



ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2014



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1. Introduction

The services rendered by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services in 2014 are reviewed by this report.

1.1 History of the Department

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After the establishment of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services, functions of the detention houses, certified schools, probation offices etc. were extended under the

purview of this Department and Assistant Commissioners were appointed covering the entire island to assist the Commissioner of Probation and Child Care Services.

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

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

V i s i o n

1.3 Our Vision

A sensitive and congenial society for children by ensuring their rights.

M i s s i o n

1.4 Our Mission

In line with national policies and international standards provide equal opportunities for all children specially orphaned, abandoned, and destitute and children in conflict with the law while ensuring their rights.



1.5 Our Values

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



1.6 Our Commitment :

- i. Rehabilitation of children in contact with law.
- ii. Taking measures to safeguard the rights of orphaned, abandoned and destitute children.
- iii. Safeguarding the rights of children subjected to legal issues.
- iv. Taking measures to promote and ensure child rights.
- v. 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 co-ordinating them.
- vi. Providing of technical knowledge and legal advice to Provincial Probation and Child Care Services Department's when necessary.
- vii. Provision of infra-structure facilities required to rehabilitate children in conflict with law.
- viii. Improving the existing internal assets and management methods.
- ix. Provision of an efficient service in a manner that satisfies the needs of the public.
- x. Training a competent staff that can efficiently protect child rights.

1.7 Programmes

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

1.8 Organization structure of the Department and deployment of the staff

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

Branches coming under the Organization Structure:-

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

All members of the Staff of the Department serve with the highest level of commitment. The entire staff consists of 487 at present it consists of 421 as described below.

| Post | Approved Cadre | Current Cadre |
|--|----------------|---------------|
| Commissioner (S.L.A.S.) | 01 | 01 |
| Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (S.L.A.S.) | 02 | 01 |
| Assistant Commissioner (Departmental) | 01 | - |
| Accountant | 01 | - |
| Legal Officer | 01 | - |
| Administrative Officer | 01 | - |
| Translator | 02 | - |
| Probation Officer | 02 | 01 |
| Statistical Officer | 01 | 01 |
| Child Rights Promotion Officer | 424 | 234 |
| Child Rights Promotion Assistant | | 146 |
| Development Officer | 12 | 09 |
| Female Counsellor | 02 | - |
| Information and Communication Technology Officer | 01 | - |
| Public Management Assistant Service | 14 | 10 |
| Stenographer | 01 | 01 |
| Assistant Warden | 03 | 03 |
| Non formal education Instructress | 01 | 01 |
| Driver | 04 | 03 |
| Office Worker Service | 10 | 08 |
| Cook | 02 | 02 |
| Sanitary Labourer | 01 | - |
| Total | 487 | 421 |

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,

- + Action was taken to attach 06 Child Rights Promotion Officers to fill the vacancies that existed at the Regional Offices of the Department.
- + Action was taken to create the posts of Deputy/Assistant Commissioner (Development) of S.L.A.S. and Legal Officer and to carry out the tasks assigned to the Department properly and 12 posts for Child Rights Promotion Assistant a new post for a Driver were also created.
- + Eight officers underwent training in establishment affairs while five officers underwent training in finance and accounting and in addition to that, a one day practical training workshop was held with the participation of all the officers of the Head Office for their performance improvement.
- + Action was taken to pay 50% - 70% of the Post Graduate and Diploma course fee of the Officers of the Department with the aim of improving their subject knowledge. Rs.97,000/= was allocated for this purpose.

2.2 Training programmes for the Child Rights Promotion Officers

Allocations under this Head are used for training needs of the Child Rights Promotion Officers/Assistants who perform their duties being attached to every Divisional Secretariat throughout the island. According to the annual plan, Rs.0.6 has been allocated for Human Resource Development of the Department in 2014. Training programmes were conducted in the following manner with the allocations.

| Programme | | Amount (Rs.) | | No. of participants |
|-----------|---|---------------|-------|---------------------|
| | | Allocated | Spent | |
| 01 | Capacity Development Programmes for Child Rights Promotion Officers/Probation Officers/Officers of the Institutions | 0.15 | 0.15 | 505 |
| 02 | Basic training for the new officers | 0.3 | 0.3 | 72 |
| 03 | Establishment of a pool of Resource Persons for the Department | 0.15 | 0.15 | 60 |

3. Accounts Branch

Financial provisions are allocated annually through the budget to achieve the objectives of the Department. In 2014 provisions have been allocated under Head 217 under Social Care.

