,016,500, which had been distributed among members of the youth parliament on non-returnable basis pertinent to a Council decision in 2016, had been included under computer and electric equipment in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2018. Thus assets were overstated by the said amount and balance of the annual depreciation account and reservations for annual depreciation account were overstated by Rs. 2,803,300 and Rs. 8,409,900 respectively. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/A)	Action will be taken to rectify it in 2019.	Director (Finance)

<p>(j) Even though the loan balance payable to the Youth Services Company (Pvt) Limited as at the end of the year under review was shown as Rs. 110,000 in the financial statements of the Council, the sum of loan balances to be recoverable from the council as at the same date by the Company amounted to Rs. 79,713,942 as to the information presented by the Company for audit purposes. So balance of Rs. 79,603,942 was observed between the said two loan balances. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/16)</p>	<p>So far unresolved balance amounts to Rs. 110,000 out of the balance recorded in the accounts in 2015 as the Debtors' Balance payable to the Youth Services Company (Pvt) Limited. The Vouchers had not been submitted for the said amount yet. Rs.20 Mn has been paid so far for the vouchers presented during the preparation of financial statements.</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>
<p>(k) The livestock reared in the farms belonging to the Council has contributed to earn revenue of Rs. 4,644,701 during 2018. In terms of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards 09 (paragraph 11), the said livestock which amounted to Rs. 2,986,920 cannot be recognized and included in an inventory, but it had been inappropriately identified as an inventory and brought to books under current assets. Further it had been observed that it was inappropriate to mention livestock under current assets in terms of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards 01 (paragraph 76).</p>	<p>In terms of the audit observations, action will be taken to bring livestock as non-current assets into the accounts.</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>
<p>(i) According to the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards 09 (paragraph 15), inventories shall be measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value. However, on contrary to it, inventories had been measured at cost. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/16)</p>	<p>Action will be taken to measure inventories according to the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards 09 (paragraph 15).</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>

<p>(j) With respect to 57 motor vehicles revalued in 2017, depreciation of them into a sum of Rs. 29,575,000 for the year under the review has not been brought to the accounts. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/18)</p>	<p>Action will be taken to rectify it in 2019.</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>
<p>1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements</p>		
<p>1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements</p>		
<p>2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements</p>		
<p>(a) Neither disposal nor repair work had been carried out even by the date of Audit i.e. 31 March 2019 in respect of the 14 disposed vehicles and 14 vehicles which were in the repairable condition during the period from 2013 to 2018.</p>	<p><u>In respect of the disposable vehicles</u></p> <p>With respect to vehicles to be disposed but not yet disposed as stated in the list from 01-04 namely, 27 ൽ 5984 / 27 ൽ 5985 / 41 ൽ 3420 /29 ൽ 6264, it has been referred to the Assistant Director (Supplies) on 19/11/2018 upon completing all the tasks to be undertaken by the Transport Division for disposal.</p> <p>Even though the Nissan Cab bearing No. 50-4585 had been given to the Council's District Office at Moneragala under the Integrated Rural Development Project of Moneragala, the legitimate ownership of the said vehicle lies with the Secretary to the Ministry of Plan Implementation. The Project Director had informed to the Council in 2016 to obtain the legal ownership the vehicles and the necessary documents to this effect were completed and referred to the relevant authorities. However, this transfer had not taken place properly. The documents to this effect had again completed and referred to the Director (Planning) of the Moneragala District Secretariat. However, the said task had not been taken place up to 2015. When the matter was frequently referred to the Director (Planning), we were instructed to forward relevant documents in 2015. Even though relevant documents in this regard</p>	<p>Director (Administration)</p>

