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1. Introduction

The services rendered by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services in year 2017 are reviewed by this report.

1.1 History of the Department

Probation System was tried out by the judiciary of Sri Lanka in the 1930s. Probation of Offenders Ordinance passed in England in 1907 had an impact on the judiciary of Sri Lanka as well. Probation Ordinance No. 22 passed in 1944 was a result of the aforesaid impact. Probation system was established in Sri Lankan Judiciary through this Act.

The task of starting Probation Services in Sri Lanka following the Probation Service of England, was assigned to Mr. H. A. Leedin, an advisor from England and the Probation Service related to the Department of Prisons started with a few Probation Officers. After implementing on trial basis in only some judiciary divisions of Sri Lanka this service was recognized by the Judiciary. Then the necessity to improve that also emerged.

After the government accepted the recommendations of the Committee headed by Judge Gratien in 1949, Probation Service was extended to cover all judicial zones throughout the island. The administration of this service was done by the Department of Prisons and Probation.

The Report of Mr. Cyril Hamlin pointed out the importance of bringing the service provided for children under one institution with the implementation of the Children and Young Persons Ordinance and the commencement of Juvenile courts. As per the said recommendation, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services was founded on 01st October, 1956.

The Department which was founded in 1956 in this manner was brought under the Ministry of Social Services first. It was brought under various Ministries by successive governments. At the beginning of 1990, it was under the Ministry of Reform, Rehabilitation and Social Welfare and after August 1994 it was brought under the Ministry of Health, Highways and Social Services. In 2001 it was under the purview of the Ministry of Social Services and Fisheries Community Housing Development, and in 2002 under the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Welfare. In 2003, it was brought under the Ministry of Social Welfare and then in 2004 under the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare.

From 2005, it functioned under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Advancement and from 2010 under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs as well. Since 2015, it has been functioning under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs.

1.2 Establishment of Provincial Councils and the Powers vested in the Department

After the establishment of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services, functions of the detention houses, certified schools, probation offices etc. were extended under the purview of this Department and Assistant Commissioners were appointed covering the entire island to assist the Commissioner of Probation and Child Care Services.

With the implementation of the 13th amendment to the Constitution in 1987 that structure changed and Probation and Child Care Service was devolved to the Provincial Councils. With that, the post of Assistant Commissioner that had been introduced to support the Commissioner was abolished. Provincial Probation and Child Care Commissioners were appointed for all provinces under the Provincial Councils and the probation Officers were brought under their supervision.

Sri Lanka became a signatory to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1991 and the Child Rights Convention was ratified in 1992. For the purpose of fulfilling the provisions of the Convention, a new post called Child Rights Promotion Officer was created by the Department in 1999 aiming at covering the field duties and officers were recruited to this post. These officers are serving throughout the island by now, attached to the District and Divisional Secretariats. Programmes are implemented through them giving priority to the subjects of Probation as well as Child Care.



1.3 Our Vision

A child sensitive and a child friendly society where child rights are ensured

1.4 Our Mission

Ensuring the rights of all children and providing equal opportunities in line with national policies and international standards with a specific attention to orphaned, abandoned and destitute children and children in conflict with law.

1.5 Our Values

- ❖ Child Centered
- ❖ Compassion
- ❖ Collaboration
- ❖ Commitment
- ❖ Cohesion



1.6 Our Commitment:

- ❖ Rehabilitation of children in conflict with law.
- ❖ Taking measures to safeguard the rights of orphaned, abandoned and destitute children.
- ❖ Safeguarding the rights of children subjected to legal issues.
- ❖ Taking measures to promote and ensure child rights.
- ❖ Amendment of existing legislation on child rights in line with national and international standards, on the recommendations of the relevant Ministries and Provincial Councils by coordinating them.
- ❖ Providing of technical knowledge and legal advice to Provincial Probation and Child Care Services Departments when necessary.
- ❖ Provision of infra-structure facilities required to rehabilitate children in conflict with law.
- ❖ Improving the existing internal assets and management methods.
- ❖ Provision of an efficient service in a manner that satisfies the needs of the public.
- ❖ Training a competent staff that can efficiently protect child rights.

1.7 Programmes

- ❖ Coordination with Provincial Probation and Child Care Services Departments
- ❖ Foreign Adoptions
- ❖ Programmes to ensure children's right to education
 - Provision of necessary relief to helpless children through "SevenaSarana" Foster Parent Scheme.
 - Provision of relief under "Nena Diriya" scholarship scheme.
 - Provision of assistance for children's education through "KepakaruDeguru" Sponsorship scheme
- ❖ Strengthening social structures to ensure child rights
- ❖ Implementation of Children's Club and Children's Council programme to ensure children's right to participate
- ❖ Training and Research
- ❖ Maintenance of National Training and Counseling Centre for Children at Paraththa for children who need counseling and for children in conflict with law.

1.8 Organization Structure of the Department and Deployment of the Staff

The responsibility of performing the functions of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services is held by the Commissioner with the assistance of a staff grade team of officers consisting of two Deputy/ Assistant Commissions, of S.L.A.S. Departmental Assistant Commissioner of the S.L.A.S., an Accountant, a Legal Officer, an Administrative Officer, two Probation Officers and two hundred and thirty four Child Rights Promotion Officers.

Branches coming under the Organization Structure:-

1. Establishment and Administration Branch
2. Accounts Branch
3. Probation Branch
4. Development Branch
5. National Centre for Children's Training and Counseling at Paraththa
6. Sevana Sarana Secretariat

All members of the Staff of the Department serve with the highest level of commitment.

The entire staff consists of 487 at present it consists of 447 as described below.

Post	Approved Cadre	Current Cadre
Commissioner (S.L.A.S- I.)	01	01
Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (S.L.A.S. II/III)	02	01
Assistant Commissioner (Departmental)	01	-
Accountant	01	01
Legal Officer	01	-
Administrative Officer	01	-
Translator	02	01
Probation Officer	02	01
Statistical Officer	01	01
Child Rights Promotion Officer (CRPO)	424	232
Child Rights Promotion Assistant (CRPA)		168
Development Officer (Head Office/Paraththa)	12	08
Female Counsellor	02	-
Information and Communication Technology Officer	01	-
Public Management Assistant Service	14	14
Stenographer	01	00
Assistant Warden	01	01
Non formal education Instructress	03	03
Driver	04	04
Office Employee Service	10	08
Cook	02	02
Sanitary Labourer	01	-
Total	487	447



2. Establishment and Administration Branch

2.1 Basic Responsibilities of the Establishment and Administration Branch

- Establishment affairs related to the staff of the Department
- Recruitment of new staff, transfer and disciplinary activities in relation to the Department of Probation and Child Care Services
- Holding the Efficiency Bar and Competency exams for the staff of the Department
- Taking action to provide regular training to all members of the Staff

In performing the duties assigned to the Department, action was taken to improve the knowledge of the internal staff, introduce new development strategies, recruit new staff and provide the required training and knowledge to the staff. Accordingly,

Rs. 171,500/- was allocated for trainings on Establishment Affairs, Accounting and Finance and for Employee Motivation trainings.

Name Of the Training Programme	Amount Spent (Rs)
General Office Management and Financial Regulations	12000.00
Employee Motivation Programme	132500.00
Certificate Course in Tamil	10500.00
Computerized Payroll systems	16500.00
Total	171500.00

Action was taken to pay 50% - 75% of the Post Graduate and Diploma course fee of the Officers of the Department with the aim of improving their subject knowledge. Rs.306,600/= was allocated for this purpose.

Name of the Degree programme	Amount Spent (Rs)
Diploma in Counseling	142100.00
Certificate Course in English (Preliminary Level)	17500.00
Post Graduate Diploma in Child Rights	56000.00
Diploma in Sociology	16000.00
Post Graduate Diploma in Counseling	70000.00
Total	306600.00

2.2 Training Programmes and Research

2.2.1 Trainings for the Field Staff

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services has been implementing programmes to minimize child abuses and to create a safe environment for the children in the country. Availability of a competent staff is an essential requirement for the efficient implementation of these programmes. To meet this requirement, Child Rights Promotion Officers, Child Rights Promotion Assistants are carrying out duties at Divisional Secretariat division level.