This allocation of funds consists of two programmes.

1. Operations Programme
2. Development Programme

A summary of provisions is given below.

Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure in terms of programmes

| 01. Operations Programme | | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure (Rs.) |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Project No.01 Administration and Establishment Services | 1. Recurrent Expenditure | 9,499,000.00 | 9,365,269.00 |
| | 2. Capital Expenditure | 650,000.00 | 593,614.00 |
| | Total | 10,149,000.00 | 9,958,883.00 |
| 02. Development Programme | | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure (Rs.) |
| Project No.02 Probation and Child Care Services | 1. Recurrent Expenditure | 227,456,000.00 | 221,675,478.00 |
| | 2. Capital Expenditure | 7,950,000.00 | 7,552,228.00 |
| | Total | 235,406,000.00 | 229,227,706.00 |

Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure

| | Rehabilitation and Development of Capital Assets | | Acquisition of Capital Assets | |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 01.Operations Programme | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure(Rs.) | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure(Rs.) |
| Project No.01 | 250,000.00 | 200,394.00 | 250,000.00 | 250,000.00 |
| 02. Development Programme | | | | |
| Project No.o2 Probation and Child Care Services | 700,000.00 | 694,774.00 | 1,150,000.00 | 1,009,987.00 |
| Total | 950,000.00 | 895,168.00 | 1,400,000.00 | 1,259,987.00 |

Summary of Capital Expenditure Provisions/Expenditure

| | Capacity Building | | Rehabilitation of Children's Homes | |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Operations Programme | Provision (Rs.) | Expenditure(Rs.) | Provision (Rs.) | Provision (Rs.) |
| Project No.01 | 150,000.00 | 143,220.00 | --- | --- |
| 02. Development Programme Project No.02 Probation and Child care Services | 600,000.00 | 600,000.00 | 5,500,000.00 | 5,247,467.00 |
| Total | 750,000.00 | 743,220.00 | 5,500,000.00 | 5,247,467.00 |

4. Probation Services

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

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

This kind of probation provides the offender economic and social benefits and in turn the entire society benefits through this process. For example if a person is imprisoned or subjected to some

other punishment for an offence, his family will be affected economically and socially. At the same time the country has to bear a huge expenditure for the maintenance of such a person. That person is kept in his usual living environment and the Probation Service provides guidance for him/her to lead a good life. Therefore Probation Service has been recognized by the entire world as a community based rehabilitation process.

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

4.1 Adoptions

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

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

4.2 Children given for foreign adoptions-2014

| No. | Foreign Country | No. of children adopted by Sri Lankan overseas | Foreign Adoptions | Subtotal of the number of children given for adoption |
|-------|-----------------|--|-------------------|---|
| 01 | France | 02 | 02 | 04 |
| 02 | Germany | -- | 03 | 03 |
| 03 | Netherlands | -- | 01 | 01 |
| 04 | United Kingdom | 01 | -- | 01 |
| 05 | Canada | 04 | -- | 04 |
| 06 | Australia | 01 | -- | 01 |
| 07 | Singapore | -- | 01 | 01 |
| 08 | Switzerland | 03 | 01 | 04 |
| 09 | Austria | 01 | -- | 01 |
| Total | | 12 | 08 | 20 |

5. Functions of the Development Branch

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
- in 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.

- ✚ “Sevan Sarana” foster parent scheme
- ✚ Provision of assistance for education
- ✚ “Kepakaru Deguru” Sponsorship scheme
- ✚ “Nena Diriya” scholarship scheme
- ✚ Assistance for sudden disasters / medical conditions / birth of twins
- ✚ Senehasa assistance scheme

2. Programmes implemented under ensuring Children’s participation

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

3. Programmes implemented under community based child care

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

4. Programmes implemented under alternative care

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

5. Ensuring the children’s right to education

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

The fundamental aim of this programme implemented by the Department of Probation and Child Care is the creation of a generation of ethical children by ensuring the right to education of Sri Lanka children.

5.1 **SevanaSarana Foster Parent Scheme**

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

| Year | Programme | Physical Progress | Financial Progress (Million) |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2014 | Sevana Sarana Foster Parent Scheme | 71 | 2.484 |

5.2 **A programme to enable non-school going children to attend school.**

Two approaches are taken to extend assistance to the children. They are ,

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

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

This programme was implemented in several stages.

