

# ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018



**Department of Probation & Child Care Services**  
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01

## Introduction



## 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 under the Ministry of Health, Highways and Social Services, in 2001 under the Ministry of Social Services and Fisheries Community Housing Development, in 2002 under the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Welfare, in 2003 under the Ministry of Social Welfare, in 2004 under the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Social Welfare and in 2005, under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Advancement. From 2010, the department was under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs and from 2015 under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs. From 2018 to- date, the department carries out its activities under the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development.



## 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 to them in line with national policies and international standards with 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 technical knowledge and legal advice to Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services 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 "Sevana 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 Club and Children's Council programme to ensure children's right to participate
- ❖ Training and Research activities
- ❖ Maintenance of National Training and Counseling Centre for Children at Paratta 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 Paratta
6. Sevana Sarana Secretariat

All members of the Staff of the Department serve with the highest level of commitment. The entire staff consists of 490 and at present it consists of 447 as follows.

| 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             | 01            |
| Accountant                                       | 01             | 01            |
| Legal Officer                                    | 01             | 00            |
| Administrative Officer                           | 01             | 01            |
| Senior Probation Officer                         | 01             | 01            |
| Translator                                       | 02             | 01            |
| Probation Officer                                | 02             | 00            |
| Statistical Officer                              | 01             | 01            |
| Child Rights Promotion Officer (CRPO)            | 424            | 229           |
| Child Rights Promotion Assistant (CRPA)          |                | 168           |
| Development Officer (Head Office/Paratta)        | 12             | 10            |
| Female Counsellor                                | 02             | 00            |
| Information and Communication Technology Officer | 01             | 00            |
| Public Management Assistant Service              | 14             | 15            |
| Stenographer                                     | 01             | 00            |
| Assistant Warden                                 | 03             | 03            |
| Non formal education Instructress                | 01             | 01            |
| Driver   | 04             | 04            |
| Office Employee Service                          | 10             | 07            |
| Cook   | 02             | 02            |
| Sanitary Labourer                                | 01             | -             |
| <b>Total</b>                                     | <b>490</b>     | <b>447</b>    |









02

**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,

A sum of Rs. 250,000/- was allocated for trainings on Establishment Affairs, Finance and Accounting and for trainings Employee Motivational trainings.

| Training programme                             | No. of officers | Amount spent (Rs.) |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| Office Management and Office Procedures        | 2               | 17,000.00          |
| Role of Accounting & its practical application | 1               | 6,000.00           |
| Employee Motivational Programme                | 68              | 154,800.00         |
| Certificate Course in English                  | 1               | 35,000.00          |
| Diploma in Information Technology              | 1               | 35,000.00          |
| Total  | 82              | 247,800.00         |

- With the objective of improving the subject matter knowledge of the officers of the department, action was taken to pay 50-75% of their Post Graduate and Diploma Course fees. Rs. 436,970/- was allocated for the purpose.



| Degree/Training Programme                     | No.of Officers | Amount Spent (Rs.) |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| Diploma in English                            | 1              | 17,500.00          |
| Written Tamil – Level II                      | 1              | 11,550.00          |
| Master Degree in Sociology                    | 2              | 119,420.00         |
| High National Diploma in Family Counselling   | 2              | 42,000.00          |
| Masters in Public Administration & Management | 1              | 147,500.00         |
| Workshop on music therapy                     | 1              | 4,500.00           |
| Doctor of philosophy                          | 1              | 24,500.00          |
| Diploma in Counselling                        | 2              | 70,000.00          |
| Total   | 11             | 436,970.00         |

## 2.2 Training Programmes and Research

### 2.2.1 Trainings of the Field Staff

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services has been implementing programmes to minimize child abuses and create a safe environment for the children in our country. Recruiting a competent staff is an essential requirement for the efficient implementation of these programmes. Accordingly, Child Rights Promotion Officers and Child Rights Promotion Assistants engage in duty at Divisional Secretariat division level.

Trainings have to be provided to these officers as their knowledge has to be regularly updated when discharging duties in the field for children and trainings also have to be provided to use their knowledge, skills and attitudes in a productive manner. National Research & Training Center of the department conducted several training programmes during the year 2018 in order to fulfill this requirement.

|                  |   |                  |
|------------------|---|------------------|
| Expenditure Head | - | 217-2-2-2401     |
| Approved budget  | - | Rs. 1,000,000.00 |



| Training Programme   | No. of participants | Date conducted  | Cost (Rs.)   | Topics covered   |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| Capacity development programme for Child Right Promotion Officers  | 26                  | 2018.04.24 – 26 | 95,320.00    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Departmental duties and Sustainable development</li> </ul>  |
|  | 28                  | 2018.05.14 -16  | 106,605.00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Case Management</li> <li>• Carrying Out departmental duties</li> </ul>                              |
|  | 27                  | 2018.07.09 – 13 | 180,040.00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Charter on the Rights of the Child and new trends, departmental affairs</li> </ul>                  |
|  | 26                  | 2018.07.10 – 16 | 160,210.00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child development, promotion of child rights and activities of model children's Villages</li> </ul> |
|  | 28                  | 2018.08.13 - 16 | 104,757.00   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive parenting</li> </ul>   |
| Annual Convention of the Department of Probation & Child Care Services (Sanasa Holiday Resort, Nuwara Eliya) | 310                 | 2018.11.29 - 30 | 1,240,130.00 |  |



## 2.2.2 Training the staff of child care institutions

| Training Programme   | No. of participants | Date conducted  | Cost (Rs.) | Topics covered   |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|------------|--|
| Training the staff of child care institutions                                  | 27                  | 19-21.02.2018   | 128,705.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using visual and performing arts activities with children</li> </ul>  |
|  | 23                  | 26 - 28.02.2018 | 117,752.00 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative care methods for the protection of children</li> <li>Developing skills and attitudes of officers to work with children</li> <li>Role of social workers engaged in child protection</li> </ul> |
| Training the Managers of Volunteer Child Care institutions in Western Province | 11                  | 19.03.2018      | 13,100.00  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using visual and performing arts activities with children</li> </ul>  |
|  | 17                  | 22.03.2018      | 19,220.00  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternative care methods for the protection of children</li> <li>Developing skills and attitudes of officers to work with children</li> <li>Role of social workers engaged</li> </ul>                     |

## 2.2.3 Child Rights Promotion Officers' Resource Pool

| Training programme   | No. of participants                      | Date conducted  | Venue                               | Cost (Rs.) |
|--|--|-----------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Selecting the 2nd batch of officers for the Child Rights Promotion Officers' Resource Pool | Sinhala medium 37<br><br>Tamil medium 15 | 27 – 28.09.2018 | Ministry of Women and Child Affairs | 27,385.00  |



## 2.2.4 Combined Training for the Officers Working on Child Affairs

| Training Programme  | No. of participants | Date          | venue                       | Cost (Rs.) | Topics covered  |
|---|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|------------|---|
| Combined Training for the officers working on Child Affairs<br>❖ Child Rights Promotion Officers of Nuwara Eliya/ Puttlam districts<br>❖ Officers of Police Children and Women's Bureau<br>❖ District and Divisional Officers of National Child Protection Authority<br>❖ Officers of Foreign Employment Bureau | 34                  | 11-13.06.2018 | Education Center, Thalahena | 36,933.00  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Charter</li> <li>• Social work</li> <li>• As a Social Worker</li> <li>• discharging duties for children</li> <li>• Case management and preparation of Care Plans</li> </ul> |





03

Accounts Division



Financial provisions are allocated annually through the budget to achieve the objectives of the Department. Provisions have been made under Head 217 in year 2018.

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<br>Project No.01<br>Administration and Establishment Services |                       | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure (Rs.) | %   |
|  | Recurrent Expenditure | 38,411,000.00   | 35,703,473.00     | 93% |
|  | Capital Expenditure   | 899,000.00      | 890,293.00        | 99% |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | 39,310,000.00   | 36,593,766.00     |     |
| 02. Development Programme<br>Project No. 02<br>Probation and Child Care Services       |                       | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure (Rs.) | %   |
|  | Recurrent Expenditure | 232,670,000.00  | 231,266,695.00    | 99% |
|  | Capital Expenditure   | 78,450,000.00   | 74,866,795.00     | 95% |
|  | <b>Total</b>          | 311,120,000.00  | 306,133,454.00    |     |

| Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure                                  |                   |                   |      |   |                   |   |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------|---|-------------------|---|
|  | Capacity Building |                   |      | Rehabilitation of children's homes /Supervision of children's homes/ Development of vocational skills of children of children's homes |                   |   |
| 01. Operations Programme<br>Project No.01<br>Administration and Establishment Services | Provision (Rs.)   | Expenditure (Rs.) | %    | Provision (Rs.)   | Expenditure (Rs.) | % |
|  | 250,000.00        | 247,800.00        | 99 % | ---   | ---               | - |



|   |                     |                     |       |                      |                      |      |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| 02.Development Programme<br>Project No.<br>02 Probation and Child Care Services | 1,450,000.00        | 1,450,000.00        | 100 % | 75,500,000.00        | 72,046,892.00        | 95 % |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>1,700,000.00</b> | <b>1,697,800.00</b> |       | <b>75,500,000.00</b> | <b>72,046,892.00</b> |      |

| Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure                                 |  |                   |     |                               |                     |     |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----|
|   | Rehabilitation and Development of Capital Assets |                   |     | Acquisition of Capital Assets |                     |     |
| 01.Operations Programme<br>Project No.01<br>Administration and Establishment Services | Provision (Rs.)                                  | Expenditure (Rs.) | %   | Provision (Rs.)               | Expenditure (Rs.)   | %   |
|   | 240,000.00                                       | 233,531.00        | 97% | 409,000.00                    | 408,962.00          | 99% |
| 02. Development Programme<br>Project No. 02<br>Probation and Child Care Services      | 300,000.00                                       | 218,976.00        | 73% | 1,200,000.00                  | 1,150,927.00        | 96% |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>540,000.00</b>                                | <b>452,507.00</b> |     | <b>1,609,000.00</b>           | <b>1,559,889.00</b> |     |



### **3.2 Auditor's Observations**

It is observed that, except for the matters described in the Opinion on the Financial Statement paragraph, financial position of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 and the financial Performance and the Cash Flows for the year then ended are in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practices and gives a true and fair view.