Knowledge of these officers has to be regularly updated when discharging duties for the children and their skills and attitudes should also have to be used in a productive manner. National Research & Training Center of the department conducted several training programmes during the year 2017 in order to fulfill this requirement.

Expenditure Head	-	217-2-2-2401
Approved budget	-	Rs.700000.00

Training Programme	No. of participants	Date conducted	Cost Rs.	Areas covered
Capacity Development of Child Rights Promotion Assistants	24	2017.04.24 - 26	115286.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills of adolescents • Children's Charter • Techniques of practicing recreational activities with children • Social works and preparation of project proposals
Capacity Development of Child Rights Promotion Assistants (Tamil medium)	28	2017.07.11 -13	131035.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills of adolescents • Children's Charter • Techniques of practicing recreational activities with children • Social works and preparation of project proposals
Capacity Development of Child Rights Promotion Assistants	21	2017.07.25 – 27	98780.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills of adolescents • Children's Charter • Techniques of practicing recreational activities with children • Social works and preparation of project proposals
Capacity Development of Child Rights Promotion Assistants	22	2017.08.23 – 25	103917.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills of adolescents • Children's Charter • Techniques of practicing recreational activities with children • Social works and preparation of project proposals
Annual Convention of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services	290	2017.12.08	203250.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Life skills of adolescents • Children's Charter • Techniques of practicing recreational activities with children • Social works and preparation of project proposals

Child Rights Promotion Officers' Resource Pool

Training programme	No. of participants	Date conducted	Venue	Cost Rs.
Capacity Development of Child Rights Promotion Officers' in the Resource Pool (Sinhala medium)	40	2017.06.13-16	SDFL	360775.00
Capacity Development of Child Rights Promotion Officers' in the Resource Pool (Tamil medium)	16	2017.10.09 – 12	NTRC	3080034.00



3. Accounts Division

Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure

Financial provisions are allocated annually through the budget to achieve the objectives of the Department. In 2017, provisions were allocated under Head 217 for Social Care.

This allocation of funds consists of two programmes.

1. Operations Programme
2. Development Programme

A summary of provisions is given below

3.1 Financial Progress

Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure in terms of Programmes				
01. Operations Programme Project No.01 Administration and Establishment Services		Provision (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	%
	1. Recurrent Expenditure	35,187,700.00	33,474,416.00	95
	2. Capital Expenditure	850,000.00	653,100.00	76
	Total	36,037,700.00	34,127,516.00	
02. Development Programme Project No. 02 Probation and Child Care Services		Provision (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	%
	1. Recurrent Expenditure	255,875,000.00	252,475,404.00	98
	2. Capital Expenditure	17,750,000.00	16,730,947.00	94
	Total	273,625,000.00	269,206,351.00	

	Capacity Building			Rehabilitation /Supervision of Children's Homes		
	Provision (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	%	Provision (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	%
01.Operations Programme Project No.01 Administration and Establishment Services	200,000.00	171,500.00	85	---	---	-
02. Development Programme Project No. 02 Probation and Child Care Services	1,000,000.00	927,287.00	92	15,000,000.00	14,414,198.00	96
Total	1,200,000.00	1,098,787.00		15,000,000.00	14,414,198.00	

Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure						
	Rehabilitation and Development of Capital Assets			Acquisition of Capital Assets		
	Provision (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	%	Provision (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)	%
01. Operations Programme Project No.01 Administration and Establishment Services	250,000.00	118,200.00	47	400,000.00	363,400.00	90
02. Development Programme Project No. 02 Probation and Child Care Services	750,000.00	428,650.00	79	1,000,000.00	960,813.00	93
Total	1,000,000.00	546,850.00		1,400,000.00	1,324,213.00	

3.1 Observations of the Audit 2017

The Auditor General has observed according to the Financial regulation No'128 of the Government of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka the Accountability for the year 2017 of the Department of Probation & Child Care Services has been completed satisfactory at the level by the Chief Accounting & Accounting Officer.



4. Probation Services

4.1 Introduction

Probation Service means the rehabilitation of an offender without subjecting him / her to institutionalization, imprisonment, other financial fine or any other punishment. The sole intention is to provide the offender an opportunity remain in the environment that he / she is living and provide that individual an opportunity to build a new life under the supervision of Probation officers, avoiding anti-social actions.

As per Section 03 of the Probation of Offenders Ordinance No. 42 of 1944, where a person is convicted by a Court, a probation order may be made by that Court in relation to any offence having regard to the nature of the offence and the age, sex and condition of the offender and with the offenders' willingness as well.

This kind of probation provides the offender economic and social benefits and in turn the entire society benefits through this process. For example if a person is imprisoned or subjected to some other punishment for an offence, his family will be affected economically and socially. At the same time the country has to bear a huge expenditure for the maintenance of such a person. That person is kept in his usual living environment and the Probation Service provides guidance for him/her to lead a good life. Therefore Probation Service has been recognized by the entire world as a community based rehabilitation process.

Even though the subject of Probation and Child Care Services has been assigned to the Provincial Councils according to the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, the responsibility of implementing the Child Rights Convention is vested in the Department under the Central Government. Accordingly, action was taken to improve Probation Service by coordinating the Provincial Probation and Child Care Service departments. Allocation of provisions for Provincial Departments under the Action plan of the Department and progress review of them are also done by the Department.

4.2 Adoptions

Under Adoptions Ordinance No. 24 of 1941, the responsibility of acting as the legal custodian of children that are to be adopted is vested in the Department. This task falls under two categories as Local and foreign adoptions. Out of these, local adoptions are handled by the Provincial Commissioner while foreign adoptions are handled by the Department. Persons who were born in Sri Lanka but have obtained citizenship of other countries, persons holding dual citizenship of Sri Lanka and another country and persons temporarily residing overseas submit their applications for adoptions to this Department under the Central Government. As the said applicants would take the children out of the country, they need to follow the rules applicable for foreign adoptions.

In addition there are occasion when certain applicants residing overseas come forward to adopt children related to their families and they too have to follow the instructions for foreign adoptions. Similarly, applications from foreigners for adoption of Sri Lankan children are submitted to the Department of Probation and Child Care. Action with respect to the requests of such applicants is taken based on the legal provisions of the International Hague Adoption Convention and Adoptions Ordinance. Children who are not requested for adoption by locals are referred for foreign adoptions.

4.3 Children Given for Foreign Adoptions -2017

	Foreign Country	No. of children adopted by Sri Lankans in overseas	Foreign Adoptions	Subtotal of the number of children given for adoption
01	Germany	-	04	04
02	Canada	01	-	01
03	France	-	02	02
04	United Kingdom	03	-	03
05	Netherland	-	01	01
	Total	04	07	11



5. Functions of the Development Division

5.1 Introduction

Necessity to extend special protection to the child has been stated in

- the Geneva Declaration on Child Rights of 1924.
- the Human Rights Declaration passed by the United Nations on 20th November 1959,
- the 1976 International Treaty on Civil and Political Rights.
- the 1976 International Treaty on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- the Universal Declaration of Child Rights of 1991
- the constitutions and instruments of specific sub agencies and international organizations focused on children's welfare.

Accordingly, the Government of Sri Lanka has declared the Child Rights Convention as provisions have to be made for the laws and policies that recognize child rights within Sri Lanka. The Department has implemented the development work in the following manner to cover the provisions of that convention.

1. Programmes implemented under ensuring the right to survival and development.

- “SevanaSarana” foster parent scheme
- Provision of assistance for education
- “KepakaruDeguru” Sponsorship scheme
- “Nena Diriya” scholarship scheme
- Assistance for sudden disasters / medical conditions / birth of twins
- Senehasa assistance scheme

2. Programmes implemented under ensuring Children's participation

- Establishment of Children's Clubs and Children's Councils
- Programmes to mark the World Children's Day

3. Programmes implemented under community based child care

- Establishment of model villages, welfare villages and community based villages.
- Conducting steering committee meetings on the Child Rights Convention
- Conducting awareness programmes

4. Programmes implemented under alternative care

- Rehabilitation of abused children
- Provision of vocational training to institutionalized children
- Conducting skill development programmes for institutionalized children

5.2 Action Plan for the Social Protection of Children 2017-2018

The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs implements this project with the funding of Save the Children. The responsibility of implementing the activities of the project has been assigned to the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs, Department of Probation and Child Care Services, National Child Protection Authority and to the Children's Secretariat.

