



**HelpAge
Sri Lanka**

Annual Report
2015/16



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The photographs displayed in the Annual Report highlight the activities that promote mental and physical well-being of the elderly.

Our Vision

“A world in which all older people fulfil their potential to lead dignified, active, healthy and secure lives.”

Our Mission

“By working together, we ensure that people in Sri Lanka understand how much older people contribute to society and that they must enjoy their right to healthcare, social services and economic and physical security.”

Who We Are

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) was established in 1986, following the first World Assembly on Ageing, held in Vienna in 1982. Our initial services and programmes were developed based on the 62 recommendations of the first World Assembly. This was followed by the United Nations Principles on older persons' independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity declared in 1991. Programmes were further adjusted in keeping with other UN Conventions such as the International Year of Older Persons in 1999. At present, we are developing policies in keeping with the recommendations of the Second World Assembly on Ageing, held in Madrid in 2002.

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) counts over three decades of experience, working with vulnerable senior citizens of Sri Lanka and committed to an invaluable service in improving health, eyecare and well-being of needy senior citizens across the country. We are also training volunteers in home care to serve the needy elders. In addition, education programmes are conducted among youth in the country, especially school children, in raising awareness on issues related to senior citizens and fostering a sense of respect and responsibility towards them.

HASL was established following a meeting between Mr. H.P. Gooneratne and Mr. John F. Pearson of HelpAge International (HAI), who was in Sri Lanka on a fundraising mission for senior citizens. During the discussion, Mr. Pearson lobbied for an organisation which was fully committed to matters pertaining to senior citizens of Sri Lanka.

The ultimate fruit of the discussion was the establishment of HelpAge Sri Lanka by Mr. Gooneratne, who became the Founder Chairman of the Organisation. The first HASL office was set up in a humble building with six staff members. From its frugal beginnings, it has now grown into a successful Non-Government Organisation that provides services to destitute senior citizens with a mission of enhancing their quality of life.

HelpAge was registered under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982 and re-registered under Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 (GA 545) and was incorporated as a limited liability company. The Memorandum of Articles of Association of HelpAge Sri Lanka was signed on 24 January 1986. Subsequently, it was registered under the Registration of Voluntary Social Services Organisation Act No. 31 of 1980 as amended by the Act No. 08 of 1998 as a Voluntary Social Services Organisation (bearing the No. 11/4/1/590/86). Thereafter, the newly established HelpAge Sri Lanka was gazetted as an Approved Charity (bearing the No. 497) on 11 March 1998.

HelpAge Sri Lanka was privileged to be among the first of the sixty global affiliates to achieve 'sister status' with HelpAge International (HAI) UK.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



“Since 2007, older persons around the world have been taking part in the Age Demands Action Campaign, coordinated by HelpAge International (HAI), UK, calling for changes from their Governments, to end discrimination in old age, demanding attention to the following rights: to secure an income; to access healthcare; to be protected from neglect or violence to access work and decent working conditions and to a sustainable livelihood.”

Three Decades of Service

Once again, it is my privilege to present the Annual Report of HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL), which has completed 30 years of uninterrupted services, as the leading NGO mandated to improve the quality of life of the ageing population of Sri Lanka.

As we reach the 30th milestone in our eventful journey, it is with fond memories and much gratitude that we remember the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne, the Founder Chairman and all our former Council Members, Executive Directors, employees and our generous donors, who paved the way for HASL, to be what it is today.

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HASL celebrated the 25 International Year of Older Persons on 1 October 2015, jointly with the North Central Provincial Council and the Polonnaruwa District Secretariat, under the theme 'Sustainability and Age Inclusiveness'. The global ageing population over the age of 60, is close to 1 Billion and will increase to 1.4 Billion in 2030 of which, around 66% will be senior citizens of middle and low income countries.

Our Mission

Older people continue to contribute to their families, communities, and society as family caregivers, workers, consumers, volunteers and indirect tax payers.

Ensuring income security and providing access to affordable and suitable healthcare is the responsibility of all Sri Lankans and more importantly, the responsibility of the Government.

Global Action – The World Health Assembly

The World Health Assembly (WHA), which is the decision-making body for the World Health Organisation (WHO), meets in Geneva in May each year, with the participation of 194 member states. On 26 May 2016, the

WHA adopted the Global Strategy and Action Plan on ageing and health. This is a significant step forward in establishing a framework for member states, the WHO and partners, to jointly achieve the vision for all people to enjoy long and healthy lives.

The Global Age Watch Index – 2015

The Global Age Watch Index published by HelpAge International (HAI) with the support of UNFPA, is based on four domains: income security, health status, capability and enabling environment.

In 2015, out of 96 countries which were ranked according to the social and economic well-being of older people, Sri Lanka is proud to have been ranked 46th globally and first among South Asian countries.

HelpAge International Network

HASL was one of the first among 103 Global Affiliates to achieve 'Sister Status' with HelpAge International (HAI) UK. Although the vision and mission of each member affiliate is not similar and is based on the individual requirements of each country, networking and knowledge sharing is encouraged and widely practiced.

HelpAge Eye Hospital

In 2002, HASL commenced providing free cataract surgeries at a makeshift facility in Nugegoda. In 2009, with the funds received from the Disaster Emergency Committee through HAI UK, His Majesty the Sultan of Oman, and other donors, HASL constructed a state-of-the-art Eye Hospital in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Since then, HASL has restored the vision of over 25,000 elders and currently performs around 20 cataract surgeries each day. During the year under review, 2,819 free cataract surgeries were successfully carried out at the Eye Hospital. HASL also assisted further surgeries in Government hospitals by providing lenses and post-operative medicine.

HelpAge Sri Lanka Mobile Medical Unit

The HASL Mobile Medical Unit Programme (MMU) was introduced in the aftermath of the tsunami disaster of 2004 and since then it has continued to provide Services Island wide. During this financial year, the MMU completed 216 camps and provided medical and eyecare facilities to 35,278 needy elders across the country.

All MMU activities are described in more detail in the Executive Director's message and the respective divisional reports elsewhere in the Annual Report.

Recognition by the Government

HASL was privileged to have been invited by the Government of Sri Lanka to partner with the National Secretariat for Elders of the Ministry of Social Services and the National Planning Ministry to formulate a 'National Plan' to address the emerging issues of the ageing population.

Early this year, the Executive Director and I were nominated by the Prime Minister's Office to serve on the Committee on Vocational and Technical Training and the Subcommittee on the Elderly Care Assistant Training Programme.

Our Global Partners

We are deeply grateful to HAI, Age UK, World Granny and all other foreign and local donors for their unprecedented generosity to serve the needy senior citizens of Sri Lanka. On behalf of the HASL Council, I also extend my sincere thanks to Ms. Cynthia Cox Roman, Chair and Mr. Toby Porter, CEO both of HAI, Ms. Dianne Jeffrey, Chair and Mr. Tom Wright, CEO of both of Age UK for their continuing guidance, advice and assistance.

I would also like to thank the Berendina Microfinance Institute (BMI) for partnering HASL to successfully implement the pilot project, to provide microfinance to elders above the age of 60. We also thank Expolanka Holdings PLC and the Sponsor a Grandparent (SaG) initiative for extending financial assistance.

Annual Report

I wish to place on record our gratitude to Dr. Vijith Kannangara, Chairman of Smart Media, the Annual Report Company and his team for providing complimentary services and also enabling HASL to win Silver and Gold Awards at the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP) USA for past HASL Annual Reports.

Acknowledgements

I am pleased to acknowledge the valuable contribution by Yasmin Raheem and Anosha Subasinghe, Members of the Council, in compiling the 2015/16 Annual Report of HASL.

I deeply appreciate the contribution and the commitment of the Executive Director, Samantha Liyanawaduge, the divisional heads, the eye surgeons and the entire HASL team for completing another successful year.

I am thankful to our Council Secretary, Asha Hannan, Partner D.N. Thurairajah & Co. for continuing to provide complimentary secretarial services.

My special thanks to Nishantha Gooneratne, Council Member for his personal involvement and deep commitment to support the HASL team. I also extend my appreciation to Nimal Dias Jayasinha, Council Member and to the Financial Consultant, Chrisan Fernando for their valuable advice and guidance.

As always, I am deeply grateful to Deputy Chairman, Deshabandu Ajit Jayaratne, for his able leadership and for overseeing the finance division.

Yet another successful year was completed, thanks to the untiring efforts and commitment of all the Council Members, who took responsibility to achieve the aims and objectives of HelpAge Sri Lanka.



Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa

Chairman

HelpAge Sri Lanka

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



“As a leading approved charity, HASL has been in the forefront, collaborating with various sectors, including state and corporate sectors and other benevolent citizens in providing better facilities and services to needy older people.”

Today, we celebrate the achievements of HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) which has assisted older people in Sri Lanka to voice their concerns. During the past 30 years, HASL had been successful in listening to older people and reaching out to them to end discrimination against them. I am privileged to serve this organisation which focuses entirely on the various issues faced by older people.

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Rising Elderly Population

The elderly population in Sri Lanka is expected to increase from 12.7% to 20.7% by 2030. The World Health Organisation (WHO) noted that in almost every country, the proportion of people aged over 60 years is growing faster than any other age group, as a result of both longer life expectancy and declining fertility rates. This ageing population can be seen as a success story for public health policies and for socioeconomic development, but it also challenges society to adapt, in order to maximise not only the health and functional capacity of older people but also their social participation and security.

To address ageing induced challenges such as the protection of elders' rights and the provision of social security and health demands resulting from rapidly increasing non-communicable diseases, disability and mental health issues, HASL is providing a broad spectrum of services to enhance the quality of life of our elders under three main thematic areas of 'Welfare and Services', 'Development' and 'Advocacy and Rights'.

Mobile Medical and Eye Care Unit (MMU)

The HASL Mobile Medical and Eye Care Unit (MMU) is one of our lead projects, which reaches out to the extremely destitute older citizens covering the most rural areas in all districts of the country where access to health and eyecare is inadequate. This 'clinic on wheels' is equipped with a health screening section, an eye screening section and a pharmacy. The mobile clinics provide all services totally free of charge. During the period under review, 216 MMU camps were conducted and 35,278 needy elders island wide were provided medical and eyecare facilities. At these camps

14,455 bifocal spectacles, 1,975 reading glasses and prescribed medicine were distributed. 2,491 elders who need cataract surgery were also identified at these camps.

HelpAge Eye Hospital

HASL's flagship Eye Hospital located in Wellawatte, Colombo 6 commenced its operations in 2009. Armed with two eye surgeons and committed staff with a bed strength of 20, the Eye Hospital provides an invaluable service to elders who cannot afford eyecare expenses including the cost of lenses required for cataract surgeries. Nearly 26,000 elders have benefitted from the services of this Hospital and approximately 20 cataract surgeries are performed daily. Visiting the Eye Hospital spares them the cost of surgery and the long waiting list in state hospitals.

Vision 2020 Programme

Collaborating with 'The Vision 2020 Programme' of the Ministry of Health, elders who are referred to Regional Government Hospitals are provided with intra ocular lenses and other requirements free of charge by HASL and over 1,700 needy elders have benefitted during the period under review.

HelpAge Ayurvedic Centre

The HelpAge Ayurvedic Centre in Battaramulla is open to senior citizens over 55 years. The facility is made available in collaboration with the Faculty of Ayurvedic Medicine of the University of Colombo. During the period under review, over 1,000 elders have received free treatment from this Ayurvedic Centre.

Free Physiotherapy Centre

Teaming up with the Department of Family Medicine of the Faculty of Medical Sciences of the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, HASL provides the needy elders with free physiotherapy services at the Family Practice Centre, University of Sri Jayawardenapura.

H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre

H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre in Borupana Road, Ratmalana is a 'home away from home' where elders from the area are productively occupied with other elders. Elders who attend this Day Care Centre are provided with free meals and they engage in viable activities. Apart from these recreational activities, various religious and cultural activities and visits by students and well-wishers

keep them happily engaged till evening. The Day Centre provides them not only with physical well-being but also psychological solace as they get the opportunity to interact with other senior citizens.

HelpAge Youth Education Programme (YEP)

With the objective of sensitising the issue of ageing and bridging the generation gap, HASL's Youth Education Programme (YEP) endeavours to create awareness of the issues concerning the older population. Such awareness programmes targeting school children, helps make them more aware of the issues faced by elders.

Microfinance Projects

Banks and financial institutes have restrictions on lending to those over 60 years of age which hampers their potential and increases their vulnerability and dependability. In order to address this issue, HASL has entered into an agreement with Berendina Microfinance Institute (BMI) to implement a pilot project to provide microfinancing facilities to elders above the age of 60, having the capability and capacity to establish income generating activities. It was observed that the repayment level was 100% during this pilot project. With the successful implementation of the microfinance project jointly with BMI, HASL implemented two other microfinance projects with financial assistance received from Expolanka Holdings PLC and Sponsor a Grandparent (SaG) project.

HASL strives to promote 'growing old with dignity in their own homes'. In other words, HASL promotes programmes and projects to assist the ageing community to live in their own homes, in order to minimise the burden to their families, while creating an environment which strengthens family bonds for them to receive love and care of their families when they most need them.

While HASL continues to render a vital service to the cause of the elderly within a climate of challenge, risk and growing demand, the Organisation needs to pursue more fund generating projects which would ensure its ability to meet the future financing of its projects and programmes.

I pay my tribute and remember with much appreciation, our founder Chairman, the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne and the past Members of the Council.

My special thanks are extended to our Chairman, Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa, whose guidance and strength had been the bedrock of our achievements. It is heartening to note that Mr. Tilak de Zoysa also served as the Global HelpAge Chairman within this period. During his tenure of office as the Global Chairman, HelpAge International and the affiliated network won the world's most coveted humanitarian award – the 'Hilton Humanitarian Award'.

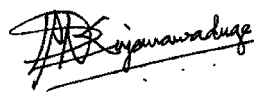
I also extend my sincere thanks to our Deputy Chairman, Deshabandu Ajit Jayaratne and all Members of the Council for the, ready assistance and invaluable guidance extended to HASL is which enables us to perform effectively to meet our objectives and goals.

We are indebted to Council Members Mrs. Anosha Subasinghe and Ms. Yasmin Raheem for the invaluable contribution in compiling the 2015/16 HASL Annual Review.

I would also like to mention the co-operation and support I received from Mrs. Randima Attygalle in editing the articles for this Report.