04

Probation Division



## 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 eventually 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. If that person is kept in his usual living environment allowing him to engage in his day-to-day activities and subject him to a supervision, it will not cause harmful effects to the person or the society. 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. Furthermore, amending relevant policies and acts, coordination of provincial departments, taking measures for the capacity development of provincial officers, providing technical assistance to provincial councils and upgrading child care institutions under provincial councils are tasks of the Department under the Central Government. Accordingly, during the past period 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 National Training and Counseling Services Center for Children at Paraththa

This is an institution established to provide counseling services only for girl children undergone various problems and for ones affected mentally as a result of abuse or violation of rights. This is the only institution of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services under the Central Government.

Children between 14-18 years referred by court orders are admitted to this institution under the recommendation of the Provincial Commissioner of Probation and Child Care. Facilities are available here for 20 girls and admissions are done for a residential training of six months duration. When selections are done, priority is given for children with a possibility of reintegration and for children closer to care leaving.

Steps have been taken to provide vocational training for the girls and 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 discomforts of children.

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





### 4.3 Upgrading the Quality of Children's Homes

Under this, financial assistances are provided for the development proposals of Provincial Commissioners of Probation and Child Care Services submitted after identifying the necessities required to maintain the security and the quality of the government and registered volunteer children's homes in all the provinces.

After analyzing the received proposals and ascertaining their necessity, a part or the full estimated amount is provided to the Provincial Commissioners.

After proper completion of the project, action is taken to obtain its progress to the Head Office with bills and the expenditure reports.

Accordingly, Rs. 7,135,730.01 was spent in year 2018 under this Expenditure Head to upgrade and rehabilitate the National Training and Counselling Center, Paratta and children's homes throughout the country

| Province               | Programme  | Amount provided     |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| North Central Province | Construction of the gate of Bosath Balaka Children's Home - Stage II                     | 484,566.75          |
|                        | Construction of the water tank of Girls' Detention Home, Saliyapura                      | 181,625.85          |
|                        | Construction of the water tank of Mithra Child Development Center                        | 221,413.61          |
|                        | Construction of the drain line system for waste water disposal of Sarana Children's Home | 230,022.26          |
|                        | Purchasing a generator for the Certified School, Madatugama                              | 37,524.00           |
| <b>Total</b>           |  | <b>1,155,152.47</b> |
|                        | Construction of bathing area/drain system of Sevana                                      | 900,000.00          |



|  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Uva Province                                     | Child Development Center, Bibile   |                     |
|  | Construction of a facility to wash and dry clothes for Sujatha Sevana Child Development Center | 820,907.60          |
|  | Renovating the main building of Yasodara Girls' Detention Center                               | 190,504.61          |
|  | Repairing the roof of Suraksha Boys' Detention Center, Keppetipola                             | 286,709.31          |
|  | Renovating the toilets of Sirisangabo Children's Home, Ambegoda                                | 426,386.50          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>2,624,508.02</b> |
| North Western Province                           | Colour washing the Meegahakotuwa Girls' Home   | 220,064.00          |
|  | Colour washing the Muditha Child Development Center  | 220,000.00          |
|  | Constructing the hostel building ceiling of Gabriel Trust Children's home                      | 1,185,254.30        |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>1,625,318.30</b> |
| Eastern Province                                 | Colour washing 03 children's homes (Sri Shanmuga, Hasanath, Rewatha C.D.C)                     | 817,798.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>817,798.00</b>   |
| Central Province                                 | Purchasing equipment for the St. Joseph Children's Home  | 88,265.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>88,265.00</b>    |
| Southern Province                                | Repairing the well and the old drain system of St. John's Children's Home, Kegalle             | 315,000.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>315,000.00</b>   |
| National Training and Counseling Services Center | Maintenance and Renovation   | 509,688.22          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>509,688.22</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                               |  | <b>7,135,730.01</b> |



#### 4.4 Enhancing the Skills of Institutionalized Children

This is a programme implemented with the objective of enhancing the skills of children in the National Training and Counselling Center, Parattha and in children's homes of 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 in their divisional secretariat. Suitable proposals were selected from them and action was taken to allocate funds. Accordingly, Rs. 1,475,910.00 were spent for enhancing the skills of institutionalized children.

In addition, action was taken to provide Rs. 1,612,132.82 for proposals submitted by Provincial Commissioners' to provide vocational training to institutionalized children aiming to engage them in a career when they are integrated into the society.

| Province               | Programme  | Amount provided     |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| North Central Province | To fulfill the requirements of vocational training division of Certified School, Madatugama  | 500,786.00          |
|                        | Purchase vocational training kits of the Female Counselling division   | 434,880.00          |
|                        | Skills development programmes of institutionalized children-03 programmes  | 360,000.00          |
|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project <i>Thurunu Handa</i></li> </ul>   | 135,500.00          |
|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project <i>Pehesara</i></li> </ul>  | 253,170.00          |
|                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project, Enliven the Talents (<i>Shaktheen Pubuduwalamu</i>) of Madatugama Certified School children</li> </ul> | 77,000.00           |
|                        | Skills and attitude development programmes of institutionalized children (Polonnaruwa District Secretariat)  | 15,300.00           |
| <b>Total</b>           |  | <b>1,776,636.00</b> |



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|--|--|---------------------|
| Uva province                                     | Purchasing the requirements for vocational training on electrical technology of Keppetipola Certified School.                              | 267,725.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>267,725.00</b>   |
| Eastern Province                                 | Skills Development of institutionalized children   | 300,000.00          |
|  | Vocational training programme -02 children   | 75,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>375,000.00</b>   |
| Sabaragamuwa Province                            | Air conditioner technology course for child Govindasami Kasir  | 34,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                     |  | <b>34,000.00</b>    |
| Western Province                                 | <i>Denuma Minuma</i> (Quiz competition) programme for the capacity development of children's home children. (Gampaha District Secretariat) | 100,000.00          |
|  | Sharing Experiences of children in Children's clubs and children's homes.  | 112,000.00          |
|  | Musical entertainment for children's club children (Kesbawa Divisional Secretariat Division)   | 16,000.00           |
|  | Awareness Programmes for institutionalized children  | 79,300.00           |
|  | <b>එකතුව</b>   | <b>307,300.00</b>   |
| Southern Province                                | Leadership and personality development programmes of institutionalized children (Habaraduwa Divisional Secretariat Division)               | 27,640.00           |
| <b>එකතුව</b>                                     |  | <b>27,640.00</b>    |
| National Training and Counseling Services Center | Leadership and personality development programmes of children  | <b>299,741.82</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                               |  | <b>3,088,042.82</b> |



#### 4.5 Supervision of Children's Homes

Provision of fixed assets and other necessary facilities to children's homes, re-integration of identified children into the society and training the staff of child care institutions were done under this. Supervision of children's homes has also been done under this. A sum of Rs. 7,306,359.35 spent in year 2018 for these activities.

| Province               | Programme  | Financial Provision |
|------------------------|--|---------------------|
| North Central Province | Supervision of children's homes  | 61,500.00           |
|                        | Training the staff of child care institutions                          | 111,000.00          |
|                        | Re-integration of 02 children into the society (for the marriage)      | 28,000.00           |
|                        | Re-integrating 07 children of Madatugama Certified School into society | 750,565.00          |
| <b>Total</b>           |  | <b>951,065.00</b>   |
| North Eastern Province | Purchasing equipment for 06 children's homes                           | 264,050.00          |
|                        | Training the staff of child care institutions                          | 82,800.00           |
|                        | Re-integration of 03 children into the society                         | 149,125.02          |
| <b>Total</b>           |  | <b>495,975.02</b>   |
| Eastern Province       | Training the staff of child care institutions                          | 130,000.00          |
|                        | Re-integration of children into the society (for 25 children)          | 1,350,000.00        |
|                        | Re-integration of children into the society (for 09 children)          | 750,000.00          |
|                        | Capacity Development Training of Probation Officers                    | 147,200.00          |
| <b>Total</b>           |  | <b>2,377,200.00</b> |



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|---|--|---------------------|
| Sabaragamuwa Province                         | Construction of the children's home of Bodhiraja Child Village, Rambukkana - Phase I | 1,692,049.40        |
|   | Purchasing essential equipment for St. John's Children's home, Kegalle               | 121,960.00          |
|   | Capacity Development Training of Probation Officers                                  | 200,000.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |  | <b>2,014,009.40</b> |
| Central Province                              | Capacity Development Training of Probation Officers                                  | 129,075.00          |
|   | Construction of 02 toilets for Mencap Children's home                                | 392,866.68          |
|   | Re-integration of 02 children into the society                                       | 74,045.00           |
|   | Construction of a durable roof for the toilet complex of St. Francis Children's home | 316,056.25          |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |  | <b>912,042.93</b>   |
| Northern Province                             | Capacity Development Training of Probation Officers                                  | 229,950.00          |
| <b>එකතුව</b>                                  |  | <b>229,950.00</b>   |
| Provincial Probation                          | Commissioners' Meeting   | 47,340.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                                  |  | <b>47,340.00</b>    |
| Training the staff of child care institutions |  | <b>278,777.00</b>   |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                            |  | <b>7,306,359.35</b> |



#### 4.6 Making Officers of Police Women and Children's Bureau Aware of Human Trafficking

Even though human trafficking takes place in a considerable scale in and outside Sri Lanka, proactive identification of human trafficking cases are reported to be not taking place under the provisions of the Penal Code.