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

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

Programme to enable non-school going children to attend school

| Serial No. | District | No. of Children | Amount Spent |
|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 01 | Colombo | 166 | 169,000 |
| 02 | Gampaha | 169 | 169,000 |
| 03 | Kaluthara | 53 | 53,000 |
| 04 | Kandy | 93 | 93,000 |
| 05 | Matale | 49 | 49,000 |
| 06 | NuwaraEliya | 48 | 48,000 |
| 07 | Galle | 233 | 233,000 |
| 08 | Matara | 19 | 19,000 |
| 09 | Hambanthota | 413 | 413,000 |
| 10 | Anuradhapura | 44 | 47,950 |
| 11 | Polonnaruwa | 337 | 337,000 |
| 12 | Badulla | 74 | 74,000 |
| 13 | Moneragala | 61 | 61,000 |
| 14 | Kurunegala | 466 | 360,000 |
| 15 | Puttlam | 146 | 138,000 |
| 16 | Rathnapura | 203 | 203,000 |
| 17 | Kegalle | 489 | 381,500 |
| 18 | Ampara | 143 | 143,000 |
| 19 | Trincomalee | 4 | 6000 |
| Total | | 3210 | 2,997,450 |

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/- or Rs. 700/- per child per month.

| No. | District | No. of Children | Amount Spent |
|-----|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 01 | Colombo | 75 | 396,000 |
| 02 | Gampaha | 83 | 475,500 |
| 03 | Kaluthara | 89 | 534,000 |
| 04 | Kandy | 123 | 711,000 |
| 05 | Matale | 58 | 278,500 |
| 06 | NuwaraEliya | 19 | 84,000 |
| 07 | Galle | 124 | 720,000 |

| | | | |
|----|--------------|-----|-----------|
| 08 | Matara | 102 | 624,000 |
| 09 | Hambanthota | 85 | 501,000 |
| 10 | Anuradhapura | 149 | 799,500 |
| 11 | Polonnaruwa | 11 | 66,000 |
| 12 | Badulla | 129 | 522,500 |
| 13 | Moneragala | 72 | 397,500 |
| 14 | Kurunegala | 192 | 1,099,500 |
| 15 | Puttlam | 53 | 285,000 |
| 16 | Rathnapura | 91 | 483,000 |
| 17 | Kegalle | 81 | 513,000 |
| 18 | Ampara | 13 | 78,000 |
| 19 | Kilinochchi | 1 | 6000 |
| 20 | Vavuniya | 1 | 6000 |
| 21 | Batticaloa | 16 | 81,000 |
| 22 | Jaffna | 71 | 381,000 |
| 23 | Mulathivu | 2 | 12,000 |
| 24 | Trincomalee | 16 | 96,000 |
| 25 | Mannar | 2 | 12,000 |

Total Expenditure 9,162,000/-

Total number of beneficiaries 1779

5.4 “Nena Diriya” Educational Scholarship Scheme

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

Payment of “ Nena Diriya” Scholarship Grant

| Year | Programme | Physical Progress | Financial Progress (Million) |
|------|--|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2014 | “Nena Diriya” educational assistance programme | 275 | 4.848 |

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 the opportunity to benefit only once under the assistance scheme.

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 the assistance scheme. Accordingly, it has been possible to provide relief to about 500 families per year through this scheme.

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.

