



**HelpAge
Sri Lanka**

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Older Persons and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development An age-inclusive agenda for Sustainable Development!



WHO WE ARE

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.”

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) was established in 1986 following the First World Assembly held in Vienna in 1982. The Assembly highlighted the subject of ageing and the consequences and problems countries were facing due to their ageing population. The programmes and services of HASL were initially developed based on the 62 recommendations of the World Assembly. This was followed by the Declaration of 1991 of the United Nations Principles on Older Persons' independence, participation, care, self-fulfilment and dignity. HASL's programmes were further modified to take into account other UN Conventions such as the International Year of Older Persons in 1999.

Currently HASL is developing policies and programmes in line with the recommendations of the UN Conventions on Older Persons and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals.

HASL's main objective is to improve the quality of life of all senior citizens (older persons) in the country without discrimination. A 32-year-long work experience with underprivileged senior citizens has helped HASL to improve the health conditions and living standards of this needy segment. The services attend, mainly focus on primary screening for non-communicable diseases with special attention to diseases of the eyes.

The HASL Eye Hospital in Wellawatte, Colombo performs free cataract surgeries for needy senior citizens over 55 years. The Eye Hospital has so far performed nearly 34,000 free cataract surgeries to needy senior citizens.

Volunteers for free Home Care Volunteer Service and Elder Care/Home Care Assistants for Paid Home Care Service are also being trained by HASL. These Home Care Service Assistants look after the elders who wish to live independently in their own houses.

WHO WE ARE ☺

The HelpAge Youth Education Division visits state and private educational institutions to raise awareness among the children, the importance of respecting and caring for their own parents, grandparents and other senior citizens in the family, the community, and society.

HASL also helps the establishment of Senior Citizens' Committees. Empowerment of elders, advocacy, disaster risk reduction and management, water and sanitation and livelihood support to improve the quality of life of needy senior citizens in the country are incorporated into HASL's programmes and activities.

HASL is registered under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982 N(A) 52 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 Organisations Act No. 31 of 1980 as amended by the Act No. 08 of 1998 as a Voluntary Social Services Organisation bearing No. 11/4/1/590/86. Thereafter, the newly established HelpAge Sri Lanka was gazetted as an approved charity bearing No. 497 on 11 March 1998.

Under the Chairmanship of Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa from 2004 onwards together with a band of dedicated Council Members HASL has been able to provide a better life by ensuring that the services of HASL reaches the people who really need it.

Being a non-government approved charity organisation HASL is committed to achieving and maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance through clear policies. HASL has supported the ageing population, been the platform to work alongside the Government, policy makers and international bodies to highlight the need of age inclusiveness in all spheres.



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POVERTY



*Eradicate extreme poverty for people of
all ages, everywhere*

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It's my privilege to present the Annual Report of HelpAge Sri Lanka the leading charity mandated to improve the quality of life of the ageing population of Sri Lanka.

Looking back, at the evolution of HASL since its inception in 1986, we can be pleased with the many successes that HASL has achieved. As we look forward, we can be certain that the strong foundation laid by the committed founders whose sole mission was to keep the elderly population of the country active and happy, will enable HASL to grow from strength to strength.

Over the years, HASL has ingrained the corporate culture "in empowering the older population of Sri Lanka to fulfil their potential to lead dignified, active, healthy, and secure lives". As reported by HelpAge International (HAI) in the case studies from South Asia, "Asia is affected by natural and climatic events of high intensity every year. Older people are disproportionately affected by all kinds of disasters because of their age, status as well as physical, social, economic, and cultural conditions in which they live. This is particularly challenging in low and middle income countries where governments have less capacity to respond, and greater emphasis is put in community and local level disaster responses."

Taking note of these findings, HASL's Programme Division pledged to HAI with a Disaster Management Operation Plan for Sri Lanka by which HASL was able to step in with a disaster response scheme during two devastating disasters – floods, landslides and drought where hundreds of camps were established to house displaced persons. Whilst the drought persisted throughout the year in many districts in various provinces, the floods and landslides affected over a half a million people in seven districts during the height of the disaster in May 2017. The relief payments for HASL's main beneficiaries' i. e. older people totalled Rs. 3 Million. HASL greatly appreciates the pledges made by HASL and other donors in this time of great need.

Two Solutions to the Challenge of Population Ageing

It is a known fact that by 2050, the number of people aged 60 and older will more than double from the current level, which is around two billion. It is also envisaged that most of the expected growth in the number of older people by 2050 will come from poor and developing countries. Population ageing will likely lead to declining labour forces, lower fertility, and an increase in the age dependency ratio, the ratio of working-age to old-age individuals. This means that while there were 10 workers for every person older than 60 in the world in 1970; the expected number in 2050 will be only four.

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Milena Nikolova, the author of "Global Economy and Development" suggests enactment of two solutions to policymakers that would encourage and reward paid and unpaid work amongst the elderly and bring about solutions to the ageing related fiscal and social challenges.

- i. a gradual retirement scheme allowing older individuals to lower their working hours yet remain in the workforce and pay taxes until a later age and
- ii. furnishing options for and rewarding volunteering, care, and artistic activities among older society members.

I am happy that HASL has been able to constantly be in touch with policymakers' thriving efforts for age inclusiveness and pledging for elders.

National Plan of Action for Elders' Rights.

HASL had the opportunity to sit with state officials in sharing its experiences on the formulation of the National Policy and Action Plan for Elders' Rights. HASL's Executive Director, Samantha Liyanawaduge serves as an active member in the National Policy Formulating Steering Committee.

HelpAge Eye Hospital – Purchase of a New Phaco Machine

The existing Laureate Phaco Machine was nearing 10 years of service at the HASL Eye Hospital and was showing signs of frequent breakdowns, which was costing the Eye Hospital a considerable amount of money, time, and effort. In order to manage the huge demand of cataract surgeries whilst giving the best service to our destitute elders who visit the Eye Hospital by 5.00am each day, the time was right for HASL to initiate the process of investing in a suitable replacement. However, in keeping with the advancement of new technology and with a view to increase the number of surgeries per day at a lower price per surgery cost, the surgeons were able to support the argument that it is the right time to go for a "Stellaris" Vision Enhancement System manufactured by Bausch & Lomb USA. The total investment was nearly Rs. 9.5 Million, which was unavoidable, but would be of immeasurable benefit to all the poor elders who solicit the Eye Hospital's services.

I am happy to place on record that in addition to the services rendered by the Eye Hospital, HASL has taken steps to expand all its other services to needy elders initiated and performed by HASL during the past 32 years without any interruption.

HASL's approach to sustainability extends not only to its beneficiaries but also to its donors, employees and communities. HASL is of the firm belief that the experience it has garnered over the years in working for and with older persons, and by continuing to improve and extend its services, it would be able to attract more generous donors and thus remain strong year after year.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

The Sustainable Development Goals are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations Development Programme. The formal name for the SDGs is: "Transforming our World; the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

Out of the 17 goals, 12 goals are applicable to older people.

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. The goals address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty,

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inequality, climate, environmental degradation, prosperity, peace, and justice. The goals interconnect and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve each goal and target by 2030.

Our Founders

HASL was conceptualised following a meeting the Founder Chairman, the late H.P. Gooneratne, had with Mr. John F. Pearson of HelpAge International (HAI). It is with gratitude that we remember our Founder Chairman whose vision three decades ago has led HASL today to be a force to be reckoned with in the area of population ageing. HASL through the various services offered free of charge to its clients – the older population of Sri Lanka, serves them with utmost commitment and trust.

Acknowledgements

We are greatly indebted to HelpAge International, Age UK, UN Habitat and Berendina Development Service (Gte.) Ltd. and all other international and national donors for their magnanimous support, which has helped HASL to reach its mandate in serving the older people of this country.

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 in producing the HASL Annual Report during the past 11 years.

I am thankful to the Partners of D.N. Thurairajah & Co, Ceylon Secretarial Services (Pvt) Limited for continuing to provide complimentary services.

I am pleased to acknowledge the valuable contribution of Yasmin Raheem and Anosha Subasinghe, honorary Members of the Council for assistance in editing and compiling the HASL Annual Report 2017/18.

It is with gratitude that I place on record the invaluable contribution of the Executive Director, Samantha Liyanawaduge, the divisional heads, members of the staff and the commitment of the eye surgeon Dr. Jayantha Vidanapathirana and guidance given by Council Member Dr. (Mrs.) C.P. Banagala for their valuable contribution in recording yet another successful and an eventful year.

I thank Deshabandu Ajit Jayaratne, Deputy Chairman, for his close supervision of all financial aspects of HASL and the invaluable assistance extended to me continuously. I value greatly Nishantha Gooneratne, honorary Council Member for his presence, involvement and deep commitment in leading the HASL Team towards timely achievements, the contribution and guidance of Nimal Dias Jayasinha, honorary Council Member in upgrading the Home Care Assistance Programme and the Financial Consultant, Chrishan Ferdinando for his valuable support.

Whilst thanking the other distinguished Council Members for their deep commitment, I am confident, I can rely on their exceptional expertise to face the challenges of the year ahead.



Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa

Chairman

HelpAge Sri Lanka

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



The Annual Report of HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) for the year 2017/18 illustrates HASL's success in the field of socio-economic development of Sri Lanka, more specifically its contribution to uplift the underprivileged elderly population in the low income category of the country. The broad spectrum of activities and its successful implementation speaks volumes of the able staff of HASL under the inspiring leadership of the Chairman, Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa.

All divisions in HASL achieved their intended goals thus making HASL one of the best non-governmental organisations in Sri Lanka.

Given below is a short description of each of the divisions of HASL and their track record for the year 2017/18.

HASL Eye Hospital

Cataracts tend to grow, and the visions of older persons worsen, gradually leading to blindness. The Eye Hospital has been able to restore the vision of hundreds and thousands of poor elders who due to their impoverished situation are unable to seek medical assistance in fee paying institutions.

The Eye Hospital's prime objective of eradicating blindness in older persons led its medical staff to increase the number of cataract surgeries performed in July, August, and September 2017.

The Eye Hospital situated in Wellawatta is HASL's flagship endeavour. The Hospital is equipped with the most modern and sophisticated equipment and a fully-equipped theatre operating under the expertise of reputed eye surgeons, opticians, and nursing staff.

During the period under review, the Eye Hospital was able to perform over 3,000 cataract surgeries free of charge for poor elders. Raising funds to purchase a Phaco Machine costing Rs. 9.5 Million was the challenge that HASL faced during the period under review.

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HASL Mobile Medical and Eye Care Unit

Out of the 25 districts in Sri Lanka, the HASL Mobile Medical and Eye Care Unit was able to cover 22 districts thus extending HASL's services to nearly 3% of the poorest older population.

Youth Education Programme

The main objective of the Youth Education Programme (YEP) of HASL is to educate the youth in the country to be more aware of their obligation towards older members in their own families, in the community in which they live, and in society in general.

Age based prejudice remains an under-studied topic in social psychology, mainly in schools. Insights into intergenerational tensions and how youth can respond to understanding the growing older population, are some of the topics that the YEP Division addresses in its school presentations.

NVQ Level II for HASL Training on Elder Care

HASL conducts training programmes for Home Care Assistants. The programme is conducted jointly with the Prime Ministers Office, the Vocational Training Authority (VTA) and the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA). With the validation of the grant of NVQ Level II for HASL's Home Care Assistants' curriculum, the quality of the HASL Home Care Assistance programme (HCA) has improved during the period under review.

Home Care and Training

The ultimate goal of Home Care or "ageing in place" is to allow elders to continue living as independently as possible in their own homes and communities. Many elders require assistance to function on their own. Some elders need a fairly high level of home healthcare services. In order to manage these elders, HASL provides a two-way assistance scheme.

1. Young-old members of the Senior Citizens Committees are provided with training in Volunteer Elder Care, and they function as volunteer community workers for needy elders in their own communities and neighbourhoods.
2. Home Care Assistants are trained to provide home healthcare services for short or long-terms at an affordable cost for elders who are in need.

Age Care

The Age Care Division in collaboration with the Programme Division conducts training for volunteers in geriatric care. Hiring out facilities and raising funds to meet the expenses of the HASL Eye Hospital and other free services for needy elders is another task of the Age Care Division.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE ☺

Fundraising Projects

During the period under review, HASL has been able to generate funding through the

- HASL charity cards project
- Charity tills project
- Direct mail campaign
- Special projects – “Share As You Earn” (SAYE), Direct donations and sponsorships

Acknowledgements

We are deeply grateful to HelpAge International, the chief executive officer, Justin Derbyshire, Asia Pacific regional Director Eduardo Klien and the HelpAge team. For their outgoing commitment, guidance and generosity extended to HASL.

I acknowledge and remember with gratitude the Founder Chairman, the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne, for his far-thinking initiatives in establishing HASL.

My gratitude and deep appreciation goes to Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa, the Chairman of HASL who has been a pillar of strength to all staff members all round. His leadership as Chairman has made HASL a vibrant organisation that serves the most vulnerable older persons in the country.

My sincere thanks also goes to Deputy Chairman, Deshabandu Ajit Jayaratne, and all the Members of the Council who volunteer their time and effort to make HASL what it is today.

Council Members Yasmin Raheem and Anosha Subasinghe have tirelessly assisted in the editing and compiling HASL Annual Reports for many years including this year.

HASL's successful improvements are mainly due to the clear direction of our visionary, Council Member Nishantha Gooneratne who oversees the operational activities of HASL.

I acknowledge with thanks HASL's valued stakeholders, generous donors and well wishers for their generous support – financially and otherwise to enable HASL to provide essential services to the most vulnerable older persons of Sri Lanka.

Last but not least, I thank my colleagues and staff who have stood with me with commitment and loyalty to make it possible to achieve HASL's mandate and record yet another a successful year of service.