According to the Trafficking in Person's Report- 2018 of the "State Department" of United States, proactive identification of human trafficking cases does not take place in Sri Lanka as per the Section 360 (C) of the Penal Code. Taking the aforementioned situation also into account, the department conducted 03 awareness programmes for 198 officers of Police Women and Children Bureau on identification and prevention of human trafficking cases as per the developed National Strategic Plan to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking (2015-2019).



#### 4.7 Transportation of children from Courts to Safe Houses

During the juvenile justice process, when child offenders, suspects, and victims of various forms of abuse are produced before the courts, they have to be kept temporarily in Safe houses on court order for the purpose of providing protection and care. Since secondary victimization is reported when transporting child victims of abuse with adult offenders, the need of a Child Friendly Transportation system has been discussed since a long time.

After lengthy discussions with the line ministries working for children, it has been possible to come to an agreement on the need of a separate system to transport children. Consequently, measures were taken in 2018 to provide five vans for five provinces as the first step. Vans for the remaining four provinces will be provided in the future. Steps are



also being taken to recruit suitable staff for this purpose and a Child Friendly Transportation system will be established afterwards to transport children from courts to Safe Houses.



#### 4.8 Training of Probation Officers Serving Under Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services

After the devolution of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services, duties such as formulation of child related policies, capacity development of provincial officers, coordination of matters among provinces and improving infrastructure facilities of Provincial Departments of Probation and Child Care Services became a part of the duties performed by this department in relation to the subject of Probation.

Accordingly, training programmes are conducted almost every year for the capacity development of the officers. Similarly, in year 2018, two training programmes were conducted in Northern and Eastern provinces for 70 officers serving in the two provinces.





## 4.9 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. Of them, tasks pertaining to local adoptions are handled by the Provincial Commissioner and tasks pertaining to 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.

## 4.10 Children Given for Foreign Adoptions -2018

| Foreign Country | No. of children adopted by Sri Lankans in overseas | Foreign Adoptions | Subtotal of the number of children given for adoption | Foreign Country |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| 01              | Germany  | 02                | 01  | 03              |
| 02              | Canada   | -                 | 01  | 01              |
| 03              | France   | 02                | 04  | 06              |
| 04              | Sweden   | 01                | -   | 01              |
| 05              | America  | -                 | 01  | 01              |
|                 | <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>05</b>         | <b>07</b>   | <b>12</b>       |





05

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.

-  “*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

-  Establishing and implementation of Child Friendly Model Villages
-  Conducting Monitoring Committees on Child Rights Convention
-  Conducting awareness programmes



#### 4. Programmes implemented under alternative care

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

### 5.2 Ensuring the Children's Right to Education- Provision of Educational Assistances

Every child has a right to education and education is a vital factor in child development. If the child is deprived of the opportunity for education during childhood, his/her future will become dark. Possibility of becoming victims of child labour, teenage mothers and various types of abuse heightens in Sri Lanka as a result of dropping out of school. School education collapses half-way due to various reasons such as loss of parents, parents' ignorance, negligence, mother migration, economic difficulties etc.

The key aim of this programme is to bring up a virtuous generation of children through ensuring children's right to education. Assistances are provided to address the under mentioned situations.

- Children in the school going age having dropped out of school or children with a potential of dropping out of school due to financial difficulties.
- Children with irregular school attendance due to various reasons.

Identifying school dropouts at Divisional Secretariat Division level, finding reasons for dropping out school, taking necessary action to re-enter them to school and following-up were done under this programme.

This programme was implemented at several stages.

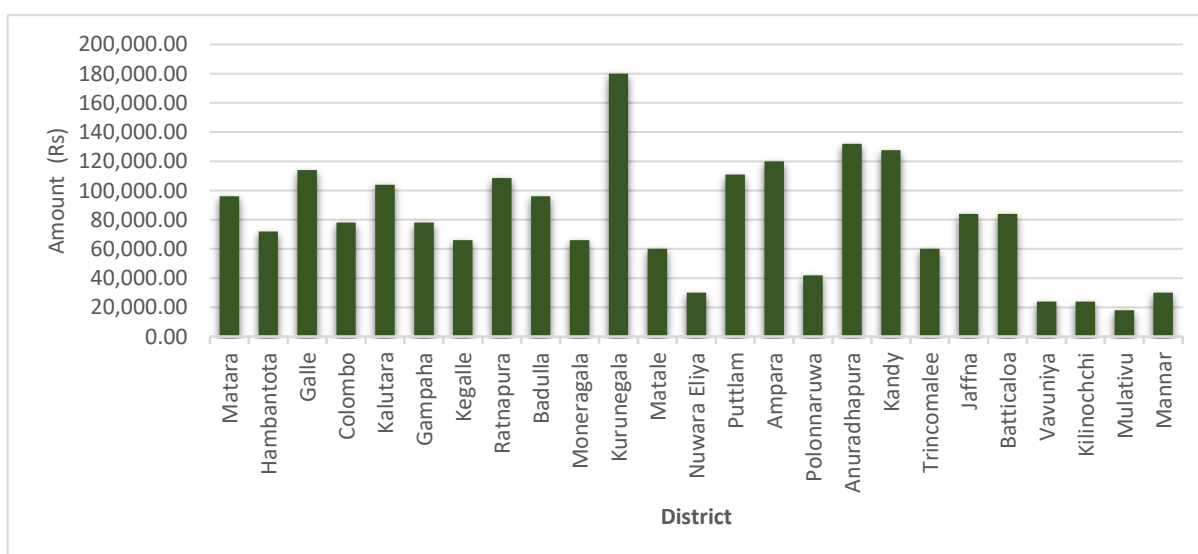
- Strengthening children by providing school equipment.
- Awareness programmes for children, teachers and parents on the importance of providing education to children.
- Building a co-ordination among principals, teachers, parents and officers that is favourable for children.

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



## Provision of Educational Assistances in Year 2018

| District     | No. of Children | Amount (Rs.)        |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Matara       | 96              | 96,000.00           |
| Hambantota   | 72              | 72,000.00           |
| Galle        | 114             | 114,000.00          |
| Colombo      | 78              | 78,000.00           |
| Kalutara     | 104             | 104,000.00          |
| Gampaha      | 78              | 78,000.00           |
| Kegalle      | 66              | 66,000.00           |
| Ratnapura    | 105             | 108,475.00          |
| Badulla      | 96              | 96,000.00           |
| Moneragala   | 66              | 66,000.00           |
| Kurunegala   | 180             | 180,000.00          |
| Matale       | 60              | 60,000.00           |
| Nuwara Eliya | 30              | 30,000.00           |
| Puttlam      | 111             | 111,000.00          |
| Ampara       | 120             | 120,000.00          |
| Polonnaruwa  | 42              | 42,000.00           |
| Anuradhapura | 132             | 132,000.00          |
| Kandy        | 123             | 127,625.00          |
| Trincomalee  | 60              | 60,000.00           |
| Jaffna       | 84              | 84,000.00           |
| Batticaloa   | 84              | 84,000.00           |
| Vavuniya     | 24              | 24,000.00           |
| Kilinochchi  | 24              | 24,000.00           |
| Mulativu     | 18              | 18,000.00           |
| Mannar       | 30              | 30,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1997</b>     | <b>2,005,100.00</b> |





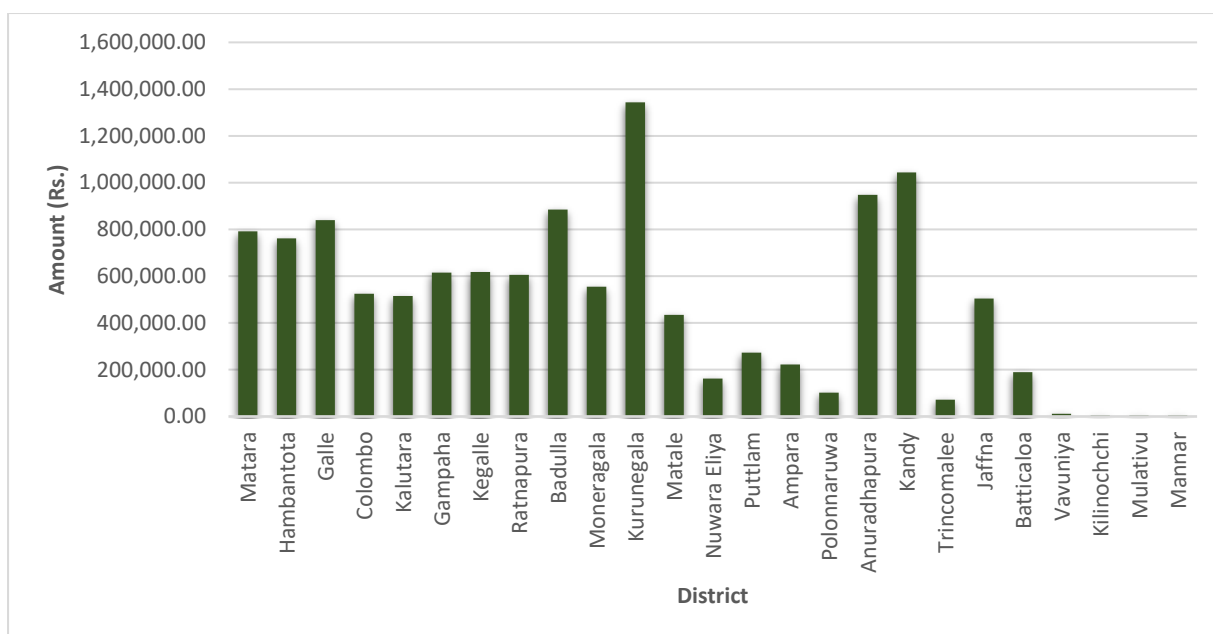
### 5.3 Kepakaru Deguru Sponsorship Programme

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/- per child per month.