I would also like to thank all our valued stake holders, donors, well wishes and friends for their generosity which makes it possible for HASL to continue serving the marginalised, vulnerable senior citizens of the country.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank all my past and present colleagues and all those who have served HASL with commitment and loyalty during the past 30 years to keep HASL's flag flying high.



Samantha Liyanawaduge
Executive Director
HelpAge Sri Lanka

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Mr. N. Dias Jayasinha



Mr. Nishantha Gooneratne



Mr. Krishan Balendra



Mr. Maithri Wickremesinghe PC

OUR STRENGTH



Head Office

Seated (Left to Right)

Mr. C. Ferdinando, Mr. C.J. Seneviratne, Mr. R. Juriansz, Mrs. C.N. Ekanayake, Mr. G.C. Mendis, Mr. Samantha Liyanawaduge, Mr. S.K. Hasthanayake, Mrs. R. Batuwantudawa, Mr. A. Kannangara, Mr. L. Premachandra, Mr. M.S.C. de Silva

Middle Row (Left to Right)

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Standing (Left to Right)

Mr. J.B. Gunasekera, Mr. M. Muthithu, Mr. N. Seneviratne, Mr. M.V. Wickremesinghe, Mr. N.T.S. Kodikara, Mr. G.D.C. Jayalath, Mr. T.M.P.K. Tennakoon, Mr. O.N. Perera, Mr. K.V.D. Juliyas, Mr. W.E.R. Sepala, Mr. U. Saranga, Mr. B. Nanayakkara, Mr. M.A.S.D. de Silva, Mr. C.D. Hewage, Mr. J. Karunasena, Mr. L.M.I.D. Landekumbura, Mr. H.H.R. Dayananda, Mr. L.A.A. Pathmakumara, Mr. D.M. Samarasinghe, Mr. A.C. Gamage, Mr. S. Sandaruwan, Mr. S.H.B. Attanayake, Mr. S. Wijemanna



Eye Hospital

Seated (Left to Right)

Mr. C. Fernando, Dr. M.J.A. Jeza, Dr. P. Samarathunga, Mr. A. de Alwis, Dr. J. Vidanapathirana, Ms. V. Madushani

Standing (Left to Right)

Ms. O.K.D.S.A. Dissanayaka, Mrs. M.L.D. Premalatha, Mrs. K.N. Gamage, Mrs. A.P.C. Ariyasena, Mrs. C.M. Wilpathage, Ms. M.A.N.S. Rathnayake, Mrs. W.V.N. Ishani, Ms. W.S.S.S. Kulasuriya, Ms. M.R.E. Seneviratne, Ms. P.P.K. Gayani, Ms. A.M.W.L. Maralanda, Mr. B.P. Kolabaarachchi



H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre

Seated (Left to Right)

Mrs. A. Galappaththi, Mrs. R. Wijayaratne

Standing (Left to Right)

Mr. R.A. Ranbanda, Mrs. P.W. Chandralatha



Pottery Industry

Mrs. H.K. Leelawathie (62 years)

Mr. Piyoris (70 years)

Master M. Vidusha (3 years) – Grandson

HelpAge Livelihood Assistance Programme



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT (MMU)



I am a happy beneficiary of HelpAge Mobile Medical and Eyecare Unit. My eyesight started fading during the last few years. HelpAge Mobile Medical Unit diagnosed that I am having cataract in both eyes. They referred me to the HelpAge Eye Hospital, where I was fortunate to receive free cataract surgeries. Now I have regained my eyesight and 'am happily engaged in livelihood activities.

Mrs. D.G. Baby Nona
73 Years

HelpAge Sri Lanka's Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) is rendering an invaluable service to thousands of underprivileged senior citizens in the country. The MMU consists of a medical and an eyecare unit running on wheels. HASL has two mobile medical units equipped with modern medical and an eye screening facilities to provide free medical and eyecare services for patients who are mainly suffering from non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and various eye ailments.

These mobile medical units travel to distant and remote areas of the island enabling destitute senior citizens with limited mobility to access health services otherwise inaccessible to them.

The staff of a MMU comprises a medical doctor, an optometrist, nurses and the operational staff. The cost incurred by HASL for a MMU camp is approximately Rs. 85,000/- each day and some mobile camps are conducted with individual as well as corporate donations under the organisation's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

At each MMU camp, about 75 elders are provided with free medical screening facilities, prescribed medicine and another 75 elders receive free eye screening facilities. Spectacles are provided free of charge for those elders suffering from refractive errors within two months of the date of the camp. In addition, destitute elders who show symptoms of cataract are referred to the HASL Eye Hospital in Wellawatte or to the nearest Government eye clinic for necessary cataract surgery.

During the period under review, HASL has completed 216 mobile camps in 25 districts island wide with the funds received from the following funding organisations and donors:

MMU Project

	Camps
Funded by an Anonymous Donor	114
Funded by Sponsor a Grandparent Project	50
Funded by Corporates and Banks	50
Co-Funded	02
Total	216

Following are the details of the beneficiaries of the above camps:

- 13,880 elders were screened medically and received free prescribed medicine
- 21,398 elders were screened for vision impairment
- 14,455 elders were issued with prescribed spectacles (bifocal)
- 1,957 reading spectacles were issued
- 2,491 elders were identified with cataracts and referred to HASL Eye Hospital and Government eye clinics
- 882 elders were referred for further treatment

Although, the HASL's Mobile Medical Unit is committed to uplifting the quality of life of the rural, underprivileged senior citizens of the country, the institution is unable to meet the ever increasing demand for its services, due to lack of funding facilities. While thanking all donors for assistance in the past, HASL would like to seek assistance from corporates and prospective donors to expand this programme to serve many more needy elders.



HelpAge Mobile Medical Camp in Progress



Eye Screening at a MMU Camp

HELPAge EYE HOSPITAL



Globally, 285 Million people are visually impaired. A total of 33% of low vision and 51% of blindness are due to cataract. Elders are mostly affected by these conditions. Preventing blindness through the restoration of eyesight enables elders to be independent and active.

Dr. Jayantha Vidanapathirane
Consultant Eye Surgeon



A Cataract Surgery in Progress – HelpAge Eye Hospital

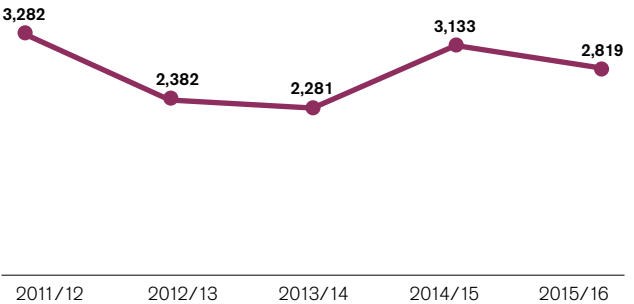
Located at No. 14, Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 6, the HelpAge Eye Hospital, formerly known as the HelpAge Eyecare Centre, provides eyecare services free of charge to underprivileged senior citizens in the country. Equipped with modern state-of-the-art facilities, the Eye Hospital provides optimum eyecare services, on all week days from 7.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. The staff of the hospital comprises two surgeons, a senior medical officer, eight experienced nurses, two attendants, three development officers, an executive officer and a manager.

The HelpAge Eye Hospital commenced operations in September 2002 and moved into its present location in 2009. Since inception, the hospital has performed over 26,000 successful cataract surgeries free of charge.

The following activities were carried out during the period under review:

Cataract Surgeries Done

Nos.



The World Health Organisation (WHO) cites that cataract is the leading cause of blindness in middle and low income countries. It is also revealed that 80% of all visual impairments can be prevented or cured and 70% of these impairments are likely to be cataracts. Cataract surgery is one of the most cost effective healthcare interventions.

In Sri Lanka, although a large number of people need surgery to restore their eyesight, many cannot afford lenses and the required pre and post-operative medication. The HelpAge Eye Hospital has been established to help these needy people in Sri Lanka to restore their vision and enable them to lead productive lives.

HASL consistently appreciates the donors for their generosity which helps to improve the lives of destitute elders who are unable to meet the high expenditure of cataract surgeries.

During the period under review, the HelpAge Eye Hospital performed the highest number of surgeries each day on 7 March 2016, which amounted to 25 surgeries.

Improvements Effectuated to the Eye Hospital

- Installation of a new autoclave machine
- Installation of a new slit lamp
- Installation of new aluminium cupboards for storage
- Upgrading the operating theatre
- Replacement of the main circuit board of the hospital biometric scanner

Contributions Received by HASL

- Direct donations to the Eye Hospital – Rs. 2,625,798/-
- Collection from the Eye Hospital Tills – Rs. 124,753/-
- Donations received for meals and other provisions – Rs. 52,500/-



Cataract Surgery Beneficiaries with HelpAge Eye Hospital Staff

Special Donors

- A new photocopier machine was donated by the Group of 70 of Royal College, Colombo 7 and one of its members, Mr. Channa Jasenthuliyana, donated a step ladder.
- Three wheelchairs were donated by Dr. Sujith Thilakaratne.
- Through the intervention of Mrs. Ajith De Silva, Mr. Ranil Pathirana and Mr. Madhawa Atapattu donated a total sum of Rs. 400,000/- to replace the main circuit board of the hospital biometric scanner.
- The operating theatre was upgraded with the donation of Mr. and Mrs. Nalin Karunathilake in memory of their late father, Mr. B.J. Karunathilake (former Council Member of HASL).
- Mr. Ananda Wijesuriya donated Rs. 605,900/- for 70 cataract surgeries.
- Mrs. E.S. Daluwatte donated Rs. 102, 636/- for 12 cataract surgeries and medicine.
- Mr. Ajith De Silva donated Rs. 425,000/- for 50 cataract surgeries.
- Mr. and Mrs. Kamal Paliwardena donated Rs. 50,000/- for intraocular lens.
- Mr. Hamza Dawood donated Rs. 25,000/-.

Special Visitors to the HelpAge Eye Hospital During the Period Under Review

- The HASL Executive Director, Mr. Samantha Liyanawaduge, invited Mr. Tim Boon who is presently the Coach of the England under 19 Women's Cricket Team to visit the HelpAge Eye Hospital on 30 March 2016.

During the visit he made a note in the hospital visitors' book appreciating the invaluable service rendered by HASL towards needy senior citizens in the country by performing free cataract surgeries.

Name	Tim Boon	Comments	Overwhelming, heartwarming
Address	5 Fosse Close Burlage Hickley LE10 2EH UK		Compassion and Trust. HASL cares for its people. The staff are warm & friendly. This is a leading benchmark! Very special! Thank you!

- His Excellency Al Sheikh Jumah Hamdan Al Shehhi, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman in Sri Lanka visited the HelpAge Eye Hospital on 6 June 2015 and expressed his blessings to HASL for the yeoman service rendered to the needy elders in Sri Lanka.

- 21 and 22 May 2015 – Members of the Royal College, Colombo – 'Group of 70' visited the Hospital and provided meals on 21 and 22 May 2015 for patients undergoing surgery and their guardians.
- 8 July 2015 – Miss. Jasmine Amarasekara – Medical Student at University of California at Berkeley, USA visited the Hospital. Given below are her comments written on the Hospital visitors' book.

Name	Jasmine Amerasekera July 9, 2025	Comments	I really enjoyed having the opportunity to observe surgery these past 2 days! It was an honor and an amazing experience. My friend
Address	Medical student at UC Berkeley in California, USA 229 Buxtershire Drive Danaos, Texas 75030, USA		

- 3 March 2016 – Mr. and Mrs. Ajith De Silva of Pita Kotte, visited the hospital and assisted the hospital to collect Rs. 400,000/- for the cost of replacing the main circuit board of the Biometry scanner. Given below are their comments made on the hospital visitors' book.

Name <u>Mr. Ajith De Silva</u>	Comments <u>It is a pleasure to help such a worthy cause.</u>
Address <u>118 E. Pagoda Road</u> <u>Pitakotte</u>	
	<u>De 3/3/2016</u>

24 November 2015 – Mr. Pradeep Sugathadasa of Kottawa visited the hospital and gave a cash donation of Rs. 52,000/-.



Female Ward – HelpAge Eye Hospital



Former Leics Cricketer Mr. Tim Boons visit to Eye Hospital



HelpAge Eye Hospital at No. 14, Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 6



Wood Carving Industry

Mr. D.D. Seneviratne (74 years)

HelpAge Livelihood Assistance Programme



HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

The world of work is rapidly changing. As a vital part of the organisation, Human Resource Management (HRM) must be prepared to deal with effects of the changing world of work.

HRM is a strategic and a comprehensive approach to managing people and the workplace culture and environment besides adding value to strategic utilisation of employees; ensuring that employee programmes recommended and implemented, impact the business in positive, measurable ways.

As you can imagine, all processes and programmes that are touched by people are part of the HR kingdom!

Nelum Ekanayake
Head of HR and Administration



The Human Resources and Administration Division was proactive in influencing HASL's departments, divisions and units to implement a set of formal management systems and procedures. As a result, the workforce increased its efficiency and accountability, thereby improving the productivity of the organisation.

While the front line departments of HASL primarily focuses on providing services to needy senior citizens, the Human Resources and Administration Division provides internal services such as leadership development programmes and talent management programmes to uplift the organisational culture.

During the period under review, 17 new appointments were made to the existing HASL staff of 86 members (as at April 2015). 13 staff members resigned and 2 members retired.

Training Activities

- Two batches of HASL staff members including Executives, Managers and Drivers underwent a 'Technical Training for Drivers' conducted by Toyota Lanka (Pvt) Limited at their workshop in Wattala on 2 April and 3 July 2015.
- On 7 and 8 May 2015, the Fundraising Manager and the Special Projects Manager attended a seminar on 'Effective Fundraising' organised by the Centre for Advancement of Resource Mobilisation in partnership with the Berendina Group.
- From 19 to 21 September 2015, a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer who is attached to the Programme Division, attended a Training Programme on 'Business Planning for Organisations and Individuals'. The programme was jointly sponsored and conducted by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and Nucleus Foundation at the Hotel Friends' Inn, Kilinochchi. The training programme was designed to give an in depth knowledge for organisations and individuals engaged in developing micro enterprises.
- On 29 and 30 September 2015, The Family Rehabilitation Centre, Colombo 5 conducted a 'capacity building training' programme for the HASL staff. The objective of this programme was to develop a data management system for HASL and the first session comprised a mapping process.