Samantha Liyanawaduge

Executive Director
HelpAge Sri Lanka

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL



1. Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa – Chairman
2. Deshabandu A.M. de S. Jayaratne – Deputy Chairman
3. Deshabandu (Mrs.) Jezima Ismail
4. Mr. Sanjeev Gardiner
5. Dr. (Mrs.) C.P. Banagala
6. Mrs. Anosha Subasinghe
7. Ms. Yasmin Raheem
8. Mr. N. Dias Jayasinha
9. Mr. Nishantha Gooneratne
10. Mr. Krishan Balendra
11. Mr. Maithri Wickremesinghe PC

OUR STRENGTH



Seated (Left to Right)

Mr. B.W.D. de Silva, Mr. D. Paranawithana, Mr. C.B. Weerasinghe, Mr. C.J. Seneviratne, Mr. C. Ferdinando, Mrs. C.N. Ekanayake, Mr. G.C. Mendis, Mr. P.N.S.K. Liyanawaduge, Mr. M.S. Ediriweera, Mrs. R. Batuwantudawa, Mr. M.S.C. de Silva, Mr. A. Kannangara, Mrs. S. Ekanayake, Mr. I.G. Weerasinghe

Middle Row (Left to Right)

Mr. T.M.P.K. Tennakoon, Mr. S.A. Shanthalal, Mrs. C. Jayawardena, Ms. M.A.U. de Costa, Ms. D.G.K.W. Wimalaratne, Ms. K.D. Kumarage, Ms. M.M. Nilanka, Ms. J.A.I. Madurangi, Mrs. R.K.D. Deepika, Ms. A.W.M. Dilmini, Ms. P.V.U. Sasikala, Ms. M.H.A. Eranga, Mrs. J.M.J.C.K. Jayasinghe, Mrs. M.D. Galappatty, Mrs. P.P. Bulathsinghala, Ms. T. Dedduwage, Mrs. P.G. Weerasinghe, Mrs. C.P. Basnayake, Ms. K.G.D.R. Premathilake, Ms. A.D.S.P. Dilrukshi, Ms. M.K.H.U. Ranasiri, Ms. R.S. Chandran, Mrs. S.P. Gamage, Mrs. G.D.C.D. Kumari, Ms. R. Wickramanayake, Mr. M. Kalimuththu, Mr. M.D.S.D. Senanayake

Standing Front Row (Left to Right)

Mr. W.E.R. Sepala, Mr. G.D.C. Jayalath, Mr. A.G. Senaratne, Mr. B. Nanayakkara, Mr. K.D.K. Roshan, Mr. K. N.P.K. Silva, Mr. R.D.N. Ranasinghe, Mr. K.A.C. Thanuja, Mr. S.D.T. K. Lakmal, Mr. S.A.I. Pushpakumara, Mr. M.G.S. D. Edirisinghe, Mr. S.C.K. Maduranga, Mr. S.G. Amarasinghe, Mr. K.A.P. Rathnasiri, Mr. O.N. Perera, Mr. N.T.S. Kodikara, Mr. J.B. Gunasekera, Mr. N. Seneviratne, Mr. M.V. Wickremesinghe, Mr. J. Karunasena, Mr. J. Rathnayake, Mr. C.D. Hewage, Mr. L.A.A. Pathmakumara, Mr. A.G.U. Piyasiri, Mr. B.J.B. Basnayake



HelpAge Eye Hospital

Seated (Left to Right)

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H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre

Seated

Mrs. R. Wijayaratne and Mr. S. Karunakaradasa

Standing

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



End all forms of malnutrition and address the nutritional needs of people of all ages, including older persons

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ZERO
HUNGER



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT (MMU)

The HASL Mobile Medical and Eye Care Unit (MMU) is one of HASL's leading projects. It has an ever increasing demand for its invaluable service during the past several years. The MMU reaches out to extremely destitute elders covering the most rural areas in many districts where access to health and eye care is inadequate. This "clinic on wheels" is equipped with separate sections for health screening and eye screening. The mobile medical and eye clinics provide all services completely free of charge to the recipients.

The MMU has the capacity to screen 150 older persons: 75 elders for eye screening; and 75 elders for medical screening per day at a single camp. Free spectacles which are made to order are delivered within a period of one month after the MMU Camp is held. Elders who are identified with cataracts are referred to the HelpAge Eye Hospital for free cataract surgeries. At these MMU camps, elders are also screened for non-communicable diseases, and those who need continuous medical attention are referred to the nearest Government hospital.

During the period under review, 151 MMU camps were conducted and nearly 24,000 needy elders were provided with medical and eye care facilities islandwide. At these camps 9,789 bifocal spectacles and 1,604 reading glasses were distributed. 1,844 elders who needed cataract surgery were also identified at these camps and referred to the HelpAge Eye Hospital and to Government eye hospitals. Another 751 elders were referred to Government General Hospitals for other eye and medical ailments.

The cost incurred by HASL for a single MMU camp is approximately Rs. 85,000 per day. During the period under review, mobile camps were conducted with HASL funds, individual donations and corporate sponsorships under various companies' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

HASL was also able to bring specially identified groups of differently abled vulnerable elders from remote areas who were diagnosed with cataract at the MMU Camps held in Anuradhapura, Gampaha, Negombo and Polonnaruwa Districts to the HelpAge Eye Hospital, Colombo 6 for free cataract surgeries. These surgeries were performed with special arrangements made by the eye hospital staff and about 50 surgeries were performed each day.



MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT (MMU) ☺

The following are the details of the sponsorships received:

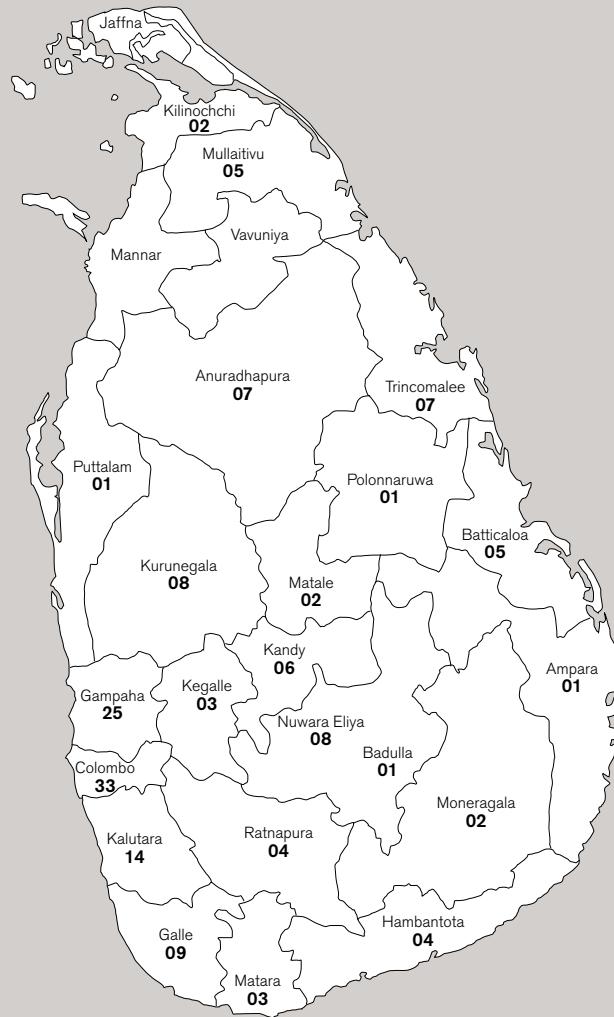
Name of the Organisation	Number of Camps Sponsored during the Period Under Review
CML Edward Construction Limited	2
Dialog Star Point Project	1
Disaster Response Project/Drought	11
DSI Group of Companies	5
Fisheries Livelihood Support Society	17
Hatton National Bank	1
HelpAge Sri Lanka	6
Individual Donors	9
Ivy Hills Tea Factory – Galle	1
Lanka IOC (Pvt) Limited	5
Melsta Corporation PLC	1
National Savings Bank	13
People's Bank	1
People's Leasing Company	1
SaG Programme	71
Spear Foundation	1
State Pharmaceuticals Corporation	1
Young Men's Buddhist Association	3
Total	151

The details of the elders who benefited from the MMU Camps during the period under review:

Number of MMU Camps Held	Number of Elders Screened for Medical	Number of Elders Screened for Vision Impairment	Number of Elders Who Were Prescribed and Issued Spectacles (Bifocal)	Number of Reading Spectacles Issued	Number of Elders Identified with Cataract	Number of Elders Referred for Further Treatment
151	9,907	13,868	9,789	1,604	1,844	751



HelpAge Sri Lanka MMU Camps – 2017/18





Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



PROGRAMME DIVISION



Chaminda de Silva

Manager – Programmes

The HASL Programme Division is working with national policymakers to overcome future socio-economic challenges that the demographic transition of the ageing population of Sri Lanka will pose. Solutions to these challenges were addressed through diverse programmes related to aspects of social welfare, health, development, and advocacy.

During the period under review, the HASL Programme Division implemented several donor-funded projects focusing on senior citizens and vulnerable groups as shown below:

Sponsor a Grandparent (SaG) Project – Funded by HelpAge International (HAI)

During the period under review, the SaG Project was successfully completed on 31 March 2018. The main objective of the project was to ensure that senior citizens in Sri Lanka enjoy the right to receive healthcare, social services, economic and physical security.

Activities completed during the period under review:

- Conducted 71 Mobile Medical and Eye Camps and the following number of people attended the camps and were screened for their respective ailments:

	Number of Elders
Medical Screening	4,334
Eye Screening	5,423
Reading Glasses	298
Prescribed Spectacles	3,664
Cataracts Identified	988
Referrals	427

PROGRAMME DIVISION ☈

- Out of the 988 cataract patients identified, 279 cataract surgeries of vulnerable senior citizens were completed at HASL's Eye Hospital during this period.
- Sixty-Six "young-old" (55-65 years) Home Care Volunteers (HCVs) were also trained. These HCVs were selected from Senior Citizen Committees (SCCs) in the Districts of Colombo, Gampaha, Kegalle, Matara, Nuwara Eliya and Polonnaruwa. These trained HCVs have extended their care to about 600 senior citizens in their localities. This service is monitored by SCCs, Social Service Officers and the HASL Programme Division.
- Conducted Training of Trainers (TOT) Programmes jointly with the Youth Education Programme (YEP) Division for 113 School Principals, Teachers and Zonal Education Directors in the Kotmale and Nuwara Eliya Zonal Education Divisions. This programme aimed to create awareness among school children on issues of elders, for example, on how to respect and provide care for their older family members and other elders in the community.

SaG Microfinance Programme

During the period under review, 260 loans were provided to older people through 27 Senior Citizen's Committees and 70 SCCs benefited as a result of this programme. The loan particulars were that initially, a sum of Rs.10,000 was provided to each older person as the maximum loan amount. The service charge on a loan is 1% per month and the service charge was disbursed as follows: 0.5% paid to the relevant SCC and the balance 0.5% is added to the microfinance fund. The Programme Division staff follows up on the repayments process and progressed with the support of the Department of Social Services of the Southern Province (DSSSP). SCCs repay the money on time and the repayment rate is 100%, which is indeed an achievement for HASL and its partners.

The money recovered is also used to provide loans for other SCCs and a revolving fund was successfully maintained during the period to fund the income-generating activities of needy elders. The livelihood sectors funded by this project are animal husbandry, banana cultivation, book binding, brick making, carpentry, coir making, dress making, fisheries, home gardening, maintenance of retail shops, sewing, vegetable and fruit cultivation, welding, wood carving, processing of dry fish, and making of door mats, paper bags, incense sticks, lace, lamp wicks and clay pots.



PROGRAMME DIVISION ☈

In Sri Lanka, elderly persons are not entitled to obtain loans from private or Government financial institutions. Therefore, the provision of livelihood loans for elders under the HASL SaG Programme is a valuable service.

These loans benefited elders in two ways:

1. Reducing their dependency to some extent by being able to earn a reasonable income.
2. Becoming happy and contented as they are actively engaged in livelihood activities.

Below table shows the beneficiaries who received loans under the SaG Programme during the period under review:

District	DS Divisions	Number of SCCs	Number of Beneficiaries
Galle	Galle	2	23
Matara	Weligama	25	237
Total		27	260

Microfinance Programme with Berendina Microfinance Institute (BMI)

Berendina Microfinance Institute continued to issue microloans using the revolving fund created during previous years. 995 senior citizens in Aranayaka, Bulathkohupitiya, Dehiowita, Galigamuwa, Ginigathenna, Ipologama, Kotmale, Kuchchaveli, Mawanella, and Serunuwara benefited by the end of March 2018.

Common livelihood sectors funded under this loan scheme are animal husbandry, banana cultivation, carpentry, dress making, fisheries, home gardening, maintaining retail shops, poultry, tea cultivation, trading, vegetable, and fruit cultivation, and welding.



Expolanka Holdings PLC – HASL Microfinance Project

Expolanka Holdings PLC provided Rs. 1,000,000 to HASL to implement microfinance programmes to arrange livelihood loans to disadvantaged women. Later this service was expanded to all senior citizens irrespective of gender. Under this project, three SCCs were selected from the Homagama District Secretariat Division and 19 loans were distributed among senior citizens during December 2017. This microfinance programme has disbursed a total of 120 loans during the past 3 years and it is also maintained as a revolving fund.

A Joint Project on the “Promotion of Active Ageing through the Introduction of Health and Caring Systems while Ensuring Income Security” by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) and Berendina Development Services (Gte) Ltd., (BDS)

BDS and HASL jointly signed an agreement to extend a pilot project in six districts, which was implemented initially during 2016/17. The project which commenced in September 2017 was completed on 30 June 2018. BDS provided Rs. 3.1 Million to the HASL Programme Division for building capacities and conducting Mobile Medical Camps (MMUs) and health promotional activities in 70 SCCs. The project targeted 14 District Secretariat (DS) Divisions in six Districts: Anuradhapura, Batticaloa, Kegalle, Mullaitivu, Nuwara Eliya, and Trincomalee.

The general objective of the project was to enable senior citizens to exploit fully their potential to lead a healthy, secure and an economically sustainable life.

Specific objectives were as follows:

- i. Ensure healthy living of senior citizens by improving access to health facilities and establishing care systems for the elderly.
- ii. Enhance capacities of senior citizens to adopt new technologies in their livelihood activities.

During the period under review, HASL Programme Division staff conducted 40 workshops in Anuradhapura, Batticaloa, Kegalle, Mullaitivu, and Nuwara Eliya Districts. Around 1,600 SCC leaders and members were trained on advocacy, bookkeeping, elders' rights, good governance, leadership, and management. HASL also conducted 30 MMU camps and health awareness programmes for senior citizens in the above districts.

Impact:

- a. 3,750 senior citizens were able to improve their health and eye sight through 30 MMU camps.
- b. 70 SCCs have improved their capacity for income generation.

A Project with the UN Habitat to Build Capacities of Plantation Sector Communities in Nuwara Eliya and Kotmale Divisional Secretariats

The total budget for this project is Rs. 4,499,225. The project commenced on 22 June 2017 and was completed on 31 March 2018.

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The Project had the following five Components:

- Train 50 youths in English language and Information Technology.
- Create awareness and build capacity of the administration officials in local and national government entities in plantation districts on the need to integrate plantation settlements into the mainstream administrative process.
- Improve capacity building of the Estate Workers' Housing Co-operative Societies (EWHCS).
- Distribute improved cooking stoves and create awareness on safe and economical methods of cooking.
- Train and establish community-based savings groups.

Project Areas:

1. Dunsinane Estate in the Kotmale DS Division.
2. Medakumbura Estate in the Kotmale DS Division.
3. Dayagama West Estate in the Nuwara Eliya DS Division.
4. Liddesdale Estate in the Walapane DS Division.

Training programmes were completed by the end of March 2018. The Gamini Dissanayake Foundation conducted training programmes on Information Technology, Life Skills and "Business English" for a group of 50 youths after an agreement was signed between the Gamini Dissanayake Foundation and HASL. These empowered youths had to also attend awareness programmes on the care of elders in their families and communities.

The division hired contracted staff to conduct specific training programmes for the other four components. HASL implemented, monitored and evaluated the project activities for the period under review, and all project activities were completed by the end of March 2018.

Impact:

- Trained 50 students on IT, English language and life skills by the Gamini Dissanayake Foundation.
- Built capacities of 200 Government, UN and other NGO staff members working in Nuwara Eliya District on governance and inclusive development.
- Built capacities of four Estate Workers' Housing Co-operative Societies (EWHCS) and trained 280 EWHCS staff and members on governance and co-operative business development.
- Created awareness and benefits of using the improved cooking stoves (*Anagi Lipa*) and made presentations on how to reduce indoor air pollution. Distributed 545 cooking stoves to the beneficiaries of the UN-Habitat housing project in Dunsinane Estate and Dayagama West Estate. The installation of these cooking stoves is currently in progress.
- Formed four SCCs and trained 531 estate workers on personal savings and family finance management.

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Age Demand Action (ADA) Campaign/Elders Rights Campaign

The Programme Division consistently conducted islandwide poster campaigns and demanded enhancement of elders' rights in Sri Lanka. Many awareness programmes were conducted in different parts of Sri Lanka for SCCs on the rights for elders. The Division also commemorated "World Health Day" and "Elder Abuse Prevention Day" with Senior Citizens' Federations. HASL encouraged people attending these seminars to convince the Government of Sri Lanka to consider being a signatory to a UN Convention for Elders. HASL encouraged the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage, and the National Secretariat for Elders to participate in Open-Ended Working Group sessions organised by the United Nations in New York to explore the possibilities of strengthening the rights of elderly persons.