Assistance for twins / Medical Assistance / Assistance for Sudden Disasters

| Province | District | Assistance for twins | | Medical Assistance | | Assistance for Sudden Disasters | |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | | No. of Children | Amount | No. of Children | Amount | No. of Children | Amount |
| Western | Colombo | 57 | 232,500 | 17 | 115,000 | 49 | 80,500 |
| | Gampaha | 49 | 187,500 | 51 | 280,000 | -- | -- |
| | Kaluthara | 52 | 195,000 | 09 | 45,000 | -- | -- |
| Central | Kandy | 80 | 307,500 | 25 | 115,000 | 10 | 31,000 |
| | Matale | 31 | 120,000 | 13 | 65,000 | 02 | 10,000 |
| | Nuwaraeliya | 38 | 142,500 | 03 | 15,000 | 02 | 10,000 |
| North Western | Kurunegala | 121 | 457,500 | 98 | 545,500 | 16 | 69,500 |
| | Puttlam | 25 | 97,500 | 05 | 25,000 | 10 | 44,000 |
| Sabaragamuwa | Rathnapura | 64 | 240,000 | 41 | 245,000 | 06 | 30,000 |
| | Kegalle | 37 | 142,500 | 27 | 160,000 | -- | -- |
| Southern | Galle | 50 | 192,500 | 29 | 190,000 | 03 | 15,000 |
| | Matara | 54 | 202,500 | 36 | 250,000 | 04 | 20,000 |
| | Hambanthota | 71 | 271,500 | 16 | 85,000 | 49 | 81,000 |
| Uva | Badulla | 48 | 180,000 | 08 | 45,000 | 17 | 61,000 |
| | Moneragala | 40 | 150,000 | 21 | 135,000 | 60 | 60,000 |
| North Central | Anuradhapura | 16 | 60,000 | 15 | 115,000 | 02 | 10,000 |
| | Polonnaruwa | 14 | 52,500 | 08 | 50,000 | 139 | 118,500 |
| Eastern | Ampara | 15 | 60,000 | 27 | 140,000 | -- | -- |
| | Batticaloa | 52 | 202,500 | 106 | 540,000 | -- | -- |
| | Trincomalee | 08 | 39,000 | 12 | 65,000 | -- | -- |
| Northern | Jaffna | 67 | 255,000 | 58 | 305,000 | -- | -- |
| | Mulathivu | 08 | 30,000 | 05 | 25,000 | -- | -- |
| | Vavuniya | 04 | 15,000 | 08 | 40,000 | -- | -- |
| | Kilinochchi | 12 | 45,000 | 04 | 10,000 | -- | -- |
| | Mannar | 24 | 90,000 | 34 | 200,000 | 08 | 30,000 |

5.8 “Senehasa” Savings Account

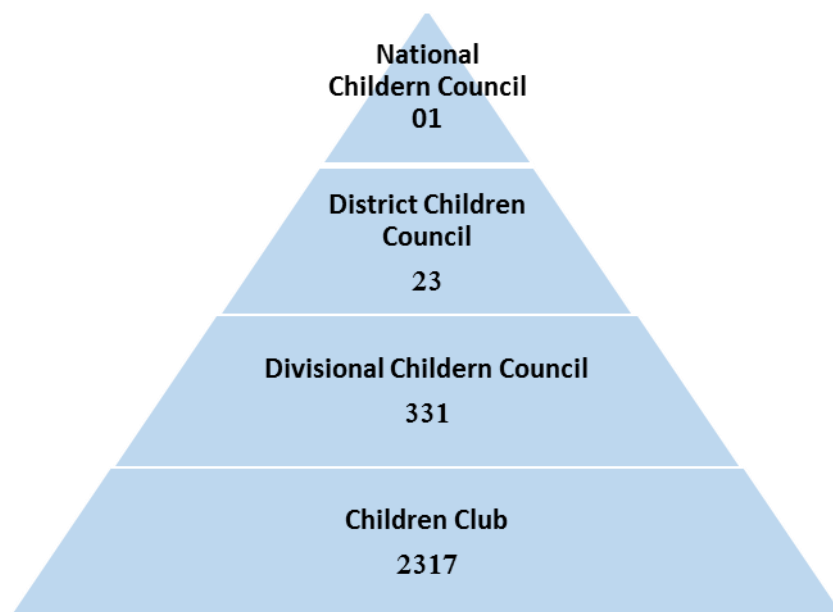
A programme implemented for children under 18 year of age who lost both parents in the Tsunami disaster. This programme commenced in 2006 and 689 children were included in it. By December 2013 the number of children in this programme came to 236. Every month, children who complete 18 years of age are dismissed from this programme.

The Manner in which money in Senehasa Account was spent in 2014 :

| Serial No. | | Month | No. of Children | Amount Spent (Rs.) |
|------------|--|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 01 | | January | 158 | 521,000 |
| 02 | | February | 155 | 232500 |
| 03 | | March | 153 | 229,500 |
| 04 | | April | 152 | 228,000 |
| 05 | | May | 148 | 222,000 |
| 06 | | June | 145 | 217,500 |
| 07 | | July | 143 | 214,500 |
| 08 | | August | 142 | 213,000 |
| 09 | | September | 138 | 208,500 |
| 10 | | October | 138 | 208,500 |
| 11 | | November | 138 | 208,500 |
| 12 | | December | 137 | 207,000 |

5.9 Project to set up Children’s Clubs and Children’s Councils

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



Divisional Children's Councils have been set up by bringing together the children's clubs set up at Divisional Secretariat Division level and District Children's Councils have been set up by bringing together the office bearers of the Regional Children's Councils have been set up by now. A Divisional Children's Council in each Divisional Secretariat Division and a District Children's Council in each district have been set up by now. A National Children's Council has been established by bringing together the District Children's Councils. Implementation of skill development programmes, provision of books for the libraries of children's clubs and programmes to promote good qualities have been carried out through the children's clubs.