Team Briefing Meetings

Team briefing meetings are Human Resource Management initiatives which are conducted periodically. These meetings are open forums and they facilitate two-way communication and minimise staff grievances.

Staff Welfare

HASL staff members that performed well during the previous year were granted salary increases which amounted to an overall increase of 7.5%, compared to the previous year. The salary increase was also based on the Sri Lankan Government's Budgetary Relief Allowance of Workers Act 2016 of 11 March 2016.

The Food Committee met regularly to improve the meals served at the Training Centre, while maintaining economical pricing.

Farewell Meetings

During the period under review, the Director of the Programmes Division, Mr. Dayal Perera resigned. He had served HASL from May 2007 to October 2015 and a farewell meeting was held on 30 October 2015.

HASL Newsletter

The Editorial Committee successfully published the Newsletter in June 2015.

Orientation

One of the main tasks of the Human Resources Division is to improve employee orientation. This initiative introduced new employees to the organisation and their respective new roles. By providing information about the organisation's policies and procedures, this initiative made new employees feel comfortable and also helped them learn about the organisation's culture and values.



Orientation Programme for New Recruits HelpAge Eye Hospital

Other Activities

In commemoration of the Vesak day, HASL staff together with the Chairman and the Council of HASL, made necessary arrangements to organise an 'Ice Cream *Dansala*' (a free Ice Cream stall) on 4 May 2015. The stall served around 3,000 young and old people in and around HASL's Head Office.

In commemoration of the Esala Poya day, HASL conducted a free Ayurvedic Clinic and an Eye Camp at the HASL Ayurvedic Centre at Pipe Road, Battaramulla. This event took place on 30 July 2015 and it was funded by the SaG project of the HASL Programme Division.

61 elders were screened and issued with free Ayurvedic medicine at the Ayurvedic Clinic. 179 elders underwent eye screenings and 141 elders received free bifocal spectacles at the eye camp.



Ayurvedic Clinic and an Eye Camp at the HelpAge Ayurvedic Centre

Special New Year Holiday

The HASL Head Office was closed in view of the Sinhala and Hindu New Year festival from 15 to 19 April 2015. The staff worked an additional day and utilised their earned lieu leave to cover working days falling within the vacation. This arrangement was geared to improve employee motivation and employee work-life balance.

Staff Volunteer Programme

From December 17 to 19, staff members of the Head Office of HASL participated in a '*shramadana* campaign' (volunteer campaign.) The Head Office building was given a fresh coat of paint by the volunteers. While appreciating HASL's

own staff members who volunteered, HASL acknowledges the generosity of Asian Paints (Lanka) Limited, which offered a 25% discount on the paints purchased. Through these activities, HASL's team spirit was enhanced by the involvement of many staff members.

1 December – The entire Head Office building was decorated with a Christmas tree and other decorations. Soft carols were played through the Public Address system during the month of December.

4 December – Christmas carols were sung by the Federation of the Visually Handicapped and HASL also made a cash donation to the Federation.

4 December – A '*Bana*' (a Buddhist sermon) was held at No. 423/A69, '*Thilaka*' Colombo Road, Boralessgamuwa in memory of the late Mrs. D.R.P.S. Siriwardena, who donated the land and property at Boralessgamuwa. The '*Bana*' was followed by an almsgiving for 5 Buddhist monks at Paramadhamawardhanaramaya Temple, Rattanaipitiya.

9 December – A '*Dhamma Deshanaya*' (a Buddhist sermon) was conducted to commemorate the 12 death anniversary of HASL Founder Chairman, the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne. The '*Dhamma Deshanaya*' was delivered by the Chief Incumbent of the Kandawala Punyawardhanaramaya, Ven. Kongamuwe Medhankara Thero.

31 December – The year end annual *Bodhi Pooja* was held at the Paramadhamawardhanaramaya Temple, Rattanaipitiya to invoke blessings on HASL and its staff members.

HASL 30 Anniversary Celebrations

In 2015, HASL completed 30 years of uninterrupted services of serving the needy elders in Sri Lanka. In commemorating this great achievement, HASL conducted several activities as mentioned below:

- **22 January 2016** – An all night '*Pirith* ceremony' (a Buddhist religious ceremony) was held to invoke blessings on past and present staff of HASL and members of HASL's Council. This was followed by an almsgiving where alms were given to Buddhist monks at the Paramadhamawardhanaramaya Temple, Rattanaipitiya.

- **25 January 2016** – A Multireligious Ceremony was held with the participation of Ven. Pussellawe Dhammarakkitha Thero of the Nedimala Temple, Reverend Sam Ponniah of Christ Church, Mount Lavinia, Swamy Venkata Raman of the Vishnu Kovil, Dehiwala and Mavulavi Mubarak of the Jumma Mosque, Rajagiriya conducted religious observances to invoke blessings on HASL.
- A commemorative **30 Anniversary** publication was launched at a special ceremony and 24 Members of HASL were presented with 'long service award' plaques. These staff members had served the institution for the past 10 years or more.

2015 International Day of Older Persons

HASL joined hands with the District Secretariat of Polonnaruwa, *Elahera Pradeshiya Sabhawa* and the Elders' Secretariat to organise an Elders' Day Walk and a ceremony at the Mahaweli Stadium at Elahera, Bakamuna in the Polonnaruwa District.



Elders' Day – 2015

Birthday Calendar

As a Human Resources Management initiative, the HASL staff celebrates each and every member's Birthday on the given day by displaying a Birthday Calendar at the entrance of HASL in order to enhance their self esteem by making them feel special.



Birthday Celebration of a Staff Member

Institutional Development

HASL's Lecture Hall No. 1 was given a face lift. Curtains were replaced with new blinds and walls were painted in white, enhancing the interior of the lecture hall.

HASL Head Office and H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre Christmas Activity

For the first time, HASL staff of the Head Office together with the elders of the Day Care Centre, made Christmas decorations. The objective of this project was to improve team work and enhance relationships. The HASL Fundraising Division introduced Christmas décor to the market as a new product development effort.



HelpAge Head Office Staff and Members of the Elders' Day Centre making Christmas Decorations

H.P. GOONERATNE HELPAGE ELDER'S DAY CARE CENTRE

The H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre located at Borupana Road, Ratmalana was established in 1988 with the prime objective of providing non-residential day care facilities for needy elders over 55 years. The Day Care Centre, a brain child of the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne, is open to any elder in need of healthcare or any other support.

The vision of HASL is to create a Sri Lanka where older people could fulfil their potential by involving themselves in diverse activities, enabling them to maintain their physical and mental status. Irrespective of race or religion, the Day Care Centre provides care to all elders in the country. The elders spend a meaningful and memorable day at the Centre with fellow members and leave for their homes in the evening.

They engage in religious, social, recreational and other income generating projects that helps boost their mental status. Some of the income generating activities include, making lamp wicks, envelopes, paper bags, cement flower pots etc.

The Day Care Centre operates from Monday to Saturday from 8.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. At present, 30 females and 10 males visit the centre daily. In addition, the Centre also provides lunch to former members who are currently facing difficulties in attending the Centre due to low vision and other debilitating health conditions through the 'Meals on Wheels' project.



Making Flower Pots

Given Below are the Main Programmes Conducted at the Day Care Centre During the Period Under Review:

9 April 2015

Celebration of the Sinhala and Hindu New Year.

2 May 2015

Commemorating Vesak by decorating the Day Care Centre during the Vesak week.

21 May 2015

A '*Sangika Dana*' (an alms giving to Buddhist monks) was held to commemorate Vesak.

29 May 2015

A group of 170 students and teachers of the Rahula Maha Vidyalaya, Telawala, Ratmalana visited the Day Care Centre. A Vesak '*Bhakthi Gee* Programme' was conducted by the students while the elders were served with herbal porridge. This programme was organised by the Principal of Rahula Maha Vidyalaya.

20 students from the Lakeland International School, Borupana, Ratmalana visited the Day Care Centre with their teachers and gave gifts to the elders.

6 June 2015

Elders were entertained with a '*Bhakthi Gee* Programme' organised by the Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA), Ratmalana.



Bhakthi Gee Programme



Assistance for Bhakthi Gee Programme

17 June 2015

A musical programme was conducted at the Day Centre by Mr. Ranjith Moratuge.

8 September 2015

Two lecturers from the Department of Psychiatry of the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardenapura, visited the Centre to collect information for a research study.

11 September 2015

An orientation programme was conducted for new staff members of HASL.

23 September 2015

The Derana television channel telecasted 'Tharu Sathkaraya,' a one hour musical programme for the second consecutive year at the Centre.

1 October 2016

Elders of the Day Care Centre were taken to the Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo 2 on the International Day of Older Persons.

2 October 2015

The students and the teachers of the Birds of Hope Nursery School, visited the Centre to commemorate the International Day of Older Persons and World Children's Day.

23 October 2015

A group of students and teachers from the Department of Sociology of the University of Peradeniya visited the Centre to collect information on elders for a research study.

9 December 2015

A *Sangika Dana* (an almsgiving) was held to commemorate the 12th Death Anniversary of HASL's founder Chairman, the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne.

19 December 2015

28 medical students from the Kotelawala Defence Academy, Ratmalana visited the Day Centre.

28 December 2015

Christmas Day was celebrated with a special lunch and gifts for elders and their grand children were given from a donation received by HASL's Council Member, Mr. Maithri Wickremesinghe PC and his family.

13 January 2016

40 student nurses who are in the final year of their study programme at the Kotelawala Defence Academy, Ratmalana visited the Day Centre.

27 January 2016

A musical programme conducted to entertain elders was sponsored by the *Wishwa Parami* Foundation.

7 March 2016

A group of students from D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo 7 painted the walls of the Day Care Centre as a part of their school project.

HASL wishes to thank the medical officer and the two nurses of the District Hospital, Lunawa, Moratuwa for the services rendered. They voluntarily visited the Day Care Centre to conduct monthly medical examinations of elders.



Brick Manufacturing

Mr. Dharmasena Hettiarachchi (60 years)
HelpAge Livelihood Assistance Programme



THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME (YEP)

The Youth Education Programme (YEP) Division of HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) is rendering an invaluable service by conducting awareness programmes for children in Government, private and international schools on issues faced by elders. All programmes of the YEP are designed in keeping with HASL's vision and mission to enable senior citizens of the country to lead dignified, active and healthy lives. These programmes of the YEP are also extended to teachers and principals of schools and Directors of zonal education offices. By conducting such awareness programmes, HASL aspires to foster a sense of responsibility in youth towards elders, especially to their grandparents.

With the objective of raising awareness among children on the diverse issues faced by the elderly, HASL also conducted an all island art competition on 3 June 2015. Over 2,000 school children from all 9 provinces participated in this competition.

The 'Sponsor a Grandparent' (SaG) Project was held during the period under review to raise awareness among the Zonal Directors of education, school principals and teachers.

Date		No. of Principals	No. of Directors	No. of Students
24/6/2015	Kantale	44	9	12,100
25/6/2015	Muttur	24	11	6,420
26/6/2015	Trincomalee	38	11	11,925
Total		106	31	30,445

The YEP visited the following Government schools during the period under review to create awareness on elders' issues:

Name of the School	No. of Students
Bandaragama Central College, Bandaragama	2,438
Kumarodhayam Tamil Vidyalaya, Colombo 5	130
Mahamathya Vidyalaya, Colombo 5	100
Mahapola Sri Pangnanada Viduhala, Madapatha	577
Mahinda Vidyalaya, Piliyandala	305
Makandana Sri Sudarshana Viduhala, Piliyandala	1,200
Royal College, Colombo 7	800
Saddharmodaya Vidyalaya, Colombo 5	120
Total	5,670

Visits to Elders' Homes

The following elders' homes were visited by the YEP team with the aim of expanding the study tour programmes:

Gamini Matha Home for Elders, Colombo 2

Home of Compassion, Colombo 14

Janadhara Elders' Home, Moratuwa

Little Sisters of the Poor, Colombo 10

Sanasuma Elders' Home, Nayakakanda

The Schools which made contributions to HASL during the year are as follows:

Name of the School	No. of Students	Amount Collected (Rs.)
Al Iman International School – Mount Lavinia	168	53,068
Alif International School – Dharga Town	290	71,300
Beefort International – Colombo	170	9,200
Belvoir College – Colombo	255	164,135
Boswell College International – Kalutara	103	39,825
British International School – Kalutara	170	49,692
Cambridge International School – Anuradhapura	120	10,581
Cambridge International School – Chilaw	220	103,887
Carey College – Colombo	650	216,892
Chilaw International School – Chilaw	153	77,190
Dharul Hikma International School – Mattakkuliya	70	10,520
Dhilshath International – Wellampitiya	575	50,875
Evergreen International School – Gelioya	150	75,130
Golden Gate International – Beruwala	219	45,215
Good Shepherd Convent – Panadura	180	52,670
Harrow International School – Beruwala	220	62,210
Highlevel International School – Hatton	300	168,069
Hilburn International College – Avissawella	230	13,210

Name of the School	No. of Students	Amount Collected (Rs.)
Ilma International School – Colombo	1,300	198,600
Linfield International School – Pannipitiya	575	62,710
Lyceum International – Anuradhapura	120	75,165
Lyceum International – Nugegoda	360	223,244
M.D. Gunasena International School – Colombo	270	–
Minhal International Boys School – Mount Lavinia	290	62,845
Mount Hira International School – Panadura	176	6,955
Mukarramah International School – Dematagoda	100	35,940
Oxford International School – Badulla	235	51,570
Oxford International School – Nawalapitiya	530	185,695
Princess International School – Kuliyaipitiya	130	56,150
Regent International College – Gampaha	462	14,735
Republican International School – Nuwara Eliya	400	48,487
Royal International School – Kurunegala	300	14,864
St. Thomas College – Mount Lavinia	900	140,631
St. Thomas Prep School – Colombo 3	550	257,130
Sherwood Girl's School – Katugastota	250	27,087
St. Nicholas International (Junior) – Negombo	870	115,199
St. Nicholas International (Senior) – Negombo	716	138,396
St. John Paul II College – Wennappuwa	275	20,530

Name of the School	No. of Students	Amount Collected (Rs.)
Sussex College – Kuliyaipitiya	130	12,410
Sussex College – Anuradhapura	60	100
Sussex College – Negombo	180	49,056
Sussex College – Nugegoda	338	2,420
Sussex College – Nuwara Eliya	89	84,086
Sussex College – Wennappuwa	155	16,030
Taprobane International School – Kalutara	212	54,651
Trinity College – Kandy	520	367,243
Unique International College – Kurunegala	450	24,695
Univenture College – Hatton	136	3,260
Wesley College – Colombo 9	560	133,610
Wesswood International College – Katugastota	106	39,826
Wisdom International School – Kalutara	264	83,380
Zahira College – Colombo 10	400	6,350
Total School Collection	16,652	3,886,719

The Following Companies did a Co-sponsorship with HASL

Edna Group of Companies	320,000
Ceylon Secretarial Services (Pvt) Limited	36,000
Ceylinco Life Insurance Limited	30,000
Lanka Transformers Limited	30,000
	416,000
Sponsorship for the Art Exhibition	220,000
	636,000
Grand Total Received by YEP	4,522,719

Testimonials

1. 'This is to appreciate the great service rendered by you through HelpAge Sri Lanka to society, by way of enlightening the younger generation on aspects such as respect, love and care for the elders, addressing a dire need of the day in a world where elders of today have proven their true value.'