International Day of Older Persons

The International Day of the Older Persons 2017 was celebrated by HASL, jointly with the Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage and the National Secretariat for Elders. This event was held at the BMICH Colombo on 1 October 2017 under the patronage of Hon. S.B. Dissanayake, Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage and Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa, Chairman, HelpAge Sri Lanka and HASL staff. Older people who attended this event were welcomed with floral tributes and were later presented with gift packs.

HASL also conducted an Elders Walk followed by a rally in Hambantota District to commemorate the International Day of Older Persons. This was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services of the Southern Province. Hon. H.W. Gunasena, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Production and Development, Environmental Affairs, Rural Industries, Electricity and Rural Plantation Infrastructure Development of the Southern Provincial Council participated in this event. The Hon. Minister promised to expand the services that were provided by the Southern Provincial Council for senior citizens. He appreciated the services provided by HASL to the Hambantota District and further requested HASL to conduct a health programme for senior citizens. Approximately 400 elders of 16 Divisional Federations participated in the event.

Flood Response Project HAI – Regional Emergency Fund

The Mora Cyclone which originated in the Southern Bay of Bengal severely affected the Western and the Southern parts of Sri Lanka in May 2017. The cyclone caused severe flooding and landslides resulting in the ultimate loss of 212 lives, and also damaged houses and destroyed many villages. As a result, many people were rendered homeless and lost much of their belongings. Nearly 184,225 families and 717,493 people were affected by the floods. The Government

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maintained 226 temporary shelter camps for displaced persons. Due to the floods, 79 people went missing and 131 people were injured. The statistics revealed that 2,316 houses were totally damaged and 12,515 houses were partially damaged. A total number of fifteen districts were affected by this natural disaster.

HASL responded immediately to this disaster by distributing emergency relief items in selected areas in the Kalutara and the Matara Districts after identifying the needs of people living in temporary shelter camps. These displaced people needed drinking water, non-food items such as clothes, mats, hygiene items and dry food items.



HASL staff members promptly prepared a proposal and forwarded it to the Chairman of HASL and the HelpAge International Regional Office for their necessary action. After the necessary approval was obtained, HASL implemented this relief distribution programme using Rs. 2 Million from HASL's own coffers. HelpAge International also donated a sum of Rs. 1 Million. Hence, a total of Rs. 3 Million was utilised to provide assistance to senior citizens and their families living in temporary shelter camps.

Provision of Dry Rations and Safe Drinking Water for Affected People Living in Temporary Shelter Camps

HASL's relief team with the assistance of the Disaster Management Centre, Divisional Secretariats and Derana TV staff provided dry rations to the affected people who were living in temporary camps in the Galle, Kalutara, Matara and Ratnapura Districts. HASL provided relief items such as rice, dhal, sugar, milk powder, tea, canned fish and 5 litre bottles of water to around 1,841 families.

Providing Non-Food Items (NFIs)

HASL identified that flood victims needed essential non-food items. Accordingly, under this programme 1,720 non-food item packets containing sarongs, chintz, T-shirts, bed sheets, mats, face towels, sanitary towels, under garments, candles, torches, boxes of matches, tooth paste, tooth brushes and soap were distributed among 1,720 families.

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Flood Relief Assistance for Students of Kobowaka Tamil Vidyalaya in Bulathsinhala Education Zone Using Funds of a Special Donor

Around 70 school children of Kobowaka Tamil School, Bulathsinhala were also affected by the flood and landslides. Here HASL made arrangements to promptly provide the students with new books, bags, shoes and other educational items. The distribution programme was carried out using funds given by an expatriate Sri Lankan.



HelpAge Sri Lanka Policy, Advocacy and Communication

Working with the Prime Minister's Office Policy Development Unit

HASL's Chairman, Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa continues to serve as a member of the Committee on Vocational and Technical Training of the Prime Minister's Office Policy Development (PDO/PMO) Unit. This Committee focuses on policy matters that are related to vocational training for employment. Training Elder Care Assistants (ECA) to serve the elderly community in Sri Lanka is the main objective of this Committee. Under this initiative, HASL completed a pilot Elder Care Assistant Training Programme in collaboration with PMO/PDO, Vocational Training Authority (VTA) and National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) to conduct three training programmes in 2017. Since this pilot project has shown a significant improvement, HASL continued these Elder Care Assistant training programmes islandwide and they were monitored and coordinated by the Prime Minister's Office. HASL and VTA also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to conduct four training programmes during 2018 in Gampaha, Hambantota, Nuwara Eliya and Polonnaruwa Districts.

The MoU between HASL and the VTA was signed by HASL Executive Director, Mr. Samantha Liyanawaduge and the VTA Chairman, Eng. Dr. Lionel Pinto. VTA Director General, Ms. Chulangani Perera, VTA Director – Training, Mrs. Shantha Edirisinghe, HASL Programme Manager, Mr. Chaminda de Silva and Manager – Home Care and Training, Mr. Janaka Seneviratne were also present. This programme was conducted under the guidance and direction of the Policy Development Unit of the Prime Minister's Office.

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Over 50 youths are selected from each district to be trained as Elder Care Assistants and they are offered an internationally recognised "National Vocational Qualification Level II" (NVQ Level II) certificate after completing a three and a half-months training period. These NVQ Level II certificates help them to be employed as Elder Care Assistants for elderly citizens in households and at elders' homes. In addition, these certificates will help them seek employment opportunities in foreign countries. During the three and half-months in-house training period, the trainees receive theoretical and practical training on how to care for elders.

National Elders Council

The HASL Chairman was reappointed to serve as a member of the National Elders Council (NEC) of Sri Lanka which is the apex body for decision-making and policy development on ageing. The NEC has also taken the initiative of revising the National Elders Policy and enhancing the financial empowerment through livelihood development programmes.

Advocating the Government to Participate in Open Ended Working Group (OEWG) Meetings

HASL had several discussions with the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) and the Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage with regard to the rights of elders. At these meetings, the HASL delegation emphasised the importance of advocacy for influencing the Government on getting involved and addressing the important issues of ageing in Sri Lanka.

Participation and Coordination of the Preparation of National Policy

HASL was involved with the Government of Sri Lanka in the preparation of the National Policy on Ageing. HASL's contributions were as follows:

1. HASL's Executive Director was appointed as a member of the National Policy Formulating Steering Committee.
2. HASL's Programme Manager, Mr. Chaminda de Silva and the Advocacy Rights Advisor, Mr. Lionel Premachandra were involved in the preparation of the policy document with the Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage. This document was submitted through the Ministry and is awaiting the final approval from Parliament and the Cabinet of Ministers.

Development in Geriatric Medicine and Health Facilities in Sri Lanka

HASL has also been appointed as a member of the Steering Committee on Elderly Healthcare of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine. This Committee has been advocating for an enhanced health service for elders in the country. Various stakeholders proposed many new ideas with regard to geriatric healthcare in Sri Lanka. Accordingly, the Youth Elderly Disabled (YED) Unit of the Ministry of Health Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine prepared a policy document on "elderly care", which was later approved by the Government. An Action Plan was also prepared to establish a fully-fledged Geriatric Center in the country and to start separate geriatric clinics in State hospitals, which was indeed a great accomplishment for HASL.



Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all, including older persons

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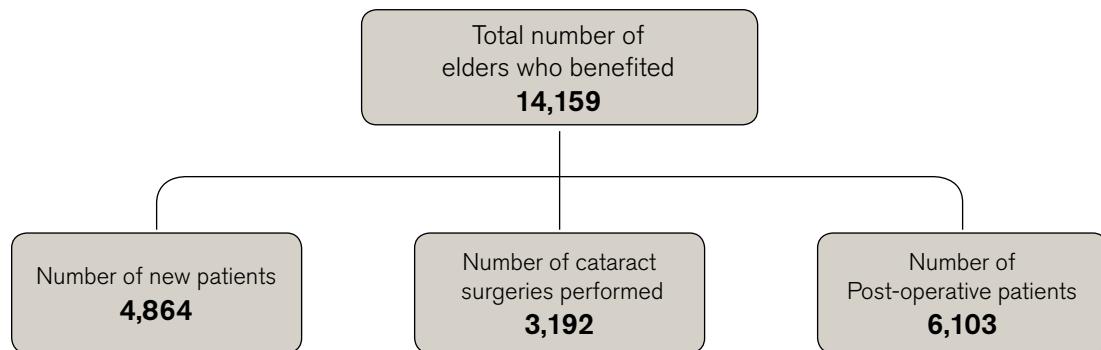


Ajitha de Alwis

Manager – HelpAge Eye Hospital

The HelpAge Sri Lanka Eye Hospital located at 14, Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte, Colombo 6 is the flagship of the Organisation. The Eye Hospital commenced operations in 2009. Currently, it has a bed strength of 20 and about 20 cataract surgeries are performed per day. The Hospital is staffed by two eye surgeons, one senior medical officer, eight nursing staff, two ward attendants, three development officers, an executive officer, and a manager. The Eye Hospital provides an invaluable service to the underprivileged elders who cannot afford the expenses. Nearly 34,000 free cataract surgeries have been successfully completed to date.

During the period under review, 14,159 elders benefited from the free hospital services. Moreover, an average of over 100 new pre-operative and post-operative patients visited the hospital each day.



What Is a Cataract?

A cataract is a painless clouding of the internal lens of the eye caused by various reasons. It is difficult to see clearly because of the deterioration of the amount of light that passes through the lens of the eyes. This deterioration could also lead to blindness. Cataracts are progressive and worsen with time. Most cases are reported from older people and in some cases in younger people as well. Light enters the eye and passes through the lens. The lens of the eye focuses light onto the retina, which transmits visual signals through the optic nerve to the brain. Clouding of the lens due to cataracts could also result in blurring of the vision.

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Symptoms of Cataracts:

1. Blurry vision
2. Glare
3. Double vision
4. Colour changes

Who can get cataracts?

Most cataracts occur in older people and are related to the ageing process. Sometimes, infants could be born with cataracts; this is referred to as congenital cataracts. Uncommonly, as a result of illness or trauma to the eye, children could also get cataracts. It is not precisely understood why people get cataracts. Ageing is a known risk factor, and smoking, excessive use of alcohol, diabetes, trauma to the eyes and extended use of corticosteroids are the other factors that may also play a role in the development of cataracts.

How Are Cataracts Diagnosed?

Cataracts could be diagnosed with an examination of the affected eye. The eye exam contains a vision test and an examination of one's eye using a slit lamp microscope. The pupils are dilated with special eye drops to provide a better view of the back of the eye, where the retina and optic nerves are located.

Cataract Surgery

Surgery to remove cataracts may be required if the related vision loss cannot be corrected with spectacles or contact lenses. Cataract surgery involves removing the cloudy natural lens and replacing it with an intraocular lens. The operation is usually done on an outpatient basis and is very safe and effective. For those who need surgery on both eyes, the surgery is usually done only on one eye at a given time.

The most common type of cataract surgery is known as Phaco emulsification (phaco). In this procedure, the doctor makes a tiny incision in the eye and breaks up the lens using ultrasound waves. The affected lens is then taken out and replaced with an intraocular lens (IOL).



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Extra capsular cataract surgery is another type of cataract surgery. This procedure involves a larger incision and removal of the cloudy lens in one piece. In most cases, placement of an IOL eliminates the need for thick spectacles or contact lenses.

What to Expect After Cataract Surgery

After surgery one's eyes may itch and feel sensitive to light for a few days. One may need to wear a shield or dark glasses for protection and one may be prescribed eye drops to speed the healing process. It takes about eight weeks to heal the eye completely even though changes in vision are apparent soon after the surgery. One may still need spectacles for distance vision or reading after the surgery. It is likely that one may require a new prescription for spectacles after your eye has healed.

Should You Have Cataract Surgery?

It's unusual for cataracts to require immediate removal, as one could take one's own time to decide about the surgery. Cataracts affect the vision slowly. It is possible to wait to have surgery until spectacles no longer correct the problems related to vision. People who do not feel that cataracts are causing significant problems may opt to postpone the surgery or not undergo surgery, at all.

Source: https://www.medicinenet.com/cataracts_pictures_slideshow/article.htm

Improvements done at the HASL Eye Hospital during the period under review:

- The Operation Theatre was painted in May 2017
- The roof top area of the Eye Hospital was repainted

Activities done during the period under review:

- The staff of the hospital conducted three eye camps in selected suburban areas to increase the number of patients who visit the HelpAge Eye Hospital and also to create an awareness of cataracts and surgery procedures.



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The following special surgery programmes were conducted:

- 42 surgeries on 3 July 2017
- 48 surgeries on 21 August 2017
- 46 surgeries on 19 September 2017

Special visitors to the HASL Eye Hospital:

- Officials of the Rotary Club of Colombo West: The President, Mr. Chamath Kulasinghe and Director of Community Services, Dr. M. Ramasubbu visited on 17 July 2017.
- Hon. Minister of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage, Mr. S.B. Dissanayake visited on 24 August 2017.
- The World Health Organisation Research Team led by Dr. Prakash Tyagi and Mr. Gavin Cochrane visited on 25 September 2017.
- The Regional Director, Asia Pacific Regional Office of HelpAge International, Mr. Eduardo Klien visited on 6 October 2017.
- Mr. D. Chaminda Kariyawasam, Group Managing Director, Soft Wave Group of Companies visited on 18 January 2018.
- Mr. Lal Wickramaarachchi, Regain Sight International, Australia visited on 19 January 2018
- The management of the Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo who sponsored 20 cataract surgeries each month visited the Eye Hospital on the date of the sponsored surgeries.
- The Branch Manager and the staff of Hatton National Bank, Thalawathugoda visited the Eye Hospital on 5 April 2017.
- Mr. Madduma Bandara, a well-wisher and a donor from Kandy visited the hospital on 27 July 2017.



HUMAN RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION



Nelum Ekanayake

Head of Human Resources and Administration

This Division is responsible for human resource management, staff discipline, publicity, security, maintenance of the stores, library and other buildings, and the maintenance of vehicles. It also helps create a safe and clean work culture that helps to bring out the best in all employees. During the processes of recruitment and retention at HASL, the Division paid special attention to the hiring and training of staff.

Staff Cadre

HASL had a total of 85 staff members as at 1 April 2017. There were 16 new recruitments and 13 resignations during the period under review.

The following structural changes were made during the period under review:

- The total cadre was increased by adding three more employees.
- **The Home Care and Training Division** was recognised as a separate entity under the line authority of the Manager – Home Care and Training who reports directly to the Executive Director. The Division appointed two new staff members; a Matron and a Field Officer (nurse).
- **The Age Care Division** came within the purview of the Head of HR and Administration. The Age Care Division was expanded by the appointment of an Age Care Officer who was responsible for the whole division. This officer reports directly to the Head of HR and Administration who ultimately supervises the whole division.

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Training Activities

- The Executive Director and Line Managers participated in a Learning Session organised by the Global Music and Wellness conducted at the Dutch Burger Union, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7 on 12 July 2017.
- A special session on "Fracture Management in Elders" was conducted by a Consultant Geriatric, Dr. Namal Weerasuriya.
- The Executive Director of HASL participated in the HelpAge International Workshop on the "Effective Use of Data for Policy Making on Ageing" from 5 to 6 December 2017 at Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Team Briefing Meetings

Five team briefing meetings were held to create awareness on HASL's divisional programmes during the period under review.

Staff Welfare

An eye camp was organised free of charge for the benefit of HASL staff members at the Head Office premises, Raththanapitiya on 26 July 2017. The staff had an opportunity of getting their eyes tested by a reputed optometrist and to obtain spectacles at a discounted rate.