✚ Allocation of provisions for Children's Clubs and Children's Councils programme
Rs.2.5 million was allocated for this project within the annual estimate in 2014. Action has been taken to achieve the objectives of that programme by spending those provisions for the said programme.

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

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

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

Various programmes were conducted at Divisional Secretariat Division level to develop the creative skills of the children belonging to the children's clubs. Programmes of this nature are conducted for improving participation, solidarity and talents of the children while further activating the Children's clubs.

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

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

Holding National / Religious / Cultural Festivals

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

Developing the Libraries

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

Educational Tours

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

Holding Leadership training workshops / camps

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

Ensuring the right to good health

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

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

Implementation of Entertainment Programmes

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

| Programme | Amount Spent (Rs.) |
|---|--------------------|
| For Divisional level programmes for Children's Cubs/ Children's Councils | 685,300.00 |
| For programmes for the National Children's Council | 1,611,505.00 |
| Divisional Children's Councils/ District Children's Councils | 305,195.00 |
| Total | 2,602,000.00 |

5.10 Model Children's Village Programme

Provisions have been allocated under this programme to implement programmes for safeguarding child rights in a village selected from each Divisional Secretariat Division for ensuring the Community Based Child Care Process. Programmes for safeguarding the right of every child to development, survival, protection and participation have to be implemented within that village under this with the involvement of various public officers.

For this purpose, reports on projects that could be implemented at Divisional Secretariat Division level were obtained and provisions were allocated based on them. Accordingly, Rs.1, 945,240.00 was provided to 58 Divisional Secretariat Divisions.

| No. | District | Amount of provisions |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 | Colombo | 106,500/- |
| 02 | Gampaha | 55,500/- |
| 03 | Kaluthara | 5,500/- |
| 04 | Kandy | 239,000/- |
| 05 | Matale | |
| 06 | Nuwaraeliya | 75,000/- |
| 07 | Galle | 91,500/- |
| 08 | Matara | 55,000/- |
| 09 | Hambanthota | 30,000/- |
| 10 | Anuradhapura | 30,000/- |
| 11 | Polonnaruwa | |
| 12 | Badulla | 74,500/- |
| 13 | Moneragala | 194,000/- |
| 14 | Kurunegala | 471,390/- |
| 15 | Puttlam | 43,500/- |
| 16 | Rathnapura | 42,600/- |
| 17 | Kegalle | 300,500/- |
| 18 | Ampara | 17,000/- |
| 19 | Kilinochchi | |
| 20 | Vavuniya | |
| 21 | Batticaloa | 25,000/- |
| 22 | Jaffna | 60,000/- |
| 23 | Mulathivu | |
| 24 | Trincomalee | 28,750/- |
| 25 | Mannar | |
| Total | | 1,945,240/- |

5.11 Steering Committee on Child Rights

This programme can be identified as a very important step taken to ensure the rights of the children of this country after Sri Lanka became a signatory to the Universal Child Rights Convention. These Steering Committees were set up by the Circular No. MSS/3/4/161 issued by the Ministry of Social Services in 2000 and they have been re drafted by the Circular No. PCC/CROP/11/34 issued by this Department. These committees were established to cover all Divisional Secretariat Divisions in the island, extending from national level to rural level. In this programme implemented with the objective to creating an environment that is favourable for children to live in, the second result expected involved the model villages for ensuring child rights through the strengthening of steering committees as well as gradual improvement of children's clubs programme implemented to improve children's participation. Rs. 3000/- was provided to each Divisional Secretariat Division for this purpose and the total expenditure was

Rs. 939,000/- while Rs.125,000.00 has been spent for district co ordinating committees as Rs.5000 per district..

| Serial No. | Province | Amount spent for Divisional Steering Committees (Rs.) |
|------------|---------------|---|
| 01 | Western | 120,000.00 |
| 02 | Central | 108,000.00 |
| 03 | Southern | 141,000.00 |
| 04 | Nothern | 87,000.00 |
| 05 | Eastern | 105,000.00 |
| 06 | North Western | 135,000.00 |
| 07 | North Central | 81,000.00 |
| 08 | Uva | 78,000.00 |
| 09 | Sabaragamuwa | 84,000.00 |

5.12 Child Friendly Centers

These centers provide protection for children isolated in vulnerable family background to spend their leisure in safety by ensuring their safety. Safety of children when both parents are away from home and facilities for improving knowledge and skills are provided. Children get the chance to use the library and play indoor games and outdoor games here.

