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Mission

“Our Mission is to make the disadvantaged, partners in national development by providing conducive environment and opportunities through policy initiatives and leadership in social welfare & social development.”

Objectives, Functions & Legislations of the Ministry

Objectives

- **To ensure equal rights & opportunities for all disadvantaged groups in social life.**
- **To provide social protection and security for the under-privileged groups of society.**
- **To combat all will forces which make persons disintegrate from their families and communities and to ensure the integration of such victims in the society.**
- **To assist under-privileged persons towards their social and economic upliftment through self-reliance.`**
- **Skills development of social workers for an efficient service delivery system.**
- **Upliftment of families of self employed persons through social security schemes**

Functions

- **Formulation of Policies and Programmes for Social Development & Social Welfare.**
- **Establishment & strengthening of an Institutional framework for the implementation of Social Welfare programs.**
- **Development of Human Resources to serve the Target Groups.**
- **Direction, Guidance, Monitoring & Progress control of Social Development Programs.**
- **Follow-up of Commitments made at the World Summit on Social Development.**
- **Development of a Social Development Management Information System (SOMIS)**

- **Co-ordination of activities with National and Sub National level Institutions.**
- **Rehabilitation and social integration of Persons with Disabilities in the community.**
- **Co-ordination and provision of counseling Services.**
- **Protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.**
- **Protection of the rights of elders**
- **Promotion of living standards of women and children under difficult circumstances.**
- **Social integration of persons recovering from mental illnesses.**
- **Providing vocational training for the persons with disabilities.**
- **Implementation of "Sisunena Pubuduwa", project for poor children.**

Legislation:

- i) **Gazette Notification of 21st September 1947. The Dept. of Social Services was established on 1st February 1948.**
- ii) **Rehabilitation of the Visually Handicapped Trust Fund Act, No. 9 of 1992**
- iii) **National Institute of Social Development Act, No. 41 of 1992**
- iv) **Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act. No. 28 of 1996**
- v) **Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No 9 of 2000**
- vi) **National Policy on Disability – 2003**
- vii) **Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Act, No 33 of 2003**
- viii) **Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 28 of 2011**

- ix) **National Charter for Senior Citizens and National Policy for Senior Citizens Sri Lanka - 2006**
- x) **Protection of the Rights of Elders(Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2011**
- xi) **Family Policy for Sri Lanka (Draft)**

01. Administration Division

Mission

“Effective Administration through devotion and diligence in terms of the regulations laid down in the Establishment Code as well as circulars, towards proper management of human resources in the Ministry of Social Services and its affiliated institutions and thereby achieving success”

The following Departments and Institutions function under the purview of the Ministry of Social Services.

1. Department of Social Services
2. National Council and the National Secretariat for Elders
3. National Institute of Social Development
4. National Council and the National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities
5. Counseling Center
6. National Programme on Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities (CBR)

New Appointments, Retirements, Transfers & Graduates Information from 01.01.2013 - 30.09.2013

Retirements

No	Name	Designation	Retirement Date
01	Mr. M.D.C.Jayamanne	Director (National Secretariat for Persons with Disabled)	2013.08.14
02	Mrs. I.H. Rupasinghe	P.M.A. I	2013.08.01
03	Mr.W.W. Botheju	K.K.S. I	2013.04.27

Resignations

No	Name	Designation	Resignations Date
01	Mrs.K.P.D.D.N.Karunanayake	P.M.A. III	2013.05.08

Releases from Positions

No	Name	Designation	Released to	Date
01	Ms.B.A.W. Bamunusinghe	P.M.A III	Ministry of Education (Teaching)	2013.01.01
02	Ms. B.C. Priyadarshani	P.M.A III	Ministry of Education (Teaching)	2013.09.02