#### Payment of Kepakaru Deguru Scholarship Grants in Year 2018

| Serial No. | District     | No. of Children | Amount (Rs.)         |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1.         | Matara       | 124             | 792,000.00           |
| 2.         | Hambantota   | 138             | 762,000.00           |
| 3.         | Galle        | 150             | 840,000.00           |
| 4.         | Colombo      | 95              | 525,000.00           |
| 5.         | Kalutara     |                 | 516,000.00           |
| 6.         | Gampaha      | 111             | 615,000.00           |
| 7.         | Kegalle      | 116             | 618,000.00           |
| 8.         | Ratnapura    |                 | 606,000.00           |
| 9.         | Badulla      |                 | 885,000.00           |
| 10.        | Moneragala   |                 | 555,000.00           |
| 11.        | Kurunegala   | 244             | 1,344,000.00         |
| 12.        | Matale       |                 | 435,000.00           |
| 13.        | Nuwara Eliya | 36              | 162,000 .00          |
| 14.        | Puttlam      | 48              | 273,000.00           |
| 15.        | Ampara       | 50              | 222,000.00           |
| 16.        | Polonnaruwa  | 19              | 102,000.00           |
| 17.        | Anuradhapura | 171             | 948,000.00           |
| 18.        | Kandy        | 184             | 1,044,000.00         |
| 19.        | Trincomalee  | 12              | 72,000.00            |
| 20.        | Jaffna       | 85              | 504,000.00           |
| 21.        | Batticaloa   | 36              | 189,000.00           |
| 22.        | Vavuniya     | 2               | 12,000.00            |
| 23.        | Kilinochchi  | 1               | 6,000.00             |
| 24.        | Mulativu     | 1               | 6,000.00             |
| 25.        | Mannar       | 1               | 6,000.00             |
|            | <b>Total</b> | <b>2008</b>     | <b>12,039,000.00</b> |





#### 5.4 “Nena Diriya” Educational Scholarship Scheme

Under the financial sponsorship of the private sector and through a management board of this department, a monthly scholarship is granted to children at risk of losing education due to various reasons. This programme is also operated as a sub project of the Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme. Under this project, an amount ranging from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2000/- is provided per child per month on the wish of the sponsor.

##### Payment of “Nena Diriya” Scholarship Grants

| Year | Programme                                      | Physical Progress | Financial Progress |
|------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2018 | “Nena Diriya” educational assistance programme | 63                | 791,077.47         |



### 5.5 Assistance for Twins

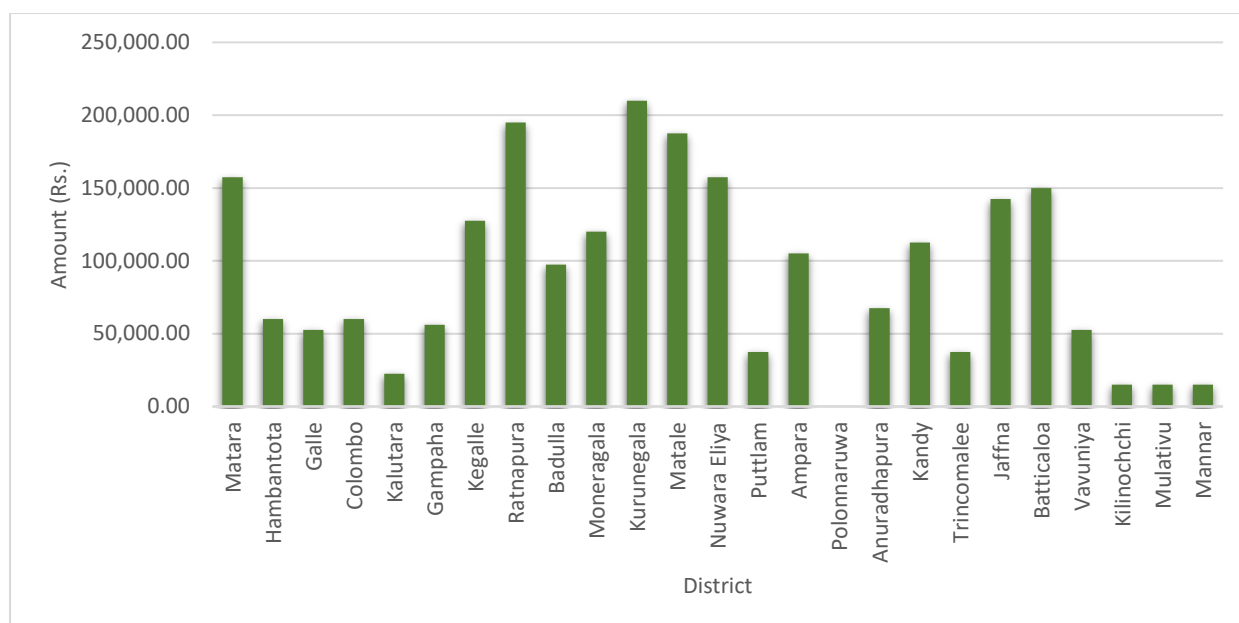
This is an assistance scheme for health, nutrition and other welfare needs of twins born into low income earning families as well as for protecting those twins from becoming vulnerable. Providing the necessary funds for applications received at Divisional Secretariat Division level is done here.

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 opportunity to benefit only once under this 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.)        |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1.        | Matara       | 21             | 157,500.00          |
| 2.        | Hambantota   | 8              | 60,000.00           |
| 3.        | Galle        | 6              | 52,500.00           |
| 4.        | Colombo      | 7              | 60,000.00           |
| 5.        | Kalutara     | 3              | 22,500.00           |
| 6.        | Gampaha      | 6              | 56,000.00           |
| 7.        | Kegalle      | 15             | 127,500.00          |
| 8.        | Ratnapura    | 26             | 195,000.00          |
| 9.        | Badulla      | 11             | 97,500.00           |
| 10.       | Moneragala   | 16             | 120,000.00          |
| 11.       | Kurunegala   | 27             | 210,000.00          |
| 12.       | Matale       | 22             | 187,500.00          |
| 13.       | Nuwara Eliya | 19             | 157,500.00          |
| 14.       | Puttlam      | 5              | 37,500.00           |
| 15.       | Ampara       | 14             | 105,000.00          |
| 16.       | Polonnaruwa  | 0              | -                   |
| 17.       | Anuradhapura | 9              | 67,500.00           |
| 18.       | Kandy        | 15             | 112,500.00          |
| 19.       | Trincomalee  | 5              | 37,500.00           |
| 20.       | Jaffna       | 19             | 142,500.00          |
| 21.       | Batticaloa   | 20             | 150,000.00          |
| 22.       | Vavuniya     | 7              | 52,500.00           |
| 23.       | Kilinochchi  | 2              | 15,000.00           |
| 24.       | Mulativu     | 1              | 15,000.00           |
| 25.       | Mannar       | 2              | 15,000.00           |
|           | <b>Total</b> | <b>286</b>     | <b>2,253,500.00</b> |





## 5.6 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.

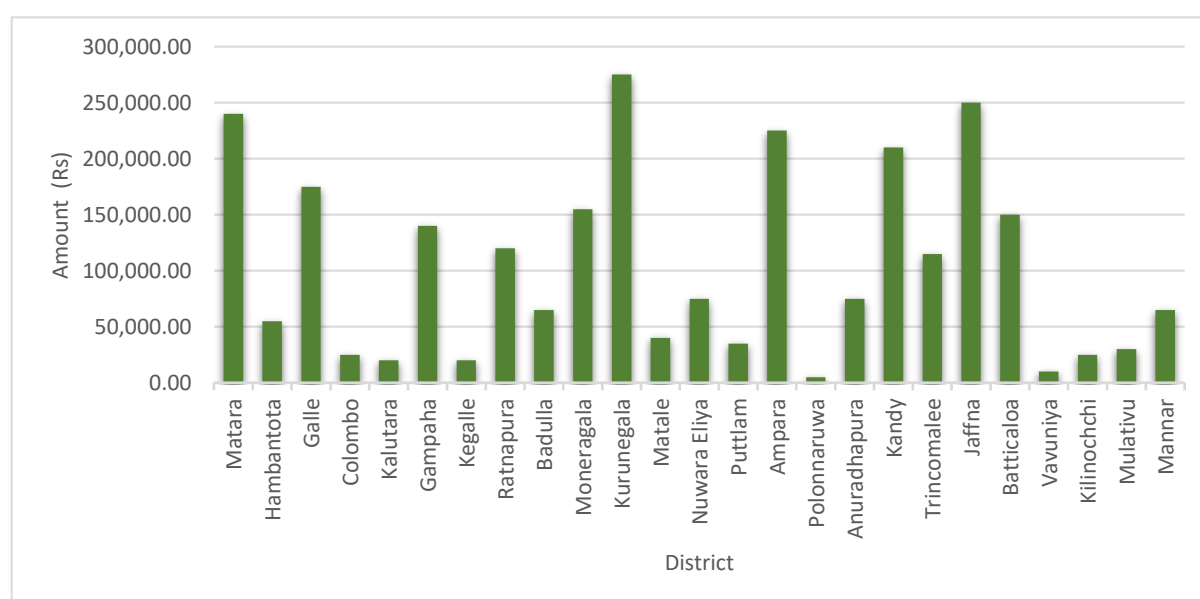
Under this, assistance is provided for medical treatment, surgery, nutrition and equipment used for physical disabilities. Rs.5000/= is paid for medical treatment and nutrition while Rs.10,000/= is paid for surgery and payments for equipment vary according to their prices. The amounts paid may differ 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.



