

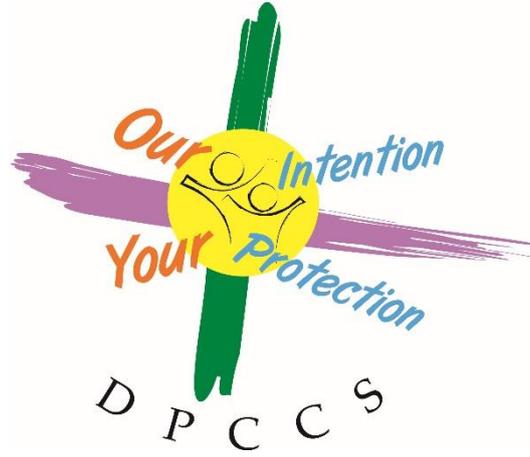


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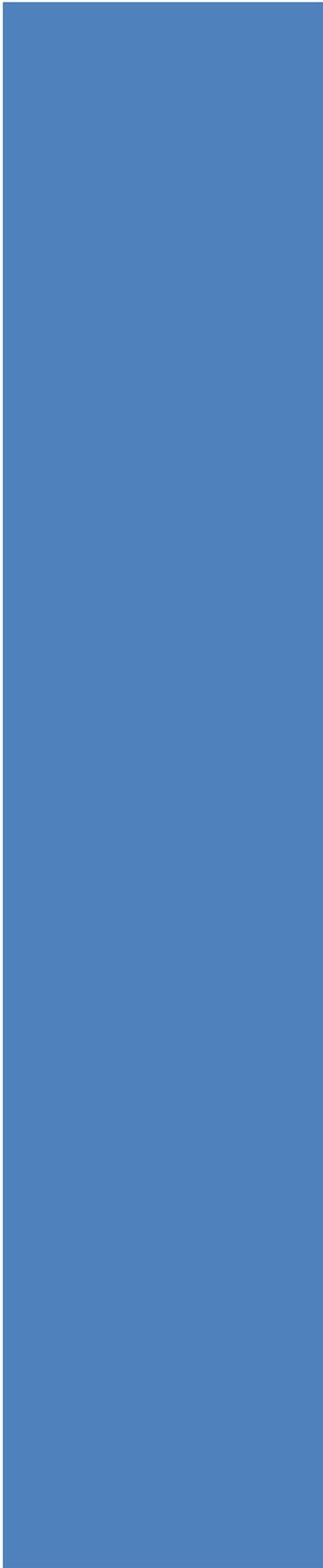


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1. Introduction

The services rendered by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services in 2016 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. From 2015 up to now, 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 child friendly society where child rights are ensured

1.4 Our Mission

Ensuring the rights of all children and providing them equal opportunities in line with national policies and international standards with specific attention to orphaned, abandoned and destitute 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 "Sevena Sarana" Foster Parent Scheme.
 - Provision of relief under "Nena Diriya" scholarship scheme.
 - Provision of assistance for children's education through "Kepakaru Deguru" Sponsorship scheme
- ❖ Strengthening social structures to ensure child rights
- ❖ Implementation of Children's Clubs and Children's Councils 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 442 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 | - |
| Child Rights Promotion Officer (CRPO) | 424 | 232 |
| Child Rights Promotion Assistant (CRPA) | | 170 |

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Development Officer (Head Office/Paraththa) | 12 | 09 |
| Female Counsellor | 02 | - |
| Information and Communication Technology Officer | 01 | - |
| Public Management Assistant Service | 14 | 09 |
| Stenographer | 01 | 01 |
| Assistant Warden | 03 | 03 |
| Non formal education Instructress | 01 | 01 |
| Driver | 04 | 04 |
| Office Employee Service | 10 | 06 |
| Cook | 02 | 02 |
| Sanitary Labourer | 01 | - |
| Total | 487 | 442 |



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,

- Sixteen officers underwent training in Establishment Affairs and training in Finance and Accounting. Rs. 127,000/- was allocated for the purpose.
- Action was taken to pay 50% - 70% of the Post Graduate and Diploma course fee of the Officers of the Department with the aim of improving their subject knowledge. Rs.283,725/= was allocated for this purpose.

2.2 Training Programmes and Research

2.2.1 Trainings for the Field Staff

Allocations under this Head are used for training needs of the Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants who perform their duties being attached to every Divisional Secretariat throughout the island. Amount spent for the training programmes conducted in the year 2016 are given in the table below.

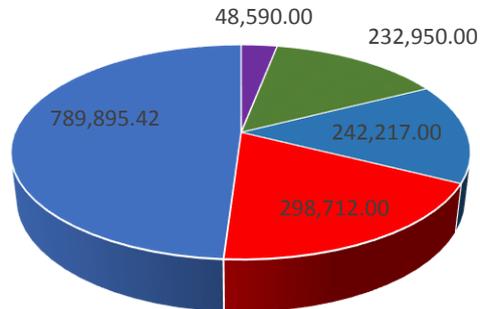


The Amount Spent for the Training Programmes of Child Rights Promotion Officers / Assistants in 2016

| Name of the Programme | No. of Officers Participated | Amount Spent (Rs.) |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Training on Developing Communication Skills of Tamil medium officers in the Child Rights Promotion Officers' resource pool | 15 | 48,590.00 |
| Training programmes for the staff of children's homes | 99 | 232,950.00 |
| Training programmes on Meaningful Child Participation | 64 | 242,217.00 |
| Induction Training and Capacity Development Programme for the Child Rights Promotion Assistants | 65 | 298,712.00 |
| Attitude and Capacity Development Programme for the Child Rights Promotion Officers and Child Rights Promotion Assistants | 350 | 789,895.42 |
| Total Cost | 593 | 1,612,364.42 |



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2.2.2 Research

According to the annual plan, Rs.1,927,575/- was spent in the year 2016 for the research on the Impact of Parental Migration on Children and Rs.300,000/- on the research on Finding the Causes for the Inability Associated with the Socializing of Institutionalized Children.