I take the opportunity to thank you especially in organising with such enthusiasm, a special education programme for the students of Brilliant Stars International College, Matara on human values, duties and responsibilities of the younger generation towards elders.'

Deshamanya (Mrs.) Hunniya I.D. Wazeer
Directress and Principal
Brilliant Stars International College
Matara

2. 'Your talk at the assembly went down well with both students and the staff alike.'

Elizabeth Moir MBE
Head of School

3. 'This programme aimed to create awareness about the value of helping our elders and improving the quality of their lives. Mr. Mendis really engaged the students and helped them understand how to interact with their elders in their respective homes and also how to learn to age gracefully.'

Mr. Nikitha Grero
Director
Lyceum International School

4. 'HelpAge inspires young Trinitians on the value of elders'

Newspaper article (26 October 2016, The Daily News)
from Trinity College, Kandy.

All Island Schools' Annual Art Competition 2015/16

All Island Schools' Annual Art Competition was held on 3 June 2015 at the Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, Colombo 7. 1,988 Students participated at this annual competition.

Mr. Cedric De Silva, the Chairman of the George Keyt Foundation was the Chief Guest at this ceremony. This programme was conducted under the guidance and Chairmanship of Deshabandu (Mrs.) Jezima Ismail, Member of the Council.

Winners of the Junior Section

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| 1 Prize | – Sayuni Omeesha Galappaththi
Sussex College, Ratnapura |
| 2 Prize | – K.A. Dasuni Wimansa Thilakarathna
Maliyadeva Model School, Kurunegala |
| 3 Prize | – Amodya Sankalpani Amaratunga
Prajapathi Balika Vidyalaya, Horana |

Winners of the Senior Section

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| 1 Prize | – H.M. Kumudumali Mangala Herath
Maliyadeva Balika Vidyalaya, Kurunegala |
| 2 Prize | – A.G. Ewmini Minthara Perera
Visakha Vidyalaya, Colombo 5 |
| 3 Prize | – S.M. Heshani Hirunika
Sripali College, Horana |



Awareness Programme for School Children



Awareness Programme for School Children Continued



All Island School Art Competition 2015/16





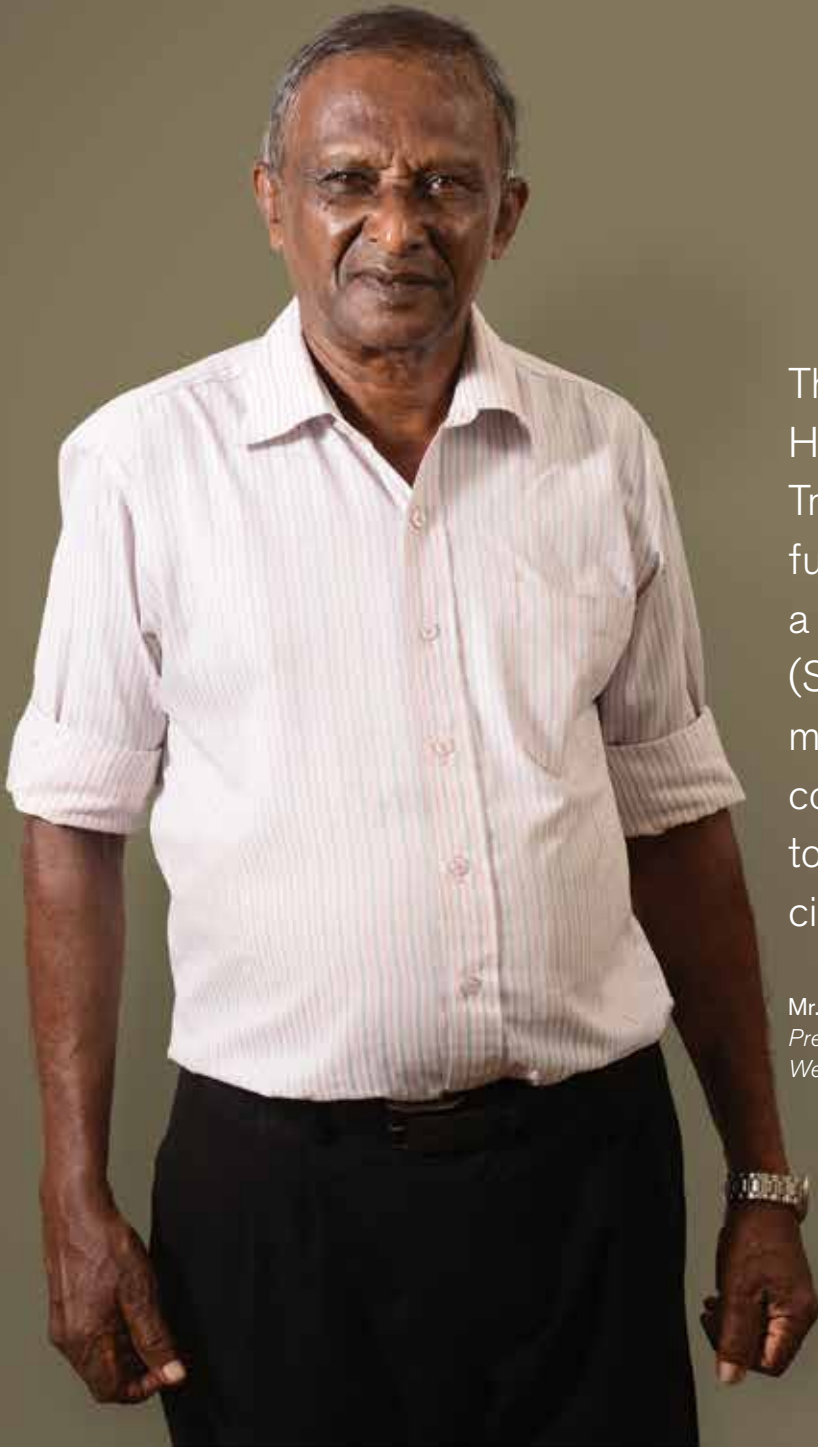
Making Lamp Vicks

Mrs. M.H. Baby Nona (82 years)

HelpAge Livelihood Assistance Programme



TRAINING DIVISION



Thanks to HelpAge Home Care Volunteer Training Programme funded by the Sponsor a Grandparent Project (SaG), which helps me to provide continuous services to my fellow senior citizens in my district.

Mr. Jayasinghe Siriwardana (72 years)
*President – Senior Citizens Federation
Weligama*

HASL Training Programmes

During the period under review, HelpAge Sri Lanka's (HASL) Training Division trained 159 Home Care Volunteers. These volunteers were nominated by the Senior Citizens' Committees (SCC) in respective areas and they were between the ages of 55 to 65 years. They were trained in-house on community based home care including the following topics:

- Introduction to HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL)
- The ageing process and active ageing
- Patient assessment and care planning
- Basic care giving techniques and physical health
- Basic counselling skills and mental health
- Simple ayurvedic remedies for older people
- Elders' rights and advocacy
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Spiritual support
- Basic first aid, healthcare, emotional support and housekeeping

The objective of training these volunteers was to assist at least 10 needy senior citizens who live in their own villages. The five-day residential training programme was conducted by internal and external resource persons. These training programmes were funded by Berendina Development Services Limited and Sponsor a Grandparent, (SaG) programme. The HASL Programme Division monitored the activities of the volunteers.

The HASL Age Care Training Centre

The Training Centre facilities are mainly utilised for HASL internal training programmes, workshops, seminars and functions. The facility is also hired by other stake holders and various organisations to conduct their own programmes.

Other social organisations that utilise the Training Centre include, the Sunera Foundation, Sewalanka Foundation, Berendina, the Sri Lanka Family Planning Association and the Disability Organisations Joint Front (DOJF). In addition, Government ministries and departments such as the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Disaster Management, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), the Skills Development Authority and the Ministry of Education are some of the key stakeholders which utilised the HASL training facilities during the period under review.

Modern Lecture Halls for Training Programmes

The HASL Age Care Training Centre provides accommodation facilities for people who conduct various training programmes, seminars, conferences etc. The Centre has facilities including air-conditioned and non-air conditioned auditoriums to accommodate about 100 participants at a time. The auditoriums are equipped with multimedia, a public address system, flip charts, white boards and other required training equipment to conduct programmes.

Accommodation Facilities

Accommodation facilities are also available for nearly 54 participants during their training programmes. The bed rooms are furnished with beds, wardrobes, mosquito nets and ceiling fans. All rooms have been upgraded to provide better facilities to guests.

The necessary financial assistance for the refurbishment project was provided by several donors and HASL extends its sincere thanks to them.

Cafeteria

HASL has a modern in-house kitchen and cafeteria to provide catering facilities for 60 participants at one sitting. The needs and wishes of those who patronised the cafeteria were adequately met during the period under review.

HASL also enhanced the level of accommodation, improved the food quality in the cafeteria, regularised maintenance activities, upgraded the security provided and strengthened the pest control methods.

Political or other events did not affect the number of reservations at the Training Centre and HASL was able to maintain the occupancy rate at an acceptable level.

During the period under review, HASL introduced a marketing campaign involving telemarketing, advertising and organising personal visits to corporates in order to boost reservations at the Centre.

HelpAge Sri Lanka Home Care Assistants Programme



These programmes provide quality care and assistance for senior citizens in the Western Province. HASL's trained home care assistants are recognised by the clients as caring and skilled. HASL has developed this service to cater to an average of approximately 90 elders each month.

During the period under review, HASL increased the number of patient assessments on inquiries received for the home care assistants' services by 50% and increased the number of home care assistants by 30%, compared to the previous year.

The newly recruited home care assistants were trained in-house and also at the patients' residences to provide an acceptable quality of service to elders.

Ayurvedic Centre

The HASL Ayurvedic Centre provides free clinics and medicine every Thursday. Approximately 90 senior citizens enjoy benefits from the clinic.

HASL also conducted a mega eye camp and Ayurvedic medical camp in July 2015 at its Ayurvedic Centre in Battaramulla. A total of 240 elders benefitted from this camp and 141 elders were given bifocal spectacles.







Making Door Mats

Mrs. Nancy Senhelatha (64 years)

HelpAge Livelihood Assistance Programme



PROGRAMME DIVISION

During the year under review, the Programme Division of HASL implemented several donor-funded projects with the aim of providing social security coverage for senior citizens.

These development projects were confined to selected geographical areas due to financial constraints.

Empowering Marginalised Elders in Sri Lanka to Eradicate Vulnerabilities and Poverty – Funded by Transition in the East Alliance (TEA) Programme through World Granny, a HelpAge Affiliate Organisation in the Netherlands

The TEA Programme is a five-year project which commenced in October 2011. The last phase of this programme was completed in December 2015. All the planned activities were concluded on time by utilising the allocated budget of Rs. 4,710,080/-. The main objective of this programme was to empower senior citizens to secure their basic rights by strengthening the civil society, livelihood development and comprehensive care.

Main activities completed during the year under review are as follows:

- Granted financial assistance to selected members of Senior Citizens Committees (SCCs) in Dimbulagala and Padaviya to start-up collective and individual livelihood activities.
- Conducted training/awareness programmes for members of SCCs on areas such as culture, social values, spiritual development, health awareness, microfinance, finance literacy, thrift and family finance management, capability development and monitoring and evaluation.
- Conducted exchange visits among SCCs in Dimbulagala and Padaviya with the objective of sharing their learning and experiences. Sharing visits were also conducted for Government officers at national and divisional levels to observe the project outcomes of the programmes implemented by HASL.
- Conducted a follow-up Social Performance Management (SPM) training programme for SCC leaders.
- Trained Medical Officers of Health (MOH) and other staff of the rural hospitals in Padaviya and Dimbulagala on mental health and gerontology.

- Conducted health awareness programmes mainly focusing on Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Dimbulagala and Padaviya.
- Participated in the exhibition on mental health held at the Hingurakgoda Base Hospital and conducted awareness programmes on elderly mental health issues.
- Conducted three village level health clinics in Arunapura, Manampitiya and Yaya (Padaviya) in collaboration with the MOH offices.
- Donated an ophthalmoscope, otoscope, nebulizers and an electrocardiograph to the Aralaganvila Hospital for screening elders who attend the hospital clinics.
- Conducted health co-ordinating meetings with MOH offices of Aralaganvila and Padaviya.

The project funds of this initiative were channelled through Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya Inc., the main partner of World Granny in Sri Lanka.

Sponsor a Grand Parent (SaG) Programme – Funded by HelpAge International (HAI)

The new three-year SaG Project 2015/16 successfully completed its third and final phase on 31 March 2016. The main objective of the project was to ensure that senior citizens in Sri Lanka enjoy their rights to receive healthcare, social services, economic and physical security.

Activities completed during the year under review are as follows:

- Conducted 50 mobile medical and eye camps in 15 districts. The number of beneficiaries were as follows:

Medical Screening	2,970
Eye Screening	4,528
Reading Glasses	547
Prescribed Spectacles	2,727
Cataracts Identified	496
Referrals	173

Extended financial assistance to perform 1,723 cataract surgeries during the period. This activity was completed with the support from HelpAge Eye Hospital, the Colombo National Eye Hospital, and hospitals in the Districts of Anuradhapura, Kandy, Kegalle, Polonnaruwa, and Ratnapura under the 'Vision 2020 Programme' of the Ministry of Health.