## Medical Assistance Payments Made at District Level in year 2018

| Serial No. | District     | Amount (Rs)         | No. of Children |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1          | Matara       | 240,000.00          | 42              |
| 2          | Hambantota   | 55,000.00           | 9               |
| 3          | Galle        | 175,000.00          | 34              |
| 4          | Colombo      | 25,000.00           | 4               |
| 5          | Kalutara     | 20,000.00           | 3               |
| 6          | Gampaha      | 140,000.00          | 27              |
| 7          | Kegalle      | 20,000.00           | 4               |
| 8          | Ratnapura    | 120,000.00          | 21              |
| 9          | Badulla      | 65,000.00           | 13              |
| 10         | Moneragala   | 155,000.00          | 30              |
| 11         | Kurunegala   | 275,000.00          | 49              |
| 12         | Matale       | 40,000.00           | 8               |
| 13         | Nuwara Eliya | 75,000.00           | 14              |
| 14         | Puttlam      | 35,000.00           | 7               |
| 15         | Ampara       | 225,000.00          | 43              |
| 16         | Polonnaruwa  | 5,000.00            | 1               |
| 17         | Anuradhapura | 75,000.00           | 13              |
| 18         | Kandy        | 210,000.00          | 38              |
| 19         | Trincomalee  | 115,000.00          | 22              |
| 20         | Jaffna       | 250,000.00          | 46              |
| 21         | Batticaloa   | 150,000.00          | 30              |
| 22         | Vavuniya     | 10,000.00           | 2               |
| 23         | Kilinochchi  | 25,000.00           | 5               |
| 24         | Mulativu     | 30,000.00           | 6               |
| 25         | Mannar       | 65,000.00           | 12              |
|            | <b>Total</b> | <b>2,600,000.00</b> | <b>483</b>      |





## 5.7 Assistance in Sudden Disasters

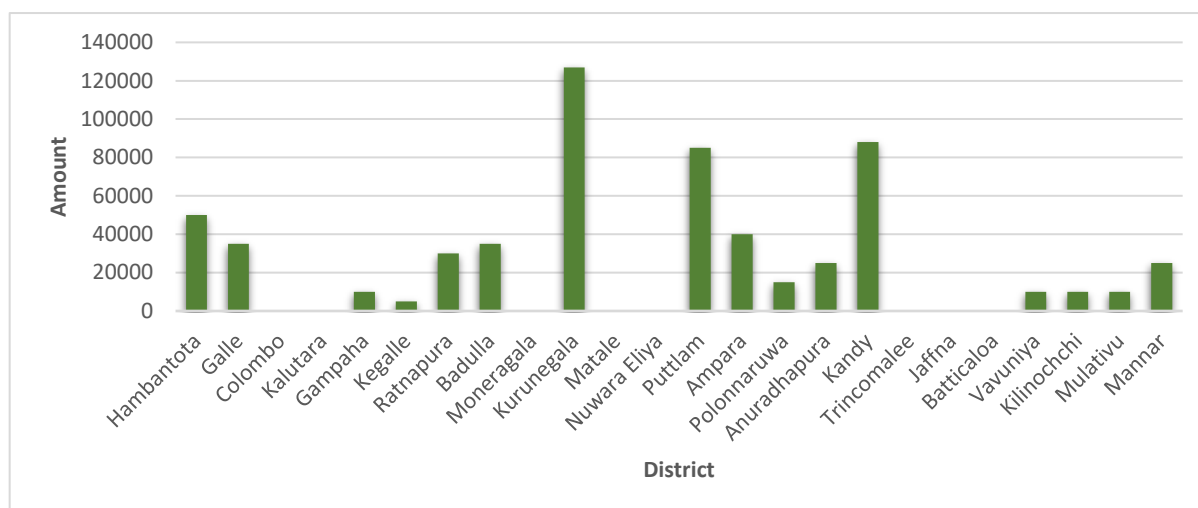
An assistance scheme provided to continue the education of the children of families rendered helpless owing to unexpected disasters. Attending to the welfare of children subjected to difficulties by sudden natural phenomena such as floods, cyclones, landslides, house fires etc. is done through this. 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.

### Sudden Disasters Payments Made at District Level in Year 2018

| Serial No.   | District     | Amount           | No. of Children |
|--------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1            | Matara       | -                |                 |
| 2            | Hambantota   | 50000.00         | 10              |
| 3            | Galle        | 35000.00         | 7               |
| 4            | Colombo      | -                | -               |
| 5            | Kalutara     | -                | -               |
| 6            | Gampaha      | 10000.00         | 2               |
| 7            | Kegalle      | 5000.00          | 1               |
| 8            | Ratnapura    | 30000.00         | 6               |
| 9            | Badulla      | 35000.00         | 7               |
| 10           | Moneragala   | -                | -               |
| 11           | Kurunegala   | 127000.00        | 44              |
| 12           | Matale       | -                | -               |
| 13           | Nuwara Eliya | -                | -               |
| 14           | Puttlam      | 85000.00         | 4058            |
| 15           | Ampara       | 40000.00         | 8               |
| 16           | Polonnaruwa  | 15000.00         | 2               |
| 17           | Anuradhapura | 25000.00         | 5               |
| 18           | Kandy        | 88000.00         | 17              |
| 19           | Trincomalee  | -                | -               |
| 20           | Jaffna       | -                | -               |
| 21           | Batticaloa   | -                | -               |
| 22           | Vavuniya     | 10000.00         | 2               |
| 23           | Kilinochchi  | 10000.00         | 2               |
| 24           | Mulativu     | 10000.00         | 2               |
| 25           | Mannar       | 25000.00         | 5               |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>600000.00</b> | <b>4178</b>     |





### 5.8 “Senehasa” Savings Account

This is a programme that has been implemented for children below 18 year of age having lost both the parents in the Tsunami disaster. The programme commenced in 2006 and initially there were 689 children. Every month, children who complete 18 years are removed from the beneficiary list.

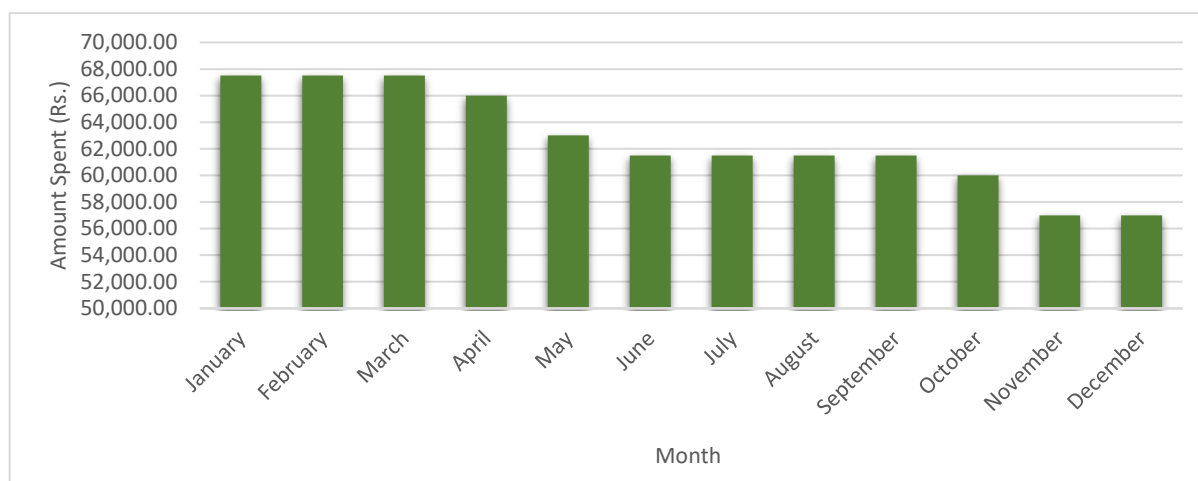
The Department carries out this programme jointly with the People’s Bank Head Office. Each month, the department sends the money of the relevant children to the Peoples’ Bank by means of cheques.

The children completing 18 years are informed to the department monthly by the bank. After releasing the money to the relevant account holders, the bank informs the relevant details to the department.

Spending the Funds of Senehasa Savings Account in Year 2018

| No.   | Month     | No. of Children | Amount Spent |
|-------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 01    | January   | 45              | 67,500.00    |
| 02    | February  | 45              | 67,500.00    |
| 03    | March     | 45              | 67,500.00    |
| 04    | April     | 45              | 66,000.00    |
| 05    | May       | 45              | 63,000.00    |
| 06    | June      | 45              | 61,500.00    |
| 07    | July      | 45              | 61,500.00    |
| 08    | August    | 45              | 61,500.00    |
| 09    | September | 45              | 61,500.00    |
| 10    | October   | 45              | 60,000.00    |
| 11    | November  | 45              | 57,000.00    |
| 12    | December  | 45              | 57,000.00    |
| එකතුව |           |                 | 751,500.00   |





### 5.9 Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme

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

| Year | Programme                          | Physical Progress | Financial Progress<br>(Mn.) |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2018 | Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme | 07                | 126,077.47                  |

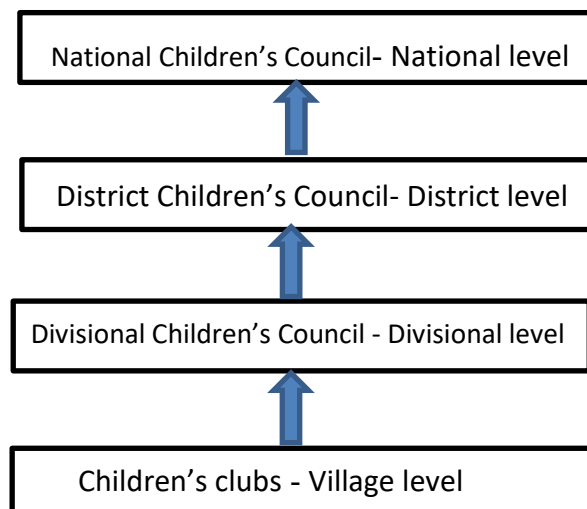
### 5.10 Children's Club and Children's Council Project

Children Clubs were established at Grama Niladhari Division Level in year 2007 with the objective of empowering children by ensuring the participation right of children covered by Article 12,13 and 14 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. A number of programmes in relation to guiding and empowering children in decision making, expressing children's views, inculcating values and developing skills have been implemented in every Divisional Secretariat division through the established children's clubs.