3. Accounts Division

Financial provisions are allocated annually through the budget to achieve the objectives of the Department. In 2016 provisions have been allocated under Head 217 under 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 | 31,393,100.00 | 30,986,236.00 | 97% |
| | 2. Capital Expenditure | 1,030,000.00 | 966,103.00 | 94% |
| | Total | 32,423,100.00 | 31,952,339.00 | |
| 02. Development Programme Project No. 02 Probation and Child Care Services | | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure (Rs.) | % |
| | 1. Recurrent Expenditure | 258,792,500.00 | 255,084,373.00 | 99% |
| | 2. Capital Expenditure | 17,950,000.00 | 17,631,986.00 | 98% |
| | Total | 276,742,500.00 | 272,716,359.00 | |

| Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|--|------------------------------|----------|
| | 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 | 179,500.00 | 90% | - | - | - |
| 02. Development Programme Project No. 02 Probation and Child Care Services | 1,000,000.00 | 967,791.00 | 97% | 15,000,000.00 | 14,952,446.00 | 99 % |
| Total | 1,200,000.00 | 1,147,291.00 | | 15,000,000.00 | 14,952,446.00 | |

| 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 | 350,000.00 | 329,979.00 | 94% | 480,000.00 | 456,624.00 | 95% |
| 02. Development Programme Project No. 02 Probation and Child Care Services | 750,000.00 | 594,683.00 | 79% | 1,200,000.00 | 1,117,066.00 | 93% |
| Total | 1,100,000.00 | 924,662.00 | | 1,680,000.00 | 1,573,690.00 | |

3.2 Observations of the Audit 2016

The Auditor General has observed that the Appropriation Account for the year 2016 of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services, under the Head 217, has been satisfactorily prepared.



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 co-ordinating 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

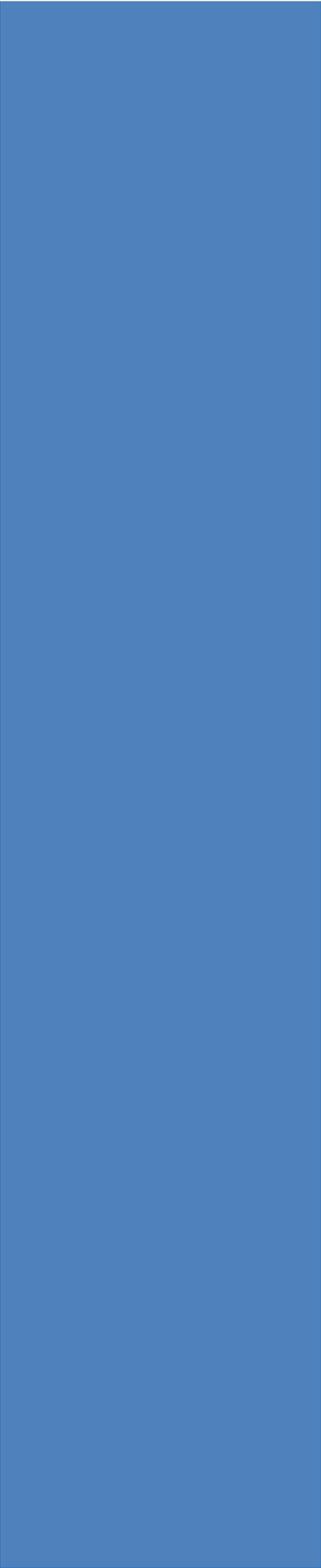
Under Adoptions Ordinance No. 24 of 1941, the responsibility of functioning as the legal custodian of the children due to be adopted is vested in the Department. This task falls

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 - 2016

| | Foreign Country | No. of children adopted by Sri Lankans in overseas | Foreign Adoptions | Subtotal of the number of children given for adoption |
|--------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|---|
| 01 | Ireland | | 01 | 01 |
| 02 | Germany | | 02 | 02 |
| 03 | Switzerland | | 01 | 01 |
| 04 | France | 01 | 02 | 03 |
| 05 | United Kingdom | 01 | - | 01 |
| 06 | New Zealand | 01 (an adoption by the same family) | - | 01 |
| 07 | Netherlands | - | 01 | 01 |
| Total | | 03 | 07 | 10 |



5. Functions of the Development Branch

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.

- ✚ “Sevana Sarana” foster parent scheme
- ✚ Provision of assistance for education
- ✚ “Kepakaru Deguru” 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 2016-2018

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 2016, specific responsibility was assigned to the Department of Probation and Child Care Services. Under this, Rs. 35.35 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.) |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 2016 | Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme | 101 | 675,564.93 |

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 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 in 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.

| Serial No. | District | Divisional Secretariat | Amount Provided |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 01 | Kurunegala | Bamunakotuwa | 2000.00 |
| 02 | Ratnapura | Kalawana | 5000.00 (for two pairs of shoes) |

| | | | |
|----|------------|---|----------|
| 03 | Kegalle | Mawanella | 2000.00 |
| 04 | Kandy | Udu Nuwara | 18000.00 |
| 05 | Puttlam | Pallama | 44000.00 |
| 06 | Ratnapura | Kalawana | 29000.00 |
| 07 | Kurunegala | Giribawa | 14000.00 |
| 08 | Puttlam | Natthandiya | 2000.00 |
| 09 | Ampara | Dehiattakandiya | 2000.00 |
| 10 | Puttlam | For the gifts of <i>Parikalpana</i> Arts competition | 31500.00 |
| 12 | Kurunegala | Polpitigama | 1000.00 |
| 13 | Badulla | Soranatota | 4000.00 |
| 14 | Kegalle | Ruwanwella | 4000.00 |
| 15 | Kandy | Hataraliyadda | 7000.00 |
| 16 | Kandy | Galagedara | 8000.00 |
| 17 | Hambantota | Tissamaharamaya | 7000.00 |
| 18 | Kalutara | Kalutara | 3000.00 |
| 19 | Ampara | Maha oya | 2000.00 |
| 20 | Jaffna | Point Pedro | 25000.00 |
| 21 | Kegalle | Warakapola | 35000.00 |
| 22 | Kandy | Kandy Kadawath Sathara | 16000.00 |
| 23 | Kurunegala | Kuda Galgamuwa | 12000.00 |
| 24 | Kandy | Galagedara | 6000.00 |
| 25 | Ratnapura | Pelmadulla | 61000.00 |
| 26 | Kandy | Deltota | 51000.00 |
| 27 | Kegalle | Warakapola | 50000.00 |
| 28 | Puttlam | Dankotuwa | 29000.00 |
| 29 | Kurunegala | Pannala | 15000.00 |
| 30 | Kandy | Udu Nuwara | 20000.00 |