	<p>had been forwarded again, the transfer of ownership of the vehicle has yet to be done. The said cab has now been kept in the Sapugaskanda Training Centre and the engine was caught fire due to a fault. It has to be repaired and the body is also decaying.</p> <p>Since, there was some discrepancy between the registration certificate and the chassis number with respect to the Toyota-HiAce bearing no, 50-6575, the Motor Vehicle Examiner has instructed us to obtain amended registration certificate from the Department of Motor Traffic. Accordingly, a request was made on 26.04.2018 from the Commissioner General of the Motor Traffic to issue an amended registration certificate. The amended registration certificate was received on 23.01.2019, the vehicle has been referred to the Board examining the vehicles to be auctioned.</p> <p>The vehicles bearing nos. 51-7262, 52-0751, 52- 0274, 53-5863, 56-7964, 56-7970, 56-7972 have been referred to Board examining the vehicles to be auctioned on 11.01.2019. The Motor Vehicle Examiner had informed that further action in respect of the Bajaj trishaw could not be taken as the place where the chassis number was located had been subjected to complete decay and so that the identity of the vehicle could not be confirmed. Assistance from the Department of Motor Traffic could not be sought in this regard. Thus, the Council should have to determine the future course of action of this vehicle.</p> <p><u>In respect of the vehicles which can be repairable</u></p> <p>Since the allocations for vehicle repairs for the first quarter of the year 2019 had already been utilized, it has been decided that the vehicles bearing nos. 41-6415, 41-9248, 42-0118, 56-7973, 62-2258 will be repaired by utilizing the allocations to be made in the course of time.</p> <p>The approval of the Director General has been received on 13.11.2018 to repair the vehicle bearing no. 41-9226 and steps were</p>	
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	<p>taken to call quotations.</p> <p>The vehicles bearing nos. 53- 5859, 56-7967, 56- 7971 have been referred to the Board examining the vehicles to be auctioned.</p> <p>The vehicle bearing no. 53-5860, which has been allocated to the Heiyantuduwa Training Centre, was brought to the Head Office for repair work and it has now been completed.</p> <p>The vehicle bearing no. 56 – 7968 has been allocated to the Dambulla Training Centre and it was subjected to repair due to a fault in the injector pump. The repair work has now been completed.</p> <p>The vehicle bearing no. 56–7965 has been allocated to the Ratmalana Training Centre.</p> <p>KC-6600 Peugeot Motor car which was registered under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports was earlier given to the General Manager of the Sri Lanka National Youth Services Cooperative Societies Association Ltd. Then, it was taken from Cooperative Societies Association to the National Youth Services Council. This car had been in use up to 2015. Since it's not in use at present, it has been informed on 04.05.2018 to the Secretary, Ministry of Project Management, Youth affairs and Southern Development to get it back.</p> <p>The PE-0697 Cab was met with in accident in May 2017 and it was sent to the local agents for repairing. Upon completion of repair work by 17.12.2018, it has been used since 11.01.2019.</p>	
<p>(b) 1455 units of goods belonging to 08 categories of good items including sports equipment to a sum of Rs. 554,525 as at 31 December 2018 under the balance of consumable inventory remained in stores for more than 02 years without being distributed to relevant parties. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/15)</p>	<p>The earth rods amounting to Rs. 51,925 mentioned under the inventory no. G 09-349 is being kept in the stores. It is being kept so as it may be required for programmes to be conducted in the future. Even though 14 no. of volleyballs mentioned under the inventory no. B 10-545 had already been distributed temporarily, it has not been handed over yet properly (a shortfall). It has been instructed to recover the relevant amount.</p> <p>10 no. of volleyballs have been kept for disposal. The remaining stock has already been issued.</p> <p>Other goods in addition to the</p>	<p>Director (Finance)</p>

	<p>mentioned goods have been distributed among District Offices and Training Centres as of now.</p>	
<p>(c) Rs. 9,602,715 and Rs. 26,568,040 had been spent exceeding the allocated provisions for the International Youth Day Celebrations and the Yowun Puraya Programme respectively in the year 2018 by the Council. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/07)</p>	<p>When formulating development plans of 2018, it had earlier been planned to commemorate International Youth Day within the treasury allocation of Rs. 5,000,000.00. Taken into consideration the fact that the huge cost to be incurred if two separate inauguration programmes be organized for “No Drugs we Youth” and 2018 Youth With talent too as stipulated in the 2018 Annual Action Plan, the said programmes were integrated into to the International Youth Day celebrations in view of minimizing the cost. Therefore, additional provision of Rs. 9,602,715.00 had been expended in order to commemorate International Youth Day as an extended programme. The additional provisions were obtained from the allocations reserved for “No Drugs we Youth” and “Youth Parliament Programme”.</p> <p>Given the huge publicity made to the celebration and the <i>Nelum Pokuna</i> was very well decorated attractively, a large number of youth club members, trainees of the training centres and other youth as well were attended to the International Youth Day celebration programme. It was held to a grand success because of the participation of 5000 youths of Colombo District Guides Jamboree and participation of a large gathering to the night musical show and the food festival.</p> <p>The “Yowun Puraya -2017” was held in grand success with the participation of 6000 youths whilst spending Rs. 150 mn. Similarly, the “Yowun Puraya -2018” was too organized to hold in grand success with the participation of 7000 youths whilst spending Rs. 150 mn.</p> <p>i. It was initially planned to obtain</p>	<p>Director (Development)</p>