- Trained 98 Home Care Volunteers (HCVs) from Colombo, Galle, Hambantota, Matara and Polonnaruwa Districts.
- Provided financial assistance to Youth Education Programme (YEP) to raise awareness among principals and teachers from 101 schools in Balapitiya, Kantale and Muttur. In addition, principals, teachers and 52 zonal education directors also participated in these sensitisation programmes.

• **SaG Microfinance Programme**

The SaG microfinance programme was launched by HASL to introduce capacity building training programmes and awareness programmes among the SCC members in identified Grama Niladhari (GN) areas. Beneficiaries were identified in 31 SCCs in Galle, Matara and Kalutara Districts.

The disbursement of microfinance loans commenced in the first week of January 2016 and was completed on 30 March 2016. Several SCCs were identified with assistance from the Department of Social Services Southern Province (DSSSP), Elders' Rights Promotion Assistants (ERPAs) and Social Service Officers from the relevant Divisional Secretariat Divisions. During the period under review, 31 SCCs were provided with this facility and 292 beneficiaries received a total sum of Rs. 2,924,000/-. The maximum loan amount of Rs. 10,000/- was provided to each senior citizen based on proposals submitted by the beneficiaries after proper evaluation and assessment. The service charge of the loan was 1% per month. A service charge of 0.5% was paid to SCC and the balance 0.5% was added to the HASL Microfinance Fund. The repayment rate was 100% and all loans were settled by the SCCs within the stipulated time.

The Programme Division team monitored the repayment process and the loan disbursement process and was ably assisted by the DSSSP as well. Assisted livelihood sectors include, animal husbandry, banana cultivation, book binding, brick making, carpentry, dressmaking, coir industry, dry fish and maldivian fish industry, envelope making, fisheries, retail shops, home gardening, incense stick making, lace making, making lamp wicks, pottery, paper bag industry, vegetable and fruit cultivation, welding, sewing and wood carving.

Locations and Number of Beneficiaries

District	DS Division	No. of SCCs	No. of Beneficiaries
Galle	Galle Four Gravets	2	24
	Akmeemana	3	30
	Bope-Poddala	2	18
Matara	Weligama	19	256
	Pasgoda	3	18
Kalutara	Horana	1	10
Polonnaruwa	Aralaganvila	1	8
Total		31	292

Microfinance Programme with Berendina Microfinance Institute (BMI)

BMI continued to issue micro loans utilising the revolving fund established in the prior years. By the end of March 2016, 695 senior citizens benefited from this programme. They were from Aranayaka, Bulathkohupitiya, Dehiowita, Galigamuwa, Ginigathhena, Ipalogama, Kothmale, Kuchchaveli, Mawanella, Serunuwara and Thirappane. Common livelihood sectors included home gardening, tea cultivation, fisheries, retail shops, poultry, animal husbandry, vegetable and fruit cultivation, carpentry, dressmaking, welding, trading, banana and rubber cultivation.



Field Training for Senior Citizens

Mobile Medical Project Funded by an Anonymous Foreign Donor

During the year under review, HASL launched a new project titled 'Securing Healthy Lives of Senior Citizens of Sri Lanka through Mobile Medical and Eye Camps' with an allocated budget of Euro 57,000 (approximately Rs. 8.3 Million). 84% of the total budget was funded by a foreign donor and the balance 18% was funded by HASL.

The project commenced in September 2015. During the period under review, 115 Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) camps were conducted covering all 25 Districts in the country. The number of beneficiaries of the project are given below:

Medical Screening	6,866
Eye Screening	9,179
Reading Glasses	661
Prescribed Spectacles	6,247
Cataracts Identified	1,235
Referrals	428

Microfinance Project Funded by Expolanka Holdings PLC



Expolanka Microfinance Loan Distribution

During the period, the Programme Division continuously monitored the progress of 120 Women's Community Based Savings Groups (WCBSGs) in Batticaloa, Kilinochchi, Mannar and Mullaitivu Districts formed under the UN Habitat Project during the last financial year. Around 1,200 women actively participated in this programme. In addition, a sum of Rs. 718,000 received from Expolanka Holdings PLC during the period under review, was distributed among selected beneficiaries in the form of loans to improve their livelihoods.

A total of 77 such livelihood loans were issued to the beneficiaries in Manikkapuram, Paranthan, Sivanagar, Thiriviaru, Udarkattu North, Udarkattu South and Vishwamadu. The recovery rate was 100% and the maximum loan amount granted was Rs. 10,000/-. The service charge is 1% per month, 50% of which will be transferred to the WCBSG Fund and the balance to be added to the revolving fund.

Locations and Number of Beneficiaries

District	DS Division	No. of SCCs	No. of Beneficiaries
Kilinochchi	Kandawalai	2	198
	Karachchi	2	110
Mullaitivu	Puthukudiirippu	7	460
	Maritimepattu	3	190
Mannar	Musalai	2	70
Batticaloa	Manmunai West	2	170
Total	6	18	1, 195

A Joint Project by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) with Berendina Development Services (BDS)

The joint programme was themed, 'Promotion of active ageing through the introduction of health and caring systems while ensuring income security'. The project was launched on 30 September 2015, with Berendina Development Services signing an agreement with HASL to provide a sum of Rs. 3 Million. The project was implemented in 15 GN Divisions of Bulathkohupitiya, Mawanella and Ginigathhena. The ten-month project which commenced on 1 October 2015 facilitated the following:

- Approximately, 4,500 senior citizens improved their health and eye sight through 30 MMU camps
- Approximately, 450 senior citizens improved their income-generating capacity
- Approximately, 750 senior citizens received better care through the training of 75 HCVs
- Approximately 750 senior citizens improved their living standards

During the period under review 30 MMU camps were conducted. The details are given in the table below:

MMU Beneficiaries

DS Divisions	Medical Screening	Eye Screening	Reading Glasses	Spectacles	Cataract	Referrals	Total Beneficiaries
Bulathkohupitiya	728	768	32	554	109	15	2,206
Ginigathhena	680	673	9	497	62	73	1,994
Mawanella	710	715	20	526	144	1	2,116
Total	2,118	2,151	61	1,577	315	89	6,316

In addition, the following activities were conducted:

- 15 NCD awareness raising sessions were conducted and 4,500 senior citizens benefitted
- The baseline survey was completed
- 61 HCVs were trained to provide home care for the destitute elders. This programme benefitted 610 senior citizens
- 15 family finance and saving workshops were conducted benefiting 600 senior citizens
- An awareness campaign on nutritional and sanitation aspects was conducted in 15 SCCs benefiting 650 senior citizens
- 15 market mapping workshops were conducted through which livelihood technical training needs were identified
- An awareness campaign on prevention of alcohol drugs and smoking habits was conducted benefiting 620 senior citizens

Age Demand Action (ADA) Campaign

Elders' Rights Promotion Campaign

The Programme Division organised an island-wide poster campaign to champion the rights of elders. Four seminars were held in different parts of the country and posters were distributed on this theme. During these seminars, people were encouraged to get Government involvement in the process of lobbying for a UN convention to safeguard the rights of the older people.



Elders' Rights Awareness Programme

International Day of Older Persons (1 October 2015)

The International Day of Older Persons 2015 was celebrated at Bakamoona, Polonnaruwa jointly with the North Central Provincial Council and the District Secretariat of Polonnaruwa on 1 October 2015. A joint walk by older persons and children commenced from the Divisional Secretariat, Bakamoona up to the Bakamoona Mahaweli Stadium where celebrations were held.

Nearly 750 older persons from the SCCs in Polonnaruwa District and around 1,000 children participated in these events. The Chief Secretary of the North Central Province, the District Secretary of Polonnaruwa and political leaders from the area participated and addressed the gathering. Leaders of the elders' committees also presented their views while some of the elders showcased their talents at this event. The staff members of the HASL also joined in this campaign. Senior citizens, Government officers, political leaders and the general public applauded the HASL for organising such an event in an underprivileged area.



Cinnamon Manufacturing

Mrs. S.A. Ratnawathie (55 years)

HelpAge Livelihood Assistance Programme



SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION

The Special Projects Division was initiated in 2011 to raise donations through the CSR projects of companies and also to raise funds through other innovative methods.

During the period under review, the Special Projects Division made a significant contribution to HASL funds by collecting a sum of Rs. 7,824,347/-.

Contributions received are as follows:

Sponsorships for Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Camps

	Rs.
Lanka IOC	2,120,520
National Savings Bank	1,606,400
CML MTD Constructions	885,800
People's Leasing & Finance PLC	730,000
Expolanka Holdings PLC	340,000
MJF Foundation	170,000
Associated CEAT (Pvt) Limited	124,575
Tea Trails (Pvt) Limited	98,750
Mr. Ashan De Zoysa	97,000
The Kingsbury Hotel – Colombo	94,600
Watawala Plantations PLC	85,000
YMBA Colombo	92,500
	6,445,145

Star Points by Dialog

The Dialog Star Points collection during the last financial year was – Rs. 1,663,815

Donations – Rs. 639,500

Payee Scheme – Rs. 35,630

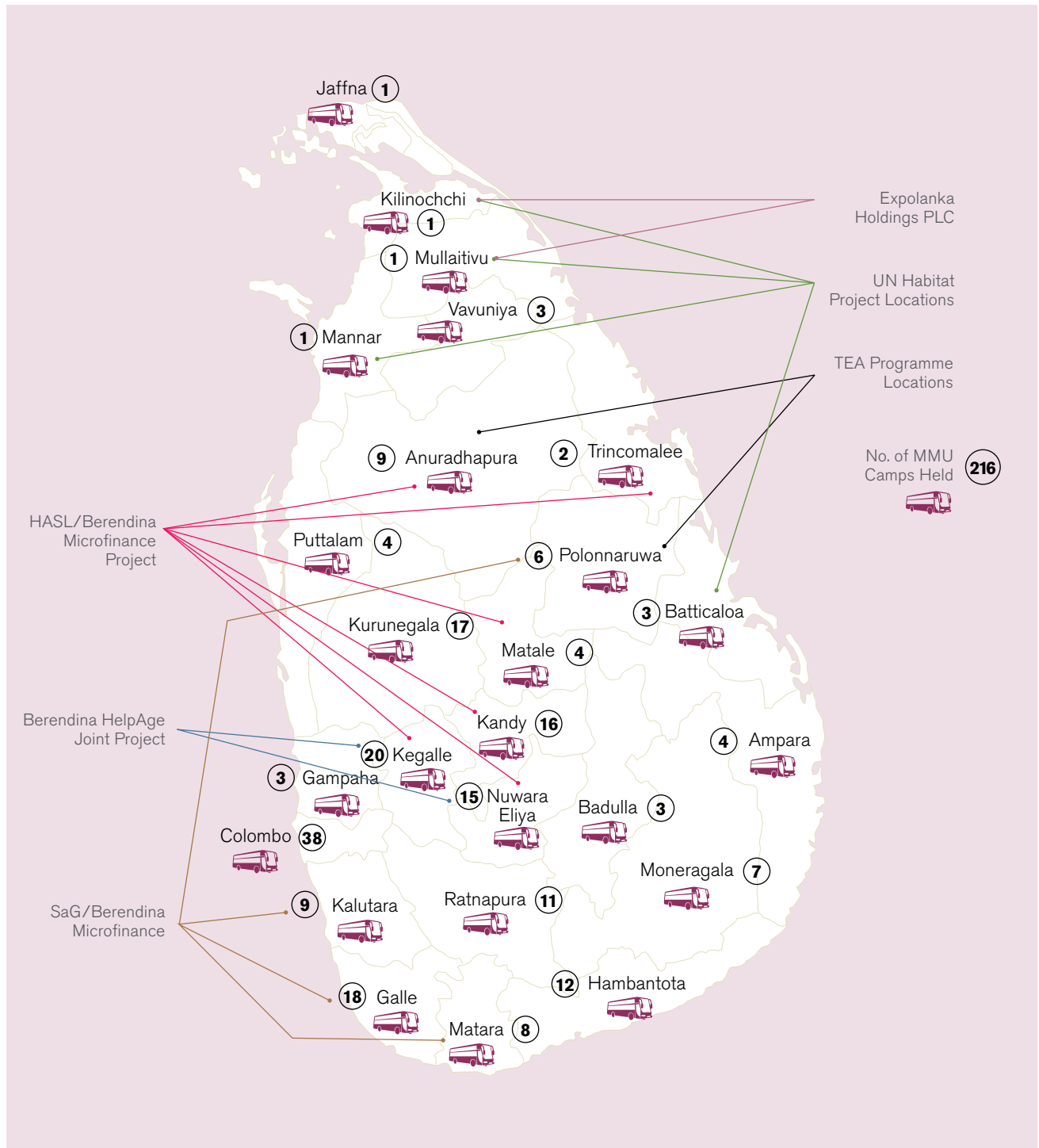
Donation of Disability Equipment

The following disability equipment worth of Rs. 735,000/- was donated to the needy elders during the year under review:

Air Mattress	02
Commode Chairs	15
Crutches	11
Elbow Crutches	05
Hearing Aids	45
Walking Frames	15
Walking Sticks	15
Wheel Chairs	44



The Map of Sri Lanka Depicts the Number of Mobile Medical and Eye Camps Conducted and Other Projects Performed in Each District by HASL During the Year Under Review



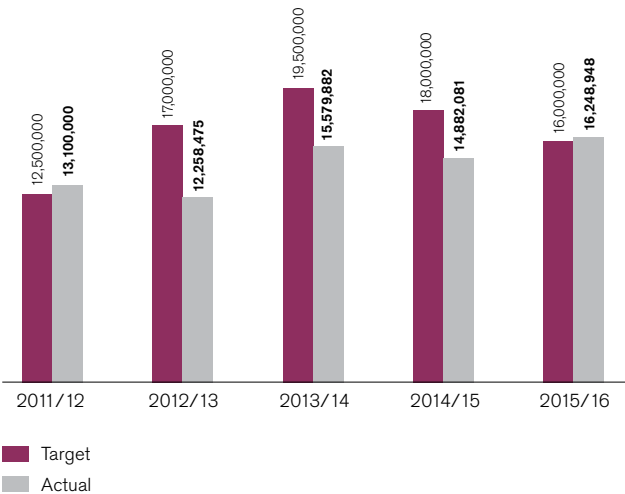
DIRECT MAIL

The Direct Mail Campaign is aimed at raising funds for marginalised and less privileged elders. Since December 2015, this campaign has been managed by the Special Projects Division. Three campaigns were held during the period under review, in May, October and December 2015. For the first time since the launch of the Direct Mail Campaign, targets of all three campaigns were achieved and a total of Rs. 16,241,948/- was collected. HASL is grateful to all donors who contributed towards this worthy cause.