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|----|--------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 31 | Kandy | Gampola | 11000.00 |
| 25 | Colombo | Dehiwala | 1500.00 |
| 26 | Nuwara Eliya | Walapane | 22000.00 |
| 27 | Kandy | Harispattuwa | 11000.00 |
| 28 | Kandy | Nawalapitiya (Pasbage Korale) | 6000.00 |
| 29 | Kurunegala | Panduwasnuwara | 16000.00 |
| 30 | Galle | Imaduwa | 20000.00 |
| 31 | Matale | Kaikawala (Ratthota) | 20000.00 |
| 32 | Matara | Weligama | 20000.00 |
| 33 | Puttlam | Pallama | 13000.00 |
| 34 | Matale | Pallepola | 10000.00 |
| 35 | Matale | Naula | 45000.00 |

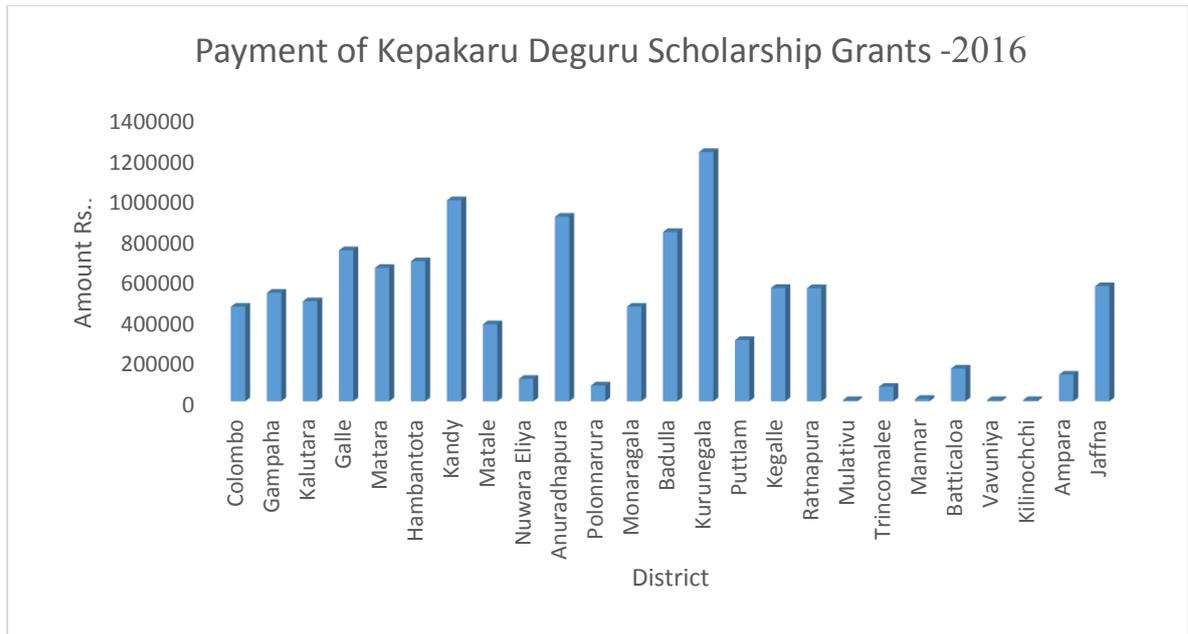
5.5 Kepakaru Deguru Sponsorship Programme

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 2016

| | District | No. of children | Amount |
|----|----------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. | Colombo | 79 | 468000.00 |
| 2. | Gampaha | 96 | 537000.00 |
| 3. | Kalutara | 82 | 495000.00 |

| | | | |
|------------|--------------|------|-------------|
| 4. | Galle | 126 | 747000.00 |
| 5. | Matara | 105 | 660000.00 |
| 6. | Hambantota | 119 | 693000.00 |
| 7. | Kandy | 165 | 993000.00 |
| 8. | Matale | 63 | 381000.00 |
| 9. | Nuwara Eliya | 17 | 111000.00 |
| 10. | Anuradhapura | 151 | 912000.00 |
| 11. | Polonnaruwa | 12 | 78000.00 |
| 12. | Monaragala | 82 | 468000.00 |
| 13. | Badulla | 143 | 837000.00 |
| 14. | Kurunegala | 202 | 1230000.00 |
| 15. | Puttlam | 52 | 303000.00 |
| 16. | Kegalle | 97 | 561000.00 |
| 17. | Ratnapura | 93 | 560000.00 |
| 18. | Mulativu | 01 | 6000.00 |
| 19. | Trincomalee | 12 | 72000.00 |
| 20. | Mannar | 02 | 12000.00 |
| 21. | Batticaloa | 28 | 162000.00 |
| 22. | Vavuniya | 01 | 6000.00 |
| 23. | Kilinochchi | 01 | 6000.00 |
| 24. | Ampara | 15 | 132000.00 |
| 25. | Jaffna | 96 | 570000.00 |
| | Total | 1840 | 11000000.00 |



5.6 “Nena Diriya” 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 “Nena Diriya” Scholarship Grant

| Year | Programme | Physical Progress | Financial Progress |
|------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2016 | “Nena Diriya” educational assistance programme | 158 | 4,056,390.11 |

5.7 Assistance for Twins

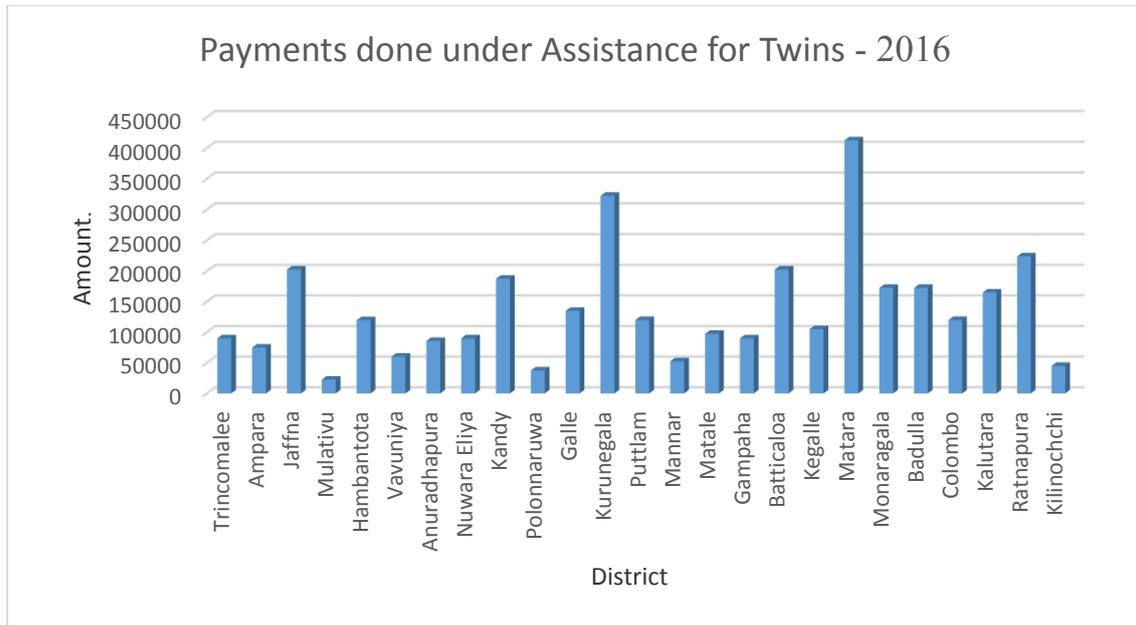
This is an assistance scheme for health, nutrition and other welfare needs of twins born into low income earning families as well as for protecting those twins from becoming vulnerable. Providing the necessary funds for applications received at Divisional Secretariat Division level is done here.