One million rupees has been allocated for this and for the construction of centers, and according to the places with required facilities the necessary provisions are allocated with relevance to the requests received.

| Serial No. | Division | Amount Spent (Rs.) |
|------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 01 | Delft | 300,000.00 |
| 02 | Kopai | 225,000.00 |
| 03 | Karachchi | 200,000.00 |
| 04 | Kundasale | 50,000.00 |
| | Total | 775,000.00 |

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

These programmes were conducted for the implementation of the recommendations made by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission targeting the children of the people with a Tamil origin who live in the estates and the children displaced as a result of the war that lasted for a long time. The primary objective of this programme was to create a safe childhood for the children living in these areas by ensuring their basic child rights. The activities included provision of facilities for children, establishing pleasure centers for them, holding art, music, dancing and sports events and conducting literacy classes for children who were illiterate. Financial allocations were made based on the requests received from the Divisional Secretariat Divisions. These programs were conducted for the implementation of the recommendations made by the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission targeting the children of the people with a Tamil origin who live in the estates and the children displaced as a result of the war that lasted for a long time. The primary objective of this programme was to create a safe childhood for the children living in these areas by ensuring their basic child rights. The activities included provision of facilities for children, establishing pleasure centers for them, holding art, music, dancing and sports events and conducting literacy classes for children who were illiterate. Financial allocations were made based on the requests received from the Divisional Secretariat Divisions.

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

Accordingly, the following programmes were implemented during the year 2014

| Serial No. | Program | progress |
|------------|---|---|
| 01 | Conducted special awareness programs district wise for child soldiers | 20 programs |
| 02 | Projects to provide aid for self - soldiers | 35 projects |
| 03 | Established child friendly centers and provision of library and sports facilities for external and internal activities | 15 centers |
| 04 | Conducted Public awareness programs on various topics related to child abuse and children's rights | 99 programs |
| 05 | Conducted mobile services and issued children's birth certificates and conducted Dental Clinics | 14 children 01 clinic |
| 06 | For Estate associated schools : Established children's clubs By that, provided library facilities And conducted literacy classes Provided school equipment time to time to schools and children | 71 children's clubs 05 libraries 04 classes 2098 equipment |

| | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 07 | Conducted various aid – providing programs : | |
| | Medical assistance & emergency treatment for twins | 450 |
| | Kepakaru – Deguru scholarships | 108 |
| | Nena – Diriya program/scheme | 12 |
| | Established villa monitoring committees | 440 |

5.14 Awareness Programs

A series of programmes was conducted island wide to make the community including children, aware of child rights, child abuse, protecting children from abuse and children's safety, with the aim of building a responsible public dialogue. School children, parents, teachers, public officers, members of non-governmental organizations and civil society were selected as target groups here.

The first series of programmes targeting young children was implemented to cover every District Secretariat Division under the title "Thatu Savimath SamanalaViyak".

Main objectives were to make the children understand that youth should be spent with responsibility, minimizing delinquency through understanding, and empowering children to protect themselves from abuse.

Lectures are delivered under two topics in this programme

01. Changes that occur in youth and personality building
02. Modern technology and the younger generation

The second series of programmes is conducted simultaneously with the same objectives to raise awareness among parents under the theme "Ape SamanalungeThatuSavimath Karamu" (Let's make the wings of our butterflies strong). Financial allocations of Rs.10,000/= is provided to each Divisional S.D. and Rs.20,000 is provided to District Secretariats

| | Amount Spent | No. of Beneficiaries Participated |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Divisional Secretariat | 3,420,000.00 | 35600 |
| District Secretariat | 460000.00 | 5400 |
| Total | 3,880,000.00 | 41000 |

5.15 Implementation of training programmes for officers of institutions and institutionalized children.

Financial assistance will be provided through this project for the welfare of children referred for rehabilitation process in Voluntary Children's Homes registered under the Department of Probation and Child Care Services and government children's homes. Even though direct supervision and maintenance of children's homes is a responsibility of the Provincial Department of Probation and Child Care Services, the national Department is also supporting the process of uplifting the child care institutions. A huge amount is spent annually for training the officers serving at those institutions to provide vocational training for children of those institutions and to develop various skills of those children as well as to purchase the necessary

goods. This money has been provided on the requests and recommendations of the Commissioners of the Provincial Department of Probation and Child Care Services

Accordingly, the amount spent for conducting special capacity building programmes for the officers of the institutions and to purchase fixed assets for children's homes / child development centres where necessary was Rs. 8140001.83

Similarly, the amount spent on vocational training for institutionalized children was Rs. 2314365/- .