Officers Transferred to the Ministry

No	Name	Designation	Transferred from	Date
01	Mrs.H.M.S Jayatunge	Addl. Secretary (Admin)	Ministry of Public Administration	2013.05.07
02	Mrs.S.A.D.S. Subasinghe	Addl. Secretary (Development)	Ministry of ports and highways	2013.05.15
03	Mr. J.A.S Raveendra	Director (National Secretariat for Persons with Disabled)	Ministry of Public Administration	2013.08.14
04	Mr. S.D. Udawatte	Addl. Secretary (Admin)	Ministry of public relations and public affairs	2013.12.19
05	Mrs. M.K.K.Rasika Abaydeera	Director (Counseling)	Ministry of National Heritage	2013.02.26

06	Mrs. R.B.K.Ranasinghe	P.M.A. I	National Institute of Technical Education	2013.12.26
07	Mrs. Ajantha Wickramasinghe	P.M.A. I	Ministry of Construction Engineering Services Housing and Common Amenities	2013.02.01
08	Ms. M.C.S. Bolsing	P.M.A III	Department of Ayurveda	2013.07.04
09	Mr. R.Palitha	Driver	Department Income Tax	2013.01.21

Officers Transferred from the Ministry

No	Name	Designation	Transferred to	Date
01	Mrs. N.K. Abayrathne	Addl. Secretary (Admin)	Ministry of cChild Development	2013.05.10
02	Mr. M. C.L Fernando	Addl. Secretary (Development)	Ministry of Ports and Highways	2013.05.15
03	Mrs. H.M.S. Jayatunge	Addl. Secretary (Admin)	President Pecretariat Office	2013.11.21
04	Mr. M.H.L Zameel	Director (Counseling)	Ministry of Buddhist Affairs	2013.01.01
05	Mr. D.M.A.S. Niroshana	Asst: Director (National Secretariat for Persons with Disabled)	Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development	2013.09.02
06	Mrs. G.G.N.A. Perera	Translator	President Secretariat Office	2013.10.21
07	Mrs. S.V.K. Thamara	Asst: Information technology	Ministry of National Planning and	2013.01.23

		Officer	Economic Development	
08	Ms H.I. Indika	Asst: Information technology Officer	Weke Divisional Secretariat	2013.10.30
09	Mrs. A,N. Madihage	P.M.A II	Ministry of Education	2013.01.01
10	Mr. S.M. Sriwardhane	Driver	Department of Examination	2013.01.01
11	Mr. R.A.R. De Jayathilake	Driver	Ministry of Ports and Highways	2013.05.21

The following 208 graduate officers are serving under the Ministry as at 31.12.2013

01. Counseling Assistants	-	93
02. Supply Assistants	-	02
03. Development Assistants	-	02
04. Unit Assistants	-	06
05. Development Assistants (Counseling)	-	85
06. Development Officers	-	20

Eight (8) Development Assistants (Supernumerary) are engaged in the services as at 31.12.2013

Consultative committee meetings from 01.01.2013 – 31.12.2013

01. 20.02.2013
02. 19.03.2013
03. 10.04.2013
04. 21.05.2013
05. 25.07.2013
06. 2013.09.05

Details of Duty Waivers from 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013

Se. No.	Name & Address of the Applicant	Name & Address of the Donor
1.	National Director, World Vision Lanka, # 1119/2/1, Maradana Road, Colombo 08.	World Vision USA
2.	Colombo Friend – in – Need Society, Colombo – 02.	North Sea Plastics Ltd, United Kingdom.
		OM Engineering Works A, Nagar Jaipur – 302006, India.
		Kanpur 208 005, India.
3.	Secretary, Ministry of Social Services.	Mahakaruna Buddhist Society, Singapore.
4.	Vessel's Owners	Passenger Vessel – Costa Atlantica.
5.	Colombo Friend – in – Need Society, Colombo-02	Materials for the disabled
		Prosthetic & Orthotic Components,
6.	Rev. Fr. Shiran Karawgodage	Messrs Associazione Noi Per Loro Onlus, Italy.
7.	Hon. Felix Perera M.P, Minister of Social Services.	Mr. M. Naser, P.O. Box 8944, Salmiya, Kuwait.
8.	Sri Lanka Federation of the Visually Handicapped.	South African National Council for the Blind.
9.	Kalavany Community Centre	Sivan Temple, Switzerland.
10.	Sister Robina Paulin, Holy Cross Provincialate, Kochchikadai.	Emmi International Ltd, Winkelweg 4, DH-3422 – Kirchberg.
11.	Hon. Vinayagamoorthy Muralitharan (M.P), Deputy Minister of Resettlement.	Bangladesh
12.	Secretary, Ministry of Social Services.	Singapore