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 | No. of applications | Amount (Rs.) |
|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 | Trincomalee | 22 | 07 | 90000.00 |
| 02 | Ampara | 19 | 09 | 75000.00 |
| 03 | Jaffna | 54 | 26 | 202500.00 |
| 04 | Mulativu | 06 | 03 | 22500.00 |
| 05 | Hambantota | 31 | 12 | 119700.00 |
| 06 | Vavuniya | 16 | 08 | 60000.00 |
| 07 | Anuradhapura | 18 | 08 | 85800.00 |
| 08 | Nuwara Eliya | 24 | 11 | 90000.00 |
| 09 | Kandy | 34 | 21 | 187500.00 |
| 10 | Polonnaruwa | 08 | 05 | 37500.00 |
| 11 | Galle | 31 | 16 | 135000.00 |

| | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|-----|------------|
| 12 | Kurunegala | 79 | 31 | 322500.00 |
| 13 | Puttalam | 32 | 15 | 120000.00 |
| 14 | Mannar | 14 | 07 | 52500.00 |
| 15 | Matale | 24 | 12 | 97500.00 |
| 16 | Gampaha | 21 | 09 | 90000.00 |
| 17 | Batticaloa | 53 | 26 | 202500.00 |
| 18 | Kegalle | 27 | 12 | 105000.00 |
| 19 | Matara | 105 | 52 | 412500.00 |
| 20 | Monaragala | 43 | 22 | 172500.00 |
| 21 | Badulla | 45 | 23 | 172500.00 |
| 22 | Colombo | 29 | 11 | 120000.00 |
| 23 | Kalutara | 22 | 10 | 165000.00 |
| 24 | Ratnapura | 58 | 28 | 224000.00 |
| 25 | Kilinochchi | 12 | 06 | 45000.00 |
| | Total | 827 | 390 | 3408000.00 |
| | | Medical Assistance | | 10000.00 |
| | Grand Total | | | 3418000.00 |



5.8 Medical Assistance

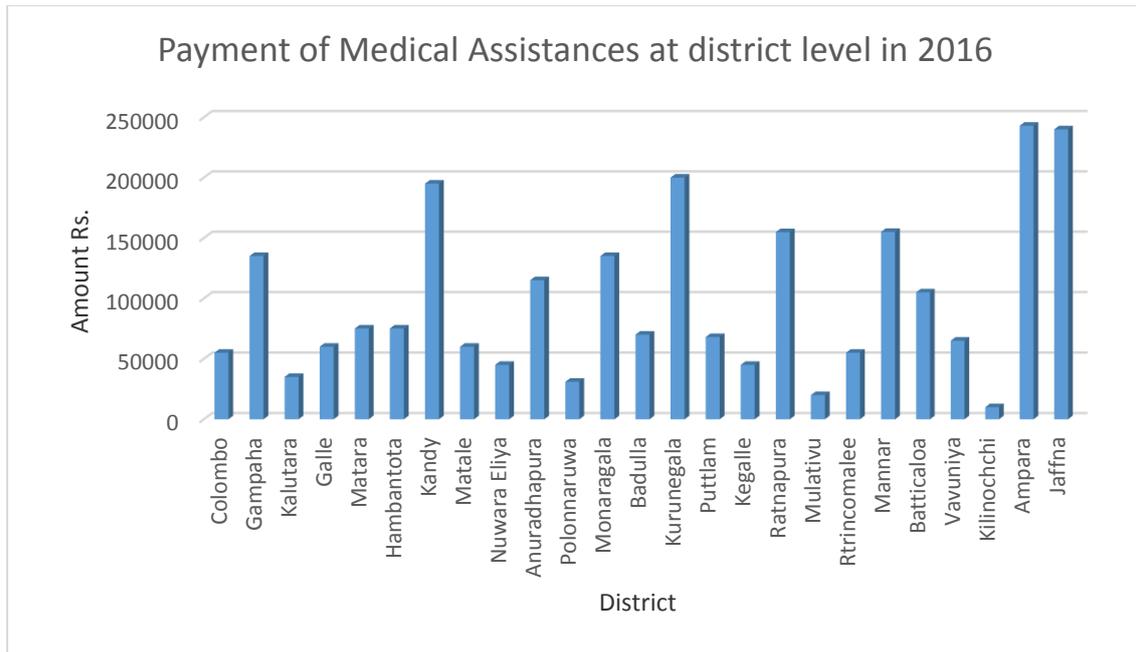
This assistance scheme is implemented for the provision of relief for health and nutrition problems of the children of low income earning families. At the same time, assistance is provided for disabled children as well. Provision of necessary funds for applications received at Divisional Secretariat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

Under this, assistance is provided for medical treatment, surgery, nutrition and equipment used for physical disabilities. Rs.5,000/= 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 the assistance scheme. Accordingly, it has been possible to provide relief to about 500 families per year through this scheme.