Save the Children provides funds for this project under 04 main Strategy Areas in order to strengthen the children's right for protection, development and participation within the Sri Lankan society.

When implementing these programmes in year 2017, specific responsibility was assigned to the Department of Probation and Child Care Services. Under this, Rs. 97.22 million was allocated to this department for the year and the allocation was spent for the following:

- Preparation of care plans to minimize the risk situations of vulnerable children and thereby to ensure protection and development of such children
- Conducting research on identified specific problems. Under this, two researches were conducted, one on The Impact of Parental Migration on the Development and Protection of Children and the other on Children's Clubs and Children's Councils established by the department to ensure the children's right to participation.
- Published the Guideline for Village Child Development Committees and distributed all over the country to strengthen various social structures and thereby to strengthen the protection for the children. Furthermore, the committee members were given a training on this guideline. Preparation of a

Case Management Policy to prevent child abuses was initiated and is at its final stage.

- Production of a video clip in order to use in national level awareness programmes conducted for the promotion of child protection and child rights.

It is evident that the above programmes implemented for the protection and development of the Sri Lankan children under the Action Plan for the Social Protection of Children has a significant contribution for the creation of a friendly society for the children.

5.3 Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme

A monthly scholarship is granted through this programme to meet the educational needs of children who are doing their studies amidst financial difficulties. Financial contributions for this come from the foster parents.

Year	Programme	Physical Progress	Financial Progress (Mn.)
2017	SevanaSarana Foster Parent Scheme	75	1.6

5.4 Ensuring the Children's Right to Education- Provision of Educational Assistance

Every child has a right to education and education is a crucial factor for child development. If the child is deprived of opportunities for education during childhood, the child's future may be affected. Child labor, child mothers and child victims of various types of abuse have become common in Sri Lanka as a result of school drop outs. Children drop out from schools owing to many reasons such as loss of parents, ignorance of the parents, negligence, mother's migration, economic difficulties etc.

The fundamental aim of this programme implemented by the Department of Probation and Child Care is the creation of a generation of ethical children by ensuring the right to education of Sri Lankan children. Two approaches are taken to extend assistance to the children. They are,

- Children who have dropped out of school owing to economic difficulties, though they are of school going age.
- Children who attend school in an irregular manner owing to various reasons.

Identifying the children who are not attending school at Divisional Secretariat Division level, looking into the reasons for not attending school, taking necessary action to send them back to school and provision of school equipment to uplift the education of estate children as recommended by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission were done under this programme.

This programme was implemented at several stages.

- Strengthening them through the provision of school equipment.
- Awareness programmes for children, teachers and parents about the importance of educating children.
- Building proper co-ordination among principals, teachers, parents and officials for the benefit of the child.

This Programme was implemented through the Child Rights Promotion Officers attached to the Divisional Secretariats.

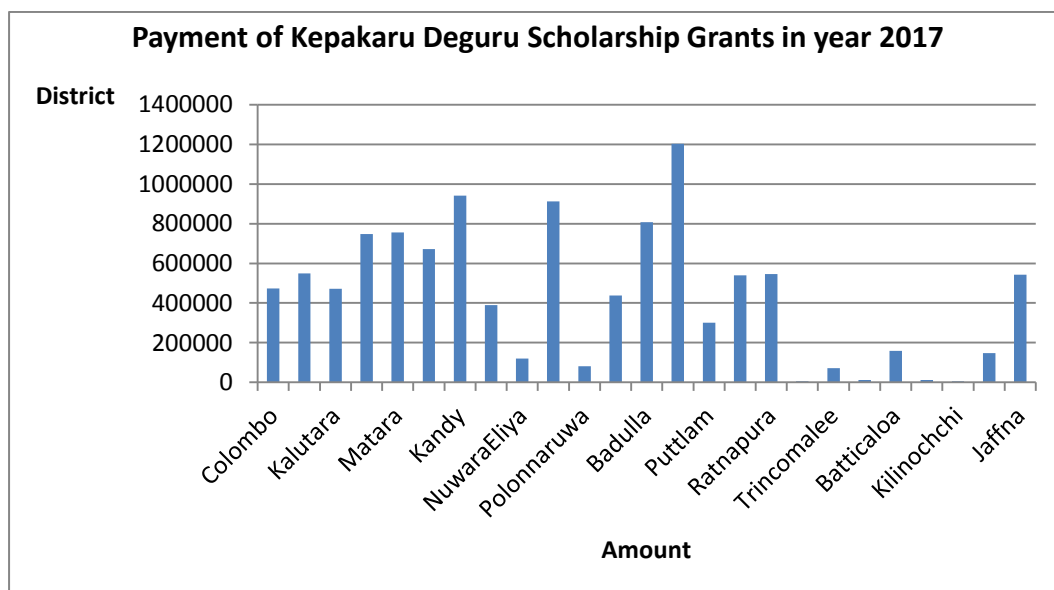
5.5 KepakaruDeguru Sponsorship Programme

Kepakaru Deguru Sponsorship Programme could be identified as a programme that provides further assistance for educational requirements of children. This is implemented as a monthly scholarship grant. The target group for this programme is talented children from families facing economic difficulties. Selection and reference of the children are done through the Child Rights Promotion Officers and action is taken to pay Rs. 500/- or Rs. 750/- per child per month.

Payment of Kepakaru Deguru Scholarship Grants in year 2017

	District	No. of children	Amount
1.	Colombo	79	474000.00
2.	Gampaha	96	549000.00
3.	Kalutara	82	471000.00
4.	Galle	126	747000.00
5.	Matara	105	756000.00
6.	Hambantota	119	672000.00
7.	Kandy	165	942000.00
8.	Matale	63	390000.00
9.	NuwaraEliya	17	120000.00
10.	Anuradhapura	151	912000.00
11.	Polonnaruwa	12	81000.00
12.	Monaragala	82	438000.00

13.	Badulla	143	807000.00
14.	Kurunegala	202	1203000.00
15.	Puttlam	52	300000.00
16.	Kegalle	97	540000.00
17.	Ratnapura	93	546000.00
18.	Mulativu	01	6000.00
19.	Trincomalee	12	72000.00
20.	Mannar	02	12000.00
21.	Batticaloa	28	159000.00
22.	Vavuniya	01	12000.00
23.	Kilinochchi	01	6000.00
24.	Ampara	15	147000.00
25.	Jaffna	96	543000.00
	Total	1840	10845000.00



5.6 “NenaDiriya” Educational Scholarship Scheme

A monthly scholarship is granted to children at risk of losing the opportunity for education due to various reasons through a management board of this Department using the financial contributions from the private sector. This programme is also implemented as a sub project under Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme. According to the wish of the sponsor, an amount ranging from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2000/- will be provided per child per month under this project.