13.	Mrs. M.B. Jayawardane, Municipal Commissioner, Colombo Municipal Council	Korea
14.	Samadhi Community Development Foundation	USA
15.	Lions' Club – Wattala	Australia

**15 Foreign Scholarships were granted to the following officers in the ministry
from 01.01.2013 to 30.12.2013**

File No.	Programme	Name and Post of the Candidate	Country	Duration
MSS/3/4/5/1/2013	Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disability through Community Based Employment Support	Mr. D.M.S.A. Niroshana Asst. Director Mr. C.P.L. Fernando Social Services Officer	Japan	09 th Jan. to 02 nd Feb.2013
MSS/3/4/5/2/2013	3 rd Regional Disability Equality - Training Trainers' Training	Mr. M.N.S. Udaya Kumara Social Services Officer	Malaysia	8-18 Jan/, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/3/2013	Capacity Building Training Programme	Mrs. H.M. C.J. Hearth Lecturer	India	7-31 January, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/4/2013	Regional Training on Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities & Seminar on CBR	Mrs. S.P. Weththewa, Social Services Officer	Thailand	05-09 Feb. 2013
MSS/3/4/5/5/2013	Capacity Development workshop	Mrs. Emelda Sukumar Secretary	Nepal	18-22 March, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/7/2013	Multi-year Capacity Building Programme for Instructors in Vocational Training Institutions youth for the Disabled Youth.	Mrs. Emelda Sukumar Secretary Mrs. P.A.G.Fernando Director /DSS Mr.M.Ramammoorthy Director (Planning) Mr.K.N.L. Sirimewan OIC Mrs. G.L.L. Gunasinghe OIC Mr.N.I. Karunasena/OIC	Korea	

		Mr.M.A.P. Munasinghe/ OIC Mr. P.A.K. Dayawansa OIC Mr.A.H.M.U. Sampath Works Manager Mr.U.L.Rajapakse Vocational Instructor Mrs.G.B.K.Padmasiri Vocational Instructor Mr.N.S.Dharmawardana Vocational Instructor		
MSS/3/4/5/8/2013	Seminar on Female Officials in Social Management	Mrs. Rasika Abeydeera Director (Counselling) Mrs. G.A.M.S.P. Wijesekera, Lecturer Mrs. Yamuna Kumari Social Development Officer	China	3-17 June, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/9/2013	3 rd Regional Conference in Tokyo.	Mr. S.Kumara Social Services Officer	Japan	22-24 August, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/10/2013	Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Fellowship Training Programme for Leadership Development of Senior Public Officers Monash University, Melbourne	Mrs. A.G.Fernando, Director , Department of Social Services	Australian	31 August, to 22 Sept. 2013
MSS/3/4/5/11/2013	Seminar and Study Tour	Mr. R. Jayasinghe Director General, National Institute of Social Development (NISD) Mrs. A.G. Fernando Director, Department of Social Services(DSS) Mrs. K.D.D. Ariyaratne	Japan	06-11 Nov.2013