Payment of Medical Assistances at district level in 2016

| Serial No. | District | Amount (Rs.) | No. of children |
|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | Colombo | 55000.00 | 10 |
| 2 | Gampaha | 135000.00 | 24 |
| 3 | Kalutara | 35000.00 | 07 |
| 4 | Galle | 60000.00 | 10 |
| 5 | Matara | 75000.00 | 13 |
| 6 | Hambantota | 75000.00 | 15 |
| 7 | Kandy | 195000.00 | 36 |
| 8 | Matale | 60000.00 | 11 |
| 9 | Nuwara Eliya | 45000.00 | 09 |
| 10 | Anuradhapura | 115000.00 | 18 |
| 11 | Polonnaruwa | 31000.00 | 05 |
| 12 | Monaragala | 135000.00 | 25 |
| 13 | Badulla | 70000.00 | 13 |
| 14 | Kurunegala | 200000.00 | 36 |
| 15 | Puttlam | 68000.00 | 12 |
| 16 | Kegalle | 45000.00 | 09 |
| 17 | Ratnapura | 154800.00 | 30 |
| 18 | Mulativu | 20000.00 | 04 |
| 19 | Trincomalee | 55000.00 | 11 |
| 20 | Mannar | 155000.00 | 27 |
| 21 | Batticaloa | 105000.00 | 21 |
| 22 | Vavuniya | 65000.00 | 13 |
| 23 | Kilinochchi | 10000.00 | 02 |
| 24 | Ampara | 243000.00 | 48 |
| 25 | Jaffna | 240000.00 | 48 |
| | | 2446800.00 | 458 |



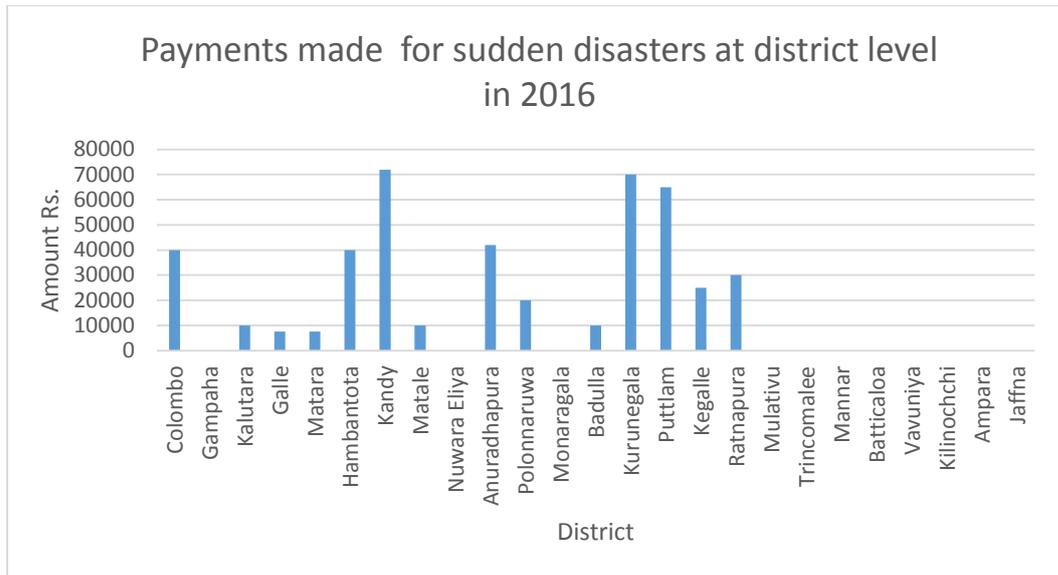
5.9 Assistance in Sudden Disasters

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 2016

| Serial No. | District | Amount | No. of children |
|------------|--------------|--------|-----------------|
| 1 | Colombo | 40000 | 3 |
| 2 | Gampaha | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Kalutara | 10000 | 1 |
| 4 | Galle | 7500 | 3 |
| 5 | Matara | 7500 | 1 |
| 6 | Hambantota | 40000 | 11 |
| 7 | Kandy | 72000 | 15 |
| 8 | Matale | 10000 | 1 |
| 9 | Nuwara Eliya | 0 | 0 |
| 10 | Anuradhapura | 42000 | 8 |
| 11 | Polonnaruwa | 20000 | 3 |
| 12 | Monaragala | 0 | 0 |
| 13 | Badulla | 10000 | 1 |
| 14 | Kurunegala | 70000 | 12 |
| 15 | Puttlam | 65000 | 11 |
| 16 | Kegalle | 25000 | 4 |
| 17 | Ratnapura | 30000 | 6 |
| 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 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Jaffna | 0 | 0 |
| | | 449000 | 79 |



5.10 “Senehasa” Savings Account

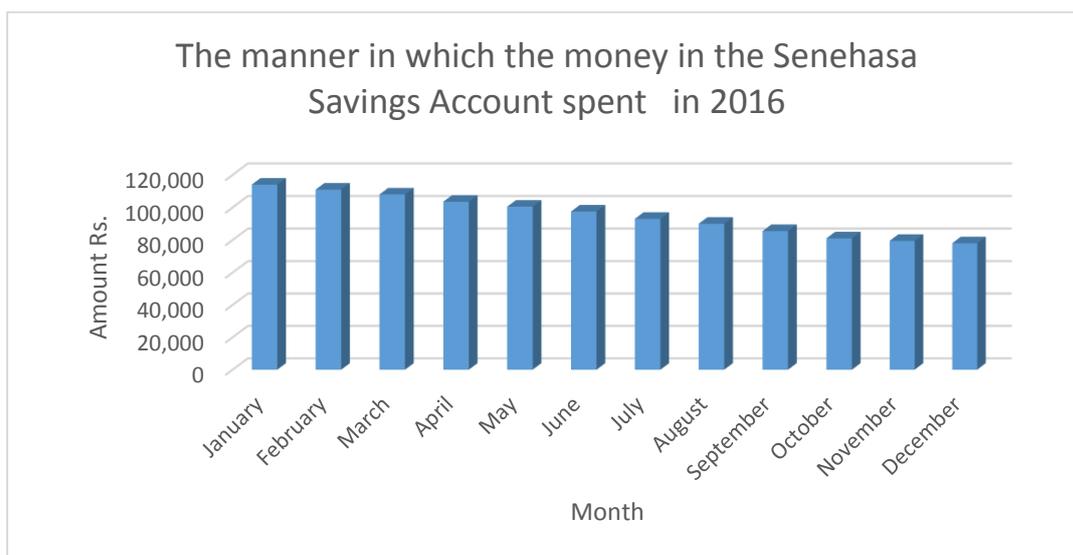
A programme implemented for children under 18 year of age who lost both parents in the Tsunami disaster. This programme commenced in 2006 and 689 children were included in it. By December 2016, the number of children in this programme came to 52. Every month, children who complete 18 years of age are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

| Serial No. | Month | No. of children | Amount spent (Rs.) |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | January | 76 | 114,000 |
| 2 | February | 74 | 111,000 |
| 3 | March | 72 | 108,000 |
| 4 | April | 69 | 103,500 |
| 5 | May | 67 | 100,500 |
| 6 | June | 65 | 97,500 |
| 7 | July | 62 | 93,000 |
| 8 | August | 60 | 90,000 |
| 9 | September | 57 | 85,500 |
| 10 | October | 54 | 81,000 |
| 11 | November | 53 | 79,500 |
| 12 | December | 52 | 78,000 |



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

Children's Clubs were set up at Grama Niladhari 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. Implementation of skill development programmes, provision of books for the libraries of children's clubs and programmes to promote good qualities have been carried out through the children's clubs.