Direct Mail Target vs. the Actual for the period 2011/12 to 2015/16

Direct Mail 2015/16

Rs.



FUNDRAISING DIVISION

The Fundraising Division of HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) is committed to raise funds to support programmes and projects of HASL which serve the needy elders in our country.

The initiatives of the Fundraising Division during the period under review are as follows:

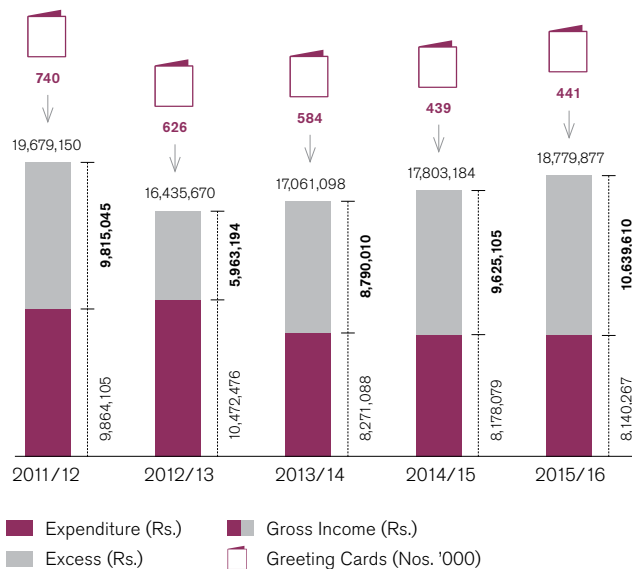
Greeting Cards

The Greeting Cards Project was initiated as a fundraising activity back in 1986. The proceeds from this Project generate a significant income for HASL. During the period under review, a sum of Rs. 18,701,230/- was generated from this Project. HASL's targets were achieved by the sale of Birthday cards, Christmas cards, Ramazan cards, New Year cards, Thank You cards and Vesak cards to existing and new customers, which included 160 corporate customers, individual customers and 100 retail book shops in Colombo and the suburbs.

HASL offered a variety of greeting cards with attractive graphic designs, photographs and paintings. Some of these cards were designed by the staff members of the Fundraising Division. The Fundraising Division extends its sincere thanks to everyone who supported this worthy cause providing their graphic designs, photographs and paintings, all free of charge.

The Greeting Cards Income

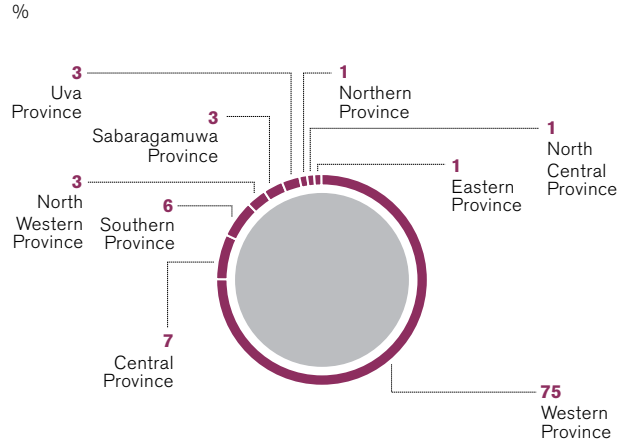
Greeting Card Income, Expenditure and Excess 2011/12 – 2015/16



Tills Project

During the period Rs. 3,750,000/- was collected from this project. A total of 1,252 tills were placed in the Central, North Central, North Western, Northern, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Uva, Eastern and Western Provinces, whilst 67 tills were placed at new locations such as Cargills Food City Southern Expressway retail outlets and Perera & Sons' outlets.

Till Collection Province Wise 2015/16



Trust and Foundation Donations

HASL would like to thank the following donors for their generous contributions enabling HASL to raise a sum of Rs. 168,000/- during the period under review:

- Albert and Margie Perera Trust
- Arulanandan Trust Foundation, Charles and Muriel De Zoysa Trust
- R.M. Manickavel Charity Trust
- S.K. Wickremesinghe Trust

These generous donations helped HASL to serve the needy elders during the period under review.

Corporate Donations

HASL wishes to thank the following companies which contributed a total sum of Rs. 767,976/- during the period under review.

- Ajax Engineers (Pvt) Limited
- Bank of Ceylon (Rambewa Branch)
- Built Element Limited
- E.B. Creasy & Co. PLC
- E.W. Balasuriya & Co. (Pvt) Limited
- Ceylon Tea Marketing (Pvt) Limited
- Green Pearl Ceylon (Pvt) Limited
- Harischandra Mills PLC
- J-Cey Tea (Pvt) Limited
- Messrs Sri Lanka Australia (Pvt) Limited
- Musaeus College Past Pupils' Association
- Saboor Chatoor (Pvt) Limited

New Fundraising Activities

Door-to-Door Programme

This was another fundraising initiative launched by the Fundraising Division to create awareness among the public on HASL activities. A sum of Rs. 1,045,630/- was raised during the period under review. The Fundraising Division wishes to thank all staff members of HASL who participated in the Door-to-Door Fundraising Campaign and Awareness Building programmes.

Christmas Décor Programme

A total of Rs. 178,852/- was received through the sale of handmade Christmas décor to corporate customers. This programme was introduced last year as a pilot project and HASL will continue to monitor and evaluate its progress.

Corporate Partners who have made a Significant Contribution to HASL

Mobile Cash Programme (mCash) with Mobitel (Pvt) Limited Sri Lanka

The objective of this project is to enable Mobitel subscribers registered with 'mCash' to contribute to HASL via the 'mCard' payment method. HASL hopes to receive a higher contribution through this system in the future.

Cargills Ceylon (Pvt) Limited

The relationship between HASL and Cargills Ceylon (Pvt) Limited spans over two decades. HASL's charity greeting cards were initially introduced to Cargills Ceylon (Pvt) Limited in 1994. HASL's relationship with Cargills has further strengthened with Cargills permitting HASL to place collection tills at new Cargills outlets island-wide.

Perera & Sons Bakers (Pvt) Limited

The close relationship between HASL and Perera & Sons Bakers (Pvt) Limited has enabled HASL to place charity tills at their pastry shops located in the Western and Central Provinces, thereby increasing HASL's collection in the Tills Project.

Individual and Corporate Donors

The list of other major individual and corporate donors are acknowledged at the end of this Report.

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Rs. 2.0 Million and above

Cargills Food City

Rs. 1.0 Million and above

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Mr. Janak Hirdaramani
Mr. Nalin Karunathilake
National Savings Bank

Rs. 500,000/- and above

Expolanka Holdings PLC
Lanka IOC (Pvt) Limited
People's Leasing Finance PLC
Walkers CML MTD (Pvt) Limited
Mr. Ananda Wijesuriya

Rs. 250,000/- and above

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Mr. A.S.M. De Silva (Sumilani Trust Fund)
Mr. Ajith De Silva
Edna Group of Companies
Foundation of Goodness
JBS Shipping (Pvt) Limited
Mr. Lakshman Upali Joseph
Musaeus College Past Pupils' Association
Perera & Sons Bakers (Pvt) Limited

Rs. 100,000/- up to Rs. 250,000/-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

DailyMirror Wednesday, February 14, 2015

ELDERS' DAY WALK

Organised by HelpAge Sri Lanka at Polonnaruwa

The 'International Elders' Day' which fell on October 01 was celebrated by HelpAge Sri Lanka jointly with the District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa and Elahera Divisional Secretariat at Elahera, Bakamoona in the Polonnaruwa District.

The 'Elders' Walk' which commenced early in the morning from Bakamoona Divisional Secretariat office was the main feature of the day's programme. Over 500 elders between the ages of 60-84 from Elahera, Bakamoona and surrounding villages participated in the walk to display their strength and raising awareness among the general public.

The message highlighted the issues faced by elders and to encourage younger generation to look after elders without sending them to Elders' Homes.

The oldest participant, 84 - year old Gamalathge Hinnihami, who is still very active also walked in the procession with others. The 'Walk' lasted about 30 minutes and some elders carried banners and placards to raise awareness on diverse issues faced by elders and to restore their rights.

A retired principal, 71-year old Sunimal Perera said it was the first time the elders in Bakamoona and Elahera villages was offered the opportunity to participate in a 'Walk'.

The 'Walk' ended at the Bakamoona Mahaweli grounds and the participants were provided with refreshments and lunch by HelpAge Sri Lanka and the Pradeshiya Sabha.

The main ceremony was held at the Bakamoona Mahaweli Stadium and several



officials including Polonnaruwa, District Secretary S. Senaratna, former Bakamoona, Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Amarawansa Mohottige and NCP, Chief Secretary W.T.J. Manel were also present.

During the ceremony elders performed entertainment items such as dancing, singing and dramas.

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Daily News Friday, March 25, 2016

Freemasons tie up with HelpAge for Free cataract surgeries

The Masonic Lodge in Sri Lanka recently tied up with HelpAge Sri Lanka to conduct free cataract surgeries for needy senior citizens at the HelpAge Eye Hospital in Wellawatte. Rs. 170,000/- was donated by the Freemasons towards this cause. HelpAge used the funds

to conduct cataract surgeries, medical and eye screening of elders and also medical camps around the country. Senior citizens in rural areas are referred to the nearest Government hospital for their cataract surgeries and other eyecare needs.

HelpAge Sri Lanka Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge highlighted the importance of conducting free cataract surgeries and said over 25,000 elders in the country have already benefited from the free cataract surgery programme. He also said there

was a marked improvement in the contributions made by various organisations and individuals towards HelpAge eyecare and other medical programmes, and thanked the Freemasons for partnering with them with this worthy cause.

Daily News

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

HelpAge Sri Lanka distributes food and clothes to flood, landslide victims

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) extended its social service activities to families affected by floods and landslides in Colombo and Kegalle districts during the past two weeks.

The flood and landslide relief distribution programme, organised by HelpAge Sri Lanka in these two flood affected areas benefitted over 4,000 elderly citizens and their families.

The distribution programme was carried out in consultation with the Disaster Management Centre (DMC), the area Divisional Secretariats and Grama Niladaris. DMC statistics revealed that over 2,000 families were rendered homeless in Colombo and Kegalle Districts.

The distribution programme was funded by HelpAge International of the United Kingdom.

Immediately after the natural disaster, a HelpAge Sri Lanka relief team distributed cooked food packets and varieties of medicine and non-food items to families in

Kelaniya, Nagahamula, Pattiwila, Kotikawatta, IDH and Kolonnawa in the Colombo District.

During the second stage, flood and landslide affected families in Pahala Taldawa, Kelagama, Diagala, Epalapitiya, Napawala, Uduwila in Dehiowita Divisional Secretariat Division and Uduwa and Thanimalei camps in Bulathkohupitiya, Mahanthegama and Dunugammaliadda camps in Mawanella Divisional Secretariat Division, received dry ration bags which consisted of rice, dhal, sugar, tea leaves, canned fish etc.

They also received non-food item parcels consisted clothes, readymade garments, sanitary items, soap, tooth-paste and also drinking water bottles.

Commenting on the flood and landslide relief distribution programme, HASL, Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge thanked HelpAge International for



Flood victims receiving dry ration and other needy food items from HelpAge Sri Lanka relief team at distribution point at Dehiowita, Bulathkohupitiya and Mawanella Divisional Secretariats.

their financial assistance towards helping the flood and landslide victims.

Liyanawaduge also spoke of the contributions made by HelpAge Sri Lanka to construct over 250 housing units to elderly citizens in Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Batticaloa and Ampara Districts

and many other parts of the country under the tsunami rehabilitation and response programme.

HASL, Programme Manager Chanminnda de Silva said, HelpAge is planning to implement several other programmes in the future to support the elders and their families affected by this natural disaster.

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DailyMirror Tuesday, August 25, 2015

PLC partners with HelpAge Sri Lanka to conduct mobile medical and eye screening clinic

People's Leasing & Finance PLC (PLC), Wennappuwa Branch partnered with HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) to conduct mobile medical and eye screening camp for the benefit of Senior Customers of the Wennappuwa PLC Branch recently.

The camp was held at the PLC office premises to coincide with the fourth anniversary of the Wennappuwa Branch. Chief Manager – Mr. Chamil Herath and the CSR team were present from Head Office. Head of PLC Wennappuwa and his team contributed their unreserved voluntary support to make this initiative a great success.

The campaign commenced with pre awareness service for 140 elderly who were clinically screened during the day. Sixty-nine were screened for eyecare and 72 for other ailments with medicine. Fifty-six persons with vision impairments were provided with bi-focal spectacles, while three patients were referred to the nearest Government hospitals for further treatment.

PLC contributed proceeds towards this worthy cause as one of its Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives towards customer well-being. A large number of Senior PLC customers attended the clinic to reap the benefits offered by the camp.

Meanwhile, four cataract patients were directed to HelpAge Eye Care Centre at Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte for surgery at no cost to the patient.

“People's Leasing & Finance PLC is always very friendly and provide a great service. This gesture is beyond their formal service and it benefits the elderly people like me”, said a loyal senior customer of PLC Wennappuwa.

Over the years, HelpAge Sri Lanka extended immense support to Senior Citizens as a responsible corporate. Head of PLC Wennappuwa – Ajith Agalle, said that the programme was highly appreciated by Senior PLC customers who have medical and

eyecare needs and also cataract surgeries under this programme.

HASL, Manager Special Projects Russell Juriansz thanked People's Leasing Company for their kind gesture and said that proceeds generated from hosting this initiative will be invested on performing cataract surgeries for the economically marginalised senior citizens.

HASL, Executive Director – Samantha Liyanawaduge stated that there is a marked improvement in contributions made by the private sector towards the health and eyecare programmes of HASL and thanked People's Leasing & Finance PLC for partnering with HelpAge Sri Lanka for this worthy cause.

Daily News Saturday, January 16, 2016

Former Leics cricketer calls HelpAge Sri Lanka “The Jewel in the Crown”



ANANDA KANNANGARA

England under 19 cricket team assistant coach, Tim Boon during his short tour in Sri Lanka recently, paid special attention towards the welfare facilities extended by HelpAge Sri Lanka for the benefit of the elderly population in the country.

The Leicestershire cricketer is believed to be involved in social activities, especially for needy elders in his country during his leisure, in addition to his career in cricket.