Divisional Children's Councils have been established by bringing together the Children's Clubs set up at Divisional Secretariat Division level and District Children's Councils have been established by bringing together the office bearers of Divisional Children's Councils. A National Children's Council has been established by bringing together the District Children's Councils.



### Children's Club /Children's Council Structure



In 2018, allocations were made to promote the participation of differently abled children and as a result, differently abled children were seen participated in District Children's Councils.

Under this project, following programmes have been implemented in year 2018, through the Fund for the Social Protection of Children provided by Save the Children.

#### 1. Strengthening Divisional and District Children's Councils

Convening the Divisional/District Children's Councils to make the children aware of the programmes to be implemented for the year is done quarterly. Rs. 5,000/- have been provided for a Divisional/District Secretariat to strengthen the mechanism that operates to make the functioning of the Divisional/District Children's Councils active.

#### 2. Training of Facilitators

As per the recommendations made in the research on Review of Child Participation within the Children's Council Structure of Sri Lanka, a programme has been implemented in every Divisional Secretariat Division to train the facilitators of Children's Clubs and Rs. 5,000/- was provided per Divisional Secretariat Division (Rs.10, 000/- for Divisional Secretariats with two officers) to implement programmes to retain the recruited facilitators within the Children's Club system.

#### 3. National Children's Council and Election of Office Bearers

The apex organizational structure for ensuring children's right to participation, the National Children's Council, and the election of office bearers held biennially by the Department of



Probation and Child Care Services, was held in year 2018 at the National Center for Leadership Development, Embilipitiya.

District Children's Council children of 25 districts, District Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants, Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants and officers of the Head office participated the programme. Children with special needs and estate children also participated the programme for the first time.

Events of the programme

1. Physical fitness programme
2. Screening a children's movie
3. Felicitation of past children's club members
4. Lecture on Attitude Development
5. Talent Show
6. Lecture to raise awareness on Disaster Management
7. Election of office bearers – officer bearers were elected to all positions by the vote of the children
8. Entertainment programme
9. First session of the newly formed National Children's Council
10. Awarding of certificates



#### **4. Making Wall Paintings on School Walls**

The task of making wall paintings on "Protect Our Children" has been assigned to our department by Section 1:11 of the President's Let's Protect Children National Programme.

Accordingly, one school from each Divisional Secretariat division was selected for the programme and wall paintings were done on school walls depicting safeguarding child rights and preventing violence against children stated in the United Nations Convention on the Rights



of the Child. Approval for this was obtained from the Ministry of Education and Provincial Ministries of Education. Rs. 10,000/- was provided to each Divisional Secretariat for this purpose.



## 5. Introducing Life-saving First-aid Techniques to children

Based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services implements various programmes to ensure children's right to existence, development and participation. Accordingly, the Life-saving First-aid Programme is one of the programmes intended for the ensuring of children's right to existence. This was implemented with the objective of developing empathy and generosity within children, the skill of reacting sensibly to the situation, familiarizing team work during a disaster and to provide the technical knowhow. Here, children were made aware of the way they should react during a disaster and of the first-aid given for physical injuries, minimizing damages caused to others through self-discipline and providing self-protection. Rs. 6,000/- was provided per Divisional Secretariat for the purpose.





## Provisions given for Children's Clubs &amp; Children's Councils in year 2018

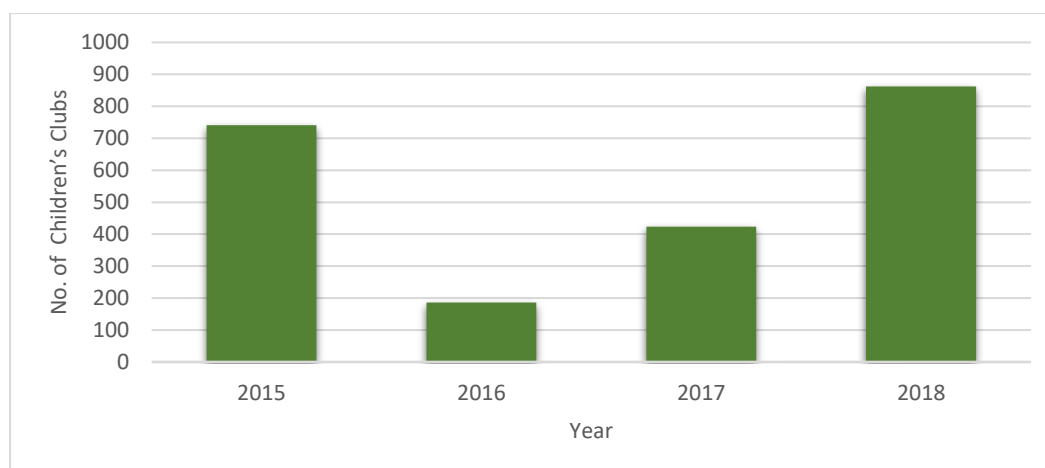
| No.          | District     | Facilitation of conducting Children's Club/Council | Programme for facilitators | Making wall paintings | First-aid programme |
|--------------|--------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1            | Colombo      | 70,000.00  | 80,000.00                  | 130,000.00            | 78,000.00           |
| 2            | Gampaha      | 70,000.00  | 105,000.00                 | 130,000.00            | 78,000.00           |
| 3            | Kalutara     | 75,000.00  | 85,000.00                  | 140,000.00            | 84,000.00           |
| 4            | Matale       | 55,000.00  | 60,000.00                  | 90,000.00             | 60,000.00           |
| 5            | Nuwara Eliya | 30,000.00  | 40,000.00                  | 50,000.00             | 30,000.00           |
| 6            | Kandy        | 105,000.00   | 140,000.00                 | 200,000.00            | 120,000.00          |
| 7            | Matara       | 85,000.00  | 85,000.00                  | 160,000.00            | 96,000.00           |
| 8            | Galle        | 100,000.00   | 105,000.00                 | 190,000.00            | 114,000.00          |
| 9            | Hambantota   | 65,000.00  | 75,000.00                  | 120,000.00            | 72,000.00           |
| 10           | Kurunegala   | 155,000.00   | 215,000.00                 | 300,000.00            | 180,000.00          |
| 11           | Puttlam      | 85,000.00  | 80,000.00                  | 160,000.00            | 96,000.00           |
| 12           | Anuradhapura | 115,000.00   | 115,000.00                 | 220,000.00            | 132,000.00          |
| 13           | Polonnaruwa  | 40,000.00  | 45,000.00                  | 70,000.00             | 42,000.00           |
| 14           | Badulla      | 80,000.00  | 80,000.00                  | 150,000.00            | 90,000.00           |
| 15           | Moneragala   | 60,000.00  | 55,000.00                  | 110,000.00            | 66,000.00           |
| 16           | Ratnapura    | 90,000.00  | 85,000.00                  | 170,000.00            | 102,000.00          |
| 17           | Kegalle      | 60,000.00  | 70,000.00                  | 110,000.00            | 66,000.00           |
| 18           | Jaffna       | 75,000.00  | 80,000.00                  | 140,000.00            | 84,000.00           |
| 19           | Kilinochchi  | 25,000.00  | 20,000.00                  | 40,000.00             | 24,000.00           |
| 20           | Mannar       | 30,000.00  | 25,000.00                  | 50,000.00             | 30,000.00           |
| 21           | Vavuniya     | 25,000.00  | 20,000.00                  | 40,000.00             | 24,000.00           |
| 22           | Mulativu     | 20,000.00  | 15,000.00                  | 50,000.00             | 30,000.00           |
| 23           | Mannar       | 75,000.00  | 70,000.00                  | 140,000.00            | 84,000.00           |
| 24           | Ampara       | 105,000.00   | 100,000.00                 | 200,000.00            | 120,000.00          |
| 25           | Trincomalee  | 55,000.00  | 50,000.00                  | 100,000.00            | 60,000.00           |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>1,750,000.00</b>                                | <b>1,900,000.00</b>        | <b>3,260,000.00</b>   | <b>1,962,000.00</b> |