✚ Allocation of provisions at the beginning of the year for the implementation of Divisional Children's Council

Convening the children belonging to the Divisional Children's Council and discussing the programmes to be implemented in the year is done and convening the children's councils happens on a quarterly basis. To provide the estimated amounts under the annual plan prepared by the Divisional Children's Council, the provisions for this year were not sufficient. Therefore, money was not allocated to the Divisional Children's Councils. But provisions were allocated for various programmes as per the requests received.



✚ Developing creative skills of the children belonging to the Children's Clubs.

Various programmes were conducted at Divisional Secretariat Division level to develop the creative skills of the children belonging to the children's clubs. Programmes of this

nature are conducted for improving participation, solidarity and talents of the children while further activating the Children's clubs.

✚ Personality building of the children belonging to the Children's Clubs / Children's Councils through the development of their sports skills.

Programmes of this nature are implemented through the children's clubs with the objective of improving the participation in sports and games and developing the sports skills of the children belonging to the children's clubs / children's councils. Emphasizing the importance of sports and personality development through sports are among the objectives.

✚ Holding National / Religious / Cultural Festivals

It is important for the future to make the children aware of the New Year customs and folk games that are gradually slipping away from the society. Raising such awareness is the objective of holding such New Year festivals for the children belonging to the Children's Clubs. Similarly, to emphasize the importance of religious festivals and national festivals to the children, such festivals are organized through the children's clubs / children's councils.

✚ Developing the Libraries

The Department extends support to address the shortcomings of the libraries maintained by the children's clubs and develop them. The objectives of promoting the children's reading habit, improving their knowledge and building proper attitudes are achieved through the expansion of libraries.

✚ Educational Tours

Taking the children belonging to the children's clubs on educational tours is done with the objectives of improving the participation of children in the children's clubs, exchanging experiences between children's clubs, providing fun and entertainment and providing practical experience for children's education

Holding Leadership training workshops / camps

Programmes of this nature for developing leadership skills are conducted to develop the children's personality, build knowledge, skills and attitudes and to make the children sensitive to environment and eager to explore.

Ensuring the right to good health

Children's clinics are conducted in difficult areas with the objective of identifying the various diseases that pre-school and school children may have. Through this,

- i. the parents are made aware of the importance of maintaining good health.
- ii. an opportunity is provided for children who cannot afford clinics of medical specialists.
- iii. children with minor aural and visual defects are identified and necessary interventions are made.
- iv. it is possible to detect at an early stage the children with diseases that could be cured with minor intervention

Implementation of Entertainment Programmes

Organizing programmes of this nature for the children belonging to the children's clubs / children's councils is important because it provides an opportunity for the children to improve their ability to enjoy songs and because taking the children trapped within the school curriculum to an outdoor performance experience provides an opportunity for children under the pressure of various social problems to relax at least for a short period of time

Amount spent for Children’s Councils and Children’s Clubs in 2016

| Serial No. | District Secretariat | Departmental | Funds received from non-governmental organizations |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 1 | Mannar | 49,940 | 20000 |
| 2 | Vavuniya | 53,200 | 20000 |
| 3 | Mulativu | 5,000 | 20000 |
| 4 | Kilinochchi | 52,500 | 20000 |
| 5 | Polonnaruwa | 45,500 | 1230936 |
| 6 | Monaragala | 148,500 | 72690 |
| 7 | Trincomalee | 25,000 | 20000 |
| 8 | Batticaloa | 142,800 | 20000 |
| 9 | Matale | 76,700 | 20000 |
| 10 | Nuwara Eliya | 52,570 | 20000 |
| 11 | Colombo | 294,060 | 32000 |
| 12 | Kalutara | 101,450 | 20000 |
| 13 | Matara | 64,000 | 20000 |
| 14 | Hambantota | 86,000 | 20000 |
| 15 | Kegalle | 177,500 | 20000 |
| 16 | Puttlam | 132,250 | 20000 |
| 17 | Badulla | 61,000 | 20000 |
| 18 | Jaffna | 75,100 | 20000 |
| 19 | Ratnapura | 159,960 | 82500 |
| 20 | Galle | 200,500 | 20000 |
| 21 | Gampaha | 125,060 | 20000 |
| 22 | Ampara | 96,000 | 35690 |
| 23 | Kandy | 116,000 | 20000 |
| 24 | Anuradhapura | 81,800 | 20000 |
| 25 | Kurunegala | 160,000 | 84000 |
| | Total | 2,582,390 | 1917816 |

Total Number of Registered Children's Clubs

| No. | District Secretariat | No. of Children's Clubs registered in 2016 (by 31.10.2016) | Grand Total |
|-----|----------------------|--|-------------|
| 1. | Colombo | 9 | 203 |
| 2. | Kalutara | 7 | 177 |
| 3. | Gampaha | 6 | 278 |
| 4. | Kandy | 15 | 383 |
| 5. | Matale | 3 | 138 |
| 6. | Nuwara Eliya | 1 | 121 |
| 7. | Galle | 11 | 236 |
| 8. | Matara | 7 | 182 |
| 9. | Hambantota | 7 | 197 |
| 10. | Ratnapura | 14 | 186 |
| 11. | Kegalle | 12 | 156 |
| 12. | Anuradhapura | 9 | 237 |
| 13. | Polonnaruwa | 1 | 66 |
| 14. | Puttlam | 3 | 160 |
| 15. | Kurunegala | 34 | 546 |
| 16. | Badulla | 9 | 140 |
| 17. | Monaragala | 0 | 164 |
| 18. | Trincomalee | 0 | 78 |
| 19. | Ampara | 16 | 123 |
| 20. | Batticaloa | 3 | 76 |
| 21. | Jaffna | 11 | 88 |
| 22. | Kilinochchi | 0 | 8 |
| 23. | Mannar | 1 | 22 |
| 24. | Mulativu | 0 | 22 |
| 25. | Vavuniya | 0 | 38 |
| | Total | 179 | 4025 |

5.12 Model Children's Village Programme

Provisions have been allocated under this programme to implement programmes for safeguarding child rights in a village selected from each Divisional Secretariat Division for ensuring the Community Based Child Care Process. Programmes for safeguarding the right

of every child to development, survival, protection and participation have to be implemented within that village under this with the involvement of various public officers.