Payment of “NenaDiriya” Scholarship Grant

Year	Programme	Physical Progress	Financial Progress
2017	“NenaDiriya” educational assistance programme	550	6.6 Million

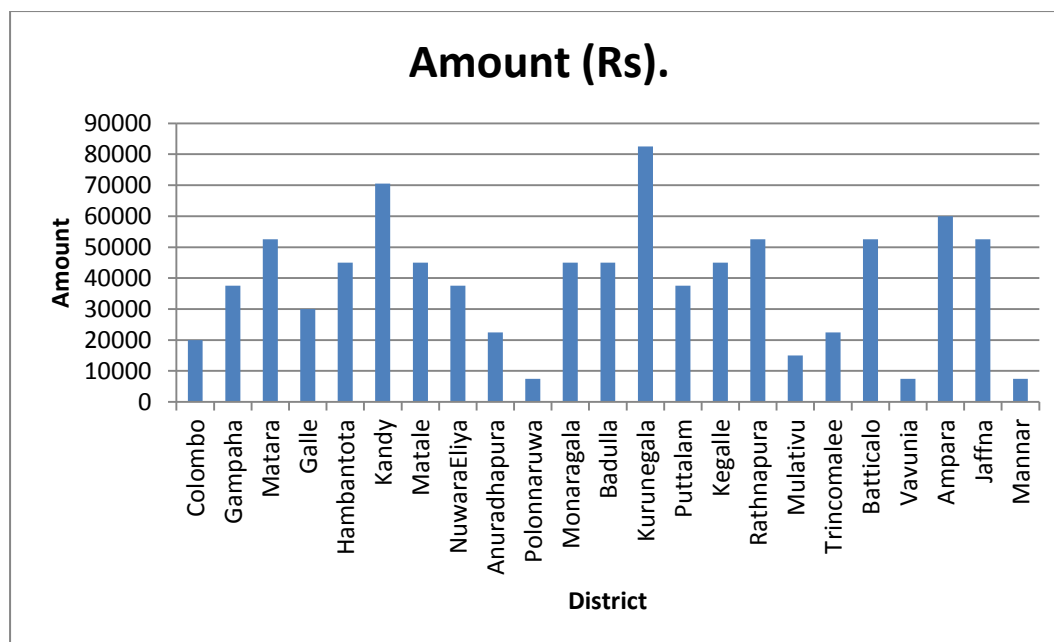
5.7 Assistance for Twins

This is an assistance scheme for health, nutrition and other welfare needs of twins born into low income earning families as well as for protecting those twins from becoming vulnerable. Providing the necessary funds for applications received at Divisional Secretariat Division level is done here.

Under this programme, payments are made as Rs. 7500/- for twins, Rs. 15,000/- for triplets, Rs. 20,000/- for quadruplets and Rs. 25,000/- for quintuplets.

Every applicant gets the opportunity to benefit only once under the assistance scheme. Accordingly, it has been possible to provide relief to over 500 families per year through this.

Serial No	District	No. of Children	Amount (Rs).
01	Colombo	05	20000.00
02	Gampaha	10	37500.00
03	Matara	13	52500.00
04	Galle	08	30000.00
05	Hambantota	11	45000.00
06	Kandy	15	70500.00
07	Matale	11	45000.00
08	NuwaraEliya	10	37500.00
09	Anuradhapura	06	22500.00
10	Polonnaruwa	02	7500.00
11	Monaragala	11	45000.00
12	Badulla	11	45000.00
13	Kurunegala	21	82500.00
14	Puttalam	09	37500.00
15	Kegalle	12	45000.00
16	Rathnapura	14	52500.00
17	Mulativu	04	15000.00
18	Trincomalee	06	22500.00
19	Batticalo	14	52500.00
20	Vavunia	02	7500.00
21	Ampara	16	60000.00
22	Jaffna	14	52500.00
23	Mannar	02	7500.00
	Total	227	893000



5.8 Medical Assistance

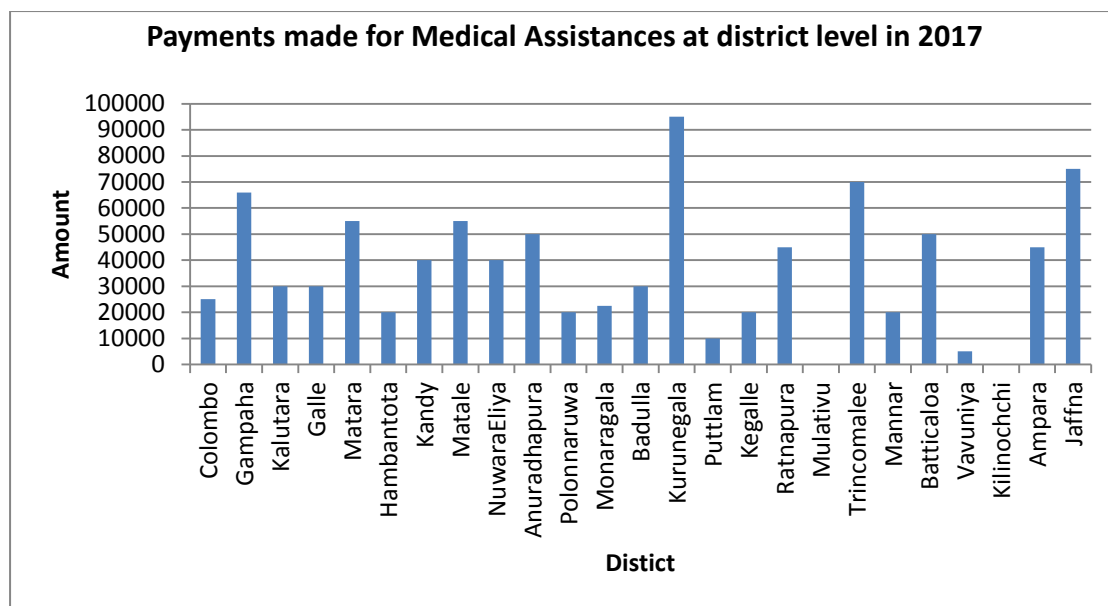
This assistance scheme is implemented for the provision of relief for health and nutrition problems of the children of low income earning families. At the same time, assistance is provided for disabled children as well. Provision of necessary funds for applications received at Divisional Secretariat Division level is done here.

Under this, assistance is provided for medical treatment, surgery, nutrition and equipment used for physical disabilities. Rs.5000/= is paid for medical treatment and nutrition while Rs.10,000/= is paid for surgery and payments for equipment vary according to their prices. The amounts paid may differ according to the nature of the families of those children and the difficulties they are facing.

Every applicant gets the opportunity to benefit only once under this assistance scheme.

Payments made for Medical Assistances at district level in 2017

Serial No.	District	Amount (Rs.)	No. of children
1	Colombo	25000.00	04
2	Gampaha	66000.00	11
3	Kalutara	30000.00	05
4	Galle	30000.00	05
5	Matara	55000.00	8
6	Hambantota	20000.00	3
7	Kandy	40000.00	8
8	Matale	55000.00	09
9	NuwaraEliya	40000.00	08
10	Anuradhapura	50000.00	11
11	Polonnaruwa	20000.00	04
12	Monaragala	22500.00	03
13	Badulla	30000.00	06
14	Kurunegala	95000.00	16
15	Puttlam	10000.00	02
16	Kegalle	20000.00	04
17	Ratnapura	45000.00	07
18	Mulativu	0	00
19	Trincomalee	70000.00	16
20	Mannar	20000.00	32
21	Batticaloa	50000.00	25
22	Vavuniya	5000.00	1
23	Kilinochchi	0	0
24	Ampara	45000.00	08
25	Jaffna	75000.00	15
	Total	918500.00	167