### No. of children's clubs registered under the Department of Probation and Child Care Services

|              | District     | No. of Children's Clubs Registered in 2018 | Total No. of Registered Children's Clubs |
|--------------|--------------|--|--|
| 1            | Colombo      | 45   | 262                                      |
| 2            | Kalutara     | 35   | 228                                      |
| 3            | Gampaha      | 41   | 346                                      |
| 4            | Kandy        | 73   | 518                                      |
| 5            | Matale       | 45   | 210                                      |
| 6            | Nuwara Eliya | 14   | 138                                      |
| 7            | Galle        | 148  | 394                                      |
| 8            | Matara       | 19   | 214                                      |
| 9            | Hambantota   | 18   | 226                                      |
| 10           | Ratnapura    | 40   | 257                                      |
| 11           | Kegalle      | 44   | 223                                      |
| 12           | Anuradhapura | 57   | 312                                      |
| 13           | Polonnaruwa  | 14   | 80                                       |
| 14           | Puttalam     | 48   | 262                                      |
| 15           | Kurunegala   | 53   | 640                                      |
| 16           | Badulla      | 40   | 185                                      |
| 17           | Moneragala   | 3  | 167                                      |
| 18           | Trincomalee  |  | 78                                       |
| 19           | Ampara       | 15   | 146                                      |
| 20           | Batticaloa   | 12   | 97                                       |
| 21           | Jaffna       | 42   | 137                                      |
| 22           | Kilinochchi  | 22   | 80                                       |
| 23           | Mannar       | 5  | 35                                       |
| 24           | Mulativu     |  | 30                                       |
| 25           | Vavuniya     | 29   | 67                                       |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>862</b>                                 | <b>5332</b>                              |

### Registration of Children's clubs from 2015 to 2018





### 5.11 Welfare Programme for Street Children

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

#### Activities Performed and Provisions Made in year 2018 under the Welfare Programme for Street Children

| District     | Conducting Welfare Programmes and Training programmes for Street Children | Uplifting the Family Condition of Street Children | Conducting day-care centers for street children |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Kandy        | 25,000.00   | 125,000.00  | 600,000.00                                      |
| Colombo      | 266,280.00  | 125,000.00  | 600,000.00                                      |
| Moneragala   | -   | 320,000.00  | -   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>291,280.00</b>   | <b>570,000.00</b>                                 | <b>1,200,000.00</b>                             |

### 5.12 Child-Friendly Model Village Programme

Child-Friendly Model 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 Advisory 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.



Identification of Model Villages is done on the basis of the vulnerability levels of the children in the village and mechanisms are implemented to change the systems existing in the village with the support and the intervention of the community and each of these mechanisms are laid in a manner to suit the existing system. This method enables to provide solutions to suit the need and the decision of the community.

This year, drug prevention programmes have to be conducted within the Model Villages in a creative manner. Rs. 3000/- was provided to every Child Rights Promotion Officer/Assistant for the purpose.

Provisions were sent in this manner for 331 Divisional Secretariats and by now, parents of the 331 Divisional Secretariat Divisions have been made aware of “Good Parenting Skills”.

Under the Joint Model Village Programme, provisions for proposals on minimizing disaster incidences and empowering children and their families were sent for 10 selected Model Villages. These projects have also been completed in a highly successful manner in year 2018

### **5.13 Monitoring Committee Programme for the Implementation of the Child Rights Convention**

Establishing and strengthening community based social structures for the implementation of the Convention on Rights of the Child (CRC) is a task performed by this department. Accordingly, Monitoring Committee for the Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child is in operation to have the government involvement in taking child rights into the community and in making comprehensive interventions for children’s issues.

Accordingly, this programme operates as a committee structure in all administrative levels functioning from village to national level with the due participation of officers and the community. Accordingly, Village Child Development Committees (VCDC) have been established in each village at Grama Niladhari Division level. A comprehensive guideline including a constitution has been introduced for VCDCs to make these bodies more formal. A Divisional Guideline has also been introduced. This committee system expands as Divisional Monitoring Committee led by the Divisional Secretary, District Child Development Committee, Provincial Child Development Committee and the National Monitoring Committee. In order to put 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. 01/2018 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 Monitoring Committees operate for all 331 Divisional Secretariat divisions. District Child Development Committees are led by the District Secretary and have been established in the 25 districts.

Provincial Child Development Committees are in operation as per the circular 01/2018 and committees have been given by now in Southern, Central and Eastern provinces. Rs. 22,000/- was spent in year 2018 for a total of four committees as two committees in Central Province and two committees in North Central Province.

### **National Monitoring Committee**

As per the Article no. 40 of the Child Rights Convention, the National Committee on the Implementation of the Child Rights Convention was established by the Cabinet Paper no. අමප/17/1952/740/010.

Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development holds the Chair of this committee and the Commissioner of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services does the coordination. The committee includes six officers appointed by His Excellency the President. In addition, head or a nominated officer of the institutions directly or indirectly responsible for child related matters hold the membership of this committee.

The National Committee function in a highly active manner and one committee meeting has been held in 2018 and a training has also been conducted for the officers on the data base in relation to the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. Rs. 79,000/- was spent for the purpose



### 5.14 Awareness Programmes

Empowering children through various activities in relation to protecting children facing various issues in the society and making various social categories aware are done under this. While identifying children's issues at regional and district level, necessary knowhow is provided to children, parents, teachers and the rural community on minimizing their issues.

Project proposals on issues pertaining the divisions are prepared by the officers serving in Divisional Secretariat Divisions and are sent to the head office. Provisions are given for such proposals and as well for awareness activities in relation to district proposals.

Accordingly, Rs. 2,345,000/- was spent in year 2018 for awareness programmes.

### 5.15 World Children's Day

Every year, this department implements various programmes to commemorate the World Children's Day falling on 1<sup>st</sup> of October. Similarly, the World Children's Day celebration of 2018 was held jointly with the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs at Temple Trees under theme "Strengthen our Children to Go Forth with Courage". The event was beautified with many colourful cultural items of children and a special lecture. Around 2000 school children and institutionalized children representing the Colombo district participated the celebration.

Child Rights Promotion Officers / Child Rights Promotion Assistants of around 353 Divisional and District Secretariats conducted various Programmes throughout the month of October to mark the World Children's Day. A sum of Rs. 1,765,000/- as Rs. 5000/- per District /Divisional Secretariat has been sent for this purpose.





### 5.16 Preparation of Care Plans

Preparation of Care Plans is the process of ensuring long term safety of vulnerable children. The need for Care Plan preparation as a method to ensure the safety of children arose with the identification of a large number of vulnerable children by the survey on Identifying Vulnerable Children conducted island wide in 2011.

Vulnerability of the identified children were diverse. Care plans are prepared in a manner to eliminate the existing vulnerability and to ensure the child's 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.

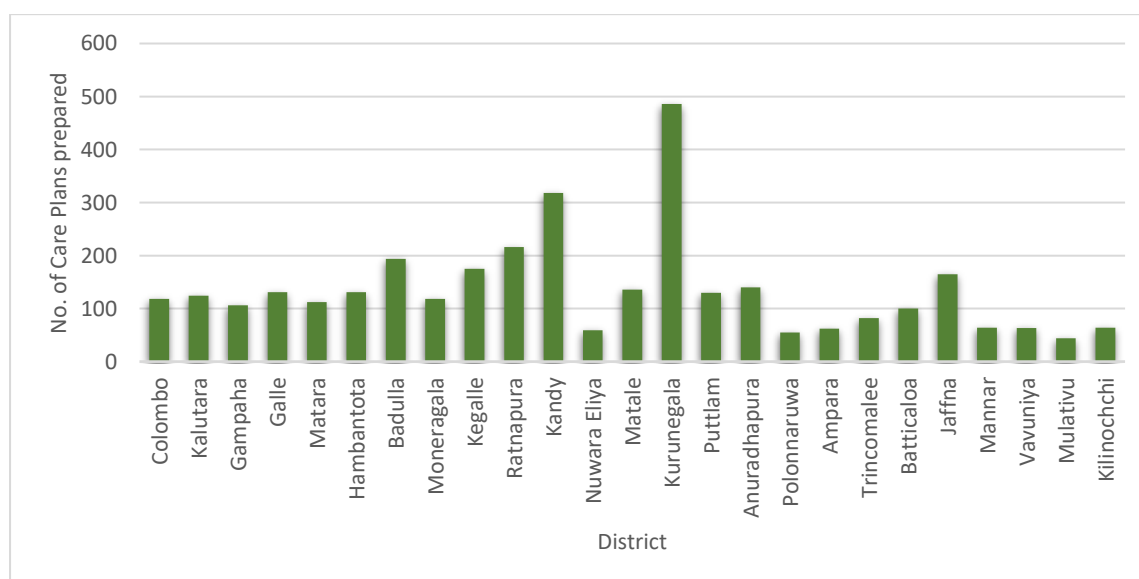
Support of other field officers is also taken for all activities from the preparation to implementation and evaluation of care plans. The importance of acting in a joint approach instead of an individual approach to ensure children's safety has been emphasized through this.