The Division also organised a sale of linen from Oshani Linen on 20 October 2017. The staff were offered special discounts to buy quality linen by paying for their purchases through a four-instalment payment scheme.

Farewell Meetings

A farewell meeting was held on 4 August 2017 to bid goodbye to HASL's former Finance Manager, Mr. Sumedha Hasthanayake. The HASL staff thanked him for three years of commendable service to HASL.

Another meeting was held to thank Mr. Lionel Premachandra for rendering invaluable service to HASL for five years as the Rights and Advocacy Officer. Mr. Premachandra also contributed immensely to the Youth Education Programme.

Special New Year Staff Events

The New Year "Avurudu Sports Meet" was held at the S. de S. Jayasinghe Playground on 6 April 2017 with the participation of the HASL Chairman, Deshabandu Tilak de Zoysa and Council Member, Mr. Nishantha Gooneratne. The HASL staff and their families enjoyed the games and various sports events organised. The elders of the H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders Day Care Centre, also participated in the events.

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The staff members also celebrated the New Year holiday by organising a fellowship at the HASL auditorium on 17 April 2017. The participants were provided with refreshments including traditional sweets and other delicacies. The Executive Director and the Heads of Divisions addressed the staff by giving motivational speeches.

Other Activities and Events

- The HASL staff successfully organised the annual “Kadala Dansala” for the fourth consecutive year on 12 May 2017 as part of its Vesak programme; 1,500 people visited the stall.
- A flood relief distribution programme was conducted to assist 1,841 families who were affected by the floods in May 2017 in the Kalutara, Galle and Matara Districts.
- A Buddhist sermon was held at HASL's Tilaka Siriwardena Ayurvedic Centre, Boralesgamuwa on 6 September 2017 in memory of the late Mrs. Tilaka Siriwardena who donated the premises.



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Staff Volunteer Programmes

Elders' Day Walk

The HR and Administration Division played a leading role at the Elders' Day Walk held in Nonagama, Ambalantota in Hambantota District on 8 October 2017, which was held to commemorate International Day of the Older Persons.

Christmas Programme

HASL collected funds from its staff and organised a Christmas Party with games at the "Shelter4Homeless" with the participation of a few elders from "Bethany Elders Home" on 12 December 2017. Thirty-one elders attended and lunch was also provided. "Shelter4homeless" is a charitable organisation based in Moratuwa that provides shelter to homeless elders in Sri Lanka.



Other Activities and Events

- The Christmas season commenced with the lighting of the Christmas Tree in December 2017. This year the Christmas Tree was lit up by the Director, Youth Education Programme, Mr. G.C. Mendis, who also explained the significance of the use of the Christmas tree during the Christmas season. Christmas Carols were also played throughout the month of December at the office premises.
- Christmas Carols were sung by the Federation of the Visually Handicapped at the HASL head office. The HASL staff made a cash donation to the members of the Visually Handicapped who participated in this programme.
- A Buddhist sermon was conducted on 8 December at HASL's head office to invoke blessings on HASL's Founder Chairman, the late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne, to commemorate his 14th death anniversary. The sermon was delivered by Ven. Hendala Damitha Thera, the Chief Incumbent, Jayathunga Yogashramaya, Udahamulla.

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- On 8 December 2017 twenty-four children of HASL's staff received educational grants for the third consecutive year from the Mr. & Mrs. H.P. Gooneratne Charitable Fund at a ceremony held at the HASL head office.
- The year-end annual Bodhi Pooja (A Buddhist ritual) was held at the Paramadharmaawardhanaramaya Temple, Raththanapitiya on 29 December to invoke blessings on HASL Chairman, Members of the Council, HASL staff and senior citizens of Sri Lanka.
- Youth from the Japanese cruise ship, "Nippon Maru" visited the HASL head office on 16 February 2018. The youth were impressed with the free services provided by HASL to disadvantaged senior citizens.

**Donation of Disability Equipment**

The following disability equipment were donated to the differently abled needy persons during the period under review through generous donations received from the donors and the funds allocated by HelpAge Sri Lanka during the period under review:

These disability equipment were distributed among needy elders islandwide –

Number of wheel chairs	54
Number of commode chairs	24
Number of crutches	11
Number of elbow crutches	14
Number of hearing aids	47
Number of walking aids	18
Number of waking frames	13
Number of air mattresses	06
Number of quad sticks	05

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The following items were donated by HelpAge Sri Lanka during the period under review:

- 4.81 KVA Generator to Negampaha Divisional Hospital, Galnewa, Anuradhapura
- 4.81 KVA Generator to Aralaganwila Divisional Hospital, Manampitiya, Polonnaruwa
- Auto Level Machine to Director General of Department of Survey, Colombo



Age Care Division

The main objective of the Age Care Division is to provide necessary training facilities for the training programmes designed and implemented by HASL. The Division operates with a resident matron, an age care assistant, a cook and an assistant cook.

The Age Care Division's facilities are also hired to leading corporates, NGOs and other humanitarian organisations to generate income to fund various HASL programmes and projects and to provide disability equipment such as wheel chairs, commode chairs, walking sticks and frames, hearing aids and spectacles to needy elders.

The Age Care Division's organisational structure changed during the month of July 2017. The cadre was improved with an Executive Age Care Officer (ACO) reporting to the Head of Human Resources and Administration.

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Marked improvements were noted in the kitchen, dining hall, residential rooms and conference hall was recorded as given below:

- The arrangement of a buffet service in the dining hall;
- The banning of plastic food wrappers in order to provide an environment-friendly service;
- The introduction of higher standards of hygiene in the kitchen and the dining hall;
- The installation of better ventilation units in the residential rooms;
- The renovation of residential rooms;
- The fixing of sign boards to direct the visitors.

Furthermore, HASL's rules and regulations on maintaining discipline have been displayed in the lobby for the benefit of residential participants. Thus the Age Care Division was able to offer better facilities and services to existing clients and also to new customers.

Performance

During the period under review, an increase in income of 2% was recorded compared to the previous year. The division was able to record a surplus income of 8.6% over the previous year due to the renovations and the modernisation of facilities.

The Age Care Division would like to express its gratitude to the following organisations that patronised its facilities and services:

- Abimana Community Development Association;
- Berendina Microfinance Institute (Gte Ltd);
- Central, North Western and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Councils;
- Disability Organisation Joint Front;
- Education Employees Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Limited (EDEC);
- Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka;
- MyRight Organisation;
- National Apprenticeship and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA);
- National Youth Corps;
- Paralympic Committee;
- Saviya Development Foundation;
- Sejaya Micro Credit Limited;
- Sevalanka Foundation;
- Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administrators (SLIDA).

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Promotional Activities done by the Division

- Visited customers to encourage them to use the HASL Age Care facilities regularly
- Dispatched HASL's greetings cards to customers
- Placed advertisements in the Sri Lanka Telephone Directory's Rainbow Pages
- Conducted face to face meetings with corporate clients

Ayurvedic Centre

(HelpAge Sri Lanka Thilaka Siriwardena Ayurvedic Centre, Boralesgamuwa).

The property of the HelpAge Sri Lanka Thilaka Siriwardena Ayurvedic Centre at Boralesgamuwa was donated by the late Mrs. Thilaka Siriwardena. Clinics are conducted every Thursday for the benefit of senior citizens who seek ayurvedic treatment free of charge. Around 40 elders attend this clinic and receive ayurvedic treatment every week. HASL has been extending ayurvedic treatment to needy elders during the past 12 years.

Ayurvedic clinics are conducted jointly with the Ayurveda Hospital, Borella and the Faculty of Ayurvedic Medicine of the University of Colombo. HASL is grateful to the Ayurveda Hospital for arranging for one of its doctors to work part-time at the HASL Ayurveda Clinic and for providing the services of a Pharmacist and also for the provision of free medications.

HASL expresses its gratitude to Medical Officer, Dr. (Mrs.) Ramesha Gunawardena and Pharmacist, Mr. H.T. Aruna who were in charge of the HASL Ayurvedic Centre during the period under review.



8 DECENT WORK AND
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Remove barriers for the full participation of older persons in employment and ensure equitable and inclusive economic growth for all

H.P. GOONERATNE HELPAGE ELDERS' DAY CARE CENTRE



Rohini Wijayaratne
*Manager – H.P. Gooneratne
HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre*

The H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Elders' Day Care Centre is located two kilometres from the Golumadama Junction, at 24, Dharmashrama Mawatha, off Borupana Road, Ratmalana. The Day Care Centre is open to needy senior citizens who are over 55 years from 8.00am to 4.00pm, 6 days of the week.

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) organises many programmes under the "Age Demands Action" global concept. Therefore, HASL makes every effort to encourage the elders who visit the Centre and keep them active in order to minimise their isolation, loneliness and personal health issues. During the period under review, the Day Care Centre had 37 registered elders between the ages of 60 and 92 years. During the day, elders are involved in various activities such as physical exercises, indoor games, and gardening etc. They are also engaged in income generating activities such as making envelopes, paper bags, lamp wicks, sewing, and making cement flower pots. In addition, they are also engaged in religious, social, and recreational activities.

The Day Care Centre also organises religious sermons, musical programmes, pilgrimages and day trips to various places in the country. During the period under review, monthly meetings, "sharmadanas" (volunteer campaigns) and medical clinics were also held. HASL is very thankful to the two doctors and the medical team from the Moratuwa District Hospital who visited the Day Care Centre on a monthly basis and attended free of charge to the health needs of the Centre's elderly. We are grateful to Dr. V. Jegaruban, for setting up this process where a medical team including doctors from the Lunawa, Moratuwa District Hospital visits the HASL Day Care Centre every month.

The following activities were conducted during the year:

Sinhala and Hindu New Year Celebrations

- The elders and staff members celebrated the Sinhala and Hindu New Year with the HASL head office staff at S. de S. Jayasinghe Stadium on 6 April 2018 and also participated in another New Year festival at the Day Care Centre on 8 April 2018.

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Vesak Celebrations

- The premises of the Day Care Centre were decorated with colourful Vesak lanterns and electric bulbs during the Vesak Week. A Vesak Bhakthi Gee (devotional songs) programme was also held.

International Day of Older Persons

- A concert was held to commemorate Elders' Day on 6 October 2017 and elders enjoyed themselves by playing on traditional drums, singing and dancing.
- On 2 October 2017, The Senior Citizens' Circle of the National Savings Bank, Katubedda branch visited the Day Care Centre and hosted the elders to lunch.
- The Social Service Club of Carey College, Colombo offered food, dry rations and gift items to the elders on 4 October 2017. The Club members also entertained the elders with singing and dancing performances.
- The staff members and the children of Birds of Hope Nursery School visited the Day Care Centre on 5 October 2017 and entertained the elders.

Installation of a Statue of Jesus Christ

- A statue of Jesus Christ was installed at the Day Care Centre premises for the religious needs of the elders of the Christian faith.

Christmas Celebrations

- The Rangers of Lyceum International School organised a Christmas party for elders on 22 October 2017.
- Mr. M. E. Wickremesinghe PC, a HASL Council Member, sponsored a Christmas party at the Day Care Centre on 26 December 2017. All elders enjoyed the festivities.

Commemoration of the 14th Death Anniversary of the Founder Chairman of HASL, the Late Mr. H.P. Gooneratne

- Mr. Nishantha Gooneratne, a HASL Council Member, organised an almsgiving in memory of his late father, Mr. H.P. Gooneratne.

The following people also visited the Day Care Centre during the period:

- Students from the National Institute of Social Development visited the Day Care Centre to carry out field work as part of their course work towards the Bachelor of Social Work degree.
- Two batches of fourth year medical students from the Kothelawala Defence University visited the Day Care Centre on 22 August 2017 and 12 September 2017 to carry out a research programme on elders' ageing issues.

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- A research team from the World Health Organisation visited the Day Care Centre to study the possibility of expanding this type of centre to other locations in the country.
- Dr. (Mrs.) Praveenya Liyanawaduge who is attached to the National Hospital, Human Nutrition Unit, Colombo visited the Day Care Centre to make a presentation for elders on nutrition and good food habits.

The elders of the Day Care Centre visited the following places during the period under review:

- Sri Nikethanaramaya Temple, Thelawala
- Sri Punyawardenaramaya Temple, Kandawala
- Ridee Viharaya and Gal Viharaya, Dambulla
- Sambodhiji Viharaya, Colombo
- Buddhist Cultural Centre, Gangodawila
- Elders' Home, Padukka

Miscellaneous Donations and further Assistance Received:

The Day Care Centre received breakfasts, mid-day meals and evening tea for elders each day. HASL wishes to express its gratitude to all donors who made contributions for meals of elders. In addition, the Day Care Centre received financial donations to organise a Bhakthi Gee programme and an annual day trip to Ridee Viharaya and Dambulla Cave Temple.

During the period under review, the following items were received as well:

- A water filter
- A rice cooker
- A wheel chair
- A refrigerator

All donors and well-wishers were sent HASL's New Year Greetings Cards as a token of appreciation. Moreover, the staff of the Day Care Centre also wish to thank all donors and well-wishers for their unstinted support extended towards the Centre and the elderly who visit the Centre.

THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME



Geethal Mendis

Director – Youth Education Programme

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 parents and grandparents.

YEP School Programme

With the objective of raising awareness among children on the diverse issues faced by the elderly, HASL conducted the following programmes in 35 government, private and international schools with the participation of 26,783 students.

Name of School	Number of Students
Angel International School – Jaffna	750
Anula Vidyalaya – Nugegoda	4,900
Asian International School – Colombo	300
Burhani Serendib School – Colombo	200
C.S.I College – Kalubowila	330
Good Hope International School – Mawanella	230
High Level International School – Hatton	200
Highland International School – Hatton	260
Hillwood College – Kandy	470
Isipathana Vidyalaya – Colombo	400
Kandy Grammar School – Kandy	250
Lakeland International School – Ratmalana	300
Lexicon International School – Kurunegala	380
Lumbini Vidyalaya – Colombo 5	500

THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME ☺

Name of School	Number of Students
Lyceum International School – Gampaha	500
Lyceum International School – Nugegoda	1,240
Lyceum International School – Nuwara Eliya	580
Lyceum International School – Panadura	950
Methodist College – Colombo	900
Musaeus College – Colombo	330
Nalanda College – Colombo	4,300
O.K.I International School – Kandana	554
O.K.I International School – Kiribathgoda	142
Our Ladies of Victory College – Moratuwa	800
Republican International School – Nuwara-Eliya	260
Royal College – Colombo	500
Royal International School – Kurunegala	290
St. Thomas College – Bandarawela	700
St. Thomas College – Mount Lavinia	364
Stafford International School – Colombo	155
Trinity College – Kandy	1,870
Wesley College – Colombo	1,998
York International School – Kadawatha	160
York International School – Sapugaskanda	300
York International School – Wattala	220
Total Number of Students	26,783



THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME ☺

Training of Trainers (TOT) Programme

This programme is conducted for School Principals and Zonal Directors of Education. The YEP highlights the activities of HASL during these programmes.

The Principals and Zonal Directors of Education are expected to conduct awareness programmes in their own schools/districts. During the period under review, a total of 31,248 students benefited from this programme. The details of the TOT programmes are indicated below:

The TOT programme during the period was conducted with the funds received from HelpAge International (HAI) under the Sponsor a Grandparent (SaG) Programme.