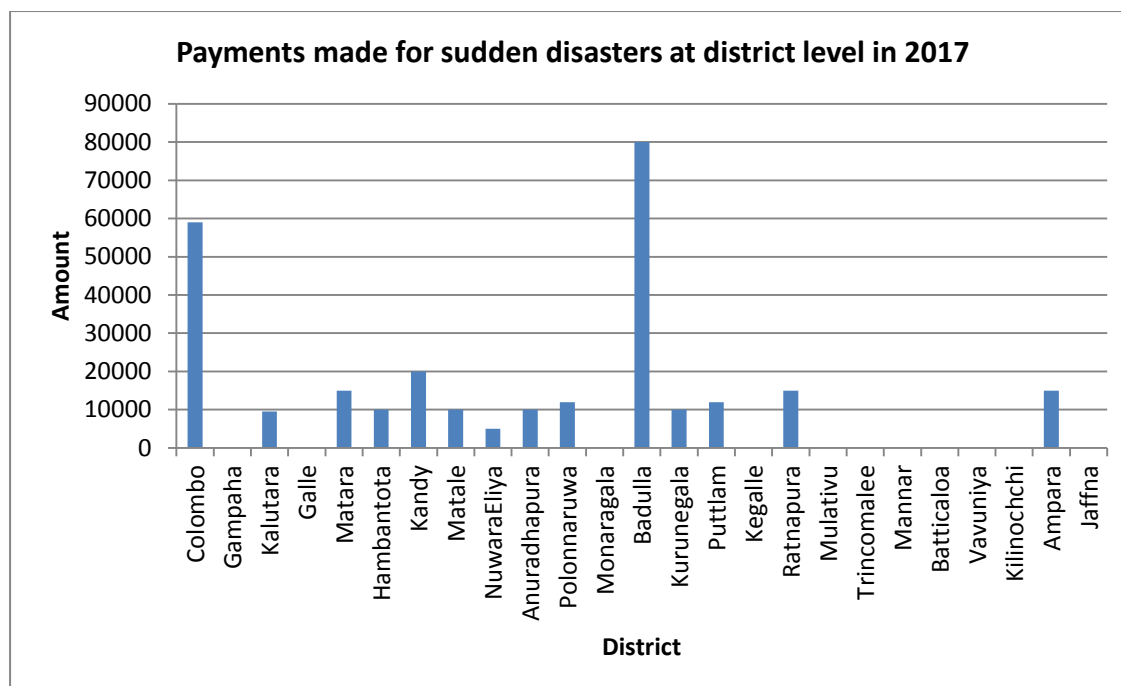
5.9 Assistance in Sudden Disasters

An assistance scheme provided to continue the education of the children of families rendered helpless owing to unexpected disasters. Attending to the welfare of children subjected to difficulties by sudden natural phenomena such as floods, cyclones, landslides, house fires etc. is done through this. In addition to that, children rendered helpless as a result of the death of parents, abandonment, parents becoming victims of accidents or diseases, parents not returning from overseas, being handed over to temporary guardians, and the guardians being persons with physical or mental weaknesses are helped through this assistance scheme.

Rs. 5000/- is provided as assistance for a family if the children's school equipment is destroyed in some disaster. However, the amount provided as assistance may vary depending on the intensity of the damages caused in different situations. The key objective here is to contribute to continuation of children's education in any disaster situation. Provision of required funds for the applications received at Divisional Secretariat Division level is done here.

Payments made for sudden disasters at district level in 2017

Serial No.	District	Amount	No. of children
1	Colombo	58990.00	37
2	Gampaha	0	0
3	Kalutara	9510.00	1
4	Galle	0	0
5	Matara	15000.00	1
6	Hambantota	10000.00	2
7	Kandy	20000.00	3
8	Matale	10000.00	2
9	NuwaraEliya	5000.00	1
10	Anuradhapura	10000.00	1
11	Polonnaruwa	12000.00	2
12	Monaragala	0	0
13	Badulla	80000.00	2
14	Kurunegala	10000.00	2
15	Puttlam	12000.00	2
16	Kegalle	0	0
17	Ratnapura	15000	3
18	Mulativu	0	0
19	Trincomalee	0	0
20	Mannar	0	0
21	Batticaloa	0	0
22	Vavuniya	0	0
23	Kilinochchi	0	0
24	Ampara	15000	3
25	Jaffna	0	0
	Total	210500.00	62



5.10 “Senehasa” Savings Account

A programme implemented for children under 18 year of age who lost both parents in the Tsunami disaster. This programme commenced in 2006 and 689 children were included in it. By December 2016, the number of children in this programme came to 52. Every month, children who complete 18 years of age are dismissed from this programme.

The Department carries out this programme jointly with the People’s Bank Head Office. Each month, the money of the relevant children is sent to the Peoples’ Bank by means of cheques.

Every month, the bank informs the department of the children that complete the age of 18 years. After releasing the money to the relevant account holders, the bank informs it to the department.

The manner in which the money of the Senehasa Account spent in year 2017.

Serial No.	Month	No. of children	Amount spent (Rs.)
1	January	52	78000.00
2	February	52	78000.00
3	March	52	78000.00
4	April	52	78000.00
5	May	52	78000.00
6	June	52	78000.00
7	July	52	78000.00
8	August	52	78000.00
9	September	52	78000.00
10	October	52	78000.00
11	November	51	76500.00
12	December	51	76500.00

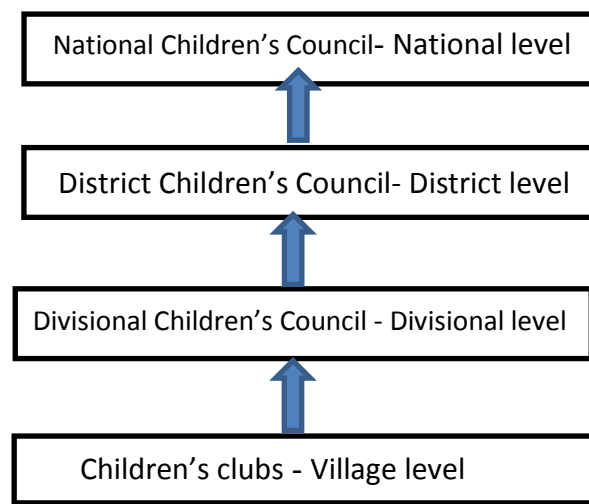
5.11 Project to set up Children's Clubs and Children's Councils

Children's Clubs were set up at GramaNiladhari Division level in 2007 with the key aim of empowering children by ensuring the participation right of children covered by sections 12, 13 and 14 of the Convention on Child Rights. Several programmes related to the development of children, building of ethics and development of skills have been implemented in every Divisional Secretariat Division through the Children's Clubs set up in this manner.

Divisional Children's Councils have been set up by bringing together the children's clubs set up at Divisional Secretariat Division level and District Children's Councils have been set up by bringing together the office bearers of the Regional Children's Councils. A Divisional Children's Council in each Divisional Secretariat Division and a District

Children's Council in each district have been set up by now. A National Children's Council has been established by bringing together the District Children's Councils.

Structure of Children's Organizations in Sri Lanka **(Children's Club /Children's Council Structure)**



Meetings of the Divisional/District Children's Councils take place every three months a time in order to make them aware of the programmes that have to be implemented during the year. Hence, Rs. 10,000/- have been provided to each Divisional/District Secretariat to facilitate the active functioning of the Divisional/District Children's Councils.

1. Training of Facilitators

To meet the recommendations given in the research on the Children's Participation within the Children's Club/Council Structure in Sri Lanka, a training has been initiated for the children's club facilitators to strengthen the children's clubs in every Divisional Secretariat. Under this programme 20 facilitators from each Divisional Secretariat division (40 facilitators from DS divisions where there are 2 officers) were trained and the training was conducted in every Divisional Secretariat division.

2. Training Workshop on the Child Participation Guideline

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services published the Child Participation Guideline to ensure the children's right to participation and a training on

the guideline was provided for selected officers at district level. Steps were taken to train all other Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants in the particular district via the trained officers and funds were provided for that.

3. Provision of Funds for the Child-led Research

Rs. 40,000/- was provided for each district for the project proposals prepared either by the children of the Divisional or District Children's Councils to provide direct solutions commonly to the children in the area or for a particular group of children suffering due to an issue prevailing in the area.

4. Provide an understanding regarding the role of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services.

- Make the National Children's Council function actively
- Enhancing the skills and attitudes of children
- Personality development of children
- Provide the children an understanding regarding their responsibilities and rights and to develop their leadership skills
- Provide special knowhow on the sub-committees of the National Children's Council
- Disseminating this knowledge to the village and divisional level via these children

5. Personality and Attitude Development Training for the Children of the National Children's Council

National Children's Council is the national level unit of the children's council structure implemented by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services. A leadership training programme was conducted for the children elected for the National Children's Council for year 2016/2017. The training was conducted on the two days, 20 and 21-05-2017 at the Subodhi Institute, Piliyandala and the objectives of the training were,