Calling HelpAge Sri Lanka as “The Jewel in the Crown”, Tim Boon is highly appreciative of the eye and medical care and other services provided by HelpAge Sri Lanka, to the country's needy Senior Citizens over 55 years. HelpAge Sri Lanka was established in 1986 with the sole intention of improving the quality of life of the destitute and marginalised elders in Sri Lanka.

The HelpAge Eye Hospital at Wellawatte has so far performed over 25,000 free cataract surgeries for elderly citizens.

The England Assistant Coach, Boon also admired the brilliant work done by the HelpAge Eye Hospital during his meeting with HelpAge, Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge.

According to Liyanawaduge, the Hospital performs about 20 free cataract surgeries every day.

Boon also highlighted the HelpAge Mobile Medical service programme that provides Eye screening and medical assistance free of charge to needy elders, even in distant areas of the country.

Boon said, during his next visit to Sri Lanka, he would visit the HelpAge Eye Hospital, Wellawatte to see how needy elders from distant areas visiting Colombo undergo free cataract surgeries to regain their eyesight.

Recalling the past, Boon said, Sri Lanka was a familiar country to him and as a foreign player, he even represented Colombo Cricket Club (CCC) in 1982 at the invitation of Rajah Mahendran from the Maharajas Group.

He said, he had an opportunity to play with cricketers of yesteryear as Shammi Silva, Nirmal Hetthiarachchi, Hemantha Devapriya and Charith Senanayake.

He said, during his brief stay in the country, he visited a temple at Waskaduwa in Kalutara and played cricket on the beach with local kids.

Boon further said that 'The Jewel in the Crown' are organisations such as HelpAge Sri Lanka, who rely on donations and generosity to make a difference across the island.

They are guardians of Sri Lanka as they continue to empower the elderly, to help the youth of today to secure the Sri Lankan identity of tomorrow,” Boon added.

DailyMirror Thursday, January 21, 2016

30th anniversary of HelpAge Sri Lanka

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL), the country's only social service organisation that provides completely free cataract surgeries for under privileged Senior Citizens over 55 years will celebrate its 30th anniversary on January 26.

Established on January 26, 1986 at Ratmalana by H.P. Gooneratne, a well-known philanthropist with the sole

objective of providing free medical assistance to needy Senior Citizens in the country, expanded the medical activities after shifting the office to a more convenient place at Rattanapitiya, Boralessgamuwa, adjoining the Sri Jayawardenapura University.

The 30th -year anniversary will be celebrated by HelpAge on a grand scale with a series of religious programmes.

Accordingly, the main all-night pirith ceremony will be held at the Head Office premises on January 22 (Friday), followed by alms-giving to 12 Buddhist monks the following morning.

The multi-religious programme to invoke blessings on HelpAge staff including the Wellawatte HelpAge Hospital and Ratmalana Day Centre staff members as well as beneficiary Senior Citizens will take place on January 25 (Monday) with the participation of Buddhist, Christian, Hindu and Muslim priests.

Commenting on the anniversary HASL, Chairman Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa said HelpAge Hospital at Wellawatte conducts about 20 free cataract surgeries every day for needy elders and over 25,000 elders all over the country have benefited under the free cataract surgery programme since the inception of the Hospital.

HelpAge, Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge said a large number of Senior Citizens over 55 years suffer from various medical and eyecare needs, especially cataract surgeries and HelpAge assists all of them free of charge.

“We also conduct mobile medical camps and many elders living in distant areas are referred to nearby Government hospitals for further treatment with the assistance of HASL”.

He also said there is a marked improvement in contributions made by private sector organisations towards the HelpAge health and eyecare programme considering that helping destitute Senior Citizens has become a worthy cause.

All past HelpAge employees will be invited to attend the anniversary events.

HelpAge Sri Lanka, is the country's only social service organisation that provides completely free cataract surgeries for under privileged Senior Citizens over 55 years



Daily News Monday, July 4, 2016

HelpAge Ramazan greeting card sales benefit elderly citizens

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) released a large collection of Ramazan greeting cards. The proceeds from sales are utilised to perform completely free cataract surgeries to underprivileged elderly citizens over 55 years.

The surgeries are conducted at HelpAge Eye Hospital, No. 14, Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 06 (opposite Savoy Cinema).

The proceeds obtained from greeting card sales will also be utilised to conduct mobile eye and medical camps.

The greeting cards are adorned with colourful graphic designs, such as Ramazan Moon Sighting

Crescent, The Breaking Dawn, Living in the shade of Islam, Ramazan Moon, Stars and the Mosque, Devotional Life, New Ramadan Moon, Arabian Night and the picture of Mecca.

HASL, Fundraising Manager Ruchilalani Batuwantudawa requested people to contribute towards this cause by purchasing Ramazan greeting cards. The cards are printed on high quality imported linen board.

HASL, Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge said free cataract surgeries are performed with high quality imported lenses.

The cards are available at several Book Shops including Sarasavi, Nugegoda, Shan Book Shop, Matale, House of Children, Mt. Lavinia, Devmini Book Shop, Ratmalana, ATM Book Shop, Mawanella, Gamage and New Pradeepa Book Shops, Bandaragama.

Cards are also available at HASL Head Office at 102, Pemananda Mawatha, Rattanapitiya, Boralessgamuwa. For details Contact 011 4926358/948 and 011 2803752-54 or helpagecard@helpage.lk



Dairy Farming

Mrs. Kusuma Nugaduwa (56 years)

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GLIMPSE OF THE PAST



Tilak de Zoysa (Chairman, HelpAge International), Richard Blewitt (CEO, HelpAge International), Steven M. Hilton (President and CEO Conrad N. Hilton Foundation) 16 April 2012, Washington DC, USA



Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa Chairman HASL and HAI receiving the letter of appointment as the consultant to the Ministry of Social Services from Hon. Felix Perera – Minister of Social Services



Gold Award – League of American Communications Professionals (LACP) USA



HelpAge Eyecare Centre Opening Ceremony



HelpAge International Board Meeting held in Sri Lanka, 2010



The visit to Sri Lanka in 2010 of Mr. Tom Wright, CEO AgeUK and Mr. Paul Farthing, DF of AgeUK

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS 2015



Elders' Walk from the Divisional Secretariat office Elahera to Mahaweli Stadium Bakamuna



Elders' Walk Continued



International Day of Older Persons Celebration Programme at Mahaweli Stadium Bakamuna



Lighting of the Traditional Oil Lamp



Elders' Walk Continued



President of the Elahera Pradeshiya Sabha Addressing the Gathering

MORE NEWS



The Robert Coleridge Scott Lodge – Masonic Lodge in Sri Lanka donated Rs. 170,000/- to HelpAge Sri Lanka at the Masonic Temple Premises



Donation by Musaeus College Past Pupils' Association, USA Branch



ADA Signature Campaign for a UN Convention for Elders



H.E. the President Hon. Maithripala Sirisena, joining HelpAge/Manusath Derana Programme in Polonnaruwa



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Our Legal Framework

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Approved Charity Statute Notification Gazette No. 497
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Registration of Approved Persons and Organisations
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 No. NCA/0001/2002/WP

Registration of voluntary social services/non-governmental
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Handmade Lace Weaving

Ms. K.H. Lisinona (79 years), Ms. T.P. Felicia Silva (67 years)
and Ms. W.H. Gunawathie (78 years)
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TO THE MEMBERS OF HELPAGE SRI LANKA

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of HelpAge Sri Lanka ('the Entity'), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2016 and the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information (set out on 2 to 16).

Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors ('Board') is responsible for the preparation of these Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and for such internal control, as Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the Auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the Auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Financial Statements that give a true and fair view 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 entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the – appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Entity as at 31st March 2016 and of its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards.

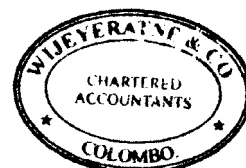
Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by section 163 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, we state the following:

- The basis of opinion and scope and limitations of the audit are as stated above.
- In our opinion
 - We have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and as far as appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the entity,
 - The Financial Statements of the Entity, comply with the requirements of section 151 of the Companies Act.

Wijeyeratne

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
Colombo, 29 September 2016



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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR

For the year ended 31 March

	Notes	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
Income and Expenditure			
Total Receipts	5	129,925,033	139,636,181
Total Expenditure	6	(121,848,722)	(133,377,419)
Net Surplus Before Taxation		8,076,311	6,258,762
Income Tax Expense		(277,356)	(82,370)
Net Surplus After Taxation		7,798,955	6,176,392
Other Comprehensive Income		—	—
Total Comprehensive Income for the Year		7,798,955	6,176,392

All recognised gains and losses are indicated in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The Notes on pages 78 to 85 form a part of these Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>As at 31 March</i>	Notes	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
ASSETS			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	66,760,589	68,142,579
Current Assets			
Inventories		5,180,020	5,297,850
Trade and Other Receivables	8	25,211,307	20,921,021
Income Tax Receivable		124,405	319,392
Short-Term Investment	9	198,194,745	190,163,217
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	11,999,885	7,032,780
		240,710,362	223,734,260
Total Assets		307,470,951	291,876,839
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Capital and Reserve			
Funds	11	211,044,327	197,527,962
Grants	12	70,645,702	70,645,702
		281,690,029	268,173,664
Non-Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	13	6,644,665	5,413,857
Long-Term Loan	14	1,236,006	3,001,579
		7,880,671	8,415,436
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	15	10,452,504	6,388,353
Long-Term Loans Payable within One Year	14	1,785,314	2,651,500
Bank Overdraft	10	5,662,433	6,247,886
		17,900,251	15,287,739
Total Equity and Liabilities		307,470,951	291,876,839



Finance Manager

Signed for and on behalf of the Committee.



Chairman



Director

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 March

	Notes	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus Before Taxation		8,076,311	6,258,762
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	7	6,710,733	7,135,343
Provision for Retiring Gratuity	13	2,056,438	959,782
Profit on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		—	—
Amortisation of Grants		—	—
Net Movement of Funds		5,717,411	(21,210)
Cash flow from Operating Activities before Working Capital Changes		22,560,893	14,332,677
Working Capital Changes			
Inventory		117,830	615,333
Trade and Other Receivables		(4,290,286)	274,114
Trade and Other Payables		4,064,152	(11,743,263)
Net Movement of Short-Term Investments		(8,031,528)	2,031,030
Cash Generated from Operations		14,421,061	5,509,891
Tax Paid		(82,370)	(64,108)
Gratuity Paid	13	(825,630)	(1,257,622)
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities		13,513,061	4,188,161
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	7	(5,328,743)	(1,580,769)
Proceed from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		—	—
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(5,328,743)	(1,580,769)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net Movement in Lease Creditors		(2,631,760)	(2,648,837)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		(2,631,760)	(2,648,837)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		5,552,558	(41,445)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year		784,894	826,339
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Year	10	6,337,452	784,894

POLICIES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Basis of Preparation

1.1 Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, whereby transactions are recorded at the values prevailing on the dates when the assets were acquired, liabilities incurred or the capital obtained. Further, the Financial Statements are in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards for Small and Medium Sized-Entities (SLFRS for SMEs) laid down by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

1.2 Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

1.3 Events After Reporting Period

All material events occurring after the Balance Sheet date have been considered and, where necessary, adjustments have been made in the Financial Statement.

1.4 Use of Estimates and Judgments

The preparation of the Financial Statements in conformity with SLFRS for SMEs requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

1.5 Going Concern

The Directors have made an assessment of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future and they do not intend either to liquidate or cease operations.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies set out below have been consistently applied to all periods presented in these Financial Statements unless otherwise indicated.

2.1 Property, Plant and Equipment

Cost incurred in acquiring, improving or extending property, plant and equipment have been treated as capital expenditure. Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost less excluding the cost of day-to-day servicing, less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment in value.

2.2 Depreciation

Depreciation has been calculated in order to write-off the cost of property, plant and equipment less their value on a reducing balance method over the expected useful lives of the concerned assets using the following rates:

Asset Name	Rate %
SAG Project Assets	
Buildings	5.0
Day Centre Assets	12.5
Furniture and Fittings	12.5
Motor Vehicles	12.5
Office Equipment	12.5
Project Assets	12.5
Tools and Implements	12.5
Training Equipment	12.5

Asset Name	Rate %
Age Care Centre	
Furniture and Fittings	12.5
Kitchen Equipment	50.0
Linen	50.0
Mattresses	50.0
Sundries	50.0
Tools and Equipment	50.0
Utensils, Cutlery and Crockery	50.0
Eyecare Centre	
Surgical Equipment	12.5
General Equipment	
Mattress/Furniture	12.5

No depreciation has been charged in the year of purchase and full provision for depreciation has been made in the year of disposal.

2.3 Leased Assets

Finance Leases

Where property, plant and equipment is financed by leasing arrangements, which transfer substantial benefits and risks of ownership are classified as financial leases, the assets are treated as if they have been purchased outright and are included in property, plant and equipment and have been depreciated according to the rates specified above.

All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rights to assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets of the Company at the fair value of the leased property (or, if lower, the present value of minimum lease payments) at the inception of the lease.

The corresponding liability to the lessor is included in the Statement of Financial Position as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are apportioned between finance charges and reduction of the lease obligation so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability. Finance charges are deducted in measuring profit or loss. Assets held under finance lease are included in property, plant and equipment and depreciated and assessed for impairment losses in the same way as owned assets.

Rentals payable under operating lease are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the terms of the relevant lease.

2.4 Inventory

Inventory items other than Wheel Chairs, Eye Lenses, Food Consumables and Greeting Cards have been valued at lower of cost or realisable value. Cost has been determined at purchase price. All other items that have been purchased or received as non-cash donation which are not distributed as at the Balance Sheet date are classified under this caption and valued at estimated prices.

2.5 Financial Instruments

2.5.1 Financial Assets

The Company determines the classification of its financial assets at initial recognition.

All financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial assets include cash, deposits with Bank and trade and other receivables.

2.5.2 Financial Liabilities

The Company determines the classification of its financial liabilities at initial recognition.

All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and in the case of loans and borrowings, carried at amortised cost. This includes directly attributable transaction costs.

The Company's financial liabilities include trade and other payables, bank overdrafts, loans and borrowings.

The Company derecognise a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expired.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount presented in the Statement of Financial Position when and only when, the Company has a legal right to offset the amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset or settle the liability simultaneously.

2.6 Held-to-Maturity Financial Assets

Held-to-maturity financial assets are recognised initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, short-term investments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment loss.