		Account/NISD Mr. M.S.M. Asmiyas Tra. Officer (NISD) Mr.M.D.G.Chandrasoma Social Services Officer (DSS)		
MSS/3/4/5/12/2013	Psychological Intervention after Disaster, Trauma, Counselling	Mr. P. Arumathurai, Counselling Asst.	China	07-15 October 2013
MSS/3/4/5/13/2013	Consultation on the Global Disability Action Plan	Mr. C.P.L. Fernando Social Services Officer	Philippines	30-31 October 2013
MSS/3/4/5/14/2013	Expert Group Meeting on Effective Data Generation for the Inch eon Strategy Indicators	Mr. R.Ramamoorthy Director (Planning)	Thailand	6-7 November, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/15/2013	International Conference on Asia-Pacific Digital Libraries (ICADL 2013)	Mr. D.K.I. Wijeratne Computer Programmer	India	09-12 December, 2013
MSS/3/4/5/16/2013	Training of Trainers on IN/CPACCE Global Curricula for Addiction Professionals.	Mrs. M.T.R.S. Attanayaka National Institute of Social Development		18-18 December, 2013

Local Training Programmes awarded from 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013

Se. No	Name of the Course	No of Participants
01	Department of Public Accounts	02
02	Procurement Procedure	01
03	Two day workshops on Business writing for administrative profession's	01
04	Vehicles Maintenance Training programmes	02
05	Workshop on productivity & efficiency of drivers	15
06	Tamil English courses – department of official languages	05

The Following Cabinet memorandums have been submitted for the cabinet approval from 01.01.2013 - 31.12.2013

Se. No.	Cabinet Paper No.	Date	Subject	Decision No.	Decision Date
01.	MSS/CM/01/2013	20.03.2012	Continuation of Provisions for maintaining of a Residential Care Home for the Children profoundly disabled by Autism and Autism related disorders	CP13/0232/534/001	07.03.2013
02.	MSS/CM/03/2013	07.05.2013	Expansion of Vocational Training Centre at Thelambuyaya.	CP13/0600/534/002	21.05.2013
03.	MSS/CM/04/2013	07.05.2013	Extension of the Volunteer Information and Coordination Centre (VOICE) Project	CP13/0601/534/003	21.05.2013
04.	MSS/CM/05/2013	31.05.2013	Appointment of Mrs. P.A.G. Fernando, SLAS Gr. I Officer to the Post of Director, Social Service Department	CP13/0715/534/004	20.06.2013
05.	MSS/CM/06/2013	04.07.2013	Private Members' Bill – Philip Gunawardena Commemorative Society (Incorporation Bill)	CP13/0934/534/005	18.07.2013
06.	MSS/CM/07/2013	05.08.2013	Private Members' Bill – Chandima Weerakkody Foundation (Incorporation Bill)	CP13/1121/534/006	16.12.2013
07	MSS/CM/08/2013	21.10.2013	Inclusion of the Period of Service rendered to other Ministries for Calculation of Pension and the Extension of the Service up to 60 years (Mr. E.J.K. Tissa Weerasinghe Middle	CP13/1416/534/007	21.10.2013

			Level Technical Officer III)		
08	MSS/CM/09/2013	04.10.2013	Legal Protection to White Cane Users	CP13/1456/534/008	17.10.2013
09	MSS/CM/10/2013	09.10.2013	Appointment to act in the Post- Mrs. Anusha Gokula Fernando-SLAS	CP13/1521/534/004-1	11.11.2013
10	MSS/CM/11/2013	24.10.2013	Implementation of the National Action Plan for Disability	CP13/1617/534/009	16.12.2013
11.	MSS/CM/12/2013	20.11.2013	Sales Promotion of the Products of the Disabled and the Elders Community	CP13/1702/534/010	16.12.2013
12.	MSS/CM/13/2013	27.11.2013	Annual Report for the year 2011- National Council for Elders	CP13/1759/534/011	16.12.2013
13	MSS/CM/14/2013	02.12.2013	Private Members' Bill – Lakshman Wasantha Perera Community Development Foundation (Incorporation Bill)	CP13/1813/534/012	12.12.2013
14	MSS/CM/15/2013	18.12.2013	Private Members' Bill – Victor Antony Educational, Social, Economic Services and Charity Foundation (Incorporation Bill)	CP13/1890/534/014	13.01.2014
15	MSS/CM/16/2013	27.12.2013	Extension of Service Contract of Mr. Kerby S. De Lanerolle, Advisor	CP13/1889/534/013	13.01.2014