Date	District	Number of Principals Who Attended	Number of Students Who Benefited from the TOT Programme
14 September 2017	Kotmale	42	11,248
14 November 2017	Nuwara Eliya	65	20,000
Total			31,248

**Visits to Elder's Homes**

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

1. Shelter4homeless, Piliyandala
2. Bethany Elders Home, Piliyandala
3. Mallika Niwasa Samithiya, Colombo 04
4. Home of Compassion, Colombo 14

THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME ☺

Testimonials

1. "The factors discussed in the programme were highly useful to both the elders and the youngsters. The resource persons are capable of changing attitudes of the audience positively in a short while. I hope this is a timely needed service."

Mr. N. Thevendarajah, Zonal Director of Education, Jaffna.

2. "The HelpAge Youth Education Programme provided to create awareness about the nature of helping our elders and improving the quality of the way they live and are taken care."

Mr. Mendis really engaged the students and helped them understand how to interact with their elders in their respective homes, but also learn to age gracefully when the opportunity comes for them to lead with this in a positive way.

We as a school appreciate very much the work done by HelpAge and especially we admire the capacity and ability of your Director Mr. G.C. Mendis in getting across the message of this noble task, pleasing to God."

Dr. Noel A. Wimalendran J.P. Principal, Angel International School, Manipay, Jaffna.

3. "This seminar was of high standard and it was able to enlighten our students' perspective toward the senior citizens of Sri Lanka.

We were really impressed for the selection of this topic, "The Senior Citizen" by him for it goes hand in hand with our school vision "Moulding children to be World Class Citizens". Hence the facts discussed in the seminar were truly helped nourishing the students' minds for their personal development.

We believe that the students should be aware of those who have paved the way for them to develop their lifestyles during their schooling as it will play a good role as nostalgia in their future life. Also the inferred items and quotations such as "Kavi" and "Heart striking folk stories" elucidating as to how the senior citizens had been treated in the past made an impact on our students' minds, befitting them to use it as an example to be practiced in their future endeavours."

Mr. Hemal Abeysekera, Director Academics, OKI International School, Wattala.



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



*Make cities, communities, and human settlements
age-inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable*

HOME CARE AND TRAINING DIVISION



Janaka Senaviratne

Manager – Home Care and Training

During the period under review, the HASL Training Division was renamed as the Home Care and Training (HC&T) Division. This Division provides an invaluable service for senior citizens in Sri Lanka in uplifting their quality of life.

The Division provides specific tailor-made training programmes for the following:

- a. Volunteer Senior Citizens' Committee (SCC) members – the Home Care Volunteers (HCV) training programme;
- b. Paid Elder Care Assistants (ECA) training programme; and
- c. Paid Home Care Assistant (HCA) training programme.

The ECA training programmes are conducted jointly with the Vocational Training Authority (VTA) of Sri Lanka and the Policy Development Unit of the Prime Minister's Office. HASL is a member of the Health Care and Support Service Council of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC).

The HCA training programmes are conducted using HASL generated funds and HASL staff members. HCA service is a vital service that provides specialised care for senior citizens who are in need of this type of service. Currently, this service is confined only to the Western Province of Sri Lanka.

During the period under review, HASL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the VTA to train 200 Elder Care Assistants (ECA) in four districts, namely Gampaha, Hambantota, Nuwara Eliya and Polonnaruwa. The Division has developed a system to rank the Home Care Assistants into four categories based on their knowledge and ability. The senior citizens who request the Home Care Assistance service (HCA) will also be assessed and categorised based on their ability and dependency.

HOME CARE AND TRAINING DIVISION ☈

Home Care Volunteer Training Programmes for Young-Old Members of SCCs

The Home Care Volunteer (HCV) training programme is a five-day residential training programme conducted at the HASL Training Centre. These trained SCC members are then required to assist needy senior citizens in their own villages. The services provided by the volunteers are monitored by SCCs and Social Service Officers of the Ministry of Social Services who are attached to District Secretariat offices. During the period under review, the training programmes were funded by the Berendina Development Services (Gte) Limited, and the SaG Programme of HelpAge International (HAI). Sixty-Six Home Care Volunteers attached to Senior Citizens Committees in Colombo, Gampaha, Kegalle, Matara, Nuwara Eliya and Polonnaruwa Districts were trained during the period under review.

Home Care Assistance Training Programmes for Home Care Assistants (HCA)

These are five-day residential training programmes that train Home Care Assistants. They are funded by HASL and conducted at the HASL Training Centre. The trained HCAs are thereafter categorised based on their knowledge, skills, attitudes and abilities. Then they are assigned to provide services to senior citizens living only in the Western Province. The total number of HCAs trained during the period under review was 68.

Elder Care Assistance Training Programmes (ECA)

These training programmes were funded by the Vocational Education Trust of the Prime Minister's Office. The programme consist of seven days of theory in a Vocational Training Authority Training Centre, seven days of practical training in a private hospital or an elders' home and three months on-the-job training (OJT) under HASL's HCA service. An elder care assistant who has successfully completed this training programme is awarded the NVQ Level II certificate from the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC). Forty-two ECAs were trained during the period under review.

**The Home Care Assistance Service**

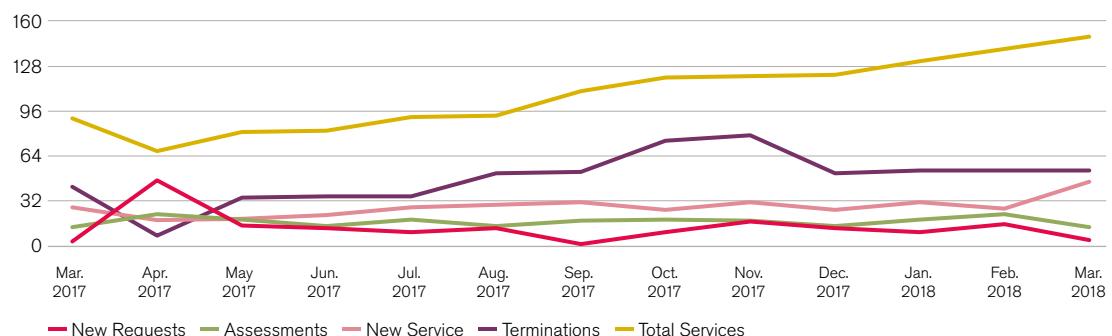
This Division's main task is to implement training programmes to train Home Care Assistants (HCA) to provide quality care to needy elders. HASL also trains HCAs by matching the assistants' competencies with clients' care needs. These Home Care Assistants could start from a low skills category (Grade D) and could reach the highest level (Grade A) if they enhance their knowledge, attitudes, skills and capabilities along the way. Those who possess advanced caregiving skills could also join the service directly at the higher skills category level. The HC&T staff will monitor, supervise, and evaluate the services of these HCAs continuously to ensure the quality of caregiving.

HOME CARE AND TRAINING DIVISION ☈

Many elders in Sri Lanka are affected by non-communicable diseases, psychosocial and age-related neurological diseases like Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease. Most families are facing difficulties in caring for their elderly family members due to various reasons. Therefore, there's a growing demand for well trained and reliable Home Care Assistants at an affordable cost.

HASL has identified this key need and is gearing itself to train more people to join the services. It initiated an HCA service in the Western Province as an initial pilot project. The ultimate goal is to have the HCA service available islandwide. Today the total number of Home Care Assistants has grown to 150 as a result of the HCA service. This demand will continue to grow as the ageing population increases.

Moreover, the trained HCAs objective is to support elders to manage their daily activities, enhance their social well-being and spiritual needs thus making the HCA service a valuable service to the community.

**Total Services**

Number of supervisory visits by the field officers during the year : 937
 Number of donations collection visits during the year : 880
 Number of special visits to clients during the year : 233



13 CLIMATE ACTION



Promote effective climate-change related planning and management, recognising the role and vulnerability of older persons

SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION



Douglas Paranawithana

Manager – Special Projects and Direct Mail

The HASL Special Projects Division was established in July 2011. The objective of establishing the division was to raise funds for HASL programmes and projects by seeking assistance from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Units of the leading corporates in Sri Lanka.

The following projects were conducted using Special Project funds:

- HASL Mobile Medical and Eye Camps;
- Free cataract surgeries at the HASL Eye Hospital;
- Distribution of free disability equipment for needy elders.

The Special Projects Division submits project proposals to leading corporates and individuals inviting them to join hands with HASL to serve the underprivileged senior citizens in the country with the objective of uplifting the quality of their lives.

Leading companies joined hands with HASL by participating in the following programmes:

- Sponsorships/Donations from the CSR funds;
- Sponsorships/Donations from the Welfare funds;
- Voluntary monthly staff contribution (Share As You Earn Programme);
- Donating the Dialog Star Points to HASL by dialing #141# and selecting "Donation to HelpAge".

The Share As You Earn (SAYE) Programme

This programme was launched in 1994 to encourage employees and individuals working in different organisations to participate in funding HASL projects by donating a part of their salaries on a monthly basis (payroll giving). During the period under review, this programme was further strengthened with the addition of a SAYE Programme, which was introduced at the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA). HASL would like to thank the Senior Management of SLPA for the immense assistance and support received in implementing this project.

SPECIAL PROJECTS DIVISION ☺



Direct Mail

During the period under review, all three direct mail campaigns achieved planned targets. HASL is grateful to all donors who contributed towards this fundraising project.

The Direct Mail Campaign which commenced in 1991 is the highest fundraising programme in HASL.

The following three direct mail campaigns are conducted annually:

- the Vesak campaign;
- the International Day of Older Persons campaign;
- the Christmas and New Year campaign.

During the period under review, HASL's database was updated. Most of the duplicated names and addresses of the database were eliminated and the dormant contacts deleted. The names of professionals such as doctors, engineers, architects, accountants, hoteliers, lawyers etc., were also added to the existing database.

Door to Door Programme

In addition to the above programmes, this division also launched on 8 November 2017, a Door to Door Programme in order to collect names and addresses of the leading businesses and individuals living in Galle. Thereafter, this programme was expanded to other major towns including Ambalangoda, Colombo, Gampaha, Kadawatha, Kegalle, Kiribathgoda and Mawanella.

This programme was carried out with the participation of many staff members of HASL highlighting the team spirit among staff members of different divisions.

FUNDRAISING DIVISION



Ruchilani Batuwantudawa

Manager – Fundraising

Greeting Cards Project

During the period under review, the division received Rs. 18,470,584 from the sale of greeting cards. This consisted of the sale of HASL seasonal and non-seasonal cards such as Birthday, Vesak and Christmas etc. The sales at exhibitions and offices also contributed towards achieving the said target.

The designs for seasonal cards consist mainly of graphic designs, photographs and paintings. A total of 30 designs were available from seasonal cards' collection. During the period under review, HASL introduced Birthday Cards in two additional sizes, which were slimmer and larger than before. These cards consisted of foiled designs and were printed on linen board or art board and were reasonably priced.

These cards were sold to existing and new customers, namely, 300 corporate, individual and retail customers islandwide.

Tills Project

HASL initiated the Tills Project in 1990 and the project consists of a network of "collection tills" placed at various locations such as supermarkets, banks, restaurants and other retail shops throughout Sri Lanka.

During the period under review, the proceeds from the till collection was Rs. 6,588,666. A total of 1,515 tills were in circulation in the Central, Eastern, North Central, North Western, Sabaragamuwa, Southern, Uva and Western Provinces.

100 new tills were placed at Cargills Express, Cargills Food City, Keells outlets, Kidz World Outlets and Perera and Sons retail centers. Furthermore, the number of staff members engaged in this project was further increased to 7 with a third team added to support this growing project. The collection team maintained a low operational cost whenever possible, for example, by using public transport to reach remote locations to count tills where the collection was lower than other parts of the island. This method proved to be very effective.

FUNDRAISING DIVISION ☰

SAYE (Share As You Earn) Donations

Contributions from the Share As You Earn Programme (SAYE) during the period under review amounted to Rs. 50,000 and were received from the following corporates:

- Asia Securities (Pvt) Limited
- Bristol Lanka Technologies (Pvt) Limited
- HelpAge Sri Lanka staff
- Public Bank Berhard
- Richard Peiris and Company PLC
- Swedish Trading Company Limited
- World Vision Sri Lanka

Corporate Partners who have made a Significant Contribution to HASL:

Cargills (Ceylon) PLC

The relationship between HASL and Cargills (Ceylon) PLC spans over two decades. HASL's greeting cards were initially introduced to Cargills (Ceylon) PLC in 1994.

HASL's relationship with Cargills has further strengthened as HASL has been given approval to expand the placement of tills to more locations islandwide.

Perera and Sons Bakers (Private) Limited

The close relationship between HASL and Perera and Sons Bakers (Private) Limited has also enabled HASL to expand the placement of charity tills at their outlets located in the North Western, Sabaragamauwa, Southern and Western Provinces, contributing to the expansion of the tills project.

Jaykay Marketing Services (Private) Limited – Keells Super

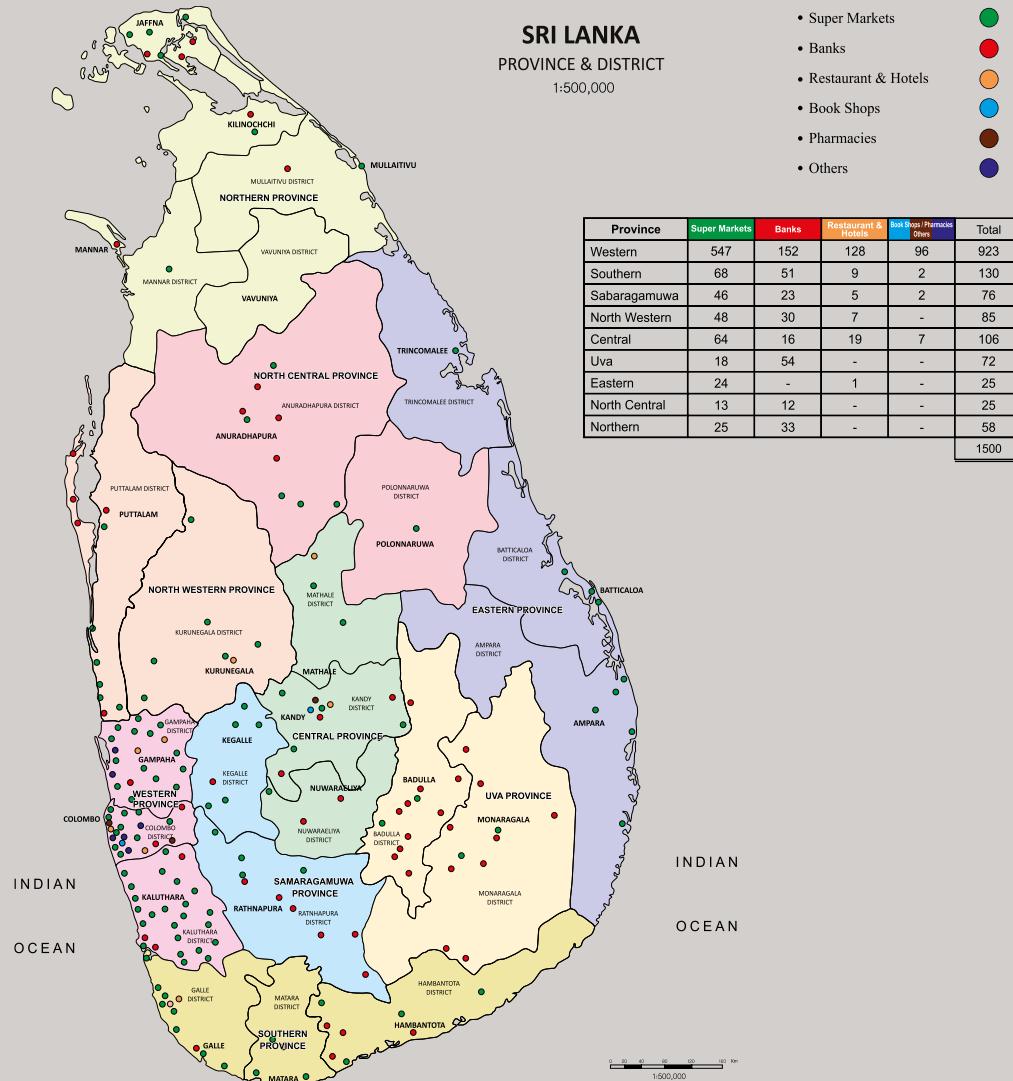
HASL has enjoyed a good relationship with Jaykay Marketing Services since 2009 with the sale of seasonal cards. In 2016, the management of Keells allowed HASL to place collection tills at Keells Super outlets, and during the period under review, HASL's relationship has enhanced with Jaykay Marketing Services and HASL continuously works with the Management to improve even further as HASL hopes to sell more greeting cards and place charity tills with the expansion of new outlets.