	<p>tents from the Sri Lanka Army and the Department of Disaster Management to provide residential facilities for the participant youths. Since two institutions did not have enough tents, a large sum of money was incurred to purchase additional tents to meet the requirement.</p> <p>ii. The assistance of the institutions such as Civil Defence Force was obtained to provide sanitary facilities, water supply etc. in order to meet the demands of as many as 7000 youth participants adequately. However, millions of rupees had to be incurred in respect of the services provided by the Ceylon Electricity Board and National Water Supply and Drainage Board. Thus the costs were exceeded than anticipated costs.</p> <p>iii. Since the programme was organized anticipating the participation of 7000 youths, the additional expenses had to be incurred in respect of all programmes held therein which includes increasing infrastructure facilities and to present participants with presents such as t-shirt, mugs, cap etc.</p> <p>iv. Since the estimated cost of RS. 150 mn had not been adequate for the programme, additional allocations were utilized.</p> <p>v. The photographs which is a testimony to the massive scale of the said programme and its complexity have been documented herein.</p> <p>Action taken to rectify the relevant facts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To advise all the Divisions to organize the Yowun Puraya (2019) in a manner which encounters minimum financial issues. 	
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<p>(d) The physical progress as of 31 December 2018 with respect to 08 projects with a contract value of Rs. 759,698,584 and scheduled to be completed within 16 August 2018 to 25 April 2019 stood at 7-67% only.</p>	<p>The Projects, which have been initiated in mid of 2017, were scheduled to be completed in 2018 and 2019. However, the allocations were not received as anticipated and payments of bills had also been delayed resulting delays in completion of all contracts. Similarly, all contracts are continuing in 2019 very slowly with little progress and any of the bill has not yet been settled since January.</p>	<p>Director (Administration)</p>
<p>(e) Pursuant to the National Youth Services Council's Circular No. 02/2016 dated 11 February 2016, the contracts to a value of Rs.100-200 million should be offered under the approval of the ministerial procurement committee. However, the renovation and new constructions of the Belwood Aesthetic Centre had been divided into two stages as Phase I and Phase II with contract values of Rs. 99.66 Mn and Rs. 97.79 Mn respectively without any substantive basis. It has been awarded to the same contractor on two instances in 2017 subject to the approval of departmental procurement committee. Further, an advance of Rs. 22,491,900 had been paid for the phase II, prior to the demolition of the old building which is mentioned as a task in Phase I.</p> <p>(Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/05)</p>	<p>A limited allocation had been reserved for this project at the beginning of the year as per the approved action plan related to constructions.</p> <p>The Procurement Committee, having taken into consideration the whole estimate of the project provided by the Consultation Company, decided to prioritize the tasks in line with the allocations and offered the contract of phase I in July 2017 which includes the priority based construction activities (hostel, dining hall and toilets).</p> <p>Since 07 projects had not been implemented as per the action plan by the end of 2017, the action plan was revised in November in order to include new projects with the objective of utilization of allocations effectively on the basis of "expedition of government procurement activities" as stipulated in the Government Procurement Guidelines.</p> <p>To this effect, the projects to be prioritized had been identified and allocations were made to such projects. Accordingly, the contract for Belwood phase II was awarded on 30 December 2017.</p> <p>Even though demolition of the main building has been included in the phase I of the contract, the phase II includes the work associated with demolition and other removals and building of transformer room. Thus, the Consultation Company has awarded the contract of phase II on 30 December 2018, and accordingly Contract</p>	<p>Director (Administration)</p>

	<p>Company has started initial work. Due to the investigations into the demolition of the old main building made by external parties, it had been temporarily halted. The whole scheduled process had been delayed to a great extent in consequence of such matters.</p>	
<p>(f) A sum of Rs. 1,029,518 had been incurred for the air tickets and incidental allowances in respect of one of the members of the Board of Directors of the Council and 02 youth representatives to participate for a youth conference held in the United States of America on 30th and 31st December 2018. The said expenses had turn into futile expenditure due to the fact that visas were not approved within the given time and they left the country on the day on which the conference was ended. (Reference to the Audit Query:- VTY/A/NYSC/2018/AQ/09</p>	<p>Mrs. Sudharshi Baghya Karunaratne, a member of the Board of Directors of the Council and 02 youth representatives were participated at the ECOSOC Youth Forum 2018 held in the United States of America on 30th and 31st December 2018, representing the National Youth Services Council.</p> <p>A sum of Rs. 1,029,518.00 had been incurred for the said 03 representatives in respect of the air tickets, visa charges, cancellation of the air tickets, incidental allowances and food and residential expenses. Even though visa had been applied within specified dates, the visas were subject to cancellation due to the fact that various legal aspects followed by the US Embassy. As there was sufficient time available to apply visa again and because of the compelling need to participate in the programme, they had applied for visas again (the expenses for applying for visa again were borne by the said three participants themselves.) They received visas on 30.01.2018. On the availability of flight facilities, one youth representative had left the island in the morning on 30.01.2018 and other youth representative left the country in the afternoon on 30.01.2018.</p> <p>Even though the programme was started on 30.01.2018 and ended on 31.01.201, we were aware of the fact that follow up activities of the programme were further held on 01.02.2018 (from the participants who attended this programmes previously and as informed by the then Additional Secretary (Youth Affairs) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs over the phone). So we have made attempts to get them participate in the said conference even lately because if anyone would not participate in the</p>	<p>Director (Development)</p>

	<p>programme representing the National Youth Services Council, being the organization engages in youth activities in Sri Lanka at the special invitation of the United States may lead to missing the future opportunities. However, three of them had a chance even at the last moment to participate in the programme.</p> <p>Further, the said two youth representatives and one members from the Board of Directors of the Council would be provided with the opportunities to share their experience and knowledge at the training of foreign squads programme to be held in 2019 and at an International Youth Conference (even most powerful nations are connected). I am of the view that it cannot be considered as a futile expenditure as it is an excellent opportunity to youths of Sri Lanka as a developing country to participate in such a conference even at the last moment.</p> <p>I wish to mention that even in the previous replies in respect of the audit queries raised in this regard, we have explained the participation, selection and necessity of the said tour.</p>	
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