02. National Council & National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

Mission

“Mission is to ensure the rights of Persons with disabilities through guidance, support, coordination, implementation and monitoring of development activities”

Objective

Implementation of laws enacted by Act No.28 of 1996 for promotion, advancement and protection of rights of persons with disabilities.

Functions and activities

His Excellency the President has appointed a National Council for Persons with disabilities in terms of the provisions of Act No 28 of 1996 for promotion, advancement, and protection of rights of persons with disabilities

Accordingly, decisions taken by this National Council on following matters are being implemented.

- ❖ Promotion of welfare of persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Prevention and control of main causes of disabilities.
- ❖ Maintenance of accurate statistics on persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Taking action to rehabilitate persons with disabilities
- ❖ Monitoring of activities of Institutions providing assistance to persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Fulfillment of needs of persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Formulation of programmes and policies, provision of guidance to prepare a proper` physical environment for persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Enhancement of making aware of the public on needs and situation of persons with disabilities

Legal Drafting

A new Bill has been drafted for ensuring rights of handicapped persons by revising the Persons with Disabilities Rights Ensuring Act No. 28 of 1996. It was referred to the Legal Draftsman Department and his observations have been received. The National Council has decided to discuss widely on the matter.

Provision of Rs. 3000/- to families with disabled persons under the “Mahinda Chintana” programme.

Under the “Mahinda Chintana” programme, Rs.598 Mn. has been allocated for this purpose, for the year 2013 and out of that, Monthly Life Assistance of Rs. 3000/-each has been provided to 16,600 poor families with disabled members. Accordingly, a total sum of Rs 598 Mn. has been utilized by the end of December 2013.

Mobile Services & Issuance of Assistive devises.

Assistive devises	No. of items issued
Wheel chairs	771
Clutches	306
Hand Clutches	306
Spectacles (short ranged)	93397
Tricycles	20
Wheel chairs with commodes	53
Audio equipments	22

168 mobile services have been conducted by December 2013 and Rs. 24.63 Mn. has been spent for assistive devices.

Housing programme

A sum of Rs. 250,000/- in granted to a disabled persons for the construction or renovation of a house. Under this programme, a sum of Rs. 73.28 Mn has been provided for 599 houses of persons with disabilities up September in the year 2013.

Month	No. of beneficiaries
January	08
February	65
March	69
April	–
May	201
June	64
July	09
August	–
September	–
October	–
November	116
December	67
Total	599

Accessibility facility programmes

Awareness raising programmes on providing access facilities to government institutions and common buildings had been conducted in Vavuniya, Jaffna, Mulativu, Mannar and Kilinochchi districts up to December 2013 with the participation of Divisional Secretaries, Social Services Officers and Technical Officers concerned in each district. Action has been taken to provide access facilities to the following places up to December 2013.

Accessibility Facilities - 2013

District	Location/ D.S. division	Amount (Rs)
Polonnaruwa	Medirigiriya	217,338.47
	Polonnaruwa	321,024.70
Ampara	Kalmunai	60,795.00
Polonnaruwa	Polonnaruwa Dis. t Secretariat	156,958.00
	Elahera D/S	28,187.20
Badulla	Welimada D/S	7,050.00