For this purpose, proposals on projects that could be implemented at Divisional Secretariat Division level were obtained and provisions were allocated based on them. Accordingly, Rs.176, 0000.00 was provided to 352 Child Rights Promotion Officers in 311 Divisional Secretariat Divisions as Rs.5000.00 per officer. In addition, funds were provided as follows for the programmes on the request of the officers in each Divisional Secretariat.

| Serial No. | District | Divisional Secretariat | No. of Awareness Programmes | Amount Granted (Rs.) |
|---|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Colombo | 13 | 15 | 45,000.00 |
| 2 | Gampaha | 13 | 20 | 60,000.00 |
| 3 | Kalutara | 12 | 17 | 51,000.00 |
| 4 | Matara | 16 | 17 | 51,000.00 |
| 5 | Hambantota | 12 | 15 | 45,000.00 |
| 6 | Kandy | 20 | 26 | 78,000.00 |
| 7 | Matale | 11 | 10 | 30,000.00 |
| 8 | Nuwara Eliya | 5 | 6 | 18,000.00 |
| 9 | Kegalle | 11 | 14 | 42,000.00 |
| 10 | Kurunegala | 30 | 40 | 120,000.00 |
| 11 | Puttlam | 16 | 16 | 48,000.00 |
| 12 | Polonnaruwa | 6 | 6 | 21,000.00 |
| 13 | Badulla | 15 | 16 | 48,000.00 |
| 14 | Monaragala | 11 | 10 | 30,000.00 |
| 15 | Trincomalee | 7 | 7 | 21,000.00 |
| 16 | Ampara | 19 | 19 | 57,000.00 |
| 17 | Jaffna | 14 | 13 | 45,000.00 |
| 18 | Batticaloa | 15 | 14 | 42,000.00 |
| 19 | Anuradhapura | 22 | 22 | 66,000.00 |
| 20 | Ratnapura | 16 | 16 | 48,000.00 |
| 21 | Mannar | 5 | 5 | 15,000.00 |
| 22 | Vavuniya | 4 | 4 | 12,000.00 |
| 23 | Mulativu | 3 | 3 | 9,000.00 |
| 24 | Kilinochchi | 4 | 4 | 12,000.00 |
| 25 | Galle | 21 | 21 | 63,000.00 |
| | | | | 1,077,000.00 |
| For projects implemented on special requests | | | | 206,657.00 |
| For Workshops | | | | 60,268.00 |

5.13 Steering Committee Programme on Child Rights

The Steering Committee Programme on Child Rights has been introduced with the objective of obtaining the community based intervention to safeguard the child rights stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child. These committees also function as a mechanism of reporting the progress of the activities of state and non-governmental agencies carried out to protect the rights of Sri Lankan children in terms of Article 40 of the Convention.

Accordingly, the Steering Committee Programme established by the Circular No. MSS/3/4/161 issued by the Ministry of Social Services in 2000 operates from national level to Divisional Secretariat level and by the Circular No. PCC/CRPO/11/3/4 issued by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services, this process was further expanded to the village level and Village level Child Development Committees were established.

Main responsibility of these committees is creating a safe environment for children and planning and implementation of programmes at district, divisional secretariat and village level to prevent child right violations. The National Steering Committee on Child Rights provides advice and guidance of the ministry necessary in the reporting to the United Nations Organization by the Sri Lankan government and also makes necessary interventions to solve the national level issues of children. A Guideline for the Village Child Development Committees was introduced by the department and the Village Child Development Committees established according to the guideline exceeds 7000 in number. 331 Divisional Monitoring Committees and 25 District Child Development Committees have been established. Multi-Disciplinary approach is used by this committee to address child centered issues. By now, a highly productive system of collecting data that are important for the reporting has been established within the Ministry by the National Steering Committee on Child Rights.

Summary of the provisions allocated in 2016 for the Steering Committee Programme on Child Rights

| Serial No. | Province | Amount spent for Divisional/Village Steering Committees (Rs.) |
|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 01 | Western | 407,500.00 |
| 02 | Central | 165,000.00 |
| 03 | Southern | 201,000.00 |
| 04 | Northern | 190,000.00 |
| 05 | Eastern | 180,000.00 |
| 06 | North Western | 239,000.00 |
| 07 | North Central | 127,000.00 |
| 08 | Uva | 115,000.00 |
| 09 | Sabaragamuwa | 172,000.00 |

5.14 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.

5.15 Implementation of the recommendations made by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.

These programmes were conducted for the implementation of the recommendations made by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission targeting the children of the people with a Tamil origin who live in the estates and the children displaced as a result of the war that lasted for a long time. The primary objective of this programme was to create a safe childhood for the children living in these areas by ensuring their basic child rights. The

activities included provision of facilities for children, establishing pleasure centers for them, holding art, music, dancing and sports events and conducting literacy classes for children who were illiterate. Financial allocations were made based on the requests received from the Divisional Secretariat Divisions.

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.

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 raising.

Accordingly, 275 programmes were conducted making around 30,000 beneficiaries aware from the provision of Rs.1.5 million available for the year 2016.

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.4,990,414.38 was spent under this Head in 2016, for renovation and upgrading of the National Training and Counseling Services Center for Children at Parattha 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, Parattha 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. Rs. 2,710,064.35 was spent for this task in 2016.

In addition, action was taken to provide Rs. 2,280,003.00 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 2016, Rs. 4,990,281.38 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 2016

Every year, various programs are implemented by this department to commemorate the World Children's Day, falling on 1st of October. Programmes are organized at Divisional Secretariat level and District level and the main aim of these programmes is ensuring child rights and minimizing the effects of the threats that are prevailing for children. Bringing the community closer towards children and advocating the adult community on creating a friendly society to children are done by the Children's Day programmes. The amount spent by the department for the entire programme was Rs. 1 million.

5.23 Information Regarding the Complaints on Child Abuse.

In 2016, this department received 11,054 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.