LB Finance PLC

During the period under review, LB Finance PLC has contributed immensely to HASL by purchasing Birthday Cards to be sent to their customers. The business relationship which commenced in 2016 has further strengthened with the company purchasing cards for Christmas and Ramadan occasions as well.

FUNDRAISING DIVISION ☺

Locations of HelpAge Tills in Sri Lanka 2017/18



INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS

Rs. 1.0 Million and above

Cargills Ceylon PLC
Fishermen Livelihood Support Society
The Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo
National Savings Bank

Mr. M.W. Karunaratne
Mr. & Mrs. Anoop Kundanmal
Mr. Nandana Mailewa
Melsta Corporation PLC
Mr. S.E. Munasinghe
Mr. & Mrs. Raja Nanayakkara
Mrs. G.G.D. Punchihewa

Mr. Romesh de Silva
Mrs. Carmelita de Silva
Mr. Dinesh de Zoysa
Mr. Rajenthiran Dhivaagaran
E. W. Balasooriya & Co.
Elephant Papadam Co. (Pvt) Limited

Rs. 500,000/- and above

Dialog Axiata PLC
John Keells Holdings PLC
Lanka IOC PLC
Rotary Club of Colombo, West
Mr. Thushara Silva

Mr. C.H.S.K. Raja Piyaratne
Mr. Udeshi Rajen
Mr. C. Samarakajeewa
Mr. S.P. Selladurai
Mr. Tilak C. Silva
Sir Lalita Rajapakse Charitable Trust Fund

Dr. R. Fernando
Dr. W.S.E. Fernando
Mr. C.V. Fernando
Mrs. Manel Fernando
Foundation for Improvement of Sight and Health
Ms. D.L. Gunaratne

Rs. 250,000/- and above

CML-MTD Construction Limited
DSI Group of Companies
Foundation of Goodness
Kanapathy Chetty Selvanathan Charitable Trust
Mr. Lal Wickramaarachchi,
Regain Sight Inc., Australia

State Pharmaceuticals Corporation
T.C.I. Enterprises (Pvt) Limited
Mr. S.C. Crossette Thambiah
Walauwatta Estate Co. (Pvt) Limited
Eng. R.S. Warusamana
Ms. Ruwanthini Weeratunga
Mrs. S.M. Wijewansa
Mr. Nirosh Wijeyaratne and Friends
Young Men's Buddhist Association – Colombo

Dr. Nihal Gunatilake
Hatton National Bank,
Thalawathugoda Branch,
Sports Club
Hirdaramani Industries (Pvt) Limited
Mr. & Mrs. M.L. & K.M. Hirdaramani
Ivy Hills Tea Factory
Ms. Lalitha Jayasundara
Mrs. Sheryll Jinasena
Mr. Wassia Kundanmal
Mr. L.E. Murcott

Rs. 100,000/- and above

Mr. T.C. Aluthwela
Ms. Rudrani Balasubramaniam
Mr. V.M.M. Bandara
Bandaranaike Memorial International Cultural Fund
Mr. Hamza Dawood
Mr. Virann de Zoysa
Edna Group of Companies
Mrs. Manel Fernando
Mr. Shirley Ganegoda
Mr. J.N.G. Gonsal
Mr. J.S.K. Gunaratnam
Mr. A.R. & Mrs. S.R. Gunasekara
Mr. A.W. Gunasekara
J.B.S. Shipping Services
Mr. Don Chaminda Kariyawasam

Rs. 50,000/- up to Rs. 100,000/-
Mr. D. Alahakoon
Mr. H.D.S. Amarasuriya
Amity Hearts of Charity Foundation
Mr. D.S. Arangala
Prof. J.K.P. Ariyaratne
Mr. Thimothi James Boon
Mrs. Asokamala Caldera
Charles & Muriel de Soysa Trust
Ms. Dilhara de Alwis
Dr. L.A. de Silva
Mr. H.I. de Silva

Mr. & Mrs. Kamal Palihawardena
People's Bank
People's Leasing and Finance PLC
Mrs. G.F. Pereira
Perera & Sons (Bakers) Limited
Mr. M.Y.C. Perera
Mr. Naath Perera
Mrs. Nelum Perera
Mr. D.M. Rajapakse
Mr. K.A. Raymond
Dr. R.A. Samarajiva
Mr. M.D.P. Samarasekera
Mr. & Ms. S.N. Samarasinghe
Mr. M. Saparamadu

INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS ☺

Mrs. Sidambarampillai
 Sino Lanka (Pvt) Limited
 Sirocco Air Technologies (Pvt)
 Limited
 Mr. W.M. Soysa
 STC Poverty Alleviation
 Spears Foundation
 Mr. J. Wanigasekara
 Mr. Susil Weeratunga
 Mr. A.L.G. Wijekoon
 Mr. N.Y. Wijemanna
 Mr. J.M. Wimalagooneratne

**Rs. 25,000/- up to
 Rs. 50,000/-**

A Baur & Co. (Pvt) Limited
 Mr. Jagath Abeywarna
 Mr. Thushantha Alahakoon
 Mr. Hemaka Amarasuriya
 Miss. S.N. Amerasinghe
 Anura Motor Trading (Pvt) Limited
 Prof. S.N. Arsecularatne
 Asia Capital PLC
 Mrs. Anoma Bandara
 Mr. Varuna Basnayake
 Ceylon Hotels Corporation
 Ceylon Petroleum Corporation
 Ceylon Tea Marketing
 Consolidated Business System
 Mr. PA. Dayananda
 Mrs. Marianne de Alwis
 Mr. & Mrs. D.L. & F de Saram
 Dr. Ranjan L. de Silva
 Hemantha de Silva
 Mr. R.C. de Silva
 Mrs. Amara de Silva
 Mrs. Marie de Silva
 Ms. L.W. Bernadine de Silva
 Thirimanne Ms. Harshini de Silva
 Dr. I.D. de Sylva
 Mr. M. Dias

Mrs. Kanchana Dissanayake
 Mr. D. Dominic
 Mrs. Easparathasan
 Miss C.S. Emmanuel
 Mr. M.A.H. Esufally
 Mr. Adam Faris
 Dr. W.W.F.W. Fernando
 Mr. Elmo Fernando
 Mr. H. Fernando
 Mr. W.B.E.F.J. Fernando
 Mr. Y.M.E. Fernando
 Mrs. S.K. Fernando
 Mrs. Srikanthi Fernando
 Ms. Chandrani Galagedara
 Mr. Sam Galappaththige
 Mrs. Anula Goonewardena
 Mrs. Savithri Gunaratne
 Mr. P. Gunasekara
 Mr. & Mrs. P.D. Gunawardana
 Mr. W.A.D. Gunawardena
 Mr. M.M. Hashim
 Mr. L. Hemachandra
 Mrs. Manori Indraratne
 Mr. M.F. Ismail
 Mr. & Mrs. D.F.R. Jayamaha
 Mr. Kannan
 Mrs. Jayanthi Kapuwatte
 Mr. S.A.B. Kulathunga
 Dr. (Mrs) Soma Kulathunge
 Mr. K.I. Kumaranayagam
 Mr. Sushila Wassiamal Kundanmal
 Dr. U.S. Kuruppu
 Lanka Transformers (Pvt) Limited
 Eng. B.S. Liyanagama
 Mr. T. Madigasekara
 Mr. R. Maharaja
 Mr. Mohan Molagoda
 Mr. H. Muthukuda
 N. H.A.G. Charitable Trust
 Mr. D.P. Nanayakkara
 Mr. Gemunu Nanayakkara
 Mr. T. Nandasiri

Mr. P.H. Palihakkara
 Mr. & Mrs. H.M. Pathirage
 Mr. W.J. Peiris
 Mr. G. Manik Pereira
 Dr. G.L.S. Perera
 Mr. C.S.J. Perera
 Mrs. M.N. Perera
 Mr. Sarath Piayaratne
 R & J Apparels (Pvt) Limited
 Mr. Prasanna Rajaratne
 Mrs. N.V.I. Ratnatunga
 Mr. B.J.L. Rodrigo
 Mr. D.S. Rupasinghe
 S.K. Wickremesinghe Trust
 Mrs. Vivina Samarasinha
 Mr. S. Sathiamoorthy
 Mrs. Lala Senanayake
 Mrs. Nalanie Senanayake
 Mr. G.S. Senarath
 Mr. L.W. Senarath
 Mr. U.L.C. Silva
 Mrs. W.J.D.S.P. Siyambalapitiya
 Mr. S.K. Soysa
 Motors Suhada
 Mr. & Ms. K.W.R. Thilakarathna
 Mr. Gishan S. Thomas
 Threesinghe Roller Door
 Mrs. Dinali Uduwerella
 V. R. Vadivetkarasan Enterprises
 Mr. A.M. Weligamage
 Mr. J. Welikala
 Mr. Aruna Wickramasinghe
 Mr. M. Wickramasinghe
 Dr. V.P. Wickremesinghe
 Mr. W.B.M. Wijegunarathna
 Wijetunga Machinery (Pvt)
 Limited
 Ms. V.S. Wijewardena
 Mr. & Mrs. Senarath Yapa and
 family
 Mr. Jeevunjee Zaffar

NEWS IN BRIEF



Ananda Kannangara

During the period under review as the communications manager, he effectively coordinated all media communications

Daily News Friday, June 23, 2017

HelpAge assists 2,400 flood-affected families

HelpAge Sri Lanka launched an Emergency Response Project for the benefit of over 2,400 flood and landslide affected families in Ratnapura, Kalutara, Matara and Galle Districts last week.

HelpAge distributed a large stock of food and other items worth over Rs. three million to nearly 10,000 flood and landslide victims at Kapugampitiya in Ratnapura, Ihala Naragala, Pahala Naragala, Vilapahala, Kirimatiwakada, Bulathsinhala, Ratiyala and a temporary camp located at Koboke Tamil School in Bulathsinhala in the Kalutara District.

Flood and landslide victims in Aluttanayangoda Ihala, Mapalagama in

Galle and Akurasssa, Maramba, Athuraliya and Malimbada in Matara District also received essential items. The project was funded by HelpAge Sri Lanka and HelpAge International, United Kingdom.



HelpAge Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge distributing food items

Daily News Friday, June 02, 2017

HelpAge awareness programme for schoolchildren

Ananda Kannangara



Anula Vidyalaya Principal P. N. Rajapaksha addressing the students

The Youth Educational Division of HelpAge Sri Lanka conducted an educational awareness programme for over 1,000 students of Anula Vidyalaya, Nuggedoda on "Gerontology and Geriatrics" related to healthcare of elderly people.

Anula Vidyalaya Principal P.N.Rajapaksha highlighted the value of educating

schoolchildren and raising awareness on the importance of keeping parents and grandparents within their family circle without sending them to elders' homes.

The principal also commended the services rendered by HelpAge Sri Lanka to improve the quality of the lives of elders, especially underprivileged citizens in the country.

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හෙල්පේර් ආයුර්වේද මධ්‍යස්ථානයේ අසරන් වැඩිහිටියන්ට නොමිලේ කේටුවන්

ලංකාවේ වැඩිහිටියන් එදා මෙන්ම අදත් සිංහල ආයුර්වේද ප්‍රතිකාර ලබා ගැනීම සඳහා දක්වන්නේ විශාල උන්දුවක්. මූල්‍යගත බොහෝ දෙනෙකුන් මෙය වි අභ්‍යන්තර බැහිර ප්‍රතිකාරවලට වඩා සියයට සියකම සිංහල ආයුර්වේද ප්‍රතිකාරවලින් සමඟ රෝග පුවකර ගැනැයි බවය. විශ්වාසීය ඇගැඹුම හැකිවීම් තුළුම්, දැනුම්, දැනුහිස් ඉදිමීම්, හන්දීපත් රුදු වැනි රෝග පමණක් නොව නැදු රෝග, අධික රුදිර එමිහාය, දියාධිවාව වැනි රෝග ආයුර්වේද ප්‍රතිකාරවලින් සිම්පූරණ සුවය ලැබා බව ඔවුනු පවසයි.

හෙල්පේර් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආයතනය 1986 දී ආරම්භ කරන ලද්දේ වැඩිහිටියන්ගේ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ තත්ත්වය නායුමීටිම සඳහා. හෙල්පේර් ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආයතනය වැඩිහිටියන් සියලුමක කර ඇති අතර ඉන් එකක වන්නේ ආයුර්වේද ප්‍රතිකාර ලබාදීමය. බොහෝ වැඩිහිටියන්ගේ ඉල්ලීම පරිදි සිංහල ආයුර්වේද ප්‍රතිකාර සඳහා ආයුර්වේද වෛවද්‍ය මධ්‍යස්ථානයක් තිබා සිරිවර්ධනයේ හෙල්පේර් ආයුර්වේද වෛවද්‍ය මධ්‍යස්ථානය නැමින් බොරලුස්ගේමුව මෘසන්දීල් පිහිටුවන ලදී. එය පුදෙකම් අසරන වැඩිහිටියන සඳහා පමණි.

මැතකදී ආරම්භ කරන ලද මෙම ආයුර්වේද මධ්‍යස්ථානය දහට පවත්වනු ලබන්නේ සිනිල් සැම මුහුදුපතින්දා දිනයක වන අතර, එය ඉදිරියිදී සහිතේ සැම දිනකම පැවැත්වීම සඳහා කටයුතු කරගෙන යයි.

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HelpAge trains elder care assistants

Ananda Kannangara

Over 100 males and females, residents of Baddegama, Mawanella and Kilinochchi Divisional Secretariats recently participated in training courses as Elder Care Assistants under a special programme, conducted by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) in collaboration with the Prime Minister's office.

The Vocational Training Authority (VTA) and the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA) also assisted the 150 day training programme.

Accordingly, all trained personnel received the internationally recognised "National Vocational Qualification Level 2" (NVQ Level 2) certificate which helps them to work as Elder Care Assistants to needy elders in Sri Lankan households and in elder's homes.