Gampaha	Meerigama	45,330.00
Kegalle	Warakapola	105,121.00
Anuradhapura	Thambuththegama	21,122.00
Monaragala	Badalkumbura	50,000.00
Batticalow	Manmunei – North	250,000.00
Puttlam	Mundalam	12,778.01
Kilinichchi	Kandawalei	73,000.00
Kalutara	Walallawita	45,000.00
Polonnaruwa	Medirigiriya	98,436.37
Polonnaruwa	Medirigiriya	21,655.73
Polonnaruwa	Lankarura	6,418.26
Jaffna	Point Pedro	120,000.00
Puttalm	Mundalam	88,948.29
Rathnapura	Balangoda	50,000.00
Total		1,831,553.03

Dis. Secretariat – District Secretariats

D.S. – Divisional Secretariat

Inter Ministerial Committee

Action have been taken to educate all District Secretaries, Divisional Secretaries, Secretaries of Local Bodies, Provincial Council Secretaries, Ministerial Secretaries and Heads of Departments on Access facilities and technical guidance / coordination of its affairs, These are handled by the Inter Ministerial Committee.

Self Employment Assistance Programme for handicapped persons - Rs. 25,000/- maximum

371 handicapped persons were provided with a total of Rs.7.6 mn up to December 2013 by way of financial aid for self employment under this programme.

Month	No. of beneficiaries
January	10
February	82
March	31
April	60
May	56
June	81
July	10
August	04
September	-
October	10
November	08
December	19
Total	371

Medical Assistance Programme for patients - Rs. 20,000/- maximum

Medical Assistance to 434 persons had been extended up to December 2013 totaling to Rs. 6.7 Mn. These financial grants were for heart operations, transplanting of kidneys, Hip bones, knee and audio operations as well as for taking drugs.

Month	No. of beneficiaries
January	-
February	18
March	51
April	74
May	74
June	31
July	24
August	11
September	30

October	33
November	18
December	70
Total	434

Educational assistance to children with disabilities.

A sum of Rs. 1.27 (mn) has been granted to 246 disabled children as Educational Assistance for the period from January to December 2013.

Courses on Brail Methodology, Sign Language, mobility and Orientation

- i. Two courses for public officers in various ministries and representatives of volunteer organizations have been conducted between the period on 18 February and October 2013.
- ii. A course for 28 officers of the Ministry of Education was conducted between the period on 05th May 2013 and completed in December 2013.
- iii. A course for 51 Social Services officers of North western province was completed in July 2013. All these three courses cover the Brail Methodology, Sign Language, Mobility and Orientation.

In addition to that, action has been taken to provide the following services.

- i. Taking action to translate question papers and answer scripts of visually handicapped students in government schools on Brail system.
- ii. Translating reports of National Council for Persons with Disabilities on Brail System.
- iii. Providing educational facilities to visually handicapped students who sit for the Advanced Level Examination.

Registration of volunteer organizations

The following volunteer organizations, for persons with disabilities have been registered in the year 2013 under Section 20 of the Handicapped Rights Preservation Act No. 28 of 1996.

Aloka Skills Development Foundation For Disabled Youth	No. 41/4, Jawatta Road, Colombo 5.
K.A. Kularatna Foundation	No.28/86, Royal Park, Sapugasthenna Road, Kalagedihena
Eksath Community Interactive Centre	No. 288/4, Sinhapura, Wakwella, Galle.
Apeksha Homes	No. 74, Rodrigo Mawatha, Uswetakeiyawa and No. 46 of Uswetakeiyawa
Western provincial Deaf Association	No. 60, Second floor, Central Marketing Complex, Railway Station Road, Dehiwala.
Green Flowers Sri Lanka	No. 5 th cross street, Sammanturai
Vanni Rehabilitation Organization For the Differently Abled	04 th mile post Mannar Road, Pampaimadu, Vavuniya.
“Dimuthu Senasum” Service	Colombo Road, Pambala, Kakkapalliya
Community Business And Technogy Developers (GTE)LTD	11 1 st Lane, Linganagar, Trincomalee
Self Help Group For Disabled	79/1 “Moothavinayagar” Street, Nallur Jaffna.
Sumaga Ruhunu Hearing Defected Forum	No. 143, Galle Road, Walgama, Matara .
Mirunida Hemalatha Arts Centre	No. 189, Old Road, Nawinna, Maharagama.
“Sahanoda” Foundation	341/9, Via Wakwella, Galle .
We are Family foundation	No.9,Dharmashrama Mawatha,Borupana,Rathmalana.
CERBARAL Policy Lanka Foundation	No.127, 5/4, St James Street, Colombo 15