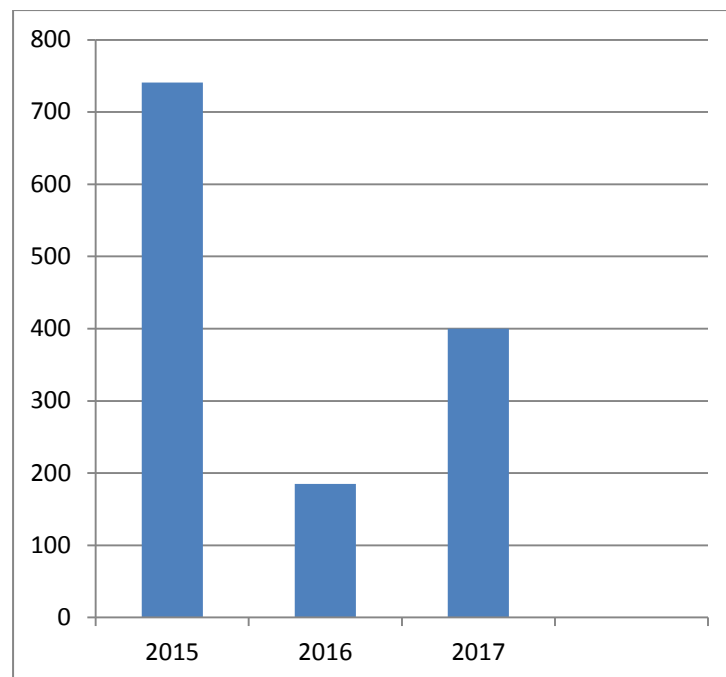
Funds provided for Children's Clubs and Children's Councils in year 2017

No.	District	Cost (Rs.)			
		Facilitation of Children's club/Children's council meetings	Training of facilitators	Training on Meaningful Child Participation Guideline	Child-led research
1	Colombo	140,000	300,000	180,000	-
2	Kalutara	150,000	340,000	20,250	40,000
3	Gampaha	140,000	400,000	23,625	40,000
4	Kandy	210,000	520,000	30,375	-
5	Matale	110,000	220,000	13,500	-
6	NuwaraEliya	60,000	160,000	10,125	-
7	Galle	200,000	420,000	24,750	40,000
8	Matara	175,000	340,000	20,250	-
9	Hambantota	130,000	300,000	18,000	-
10	Ratnapura	180,000	340,000	20,250	-
11	Kegalle	120,000	220,000	16,875	40,000
12	Anuradhapura	230,000	460,000	27,000	-
13	Polonnaruwa	80,000	180,000	11,250	40,000
14	Puttalam	170,000	320,000	19,125	-
15	Kurunegala	310,000	800,000	46,125	-
16	Badulla	150,000	320,000	20,250	-
17	Monaragala	120,000	220,000	13,500	-
18	Trancomalee	90,000	220,000	-	-
19	Ampara	210,000	400,000		-
20	Batticaloa	140,000	300,000	50,625	-
21	Jaffna	150,000	320,000	39,375	-
22	Kilinochchi	50,000	80,000	-	-
23	Mannar	60,000	100,000	-	-
24	Mulativu	40,000	120,000	-	-
25	Vavunia	50,000	80,000	-	-
Total		3,465,000	7,540,000	443,250	200,000

No. of Children's Clubs Registered under the Department of Probation and Child Care Services

	District	No. of Registered children's clubs in 2017	Total No. of registered children's clubs
1	Colombo	12	215
2	Kalutara	16	193
3	Gampaha	24	302
4	Kandy	59	442
5	Matale	27	165
6	NuwaraEliya	3	124
7	Galle	10	246
8	Matara	10	192
9	Hambantota	8	205
10	Ratnapura	27	215
11	Kegalle	21	177
12	Anuradhapura	12	249
13	Polonnaruwa	0	66
14	Puttalam	37	201
15	Kurunegala	41	587
16	Badulla	5	145
17	Monaragala	0	164
18	Trancomalee	0	78
19	Ampara	8	131
20	Batticaloa	7	83
21	Jaffna	7	95
22	Kilinochchi	50	58
23	Mannar	8	30
24	Mulativu	8	30
25	Vavunia	0	38
Total			4431

Registration of Children's clubs from 2015 to 2017



5.12 Welfare Programme for Street Children

Implementing programmes for the safety and welfare of street children is of primary importance when making efforts to minimize child abuses and provide a safe environment for the children. Under this, welfare programmes for the street children in Colombo, Gampaha, Kandy and Katharagama areas have been implemented by the funds of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services and through that, it has been possible to secure the rights of the street children, enhance their creativity, skills and talents and ability of decision making, bring out their hidden talents and also to develop their personality and leadership skills.

Activities conducted in year 2017 under the Welfare Programme for Street Children and the Funds Provided

#	District	Programme / Activity	Amount Granted / Cost (Rs.)
1	Colombo	Conducting a clinic for street children and their parents/guardians	30,000
2	Moneragala	Re-admitting non-schooling children to school	30,000
		Reviewing the progress of the Welfare programme conducted for street children in Kataragama	13,949.86
3	Kandy	Conducting a clinic for street children and their parents/guardians	30,000
		Personality development programme for the children of street living families	50,000
4	Gampaha	Conducting a clinic for street children and their parents/guardians	30,000
Total			183,949.86

5.13 Model Children's Village Programme -2017

Model Children's Village Programme operates in every Divisional Secretariat Division with the objective of creating a friendly environment for the children in the village. Model Villages use creatively designed programmes to ensure the protection of children, and carries them out with the active intervention of the community. Intervention of the officers of Child Advocacy Teams has also led to the strengthening of this mechanism. Programmes implemented by the department for the children, can directly be put into practice in these villages. There is a good possibility to implement the Children's Club programme, which is conducted with the objective of ensuring children's right to participation, and awareness programmes within these villages in a creative manner.

Identifying of Model Villages is done based on the vulnerability level of the children in the village and the existing system in the village is subjected to an alteration process with the support and involvement of the community. This change will be done to suit the existing system.

This year, drug prevention programmes were conducted within these model villages in a creative manner. Rs. 3000/- was provided to every Child Rights Promotion Officer for the purpose.

5.14 Child Rights Monitoring Committees

Establishing and strengthening community based social structures is one of the duties performed by this department towards the implementation of the Charter on Rights of the Child (CRC). Accordingly, taking child rights into the community, making effective interventions for the children's issues, and monitoring those activities are done by the Child Rights Monitoring Committee Programme.

Accordingly, this programme is implemented as a committee structure that functions at all administrative levels from village to national level and carries out its responsibilities by the officials together with the involvement of the community. Accordingly, at village level, Village Child Development Committees (VCDC) have been established for each GramaNiladhari Division. A Guideline has been introduced for VCDCs including constitutional matters, to make these bodies more formal. A Divisional Guideline has also been introduced. This committee system further expands as the Divisional Monitoring Committee led by the Divisional Secretary, District Child Development Committee, Provincial Child Development Committee and the National Monitoring Committee. In order to have a stronger base for this programme, the department took steps to approve a cabinet paper and in line with that, the ministry of Women and Child affairs issued a circular under the no. 10/2018 to all government stakeholders. The structure and the role of the committees at each level has been specifically identified in that. Approximately, 7000 Village Child Development Committees have been established island wide and Divisional Child Rights Monitoring Committees operate for all 331 Divisional Secretariat divisions. District Child Development Committees are led by the District Secretary and they have been established covering the 25 districts. As per the circular no 01/2018,

Provincial Child Development Committees have to be established and so far committees have been established in Southern, Eastern and Central provinces. The National committee too functions in a highly active manner. Under this committee programme, Rs. 3.31 million was spent in 2017 for the introduction of the Guideline for Village Development Committees and Rs. 2.33 has been spent for Divisional Child Rights Monitoring Committees.

5.15 Child Friendly Centers

These centers provide protection to isolated vulnerable children to spend their leisure time safely. Safety as well as the facilities to improve knowledge and skills are provided for the children when both parents are away from home. Children also get the chance to use the library and play indoor games and outdoor games here.

5.16 Awareness Programmes

Empowering the children who face various issues in the society through various activities having some relevance to protection and making various sections in the society aware are done under this. The issues children face are identified at divisional and district level and necessary knowhow is provided for children, parents as well as the community to minimize them.

Officers serving in Divisional Secretariats prepare various projects on the issues in their divisions and submit to the head office. Funds are allocated for those projects and as well for the district projects on awareness rising.

Programmes are implemented at District S.D. and Divisional S.D. levels to raise awareness of those who were directly involved in war. Safety of children when away from home and facilities for improving knowledge and skills are provided. Children are fortunate to use the library and play indoor games and outdoor games here.