Held-to-Maturity financial assets comprise of Bank Fixed Deposits.

2.7 Trade and Other Receivables

Most income are made on the basis of normal credit terms and the receivables do not bear interest. Where credit is extended beyond normal credit terms, receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. At the end of each Reporting period, the carrying amounts of trade and other receivables are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence that the amounts are not recoverable. If so, an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

2.8 Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of Cash Flow Statements, cash and cash equivalents are defined as cash in hand and demand deposits in banks.

The Cash Flow Statement is based on the indirect method.

2.9 Impairment of Assets

At each Reporting date property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, inventory and investments in associates are reviewed to determine whether there is an indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount (selling price less costs to complete and sell, in the case of inventories), but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

3. Liabilities and Provisions

Liabilities classified as current liabilities on the Balance Sheet are those which fall due for payment on demand or within one year from the Balance Sheet date. Non-current liabilities are those balances that fall due for payment later than are one year from the Reporting date.

All known liabilities have been accounted in preparing the Financial Statements.

3.1 Retirement Benefit Plan

i. Defined Benefit Plan

Terminal Benefits have been provided for all Employees (other than non-residents) who have completed 1 year of services, at the rate of one-half of the basic salary, for the last month of the financial year or each year of completed service. The provision has not been externally funded nor has been actuarially valued.

ii. Defined Contribution Plan

All employees of the Company are members of the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund to which the employees contribute 12% and 3% for all employees for Employees' Trust Fund based on such employees' basic salary.

3.2 Trade and Other Payables

Trade payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest. Trade payables denominated in a foreign currency are translated into Sri Lankan Rupees using the exchange rate at the Reporting date. Foreign exchange gains or losses are included in other income or other expenses.

3.3 Provisions

Provision for legal claims are recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be estimated reliably.

The provision are measured at the present value of the future amount required to settle the obligation using a per tax reflecting the current assessment of the time value of money and specific risks relevant for the obligation. The increase in provision due to time passage is recognised as an interest expense.

3.4 Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable.

Current Tax

Current income tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior periods are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted by the Reporting date.

The provision for income tax is based on the elements of income and expenditure as reported in the Financial Statements and computed in accordance with the provisions of the Inland Revenue Act.

3.5 Accounting for Grants

Grants that compensate the institute for expenses incurred are recognised as revenue in the Income Statement on a systematic basis in the same period in which the expenses are recognised. Grants that compensate the institute for the cost of an asset are recognised in the Income Statement on a systematic basis over the useful life of the related asset.

3.6 Amounts Received in Advance

Amount received for Projects from Donor Institutions, which are to be disbursed in the subsequent period has been classified under this caption.

4. Income Statement

4.1 Incoming Resources

Income has been accounted on cash basis. Where funds have been received net of tax, the income has been recognised gross at the time of receipt.

4.2 Resources Expended

Expenditure has been accounted on an accrual basis.

Management and administration expenditure consist of all costs involved other than those relating directly to projects.

4.3 Interest

Interest income is recognised in profit and loss as it accrues and is calculated by using the effective interest rate method.

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March	Notes	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
5. Total Receipts			
Local Activities			
Project Income	5.1	71,983,172	65,561,172
Direct Income	5.2	31,779,744	41,154,336
Programme Unit		26,162,117	32,920,673
		129,925,033	139,636,181
5.1 Project Income			
Direct Mail		16,261,948	14,879,907
YEP		4,537,926	4,020,955
Tills		4,057,087	2,517,193
Age Care		8,840,772	10,213,343
Day Centre		2,829,895	2,983,530
Greeting Cards		18,333,206	17,803,815
Paid Home Care		5,582,217	3,234,250
Eye Hospital		2,522,836	1,224,009
Special Project		7,760,147	4,564,328
New Fundraising		1,257,138	4,119,842
		71,983,172	65,561,172
5.2 Direct Income			
Interest Income		13,453,349	14,706,576
Sundries		250,641	390,334
General/Corporate		2,976,505	13,198,749
Payroll		120,744	105,385
Mobile Medical Unit		14,978,505	11,753,292
Legacies		—	1,000,000
		31,779,744	41,154,336

For the year ended 31 March	Notes	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
6. Total Expenditure			
General Project Funded	6.1	39,884,314	45,717,051
Local Activity Expenses	6.2	29,018,204	28,260,306
Project-Related Expenses	6.3	14,367,310	14,204,728
Staff Remuneration	6.4	11,364,646	10,933,523
Programme Unit		27,214,248	34,261,811
		121,848,722	133,377,419

6.1 General Project Funded

Battaramulla Ayurvedic Centre		233,779	151,081
Elders Week Expenses		277,803	472,187
Day Centre Expenses		3,491,869	3,562,094
Eyecare Centre Programme		18,429,538	20,147,660
MMU Expenses		13,970,303	17,961,602
Home Care Programme		1,750,584	1,443,346
Elders Medicine		86,075	99,752
Newsletter and Annual Review		608,100	502,670
Assistance for Day Centre		242,186	17,361
Disability Equipment		727,470	1,248,798
Miscellaneous Services for Elders		66,607	110,500
		39,884,314	45,717,051

For the year ended 31 March	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
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6.2 Local Activity Expenses

Greeting Cards	10,243,858	8,178,709
Direct Mail Project	2,909,899	4,376,568
Till Proceed Expenses	1,474,577	989,669
Youth Educational Programme	3,350,910	3,446,455
Age Care Centre Expenses	6,018,237	6,601,470
Special Project Expenses	4,643,574	3,644,212
New Fundraising	377,149	1,023,223
	29,018,204	28,260,306

6.3 Project-Related Expenses

Audit Fees	58,535	109,536
Depreciation	6,710,747	7,135,343
Other Non-Project Expenses	5,541,590	6,000,067
Gratuity Expenditure	2,056,438	959,782
	14,367,310	14,204,728

6.4 Staff Remuneration

Salaries – Administration	9,777,696	9,503,032
Staff Welfare	536,200	383,550
Staff Travel and Subsistence	1,019,120	981,547
Overtime – Administration	31,630	65,394
	11,364,646	10,933,523

7. Property, Plant and Equipment – Main Activities

	Cost			As at 31.03.2016 Rs.
	As at 01.04.2015 Rs.	Additions Rs.	Disposals Rs.	
General				
Land	399,400	–	–	399,400
Building	43,266,394	–	–	43,266,394
Office Equipment	5,885,678	29,460	–	5,915,138
Furniture Fittings and Fixtures	2,014,226	151,893	–	2,166,119
Motor Vehicles	35,937,274	552,600	–	36,489,874
Training Equipment	1,456,057	–	–	1,456,057
Day Centre Assets	621,781	31,700	–	653,481
Tools and Implements	712	–	–	712
AAG Project Assets	3,980	–	–	3,980
Project Assets	3,124,368	–	–	3,124,368
Computer Equipment	360,890	850,554	–	1,211,444
Till	1,878,300	–	–	1,878,300
Greeting Card Racks	100,000	–	–	100,000
Age Care Centre				
Furniture Fittings and Fixtures	2,883,749	19,238	–	2,902,987
Mattresses	99,488	–	–	99,488
Linen	455,289	–	–	455,289
Tools and Implements	28,283	–	–	28,283
Utensils, Cutlery and Crockery	177,959	–	–	177,959
Kitchen Equipment	332,355	51,000	–	383,355
Sundry Assets	18,841	–	–	18,841
Office Equipment	767,935	21,940	–	789,875
Dementia Unit	76,449	–	–	76,449
Eyecare Centre				
Surgical Equipment	4,443,674	3,425,860	–	7,869,534
General Equipment, Mattresses, Furniture	21,498,185	194,498	–	21,692,683
Ayurvedic Centre	124,586	–	–	124,586
Dementia Centre	95,932	–	–	95,932
Total	126,051,785	5,328,743	–	131,380,528

Accumulated Depreciation				Net Book Value	
As at 01.04.2015 Rs.	Charge for the Year Rs.	Disposals Rs.	As at 31.03.2016 Rs.	As at 31.03.2015 Rs.	As at 31.03.2016 Rs.
—		—	—	399,400	399,400
17,120,879	1,307,270	—	18,428,149	26,145,515	24,838,245
3,256,196	328,683	—	3,584,879	2,629,482	2,330,259
1,288,482	90,715	—	1,379,197	725,744	786,922
13,920,694	2,752,072	—	16,672,766	22,016,580	19,817,108
1,331,098	15,620	—	1,346,718	124,959	109,339
540,575	10,151	—	550,726	81,206	102,755
712	—	—	712	—	—
3,769	26	—	3,795	211	185
1,871,573	156,598	—	2,028,171	1,252,795	1,096,197
31,743	41,143	—	72,886	329,147	1,138,558
234,788	205,439	—	440,227	1,643,512	1,438,073
12,500	10,938	—	23,438	87,500	76,562
2,596,816	35,865	—	2,632,681	286,933	270,306
99,488	—	—	99,488	—	—
395,759	29,765	—	425,524	59,530	29,765
23,685	2,299	—	25,984	4,598	2,299
176,803	578	—	177,381	1,156	578
270,927	30,714	—	301,641	61,428	81,714
17,516	663	—	18,179	1,325	662
352,604	207,665	—	560,269	415,331	229,606
76,296	19	—	76,315	153	134
3,373,938	133,717	—	3,507,655	1,069,736	4,361,879
10,749,986	1,343,525	—	12,093,511	10,748,199	9,599,172
91,685	4,113	—	95,798	32,901	28,788
70,694	3,155	—	73,849	25,238	22,083
57,909,206	6,710,733	—	64,619,939	68,142,579	66,760,589

For the year ended 31 March	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
8. Trade and Other Receivables		
Debtors	9,560,885	5,620,966
Deposits and Prepayments	161,250	161,250
Receivables	11,745,305	15,018,438
Receivables – Programme Unit	312,367	120,367
Loans – Microfinance Project	3,431,500	–
	25,211,307	20,921,021

9. Short-Term Investments

Standard Chartered Bank

National Savings Bank	561,265	544,617
People's Leasing PLC	45,000	66,118,600
MBSL Financial Services Limited	68,530,995	–
	129,057,485	123,500,000
	198,194,745	190,163,217

10. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash in Hand	570,000	290,000
Cash at Bank	9,380,916	6,114,326
Cash at Bank – Programme Unit	1,831,094	628,454
Cash at Bank – Microfinance Project	217,875	–
	11,999,885	7,032,780
Bank Overdraft	(5,662,433)	(5,579,542)
Bank Overdraft – Programme Unit	–	(668,344)
	(5,662,433)	(6,247,886)
	6,337,452	784,894

11. Funds

Cyril Gardiner Charitable Fund

Balance at the Beginning of the Year and at the End of the Year	401,400	401,400
Funds Received for the Year	27,750	–
Balance at End of the Year	429,150	401,400

For the year ended 31 March	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
Consolidated Fund		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	191,781,364	184,263,333
Net Surplus for the Year	8,851,084	7,518,031
Balance at the End of the Year	200,632,448	191,781,364
Staff Medical Insurance Fund		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	2,149,735	2,171,445
Add: Funds Received During the Year	207,062	396,756
	2,356,797	2,568,201
Less: Insurance Claimed to Staff	(481,630)	(418,466)
Balance at the End of the Year	1,875,167	2,149,735
Emergency Fund for Elders		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year and at the End of the Year	4,310,242	4,310,242
H.P. Gooneratne Charitable Fund		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	1,500,000	1,500,000
Net Surplus for the Year	—	—
Balance at the End of the Year	1,500,000	1,500,000
H.P. Gooneratne Charitable Fund – Scholarship		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	—	—
Add: Funds Received During the Year	278,750	—
Balance at the End of the Year	278,750	—
Less: Transfers During the Year	(105,000)	—
Balance at the End of the Year	173,750	—
Sumilani Trust Fund		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	—	—
Net Surplus for the Year	304,500	—
Balance at the End of the Year	304,500	—
Programme Unit		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	(2,614,780)	(1,273,640)
Fund Received	1,836,603	—
Net Deficit for the Year	(1,052,128)	(1,341,139)
Balance at the End of the Year	(1,830,305)	(2,614,779)

For the year ended 31 March	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
Microfinance Project		
Fund – SAG	2,924,000	–
Fund – Expolanka	715,000	–
Consolidated Fund	10,375	–
	3,649,375	–
Total Funds at End of the Year	211,044,327	197,527,962

12. Grants

Balance at the Beginning and at the End of the Year	70,645,702	70,645,702
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13. Retirement Benefit Obligation

At the Beginning of the Year	5,413,857	5,711,697
Charges for the Year	2,056,438	959,782
	7,470,295	6,671,479
Payments Made During the Year	(825,630)	(1,257,622)
At the End of the Year	6,644,665	5,413,857

14. Long-Term Loans

Obligation Under Finance Leases

14.1 Commercial Leasing V/12/003/3982 PE 1569

Balance at the Beginning of the Year	1,658,617	3,075,853
Less: Repayment During the Year	(1,406,949)	(1,417,236)
	251,668	1,658,617
Less: Interest in Suspense	(60,354)	(422,478)
	191,314	1,236,139
Less: Payable within One Year	(191,314)	(1,057,500)
Balance at the End of the Year	–	178,639

For the year ended 31 March	2016 Rs.	2015 Rs.
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14.2 Commercial Leasing PE 5190

Balance at the Beginning of the Year	3,239,056	4,533,092
Less: Prepayment	(1,288,092)	(1,294,036)
	1,950,964	3,239,056
Less: Interest in Suspense	(661,754)	(1,102,923)
	1,289,210	2,136,133
Less: Payable within One Year	(854,000)	(854,000)
Balance at the End of the Year	435,210	1,282,133

14.3 Sampath Leasing V/LS/063383/31/PLG

Balance at the Beginning of the Year	3,645,029	4,828,314
Less: Prepayment	(1,182,435)	(1,183,285)
	2,462,594	3,645,029
Less: Interest in Suspense	(921,798)	(1,364,222)
	1,540,796	2,280,807
Less: Payable within One Year	(740,000)	(740,000)
Balance at the End of the Year	800,796	1,540,807
Total Lease Payable after One Year	1,236,006	3,001,579
Total Lease Payable within One Year	1,785,314	2,651,500

15. Trade and Other Payables

Other Payables	6,478,740	3,693,097
Other Project Payables – Programme Unit	3,973,764	2,695,256
	10,452,504	6,388,353

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