Assistance to Victoria House

A sum of Rs 6.0. Mn. has been allocated to the Victoria House, dedicated to incurables in Rajagiriya for the year 2013. Accordingly, action has been taken to meet monthly expenses at the Victoria House amounting to Rs. 500,000/-.

Outstanding Achievements in the year

- ❖ After recognizing sign language by the Cabinet of Ministers, the following Bills had been drafted under the direction of Hon. Felix Perera, Minister of Social Services and had been referred to Legal Draftsman Department.
- ❖ Special collective programmes have been planned to improve children affected with Autism under the guidance and directions given by HE the President and Minister of Social Services , in collaboration with Ministries of Education, Health services and Child Development & Women's Empowerment. The collaborative action plan in this regard had already been submitted to the National Planning Department for approval. Necessary training to identify these children is being given to field officers of the Western Province.
- ❖ As a result of the lengthy discussions held with the Ministry of Transport under accessibility Order No. 01 of 2006 on accessibility facilitations for the handicapped, few CTB buses facilitated for the handicapped could be deployed on main routes. As well, the Railway Department is taking action to construct all railway stations on newly constructed North and Mannar rail ways with access facilitations.

❖ **National Action Plan on Disability.**

This plan is being translated in to Sinhala and Tamil languages with approval of National Council and action would be taken to refer it to the Cabinet.

❖ **Legal protection for White Canes.**

On submission of a Cabinet Paper aimed to ensure, promote and develop rights of persons who depend on white canes to the Cabinet of Ministers on 17.10.2013, approval has been received to refer the same to the Legal Draftsman to prepare a Draft Bill.

03. Community Based Rehabilitation Programme for Disabled - C BR

Objective

Developing disabled persons to enable them to enjoy their rights and discharge their responsibilities and, creating opportunities in ongoing social development programmes in order to integrate them into society and thereby to bring about equal opportunities for them.

Background

It is the internationally recognized norm for co-habitation that the disabled persons should also be the co-members of the society and entitled to equal rights as enjoyed by the others in their communities as well as being treated on equal terms with others in satisfying their needs such as education, health, employment, accessibility facilities, welfare or any other requirement through the existing system. Ministry of Social Services implements such programmes in 331 Divisional Secretary divisions in 25 districts in the island. The Community Based Interactive National Programme can be identified as a key development programme being implemented under the Ministry of Social Services for safeguarding and ensuring the rights of the disabled for co-habitation.

The term “Community Based Rehabilitation” is interpreted as a community development process aimed at developing disabled persons to enable them to enjoy their rights and discharge their responsibilities and, bringing about equal opportunities for them and integrate them into society. In the implementation of the CBR programme, Steering Committees represented by various Ministries and Departments, Non Governmental Organizations and resource persons have been established at national, provincial, districts, divisional and rural levels. Also, “Swashakthi” organizations comprised of disabled persons and their family members should be set up at district and divisional levels to empower them.

Activities

- Implementing programmes for disabled persons and their family members to promote positive attitudes among them and provide them with knowledge on life skills.