NEWS IN BRIEF ☺

தினாங்குறவு 2018 ஜீலை 20 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை

வறுமைக் கோட்டின் கீழ்கள் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு பாடசாலை உபகரணங்கள் பகிர்ந்தலிப்பு



அண்ணமையில் ஏற்பட்ட வெள்ளம், மன்சரியு காரணமால் பாதிக்கப்பட்ட வெறுரன் கல்வி விலைத்திலுள்ள கொபொல்லவை தமிழ் வித்தியாலயத்தில் கல்வி கற்றும் வழக்கோட்டின் கீழ்கள் குடும்பங்களைச் சேர்ந்த சமார் 110 பிள்ளைகளுக்கு பாடசாலை பேக் உள்ளிட்ட பாடசாலை உபகரணங்களைப் பகிர்ந்தனிக்கும் வைபவம் பாடசாலை வளாகத்தில் அண்ணமையில் நடைபெற்று. இவ்வைபத்தில் ஹெல்ப்பேஜ் நிறுவனத்தின் உத்தியோகத்திற்கான கமேத ஹஷ்தநாயக்கா, வயனல் பிரேச்சந்திர, அனந்த கன்னங்கர ஆகியோர் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

சுமார் ஒரு இலட்சத்து ஐம்புதினத்தியிரம் ரூபா பெறுமதியான இந்தப் பாடசாலை உபகரணங்கள் ஹெல்ப்பேஜ் ஸ்ரீ லங்கா நிறுவனத்தில் ஏப்பாட்டில் கட்டார் நாட்டில் பணியாற்றும் இலங்கையரான கிஶோதரன் லெவுடனோனின்தும் அவரது மனவை அனுஷ்டகா கிஶோதரன் நிதியதவியில் வழங்கப்பட்டது.

இப்பாடசாலை உபகரணங்களை பகிர்ந்தனிக்கும் வைபவத்தில் உரையாற்றிய பாடசாலை அதிபர் வீ.ஆர்.பி. ஸ்டெண்டில்லஸ் குறிப்பிட்டாலுது, இப்பாடசாலையில் கல்வி பெறும் மாணவர்களின் நிலைமைகள் தொடர்பில் கவனம் செலுத்திய ஹெல்ப்பேஜ் நிறுவனம் வெளிநாட்டொன்றில் வசிக்கும் இலங்கையரின் உதவியோடு இப்பாடசாலை உபகரணங்களைப் பெற்றுக்கொடுத்திருப்பது பெரிதும் பாராட்டத்தக்க செயற்பாடாகும். இங்கு ஒரு சிங்கன மொழி ஆசிரியர் உட்பட ஏழை ஆசிரியர்கள் கடமையாற்றிய போதிலும், மாணவர்கள் பலவித குறைபாடுகளுடன் தான்தம் கல்வியைத் தொடர்கின்றனர் என்றார்.

இவ்வைபவத்தில் உரையாற்றிய ஹெல்ப்பேஜ் நிறுவனத்தின் நிறைவேற்றுப் பள்ளிபாளர் சமந்தவினானுடே உரையாற்றுக்கையில், இவ்வாறான உதவி ஒத்துழைப்புகளின் மூலம் ஏழை மாணவர்களின் கல்வித்துறை மேம்படுத்த முடியும் என்று குறிப்பிட்டதோடு பாடசாலை உபகரணங்களைப் பெற்றுக்கொடுத்த கிஶோதரன் தம் பதியினருக்கு நன்றிக்களையும் தெரிவித்தார்.

எமது நிறுவனமானது இந்நாட்டின் வருமானம் குறைந்த கிஶோத பிரஜைகளுக்கு இலவசமாக கண் சத்திர சிகிச்சைகள் அளிப்பவுதோடு மாத்திரமல்லாமல் நாட்டில் ஏற்படுகின்ற அன்றத்தங்களினால் பாதிக்கப்படுகின்ற மக்களுக்கு வயது வித்தியாசமின்றி உதவி ஒத்துழைப்புக்களையும் நல்குகின்றோம் என்று குறிப்பிட்டார்.

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HelpAge conducts seminar at Royal College



The seminar in progress. Picture by Ananda Kannangara.

Ananda Kannangara

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) conducted a seminar on caring for elders, at Royal College, Colombo, recently. The event was held under the theme Caring for Elders and Creating an Environment for Them to Live with Dignity. Over 800 Royal College students expressed their gratitude to HASL for educating them on the topic. Royal College Principal B. A. Abeyratne said that schoolchildren should know the value of elders who had sacrificed much in order to build the country.

HelpAge Youth Education Programme Director G. C. Mendis addressed the importance of caring for elders and said children should realise that one day, they would also grow old and not want to be left at an Elders' Home.

HASL Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge said statistics had revealed that 99 percent elders in Sri Lanka, are living with their families and not in Elders' Homes.

The event was sponsored by Edna Chairman Lal Edirisinghe.

HelpAge Sri Lanka donation for Disaster Management Ministry



Minister Anura Priyadarshana Yapa accepting the wheel chairs from HelpAge Sri Lanka Chairman Tilak de Zoysa. Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge was present.

HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) donated 12 wheel chairs for the use of elders in case of an emergency, to Disaster Management Minister Anura Priyadarshana Yapa at the Ministry auditorium recently. These wheel chairs will be distributed among countrywide Disaster Management Centres (DMCs). The Minister also mentioned that HelpAge took prompt action to construct over 250 housing units in Eastern and Southern coastal districts for tsunami affected senior citizens and their families.

Minister Yapa also requested HelpAge to provide volunteers, trained by HelpAge for the disaster management work which will be carried out by the Ministry all over the country. (AK)

தினாங்குறவு 2018 மே 25 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை

வெண்புரைக்கு இலவச சத்தரசிகிச்சை நிதி திரட்ட ரம்மான் வாழ்த்துக்கள்

வெண்புரை நோய்க்கு (Cataract) உள்ளளவில் 55 வயது மேற்பட்ட வறுமை மற்றும் வருமானம் குறைந்த குடும்பங்களைச் சேர்ந்த முதியவர்களுக்கு

இலவசமாக விழிவெண்டலச் சத்தரசிகிச்சை அளிக்கப்படவுள்ளது. இதற்கு நிதி திரட்டும் நோய்கள் ஹெல்ப்பேஜ் ஸ்ரீ லங்கா நிறுவனம் சதுல் பித்ர ரம்மான் நோன்பு பெருநாளின்

நிமத்தம் இரண்டு இலட்சம் வாழ்த்து மடல்களை அச்சிட்டு வெளியிட்டுள்ளது.

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ANGEL INTERNATIONAL COMMENDS HELPAGE

The Principal, Angel International School, Manipur in Jaffna, Dr. Noel Vimalendran during an awareness programme for schoolchildren, organised by the Youth Education Division of HelpAge Sri Lanka making an emotional speech on elders and highlighted the hardships faced by many Senior Citizens in the country due to lack of attention paid by others .

He also commended the invaluable service rendered by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) towards such underprivileged citizens and said even the children of Angel International School are taught to care one another like HelpAge encourages children to help elders. Addressing over 800 students, Principal Vimalendran stressed the importance of treating Senior Citizens considering that they shed sweat and toil to develop our motherland in the past.

"As the concept of HelpAge Sri Lanka, it is also our paramount duty to help elders to lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives considering that these citizens are not a burden but a valuable asset in society."



PRINCIPAL VIMALENDRAN
ADDRESSING SCHOOLCHILDREN.

In addition to school children, teachers and staff members, HelpAge officials Geethal Mendis, Lionel Premachandra and Ananda Kannanara were also present on the occasion.

The Principal also called upon students of Angel International school to entertain the elders during their twilight days without isolating them by sending them to elders homes.

"As the concept of HelpAge Sri Lanka, it is also our paramount duty to help elders to lead dignified, secure, active and healthy lives considering that these citizens are not a burden but a valuable asset in a society." He also called upon countrywide schools to be partners of this programme and requested HelpAge to conduct such programmes in other schools too.

After listening to the emotional speech made by the Principal on the value of elders, a teacher



of Angel International School volunteered herself to extend services to HelpAge work in the future.

to extend services to HelpAge work in the future. HelpAge Youth Education Director Geethal Mendis explained the school children on social work rendered by HelpAge to uplift the living standards of underprivileged Senior Citizens by providing them with free medical services, free cataract surgeries and also financial assistance to engage in livelihood activities.

Director Mendis also quoted several leading personalities in the international arena including the former American President Barack Obama and said how he looked after his grandmother until her demise.

He also quoted former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and said everybody in today's world should think that we are getting old one day and everybody should help each other.

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මෙම පා ගමන සඳහා න්‍යාමිත දීමේරික්කයේ සහ ඒ අවට පදන්වී වැශ්‍යීමියෙන් 60ක පමණ සහායී වෙත ඇත. මෙම පා ගමන තොත්තාගම මූල්‍යන්දීයේ සිට තොත්තාගම සංස්කෘතික මධ්‍යස්ථානය වෙත පැමිණෙනු ඇත. එහිදී යෝජිත ප්‍රාග්ධනීම්වල තිබුමිනාය

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NEWS IN BRIEF ◎

Sunday Observer Tuesday, April 4, 2017

HELPAGE SRI LANKA HELPS ARANAYAKA VICTIMS



HelpAge officials distributing food items and household goods to victims

By Ananda Kannangara

It was 5 pm and suddenly, we heard a loud noise. As it was raining with lightening we thought it was a thunderbolt, and didn't pay much attention. All were in their homes, and children had gone to bed early that gloomy evening. The noise became worse and we heard people crying and screaming. We rushed out to see what was happening. Trees were uprooted and houses had collapsed. Heavy mounds of earth had covered several houses.

These are some of the comments made by the residents to the officials of HelpAge Sri Lanka during their visit to the Aranayaka landslide area recently. This was the second occasion that HelpAge distributed food items, non-food items and household goods worth over Rs. nine Million to people who became victims of the massive flood and landslide disaster which occurred on May 19, 2016.

Daily News Sunday, May 28, 2017

HELPAGE VESAK DANSALA BENEFITS OVER 1,000 ELTERS

The annual Vesak dansala, conducted by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) with the participation of senior citizens at the H. P. Gooneratne Day Centre, Ratmalana was held at the HelpAge Head Office premises, Rattanapitiya, Boralasgamuwa.

A significant feature was the preparation of Gram by elders between ages 60 to 73. Almost all the elders, despite their age showed a keen interest in participating in various activities to make the dansala a success. People

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**Daily News** Tuesday, September 21, 2017

Methodist College principal commends HASL awareness programmes on elders

Methodist College, Colombo, Principal Hiranya Fernando admired the series of educational seminars conducted by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) to create the awareness for schoolchildren on elders and the importance of caring for them without sending them to elders' homes during the latter stages of their lives.

Principal Fernando made these remarks to over 1,000 students who were present at the Methodist College Auditorium after their morning religious observances.

"Caring for elders and to create an environment for them to live with dignity" was the theme of the seminar.

Principal Fernando also urged young students not to isolate their parents and grandparents and to keep them within their family circle, considering the invaluable services rendered by them in the past.

HASL Youth Education Programme Director Geethal Mendis highlighted the value of caring for elders and reminded several stories related to elders and children. He said these awareness programmes could motivate the minds of children on the value of elders.



who attended admired the efficient work of the elderly citizens.

The dansala was conducted under the supervision of HelpAge Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge, Assistant Accountant Chinthaka Hewage and staff members.

At least 1,000 elders and over 2,000 residents living in the surrounding areas of Rattanapitiya, Boralasgamuwa, Navinna, Nugegoda and Wijerama attended the dansala.

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



HelpAge International Board visit to HelpAge Housing Project Samudratheera, Matara



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



Handing over the keys of the HelpAge Housing Project, Kahandamodara, Tangalle



HelpAge International Board Meeting held in Sri Lanka, 2010



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

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDER PERSONS 2017/18



Elders Dance



Elders Drama



Address by the Executive Director



HASL Chairman Distributing Awards for School Children



Welcoming Elders by tagging followers



Welcoming the Minister by tagging followers



Elders Walk



Elders Walk

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Tim Boon – Former English Cricketer's visit and CPR training programme



Minister S.B. Dissanayake's visit to the HelpAge Eye Hospital



Donation of Equipment to the Director General of Survey Department



Minister S.B. Dissanayake's media briefing at the HelpAge Eye Hospital



Donation of a Generator to the Negampaha Hospital



Donation of a Generator to the Aralaganvila Hospital



Ms. Meredith Wyse – Head of Programmes – Asia, HelpAge International's visit



“Niponmaru” Team visit to HelpAge Sri Lanka

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The Team Briefing held every two months for all employees at HASL, provides visibility of Division wise "Performance achieved vs the Target". It facilitates an open forum for two way communication which has resulted in higher employee satisfaction levels. The individuals who have made a significant contribution especially outside their normal call of duty, during the period under review, are appreciated at this event.



Mr. Eduardo Klien (Regional Director APRO HAI)'s visit to Sri Lanka



Human Nutrition lecture for H.P. Gooneratne HelpAge Day Care Centre Members.

WORD OF THANKS

We sincerely thank all our local and foreign donors who made donations in cash and kind to support the following programmes:

- Direct Mail Appeal
- Corporate Appeal
 - Till Collection
 - Youth Education
 - Legacies
- Eye Hospital, Wellawatte
- Sponsorship for Mobile Medical Units
- Sponsorship for Cataract Surgeries
 - Sponsorship for Special Projects
- Elders' Day Care Centre, Ratmalana
- Ayurvedic Centre, Boralesgamuwa
 - Greeting Cards Project
 - Christmas Décor Programme
- Community Development Programme
- Flood, Landslides, Drought Relief and Rehabilitation Programmes

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Home Care Volunteer Training

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Training of Trainers (TOT) Programmes for Directors of Education, Principals and Teachers

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Senior Citizens Committees
Capacity Building
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Environmental Protection License No. 02895 (5)
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Our Legal Framework

Company Registration No. GA 545

Social Services Registration No. 11/4/1/590/86

Approved Charity Statute Notification Gazette
No. 497 of 11.03.1988

Registration of Approved Persons and Organisations
under Section 18 of the Protection of the Rights
of Elders Rights Act No. 09 of 19.01.2000 –
Registration No. NCA/0001/2002/WP

Registration of Voluntary Social Services/
Non-Governmental Organisation under Voluntary
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Act No. 08 of 1998 - Registration No. L.03214

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M.S. Ediriweera

Manager – Finance

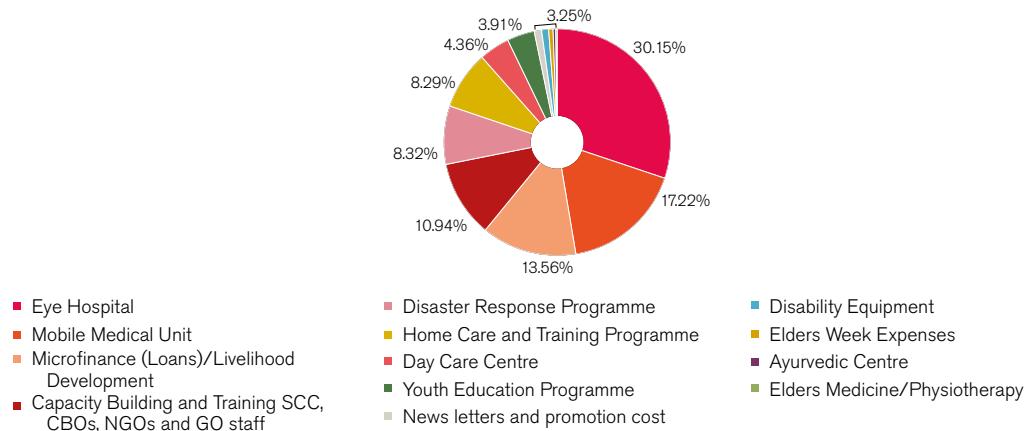
The income for the year under review was generated through the following fundraising projects:

- Direct Mail Campaigns
- Greeting Card Sales
- Till Collections
- Day Care Centre
- Sponsorships for MMU's
- Share As You Earn (SAYE) Schemes
- Direct Donations
- Age Care Facilities
- Home Care Services

In addition to the above we have also received donations and funds from the following:

- Donor funded projects
- Jointly funded projects
- Donations to the Eye Hospital
- General/Corporate Donations
- Donations from legacies and last wills
- Other Donations