Accordingly, Rs. 2630932.00 was spent in year 2017 for awareness programmes

5.17 National Training and Counseling Services Center for Children at Paraththa

This is an institution established to provide counseling for girls who are mentally affected due to abuse or due to a violation of their rights and for girls who have undergone various problems. This is the only institution in the charge of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services under the Central Government.

Children between 12-18 years, referred by court orders are admitted to this institution on the recommendation of the Provincial Commissioner of Probation and Child Care. Facilities are available here for 20 girls and admissions are done for residential trainings lasting for a duration of six months.

Steps have been taken to provide vocational training for the girls and also to give non-formal education for the ones who haven't received formal education. In addition, the girls are taken on trips and religious programmes and Yoga classes are also conducted during this period. These will provide some relief to the mental problems of the children.

Placement Committees are held and action is taken to hand over the girls to their parents or guardians based on the decision of the committee.





5.18 Upgrading the Quality of Children's Homes

Providing financial assistance for development proposals identified and submitted by Provincial Commissioners of Probation and Child Care Services, for the requirements necessary to maintain the quality and the security of the government and registered volunteer children's homes located in all the provinces, is done under this programme.

After considering the proposals on identified development programmes received by the department, and after ascertaining their necessity, a part or the total estimated amount is referred to the Provincial Commissioner.

When the project is duly completed, action is taken to obtain the bills and expenditure reports to the Head Office along with the progress.

Accordingly, Rs.2,09,67,734.49 was spent under this Head in 2017, for renovation and upgrading of the National Training and Counseling Services Center for Children at Paratthath and the Children's Homes throughout the island.

5.19 Development of Skills of Institutionalized Children

The amount allocated for this programme was Rs. 5.0 million. This is a programme implemented with the objective of improving the inherent skills of the children in the National Training and Counselling Center for Children, Paratthath and of the children in children's homes in all the provinces. Child Rights Promotion Officers were informed to send suitable proposals to develop the skills of the children in all the children's homes

within their divisional secretariat. Out of them, the suitable proposals were selected and action was taken to allocate the funds.

In addition, action was taken to provide Rs. 2,547,267.00 for the proposals submitted by the Provincial Commissioners prepared with the objective of providing vocational training for the institutionalized children, in order to enable them to engage in a career when the children are integrated into the society.

5.20 Supervision of Children's Homes

Ensuring the security of children in children's homes, provision of fixed assets necessary for the children's homes and training the staff of children's homes were done under this Head. Supervision of children's homes was also a task performed under this. During the year 2017, Rs5,273,660.28 was spent for this purpose.

5.21 UNICEF Project

This is a project implemented by the department jointly with the UNICEF project under the financial sponsorship of the UNICEF.

5.22 World Children's Day 2017

The department implements various programmes to commemorate the World Children's Day falling on 1st of October each year. In year 2017, the national programme to mark the World's Children's Day was held in Anuradhapura district under the theme "Lead the children to their wonder world- Along the path of love and affection."

In addition, the department took steps to conduct awareness programmes through the Child Rights Promotion Officers attached to Divisional Secretariats on "Reproductive Health and Significance of Youth Years" for school children between 12-16 years studying in secondary level schools of the North Central province. Around 100-125 children participated for the programme.

5.23 Information Regarding the Complaints on Child Abuse.

In 2017, this department received 12,093 complaints of different manner such as complainants identified, anonymous complaints, written complaints and complaints made over the telephone in relation to child abuse, and all these complaints have been referred to different institutions for future investigation and legal action and the necessary measures have been taken. Based on the nature of the complaint, reference to Child Promotion Officers through the Divisional Secretaries, Police Children and Women's Bureau, relevant police stations, Provincial Departments of Probation and Foreign Employment Bureau, has been done. For the remaining complaints, necessary instructions were given over the telephone.

District	Nature of the complaint								Source of the complaint (No.)				Total no. of complain ts	Current Status			Other Remarks
	Scho ol dropo uts	Underage marriages/ pregnancie s	Physical abuse	Mental abuse	Child Sexual abuse	Neglect	Child Labour	Other	Received at the Head-Office	Through National Child Protection Authority (1929)	Over the Telepho ne	Other		No. resolved	No. provided temporary solutions	No. Referred to other Institutions	
Ampara	296	104	35	119	13	62	58	52	63	105	342	229	739	408	221	110	0
Anuradhapura	99	26	39	20	5	51	3	5	6	68	54	120	248	117	73	55	3
Batticaloa	252	65	27	46	21	143	20	51	25	75	198	327	625	345	167	113	0
Badulla	61	15	7	6	7	53	1	19	0	8	15	146	169	96	31	41	1
Colombo	819	15	39	123	23	54	15	99	37	57	172	921	1187	667	351	163	6
Galle	486	22	46	153	18	141	8	123	3	11	209	774	997	473	315	208	1
Gampaha	343	21	46	67	35	52	15	124	41	0	141	521	703	403	137	163	0
Hambantota	189	9	15	112	16	65	2	70	1	13	123	341	478	145	261	72	0
Jaffna	516	92	43	30	20	66	30	56	0	37	171	645	853	551	241	61	0
Kalutara	217	14	20	58	24	70	3	30	13	4	53	366	436	249	101	86	0
Kandy	204	3	8	12	13	62	0	17	11	14	27	267	319	110	105	104	0
Kegalle	174	12	10	57	25	118	0	88	47	115	58	264	484	225	114	145	0
Kilinochchi	132	28	11	2	22	27	8	11	11	24	154	52	241	107	84	50	0
Kurunegala	495	73	60	106	30	178	2	140	21	110	195	758	1084	664	271	149	0
Mannar	119	27	20	15	8	11	2	53	34	41	53	127	255	156	58	41	0
Matale	123	17	8	12	11	35	0	7	0	2	24	187	213	81	78	43	11
Matara	409	13	28	103	17	192	1	75	94	71	102	571	838	463	272	103	0
Monaragala	10	1	6	5	2	7	0	6	0	1	11	25	37	21	5	11	0
Mulativu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KuwaraEliya	77	7	11	42	5	62	2	11	20	5	50	142	217	125	57	34	1
Polonnaruwa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Puttalam	231	30	11	14	26	44	2	117	11	2	115	347	475	168	194	112	1
Ratnapura	253	27	51	39	22	63	6	77	0	1	111	426	538	296	124	118	0
Vavunia	230	26	126	159	25	165	4	5	60	94	342	244	740	287	235	218	0
Trincomalee	127	13	27	0	10	24	15	1	0	6	91	120	217	75	74	68	0
Total	5862	660	694	13100	398	1745	197	1237	498	864	2811	7920	12093	6232	3569	2268	24

5.24 Preparation of Child Care Plans

Preparation of Child Care Plans is the programme for ensuring the long term safety of vulnerable children. Necessity for this as a method of ensuring the safety of children emerges as a result of identifying a large number of children through the island wide survey conducted in 2011 to identify vulnerable children.

Conditions of vulnerability of the children identified in this manner were diverse. According to the conditions of vulnerability care plans are developed to eliminate such vulnerability and ensure their safety. It has to be implemented on short term basis as well as long term basis over several years and follow up is done by the Child Rights Promotion Officers and the Child Rights Promotion Assistants.