While ensuring the protection and development of the child, care plans also uplift the family condition. From this, it has been possible 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 in year 2018 is as follows

| Serial No.   | District     | Cost (Rs.)           | No. of Care Plans prepared |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 01           | Colombo      | 1,128,128.00         | 118                        |
| 02           | Kalutara     | 1,864,270.00         | 124                        |
| 03           | Gampaha      | 911,758.00           | 106                        |
| 04           | Galle        | 1,489,151.00         | 131                        |
| 05           | Matara       | 1,236,455.00         | 112                        |
| 06           | Hambantota   | 2,672,827.00         | 131                        |
| 07           | Badulla      | 1,797,877.00         | 194                        |
| 08           | Moneragala   | 613,865.00           | 118                        |
| 09           | Kegalle      | 1,235,473.00         | 175                        |
| 10           | Ratnapura    | 2,663,203.99         | 216                        |
| 11           | Kandy        | 1,612,063.50         | 318                        |
| 12           | Nuwara Eliya | 383,498.00           | 59                         |
| 13           | Matale       | 1,397,206.00         | 136                        |
| 14           | Kurunegala   | 3,008,224.00         | 486                        |
| 15           | Puttalam     | 1,489,490.00         | 130                        |
| 16           | Anuradhapura | 1,643,274.00         | 140                        |
| 17           | Polonnaruwa  | 462,384.00           | 55                         |
| 18           | Ampara       | 1,300,525.00         | 62                         |
| 19           | Trincomalee  | 1,391,149.00         | 82                         |
| 20           | Batticaloa   | 2,747,226.00         | 100                        |
| 21           | Jaffna       | 697,016.12           | 165                        |
| 22           | Mannar       | 808,800.00           | 64                         |
| 23           | Vavuniya     | 1,105,600.00         | 63                         |
| 24           | Mulativu     | 195,700.00           | 44                         |
| 25           | Kilinochchi  | 1,211,800            | 64                         |
| <b>Total</b> |              | <b>35,066,963.61</b> | <b>2735</b>                |





### 5.17 Child-led Research

Children are inquisitive. Most often, empathy and logical analysis is seen within them. Children are the once who actually enjoy the benefits of realizing child rights and experience the repercussions of rights violations. Therefore, it is the children who can find solutions for the issues they face. The Child-led Research programme gives them this opportunity. The key objective of this programme implemented through District Children's Councils is to strengthen the intervention necessary for the children to conduct a study on the negative factors affecting children in the district and to suggest and implement solutions by children themselves. Getting the opportunity to identify evidence based approaches and improving knowledge are the positive outcomes children get from this programme. Even though research is not much familiar to children, their keenness and enthusiasm is a clear indication of their interest towards this programme

This programme was introduced and implemented by the department in year 2017 and the second phase of the programme was implemented in 2018. Accordingly, child-led researches were conducted in 12 districts and 1 divisional secretariat division and altogether it was possible to conduct 13 researches. Further, 5 suggestions proposed for issues identified in 2017 were implemented. Accordingly, in year 2018, the department spent Rs. 13,59747.00 for this programme

### 5.18 Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction Programme

Sri Lanka has been identified as a disaster prone region and Sri Lankans have experienced several disaster situations during the recent past. North-East and South-West monsoon rains are the main cause for the weather and climatic changes in Sri Lanka. Flash floods, landslides, floods as well as droughts and cyclones and other disasters can be seen throughout the year. Therefore, empowering children to get protected from such disasters is a timely requirement. The child who is strengthened today will try to strengthen the entire community in the future. The Department of Probation and Child Care Services introduced the Child Centric Disaster Risk Reduction programme within this background. Identifying disaster risk minimizing techniques by children and acting accordingly, strengthening children during disaster situations, introducing child-led approaches in disaster management are addressed by this programme.



As preliminary programmes, capacity development of Child Rights Promotion Officers was done at divisional secretariat division level and at district level, programmes on Preparedness to Minimize Disaster Risk were implemented through children's clubs and children's councils. Altogether, 417 children's club members and Child Rights Promotion Officers were trained conducting 10 training programmes and Rs. 963,963.00 was spent in year 2018 for this programme.

### 5.19 South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children - (SAIEVAC)

The South Asia Initiative to End Violence against Children was established in 2005 with the collaboration of 5 SAARC countries and the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs acts as the National Representing Agency for the government of Sri Lanka and under the total supervision of the Ministry, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services acts as the National Implementing Agency. SAIEVAC is an initiative operated to address key issues prevailing for the children in the region namely, child marriage, child labour, corporal punishment, child sexual abuse and exploitation and child trafficking.

A Regional Action Plan has been developed to prevent child labour, child marriage, child sexual abuse and exploitation in the region and to ensure online safety for children. Technical Committee Meetings are held in member countries to prepare these Region Action Plans. Accordingly, in August 2018, Sri Lanka was the host country for the third high-table meeting held for the preparation of the Regional Action Plan on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation and Ensuring Online Safety for Children. Coordination of matters in relation to this meeting were handled by this department.

### 5.20 Online Database for the Reporting of Monthly and Annual Progress

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services plans to implement an online progress reporting mechanism from 2019 and a database for this purpose was developed. The District Child Rights Promotion Officers submits the monthly and annual progress to the department in writing and this database was developed with the objective of enhancing the efficiency of this reporting system. It is expected to implement this database from year 2019.



### 5.21 National Case Management Guidelines for Prevention of All Forms of Violence against Children of Sri Lanka

The Department of Probation and Child Care Services has been implementing various programmes for more than six decades to ensure and promote child rights. It is observed that the issues faced by children are becoming more and more complex within today's complex socio-economic setup. It is important to identify new techniques to overcome such challenges to create a friendly environment for the children.

In 2016, the Department of Probation and Child Care Services initiated action to develop a National Case Management Guideline for Prevention of All Forms of Violence against Children of Sri Lanka. After conducting a number of workshops with the participation of children, officers of government and non- governmental organizations and personnel in the field, the guideline was completed and submitted for Cabinet approval in 2018. Approval for the guideline has been granted on 05.06.2018 under Cabinet memorandum no. 18/1093/833/003.

This National Case Management Guideline was printed in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages and steps were taken to train all the Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants. Officers in the Western and Southern Provinces were trained in 2018 and it is expected to finish training all the officers by April 2019. Funds to this entire programme have been made under the Project for the Social Protection of Children.

### 5.22 Three Year Regional Action Plan

According to a survey conducted by the Ministry of Women and Child Affairs and Dry Zone Development, child abuse in Sri Lanka takes place mainly due to the following reasons.

1. Missing compulsory education
2. High prevalence of sexual violence and corporal punishment
3. High teenage pregnancy rates among children below 18 years.

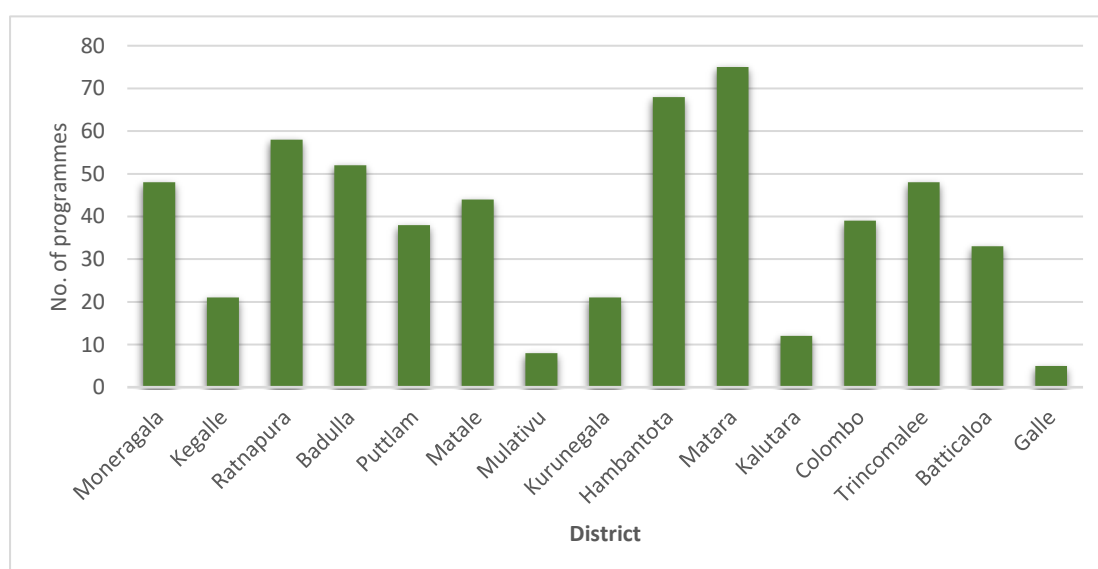
A number of issues have arisen due to early marriages and a tendency of dropping out of school has also been observed.

Accordingly, the ministry advised the regional officers to prepare a 3 year Regional Action Plan on child protection for the 3 years ahead (2018/2019/2020). Provisions were made



annually to these Regional Action Plans by both the ministry and the Department of Probation and Child Care Services. Provisions were made to the following districts as follows.

| Provisions sent in 2018 for 3 year Regional Action Plan |                     |                   |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| District  | Amount (Rs.)        | No. of programmes |
| Moneragala  | 127,780.00          | 48                |
| Kegalle   | 20,000.00           | 21                |
| Ratnapura   | 357,815.00          | 58                |
| Badulla   | 528,000.00          | 52                |
| Puttlam   | 456,420.00          | 38                |
| Matale  | 98,250.00           | 44                |
| Mulativu  | 52,500.00           | 8                 |
| Kurunegala  | 333,900.00          | 21                |
| Hambantota  | 255,000.00          | 68                |
| Matara  | 345,000.00          | 75                |
| Kalutara  | 65,000.00           | 12                |
| Colombo   | 183,300.00          | 39                |
| Trincomalee   | 130,000.00          | 48                |
| Batticaloa  | 40,000.00           | 33                |
| Galle   | 8,000.00            | 05                |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>3,000,965.00</b> | <b>570</b>        |





### 5.23 Implementing Programmes to Ensure Protection of Children Living in Housing Complexes Constructed under the Urban Regeneration Project

This department implements various programmes to create a conducive environment for the children while ensuring their protection, development and the rights. It is expected to implement following programmes associating the housing complexes constructed under the Urban Regeneration Project.

1. Setting-up Children's Clubs associating the housing complexes
2. Providing facilities to start libraries
3. Providing necessary facilities to begin literacy classes
4. Providing facilities for child-friendly centers
5. Providing facilities to organize mobile services to obtain basic documents of children and parents

Accordingly, as the first phase, necessary facilities were provided to conduct 02 (two) mobile services at Mihindusenpura housing complex in the Thimbirigasyaya Divisional Secretariat Division and Sirimuthu Uyana housing complex in Colombo Divisional Secretariat Division. Rs. 251,000.00 was spent for this.