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

WIJAYERATNE & COMPANY CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

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TO THE MEMBERS OF HELPAGE SRI LANKA

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Helpage Sri Lanka (the Entity), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2018, the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Entity as at 31 March 2018, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards for Small and Medium-Sized Entities (SLFRS for SMEs).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Council's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Members of the Council ("Council") is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards for

Small and Medium-Sized Entities (SLFRS for SMEs), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Council is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless Council either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The members of the Council are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing website at: www.slaasc.com/auditing_standards/auditors_responsibility. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

<i>For the year ended 31 March</i>	<i>Note</i>	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
Income and Expenditure			
Total Receipts	5	136,212,940	133,695,665
Total Expenditure	6	(119,762,050)	(115,123,970)
Net Surplus Before Income Tax		16,450,890	18,571,695
Income Tax Expense		(57,990)	(215,834)
Net Surplus After Income Tax		16,392,900	18,355,861

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

The Notes on pages 6 to 19 form part of these Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<i>As at 31 March</i>	<i>Note</i>	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
Assets			
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	7	59,600,046	63,482,622
Current Assets			
Inventories		8,025,320	6,391,462
Trade and Other Receivables	8	26,536,694	22,433,218
Income Tax Receivable		554,394	234,672
Short-Term Investment	9	220,560,632	205,043,126
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10	23,869,874	19,382,439
		279,546,914	253,484,917
Total Assets		339,146,960	316,967,539
Equity and Liabilities			
Capital and Reserve			
Funds	11	246,658,433	229,467,678
Grants	12	70,645,702	70,645,702
		317,304,135	300,113,380
Non-Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation	13	8,507,695	7,441,650
Long-Term Loan	14	—	65,590
		8,507,695	7,507,240
Current Liabilities			
Trade and Other Payables	15	7,921,691	7,850,586
Long-Term Loan Payable within One Year	14	60,360	1,201,756
Bank Overdraft	10	5,353,079	294,577
		13,335,130	9,346,919
Total Equity and Liabilities		339,146,960	316,967,539



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	Note	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Net Surplus Before Income Tax		16,450,890	18,571,695
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	7	6,187,482	6,561,514
Provision for Retiring Gratuity	13	1,407,755	1,798,845
Profit on Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		(5,385,274)	(1,063,294)
Net Movement of Funds		797,855	67,490
Cash Flow from Operating Activities from Working Capital Changes		19,458,708	25,936,250
Working Capital Changes			
Inventory		(1,633,859)	(1,211,442)
Trade and Other Receivables		(4,103,474)	2,778,089
Trade and Other Payables		71,106	(2,601,918)
Net Movement of Short-Term Investments		(15,517,506)	(6,848,381)
Cash Generated from Operations		(1,725,025)	18,052,598
Tax Paid		(377,712)	(326,102)
Gratuity Paid	13	(341,710)	(1,001,860)
Net Cash Generated from Operating Activities		(2,444,447)	16,724,636
Cash Flows from Investing Activities			
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	7	(2,513,174)	(5,365,753)
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment		5,593,540	3,145,500
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		3,080,366	(2,220,253)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Net Movement in Lease Creditors		(1,206,986)	(1,753,973)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities		(1,206,986)	(1,753,973)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		(571,067)	12,750,410
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year		19,087,862	6,337,452
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	10	18,516,795	19,087,862

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 Reporting date have been considered and, where necessary, adjustments have been made in the Financial Statement.

1.4 Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of the Financial Statements in conformity with SLFRS for SMEs requires management to make judgements, 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

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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
Eye Care Centre	
Surgical Equipment	12.5
General Equipment/Mattresses/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 Reporting 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 banks and trade and other receivables.

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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 derecognised 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.

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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 Statement of Financial Position are those which fall due for payment on demand or within one year from the Reporting 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 one year of service, 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 employer contributes 12% and 3% for all employees 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 Lanka 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 I be required to settle the obligation and the amount can be estimated reliably.

The provisions are measured at the present value of the future amount required to settle the obligation using a pre-tax rate 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.

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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.

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For the year ended 31 March

Note	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
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5. Total Receipts

Local Activities

Project Income	5.1	86,661,936	79,582,256
Direct Income	5.2	36,396,457	30,482,567
Programme Unit		13,154,547	23,630,842
		136,212,940	133,695,665

5.1 Project Income

Direct Mail		18,981,029	17,631,651
Youth Education Programme		5,198,960	6,148,075
Tills		6,588,666	5,599,271
Age Care		11,506,137	9,218,380
Day Centre		3,823,876	3,520,241
Greeting Cards		18,440,553	18,776,925
Paid Home Care		9,696,655	7,378,538
Eye Hospital		1,559,320	2,828,040
Special Project		10,866,740	8,046,630
New Fundraising		–	434,505
		86,661,936	79,582,256

5.2 Direct Income

Interest Income		26,421,824	22,464,192
Sundries		632,579	282,335
General/Corporate		626,465	742,626
Payroll giving Donation		86,769	112,925
Mobile Medical Unit		–	5,241,417
Legasis		–	571,778
Disposal of Asset Income		5,385,274	1,067,294
Donation Sponsor a Grandparent		3,243,546	–
		36,396,457	30,482,567

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<i>For the year ended 31 March</i>	<i>Note</i>	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
6. Total Expenditure			
General Project Funded	6.1	41,064,262	39,308,972
Local Activity Expenses	6.2	35,490,927	29,135,764
Project – Related Expenses	6.3	13,225,190	15,072,852
Staff Remuneration	6.4	12,761,099	11,911,361
Programme Unit		17,220,572	19,695,021
		119,762,050	115,123,970

6.1 General Projects Funded

Battaramulla Ayurvedic Centre	317,934	610,257
Elders Week Expenses	513,373	425,385
Day Centre Expenses	3,597,194	3,778,972
Eye Care Center Programme	23,698,779	19,941,877
Mobile Medical Unit Expenses	3,110,120	9,820,601
Home Care Programme	6,119,913	3,364,348
Elders Medicine/Physiotherapy	160,310	60,738
News Letter and Annual Review	864,435	379,125
Assistance for Day Centre	–	29,000
Disability Equipment	828,708	697,753
Miscellaneous Services for Elders	–	32,325
Day Centres	–	28,500
Flood Relief	1,853,496	140,091
	41,064,262	39,308,972

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<i>For the year ended 31 March</i>	<i>Note</i>	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
6.2 Local Activity Expenses			
Greeting Cards		11,634,987	12,792,752
Direct Mail Project		4,012,314	3,409,544
Till Proceed Expenses		2,904,158	2,758,539
Youth Educational Programme		2,930,347	3,213,098
Age Care Centre Expenses		7,512,664	5,878,649
Special Project Expenses		6,496,457	737,056
New Fundraising		–	346,126
		35,490,927	29,135,764
6.3 Project Related Expenses			
Audit Fees		173,495	244,443
Depreciation		6,187,482	6,561,514
Other Non-Project Expenses		5,456,458	6,341,860
Gratuity Expenditure		1,407,755	1,798,845
Bad and Doubtful Debts		–	126,190
		13,225,190	15,072,852
6.4 Staff Remuneration			
Salaries – Administration		11,144,991	10,449,726
Staff Welfare		481,684	387,258
Staff Travel and Subsistence		1,058,817	1,036,269
Over Time – Administration		75,607	38,108
		12,761,099	11,911,361

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7. Property, Plant and Equipment – Main Activities

Assets	Cost			
	As at 31.03.2018 Rs.	As at 31.03.2017 Rs.	Additions Rs.	Disposals Rs.
General				
Land	399,400	399,400	–	–
Building	43,839,303	43,710,423	128,880	–
Office Equipment	6,398,378	6,181,798	216,580	–
Furniture Fittings and Fixtures	2,221,757	2,170,569	51,188	–
Motor Vehicles	30,738,752	33,272,147	–	2,533,395
Training Equipment	1,456,057	1,456,057	–	–
Day Centre Assets	873,156	818,256	54,900	–
Tools and Implements	712	712	–	–
AAG Project Assets	3,980	3,980	–	–
Project Assets	3,124,368	3,124,368	–	–
Computer Equipment	2,039,419	1,593,494	445,925	–
Till	2,481,750	2,063,300	418,450	–
Greeting Card Racks	428,250	348,250	80,000	–
Age Care Centre				
Furniture Fittings and Fixtures	2,993,437	2,902,987	90,450	–
Mattresses	104,408	99,488	4,920	–
Linen	455,289	455,289	–	–
Tools and Implements	31,433	31,433	–	–
Utensils, Cutlery and Crockery	177,959	177,959	–	–
Kitchen Equipment	589,555	447,675	141,880	–
Sundry Assets	43,038	18,841	24,197	–
Office Equipment	1,441,293	830,380	610,913	–
Dementia Unit	76,449	76,449	–	–
Eye Care Centre				
Surgical Equipment	7,869,534	7,869,534	–	–
General Equipment, Mattresses, Furniture	22,390,140	22,265,247	124,893	–
Ayurvedic Centre	244,586	124,586	120,000	–
Dementia Centre	95,932	95,932	–	–
Total	130,518,335	130,538,554	2,513,176	2,533,395

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As at 31.03.2018 Rs.	Accumulated Depreciation			Net Book Value	
	As at 31.03.2017 Rs.	Charge for the Year Rs.	Disposals Rs.	As at 31.03.2018 Rs.	As at 31.03.2017 Rs.
—	—	—	—	399,400	399,400
20,872,079	19,670,061	1,202,018	—	22,967,224	24,040,362
4,164,366	3,876,161	288,205	—	2,234,012	2,305,637
1,564,188	1,477,562	86,626	—	657,569	693,007
14,980,225	15,024,384	2,280,970	2,325,129	15,758,527	18,247,763
1,372,344	1,360,385	11,959	—	83,713	95,672
595,406	563,570	31,836	—	277,750	254,686
712	712	—	—	—	—
3,838	3,818	20	—	142	162
2,285,093	2,165,196	119,897	—	839,275	959,172
387,492	215,206	172,286	—	1,651,927	1,378,288
800,400	619,986	180,414	—	1,681,350	1,443,314
72,413	33,008	39,405	—	355,837	315,242
 2,696,034	 2,666,469	 29,565	 —	 297,403	 236,518
99,488	99,488	—	—	4,920	—
447,848	440,407	7,441	—	7,441	14,882
29,284	27,134	2,150	—	2,150	4,300
177,815	177,670	145	—	144	289
395,087	342,498	52,589	—	194,468	105,177
18,676	18,510	166	—	24,362	331
752,726	675,072	77,654	—	688,567	155,308
76,347	76,332	15	—	102	117
 4,529,971	 4,052,890	 477,081	 —	 3,339,563	 3,816,644
14,414,887	13,293,407	1,121,480	—	7,975,253	8,971,840
102,546	99,397	3,149	—	142,041	25,190
79,024	76,609	2,415	—	16,908	19,323
70,918,289	67,055,932	6,187,486	2,325,129	59,600,046	63,482,622

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<i>As at 31 March</i>	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
8. Trade and Other Receivables		
Debtors	9,603,180	7,907,466
Deposits and Prepayments	161,250	161,250
Receivables	15,603,592	13,357,457
Receivable – Programme Unit	279,397	541,845
Loans – Microfinance Project	842,150	450,850
Interest Receivable – Microfinance Project	47,125	14,350
	26,536,694	22,433,218

9. Short-Term Investments

Fixed Deposits		
Standard Chartered Bank	–	–
National Savings Bank	45,000	45,000
People's Leasing and Finance PLC	73,143,665	68,726,184
MBSL Financial Services Limited	147,371,967	136,271,942
	220,560,632	205,043,126

10. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash in Hand	555,090	544,984
Cash at Bank	17,417,256	10,635,298
Cash at Bank – Programme Unit	1,205,959	4,323,676
Cash at Bank – Microfinance Project	4,691,569	3,878,481
	23,869,874	19,382,439
Bank Overdraft	(4,907,962)	(294,577)
Bank Overdraft – Programme Unit	(445,117)	–
	18,516,795	19,087,862

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As at 31 March	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
11. Funds		
Cyril Gardiner Charitable Fund		
Balance at Beginning and at End of the Year	429,150	429,150
Disposal of Asset Fund		
Balance at Beginning of the Year and at End of the Year	144,145	144,145
Add: Funds Received During the Year	19,500	–
Balance at End of the Year	163,645	144,145
Consolidated Fund		
Balance at Beginning of the Year	215,052,487	200,632,448
Net Surplus for the Year	20,458,925	14,420,039
Balance at End of the Year	235,511,412	215,052,487
Staff Medical Insurance Fund		
Balance at Beginning of the Year	1,679,947	1,875,167
Add: Funds Received During the Year	490,960	596,731
	2,170,907	2,471,898
Less: Insurance Claimed to Staff	(929,157)	(791,952)
Balance at End of the Year	1,241,750	1,679,947
Emergency Fund for Elders		
Balance at Beginning of the Year and at End of the Year	4,310,242	4,310,242
H.P. Gooneratne Charitable Fund		
Balance at the Beginning and at end of the Year	1,500,000	1,500,000
H.P. Gooneratne Charitable Fund – Scholarship		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	185,902	173,750
Add: Funds Received During the Year	191,734	164,152
Balance at End of the Year	377,636	337,902
Less: Transfers During the Year	(143,000)	(152,000)
Balance at End of the Year	234,636	185,902
Sumilani Trust Fund		
Balance at the Beginning of the Year	–	304,500
Net Surplus for the Year	–	(304,500)
Balance at End of the Year	–	–

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As at 31 March	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
Programme Unit		
Balance at Beginning of the Year	2,105,517	(1,830,304)
Fund Received/Payment	(4,066,026)	–
Net Surplus for the Year	–	3,935,821
Balance at End of the Year	(1,960,509)	2,105,517
Microfinance Project		
Fund – Sponsor a Grandparent	4,114,000	2,924,000
Fund – Expo Lanka	715,000	715,000
Fund – Sponsor a Grandparent Second Phrase	–	200,000
Consolidated Fund	347,318	193,000
Risk Fund	51,790	28,290
	5,228,108	4,060,290
Total Fund at the End of the Year	246,658,433	229,467,678

12. Grants

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

At the Beginning of the Year	7,441,650	6,644,665
Charges for the Year	1,407,755	1,798,845
	8,849,405	8,443,510
Payments Made During the Year	(341,710)	(1,001,860)
At the End of the Year	8,507,695	7,441,650

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As at 31 March	2018 Rs.	2017 Rs.
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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	-	251,668
Less: Repayment During the Year	-	(251,668)
	-	-
Less: Interest in Suspense	-	-
	-	-
Less: Payable within One Year	-	-
Balance at End of the Year	-	-

14.2 Commercial Leasing PE-5190

Balance at the Beginning of the Year	657,164	1,950,964
Less: Prepayment	(657,164)	(1,293,800)
	-	657,164
Less: Interest in Suspense		(190,408)
	-	466,756
Less: Payable within One Year	-	(466,756)
Balance at the End of the Year	-	-

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

Balance at the Beginning of the Year	1,279,963	2,462,594
Less: Prepayment	(1,182,654)	(1,182,631)
	97,309	1,279,963
Less: Interest in Suspense	(36,949)	(479,373)
	60,360	800,590
Less: Payable within One Year	(60,360)	(735,000)
Balance at the End of the Year	-	65,590
Total Lease Payable after One Year	-	65,590
Total Lease Payable within One Year	60,360	1,201,756

15. Trade and Other Payables

Other Payables	4,568,208	4,807,191
Other Project Payables – Programme Unit	3,000,748	2,760,004
Other Project Payables – Microfinance	352,735	283,391
	7,921,691	7,850,586



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