5.16 National Children's Training and Counselling Services centre at Paraththa.

National Children's Training and Counseling Services Centre at Paraththa can be cited as an institution established to meet the counseling requirement of girl children who suffer mental problems as a result of abuse or violation of child rights. This is the only child care institution established under the Department of Probation and Child Care under the Central Government.

It is possible to get counseling, vocational training and formal education for those who have been deprived of such education from this centre for 20 children at a time. Children are admitted for training at this institution on reference by Child Rights Promotion Officers performing duties at divisional level, court orders and girls referred by court order and admitted on the recommendation of the Provincial Commissioner of Probation.

All girl children are given residential counseling and training within a period of 06 months. Three female Assistant wardens, watchers, officer in charge of the institution and educational instructresses ensure the safety of children during that period.

Rs.498, 541.44/- has been spent within this year for training of children and counselling.

5.17 Upgrading the quality of Children's Homes

Providing financial assistance for development proposals submitted after identification by Provincial Commissioner of Probation and Child Care Services for upgrading the quality of government and registered volunteer children's Homes located in all the provinces, is done under this programme.

After ascertaining the requirements of these development programmes identified annually, a part of the estimated amount or the total estimated amount is referred to the Provincial Commissioner.

Accordingly the projected is completed properly and information with copies of the final bills and expenditure reports, is brought down to the Head Office. All progress review, follow up and supervision of these projects are the responsibilities of the Provincial Commissioner of Probation and Child Care Services.

Accordingly, Rs.5499900.01 was spent under this Head in 2014 for purchasing the items required to upgrade the quality of the Children's Homes throughout the island and National Children's Training and Counseling Services Centre at Paraththa.

Rs.4,609,838/- has been spent by the Ministry of Children's and Women's affairs under the 700 million programme to minimize harassment of women and children in the Eastern/ Uva and North Western Provinces, to purchase items necessary for Children's Homes.

5.18 Development of the skills of Institutionalized children

Rs. 0.25 million was allocated for this and Rs. 247,575/- has been spent for skills development programmes

5.19 UNICEF Project

Rs.5.5 million has been approved as expenditure for 2014 project implemented jointly by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services under 03 basic parts.

01. Island wide survey to look into the condition of institutionalized children in Children's Homes.
02. Establishment of a data base networking the Provincial Department of Probation and Child Care Services and the National Department and the District Secretariats.
03. Implementation of a Child sector Diploma course for 60 selected Child Rights Promotion Officers.
04. For operations of the project.

| | | Amount Allocated (Rs.) | Amount Spent (Rs.) |
|----|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 01 | Surveys | 1,950,000.00 | 1,079,500.00 |
| 02 | Data System | 220,000.00 | 38,465.00 |
| 03 | Diploma | 3,000,000.00 | ---- |
| 04 | Operations | 330,000.00 | 87,650.00 |
| | Total | 5,500,000.00 | 1,205,615.00 |

5.20 Information regarding the complaints on Child Abuse.

In 2014, this department received 5349 complaints of different manner such as complainants identified, anonymous complaints, written complaints and complaints made over the telephone in relation to child abuse, and all these complaints have been referred to different institutions for future investigation and legal action and the necessary measures have been taken. Based on the nature of the complaint, reference to Child Promotion Officers through the Divisional Secretaries, Police Children and Women's Bureau, relevant police stations, Provincial Departments of Probation and Foreign Employment Bureau, has been done. For the remaining complaints, necessary instructions were given over the telephone.