Summary of the Report on the Information of Child Abuses 2015

| Serial No. | Nature of the complaint | Source of the complaint (No.) | | | | Total no. of complaints | Current Status | | | Other Remarks |
|------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| | | Received at the Head-Office | Through National Child Protection Authority (1929) | Over the Telephone | Other | | No. resolved | No. provided temporary solutions | No. Referred to other Institutions | |
| 1 | School dropouts | 3076 | 246 | 561 | 2792 | 6675 | 4734 | 1287 | 631 | 15 |
| 2 | Underage marriages/ pregnancies | 7 | 17 | 67 | 201 | 292 | 54 | 108 | 130 | - |
| 3 | Physical abuse | 9 | 66 | 247 | 290 | 612 | 294 | 176 | 142 | - |
| 4 | Mental abuse | 6 | 62 | 216 | 629 | 913 | 520 | 240 | 124 | 29 |
| 5 | Child Sexual abuse | 12 | 17 | 124 | 192 | 345 | 105 | 100 | 140 | - |
| 6 | Neglect | 9 | 80 | 332 | 756 | 1177 | 792 | 225 | 160 | - |
| 7 | Child Labour | 2 | 81 | 55 | 79 | 217 | 118 | 75 | 24 | - |
| 8 | Other (Specify) | 16 | 13 | 139 | 655 | 823 | 414 | 208 | 200 | 1 |
| | Total | 3137 | 582 | 1741 | 5594 | 11054 | 7031 | 2419 | 1551 | 45 |

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.

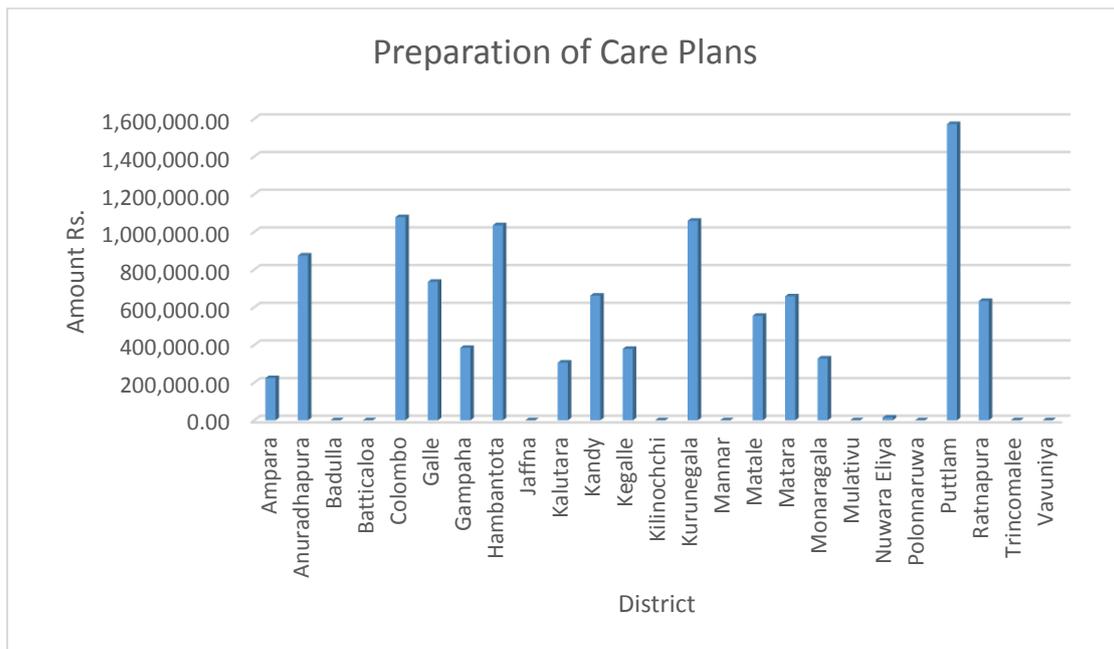
In all activities from preparation of these care plans to their implementation and evaluation support of other field officers is obtained. The importance of acting on a joint approach rather than an individual one in ensuring child safety has been emphasized through this.

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 2016 is as follows.

| Serial No. | District | Expenditure (Rs.) | No. of Care Plans Prepared |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Ampara | 223,949.00 | 141 |
| 2 | Anuradhapura | 874,585.00 | 42 |
| 3 | Badulla | 433,580.00 | 58 |
| 4 | Batticaloa | 82,000.00 | 141 |
| 5 | Colombo | 1,078,309.00 | 22 |
| 6 | Galle | 734,961.00 | 232 |
| 7 | Gampaha | 384,435.00 | 57 |

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| 8 | Hambantota | 1,035,286.00 | 121 |
| 9 | Jaffna | - | 260 |
| 10 | Kalutara | 306,310.00 | 92 |
| 11 | Kandy | 662,033.00 | 71 |
| 12 | Kegalle | 379,000.00 | 72 |
| 13 | Kilinochchi | - | 97 |
| 14 | Kurunegala | 1,059,216.00 | 87 |
| 15 | Mannar | - | 54 |
| 16 | Matale | 554,719.00 | 23 |
| 17 | Matara | 658,144.00 | 183 |
| 18 | Monaragala | 328,160.00 | 60 |
| 19 | Mulativu | - | 7 |
| 20 | Nuwara Eliya | 14,500.00 | 61 |
| 21 | Polonnaruwa | - | 7 |
| 22 | Puttalam | 1,572,560.00 | 71 |
| 23 | Ratnapura | 633,636.00 | 99 |
| 24 | Trincomalee | - | 5 |
| 25 | Vavuniya | - | 243 |
| | Total | 1,059,216.00 | 2306 |



5.25 South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC)

The South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children (SAIEVAC) is a regional initiative formed under the agreement and the membership of the SAARC member countries, India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Afghanistan and Pakistan. The primary objective of this initiative is to create an environment free of all forms of violence for the children in the region through regional cooperation.

The Ministry of Women and Child Affairs is the Governing Agency of SAIEVAC for Sri Lanka and the Department of Probation and Child Care Services serves as the Implementing Agency. The South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children is governed by a special board comprised of Governing Board members. The Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs is a Governing Board member. The Commissioner of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services acts as the Country Coordinator.

The initiative, which operates on mutual understanding, advocates on concepts that are important to ensure the rights of the children in the region and also on the implementation of those concepts.

A number of such programmes were conducted in several member countries during the year 2016, and the Department of Probation and Child Care Services handled the matters in relation to the coordination of the officers who participated those programmes.

In December 2016, a Children's Consultation on child sexual exploitation was held in Sri Lanka. Children representing 8 member countries participated for the consultation. The financial support for these programmes were provided by the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children.