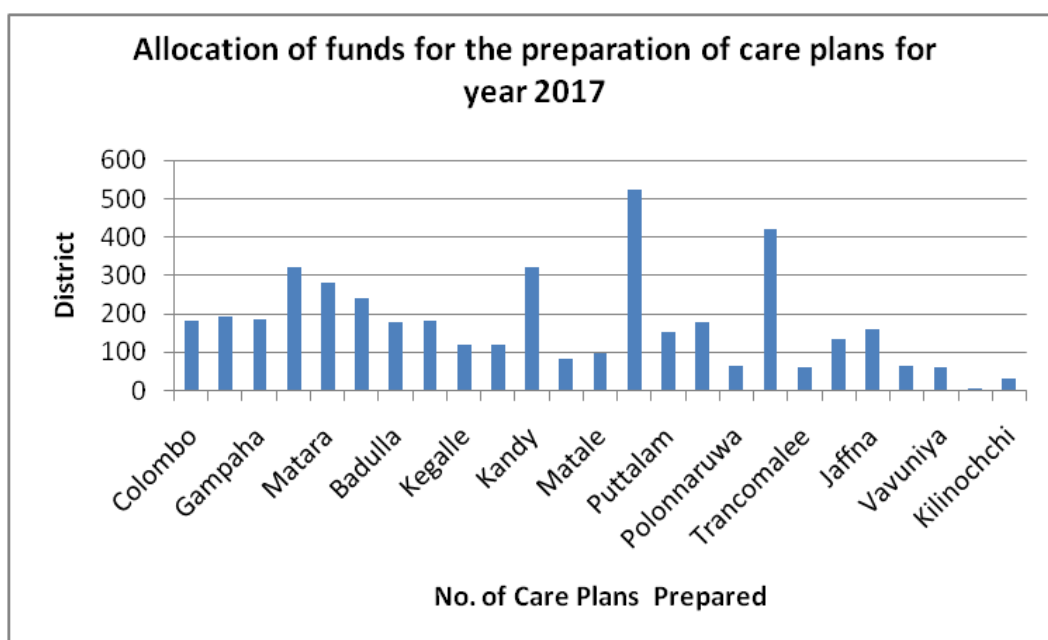
In all activities from preparation of these care plans to their implementation and evaluation support of other field officers is obtained. The importance of acting on a joint approach rather than an individual one in ensuring child safety has been emphasized through this.

Through the preparation of these care plans the family condition will also be uplifted while the child receives protection and development. From this, it has especially been able to enhance the income generation ways of the family which is necessary to provide nutrition and development for the children, to improve the sanitary facilities and to provide facilities necessary for the advancement of the educational level of the children.

Allocation of funds for the preparation of care plans for year 2017 is as follows.

Serial No.	District	Expenditure (Rs.)	No. of Care Plans Prepared
1	Colombo	1,984,436.00	180
2	Kalutara	1,709,239.00	192
3	Gampaha	1,230,502.00	184
4	Galle	1,431,491.00	320
5	Matara	1,466,183.00	280
6	Hambantota	1,922,383.00	240

7	Badulla	2,134,725.00	178
8	Monaragala	2,917,008.00	180
9	Kegalle	1,267,830.00	118
10	Ratnapura	597,347.00	118
11	Kandy	1,798,598.00	320
12	Nuwara Eliya	158,982.00	82
13	Matale	1,357,889.00	95
14	Kurunegala	2,627,959.00	521
15	Puttalam	1,222,685.00	152
16	Anuradhapura	1,282,350.00	175
17	Polonnaruwa	143,050.00	62
18	Ampara	325,092.00	420
19	Trancomalee	1,471,085.00	58
20	Batticaloa	1,121,679.00	131
21	Jaffna	709,000.00	158
22	Mannar	1,135,460.00	64
23	Vavuniya	1,808,150.00	58
24	Mulativu	210,000.00	04
25	Kilinochchi		30
	Total	32,033,123.00	4320



5.25 Child-led Research

The Child-led Research programme was initiated in year 2017 by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services with the objective of further popularizing the children's club/council programme and also to obtain the contribution of the children in ensuring the rights of the children. During the first phase of the programme, funds were provided to 11 districts and research was conducted to identify an issue faced by the children in the respective district.

Under this programme, a two day workshop on child-led research was conducted initially for children of 12 districts. After the workshop, a total of Rs. 444,000/-, as 40,000/- per district, was provided to implement the research.

As the third phase of the programme, children has to submit an action plan giving suitable remedial measures for the identified issue, and a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- was provided per district to implement the research. Under this, Rs. 127,000/- was provided in year 2017 for Colombo, Monaragala and Hambantota districts to implement the proposed activities.

Follow-up activities of the programme were done by the District Child Rights Promotion Officer. The total expenditure of this programme was Rs. 921,752.00.

5.26 Programmes related to South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC)

SAIEVAC is an organization established with the objective of ensuring the rights of the children in the South Asian region and creating them a safe environment free of all forms of violence. Sri Lanka is a member country of this organization. Ministry of Women and Child Affairs has been nominated as the representing organization for this organization and the Department of Probation and Child Affairs acts as the active governmental agency.

During the year 2017, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services took steps to make the officers representing our country participate the consultation sessions on preparing regional action plans on different areas, and also engaged in organizing such sessions in our country. Accordingly, the department coordinated the matters in relation to making officers representing our country participate the High Level Regional Policy Conference on Human and Child Labour and Animal Welfare in Brick Kilns, held 26-27 January 2017 in Nepal.

In addition, the special session to review the Strategic Plan on child abuse, child sexual exploitation and online safety of children was held in Sri Lanka on 23-24 August 2017. Around 42 officials representing the member countries of this organization participated the session. The Department of Probation and Child Care Services organized this programme, handling all coordination matters. Hon. Chandrani Bandara, Minister of Women and Child Affairs and Hon. Secretary to the Ministry, Mrs. Chandrani Senaratne participated the inauguration ceremony. The total financial sponsorship of the session was borne by the SAIEVAC.

5.27 Directing the Representatives of Children's Clubs to Common Bond Project

Common Bond Project is implemented by the Tuesday's Children Organization in United States and its primary objective is to help the development, education of the children affected by war and to train them to become dynamic leaders. A workshop of this project was held in New York, America in July, 2017. Opportunity was available to make a child in the Jaffna District Children's Council participate this workshop. The department did the relevant coordination to make the child participate the workshop and afterwards took steps to exchange the child's experiences with the children of other children's clubs.

5.28 Implementation of the recommendations of Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission

Rs. 01 million was allocated for this programme.

Programmes conducted for the Tamil community who became disabled due to war:

01. Awareness programme on Happy Family for child soldiers involved directly in the war.
02. Provision of equipment and assistances for self-employment
03. Implementation of counselling programmes
04. Establishment of Child Friendly Centers
05. Provision of school equipment

Implementation of Awareness programmes for Estate Community:

Due management of the family economy, maintaining positive family relationships and health and hygiene of the family are important factors when securing the rights of the children. Accordingly, special attention has been drawn on uplifting and strengthening the family units of estate community.

For this, designing creative programmes to address the following issues has become a necessity.

01. Issues related to health and hygiene
02. Issues related to children's right to education
03. Issues related to children's safety
04. Improper management of the family income
05. Issues related to drug abuse (father/mother)

Providing knowhow to the estate community on above areas through professionals in the relevant fields is a timely requirement. Rs. 825,000/- was spent as 15,000.00 X55 to raise awareness of the estate community.

Provision of School Equipment

School equipment worth Rs. 1000/- was provided per child for following circumstances.

01. Re-admit children dropped out of school for various reasons
02. Prompt children with irregular school attendance to re-attend school
03. For children who have lost both parents and doing studies well amidst severe financial difficulties (required to submit a copy of the school report card or a recommendation letter from the class teacher)
04. For children of women-headed low income families.

Serial No	District	No. of Divisional Secretariat	No. of Divisional Secretariats Applied	No. of Children	No. of Approvals
01	Anuradhapura	22	09	384	66
02	Polonnaruwa	07	02	57	21
03	Kurunegala	30	20	684	90
04	Matale	11	06	231	33
05	Kandy	20	16	1138	60
06	Nuwara Elia	05	01	22	15
07	Ratnapura	17	13	735	51
08	Kegalle	11	03	162	33
09	Puttalam	16	11	900	48
10	Colombo	13	05	131	39
11	Gampaha	13	05	119	39
12	Kalutara	14	04	83	42
13	Hambantota	12	06	170	36
14	Matara	16	09	670	48
15	Galle	19	04	240	57
16	Jaffna	15	08	608	45

17	Kilinochchi	04	02	77	12
18	Mulativu	06	04	806	18
19	Vavuniya	04	01	60	12
20	Ampara	20	06	520	60
21	Trincomalee	11	01	352	33
22	Mannar	05	02	61	15
23	Batticaloa	14	05	254	42
24	Badulla	15	11	589	45
25	Monaragala	11	03	197	33
	Total	331	158	9250	993