Complaints received from January to December 2014:

| Serial No. | Nature of the complaint | No. of complaints received | No. resolved/provided legal relief | No. referred to other institutions |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 01 | Not sending to school | 2665 | 2092 | 573 |
| 02 | Sexual abuse | 328 | 139 | 189 |
| 03 | Physical abuse | 225 | 149 | 76 |
| 04 | Under age marriages | 207 | 88 | 119 |
| 05 | Neglect (Mental abuse) | 1924 | 1524 | 400 |
| Total | | 5349 | 3992 | 1357 |

5.21 Special programme for the prevention of child abuse and violence against women

In accordance with the budget proposal of 2014 Rs.700 million programme for the prevention of child abuse and violence against women was implemented.

The following programmes were implemented by the Department of Probation and Child Care Services under this:

- ❖ Strengthening social structures for ensuring child care by minimizing child abuse. Under that, strengthening 10 Children's Clubs from each Divisional Secretariat Division, strengthening 10 village committees for child development, conducting awareness programmes in model villages for protection of child rights and implementation of child care programmes.
- ❖ Training teams for preparing care plans for children of vulnerable families.
- ❖ Training the members of the National Children's Council, the national unit of Children's Clubs and Children's Councils project.
- ❖ Awareness programmes for estate community, sending to schools the estate children who don't attend school to ensure the right to education of the children of the estate community and establishing Child Friendly Centres to improve entertainment and sports facilities for estate children, for the implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.

| Programme | No. of Programmes | Amount (Rs.) |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| Children's Club programmes | 1,376 | 17,231,513.34 |
| Village Committee programmes | 1,501 | 16,889,904.10 |
| Model Village programmes | 652 | 10,396,921.25 |
| Awareness programmes | 277 | 4,405,005.00 |
| Child Friendly Centresprogrammes | 14 | 5,951,494.00 |
| Provision of school equipment for estate children | 5261 | 7,360,500.00 |
| Total | 9081 | 62,235,337.69 |

Direct expenditure by the Department under the proposed Rs.700 million project for the prevention of child abuse and violence against women.

| Serial no. | Programme | Amount Spent |
|------------|---|--------------|
| 01 | Training programmes of the National Children's Council | 500,000.00 |
| 02 | Training programmes for estate welfare officers | 437,187.00 |
| 03 | Training programmes for District Officers on preparation of protection plans for vulnerable children | 108,429.45 |
| 04 | Awareness programmes for school children | 31,995.00 |
| 05 | Payment of Value Added Tax for creation of Sinhala and Tamil short video films for awareness raising | 117,600.00 |
| 06 | Expenditure for short radio programmes and printing the book 'Aluth as akin lokaya dakinna' for awareness raising | 410,800.00 |
| 07 | Expenditure for stationery under the Rs.700 million project | 13,540.00 |
| | Total | 1,582,733.45 |

5.22 Commemorating the World Children's Day 2014

With the aim of commemorating the World Children's Day that falls on 1st of October every year, several programmes were organized by the Department. Inter Children's Club Drama Competition held for members of the Children's Clubs was prominent among them. One drama troop from D.S.D. level was made to compete at district level and the winners were given the chance to compete at national level.

Inter District Children's Council Debating Competition was another programme organized to mark the World Children's Day. Competitions were held among District Children's Councils at Provincial level and the winning debating teams competed at national level under that.

Both these competitions were held with the aim of developing the talents and skills of the children belonging to the Children's Clubs and Children's Councils and organizing them in both Sinhala and Tamil mediums was a special feature.

Imagination Art Competition was also organized targeting all children in Sri Lankan society, with the aim of enhancing their aesthetic talents. This was organized under Primary, Secondary and Senior levels.

At the same time, targeting children as well as the community at D.S.D. level, activities such as leadership training, drama workshops, entertainment programmes, Children's Camps and awareness programmes were implemented to mark the World Children's Day.

Rs.1432358.70 was spent for the National World Children's Day celebration and Rs.262500.00 was spent for this purpose at D.S.D. level.

5.23 Preparation of Child Care Plans

Preparation of Child Care Plans is the programme for ensuring the long term safety of vulnerable children. Necessity for this as a method of ensuring the safety of children emerges as a result of identifying a large number of children through the island wide survey conducted in 2011 to identify vulnerable children. Conditions of vulnerability of the children identified in this manner were diverse. According to the conditions of vulnerability care plans are developed to eliminate such vulnerability and ensure their safety. It has to be implemented on short term basis as well as long term basis over several years and follow up is done by the Child Rights Promotion Officers and the Child Rights Promotion Assistants. In all activities from preparation of these care plans to their implementation and evaluation support of other field officers is obtained. The importance of acting on a joint approach rather than an individual one in ensuring child safety has been emphasized through this.