- Conducting daily life skills programmes required for doing one's work independently at home, society, pre-school, university or work place etc.
- Referring disabled children to specialized education systems or in the interactive educational background and to provide access to education and for other services.
- Providing employment opportunities in unison with the Labour Ministry and private sector for empowering them economically and Pre-conditioning them for employments.
- Taking action to provide vocational training through vocational training institutes at regional and national levels.
- Integrating disabled persons into programs of other ministries and departments – such as Divi Neguma, Sports, Cultural etc.
- Pro - Active participation in various social religious Cultural programs .

Strategies to be adopted for this purpose

- Updating National Operation Committee comprised with inter Ministries and Non Governmental Organizations.
- Formulating and implementing five year plans for CBR programme according to decisions arrived at the National Operational Committee.
- Updating understanding for implementing National Policy on disability in Sri Lanka by conducting District Committee head by all District Secretaries .
- Conducting workshops on new trends of C.B.R. programme and recording / noting for all officers such as Social Services Officers, Social Development Assistants, Child Rights Promotion officers attached to all Divisional Secretariats in all districts.
- Conducting interactive workshops for field officers at divisional level.
- Conducting workshops for rural leaders at Divisional Secretary Division level.
- Establishment and empowerment of Swashakthi organizations of disabled persons.
- Establishment of Parent Associations of the disabled and educating them.

- Conducting training workshops for volunteer employees
- Collection and reviewing of monthly progress reports and Field Training Workshop for Provincial Assistant Officers.
- Conducting job fairs

C.B.R National Programme Progress - 2013

	C.B.R Programmes - 2013	Beneficiaries
	Rehabilitations at home- level	6427
	Socializations	1414
	No. of children referred to pre-schools	1143
	No.of children referred to schools	727
	No. of children referred to special schools	991
	References to physio therapy services	4623
	References to vocational training	1339
	References to employments	643
	References to self employments	2725
	No. of direct beneficiaries	114
	Empowering Swashakthi groups	17

04. Counseling Division

Vision

“Healthy Nation with Balanced Personality”

Mission

“Our Mission is to obtain contributions of all citizens in Sri Lanka to the National Development by improving mental health through counseling services, awareness, leadership, coordination and individual personality development by using psychological methodologies.”

The Counseling Division of the Ministry together with Counseling Offices attached to 180 Divisional Secretariats has made immense efforts to achieve the mission.

Role of Counseling Division

- Forming a National Policy for the counseling service.
- Preparing standards for counseling services.
- Capacity building of human resources for counseling services
- Co-ordination with other government and non government institutions which provide counseling services. (National Counseling Day- 15th October)
- Establishing counseling centers in Divisional Secretariat level to provide for counseling needs of the community

- Increasing the attendance of clients at counseling centers by educating government officers, community leaders, students, teachers and parents about counseling and psychotherapy.
- Conducting traumatic counseling clinics in areas where natural and manmade disasters have occurred.
- Issuing publications to make the community aware of counseling and psychotherapy.(in both Sinhala & Tamil medium)
- Conducting preventive and developmental counseling programmes to minimize psychosocial problems.
- 24 hours online counseling services island wide.
- Training Volunteers, active listeners and psychosocial workers.
- Conducting short term training and awareness programs on counseling
- Conducting attitude development programs to maximize productivity and efficiency in government institutes.
- Providing the services of trained counselors for government institutes and NGOs which are in need of such services (Prisons, Hospitals, Children’s Homes, Elders’ Homes, Air line services)

Activities 2013

Preventive and treatment Programmes

- 20 Counseling awareness programs for government officers in 21 districts
- Fund Allocation - selected Divisional Secretariats for requested programs of counseling officers
- Counseling programmes on education, family, elders, adolescence and drugs in selected divisional offices.
- Drug Rehabilitation counseling programs in Kandakadu rehabilitation center
- Psycho-somatic rehabilitation counseling support programs organized for “Abimansala” disabled soldiers at Anuradhapura.

Capacity building Programmes

- 3 Skills development programmes for Counseling Assistant Officers
- Skill development programmes for Development officers (counseling)
- Progress review programmes at District level for Counseling Assistant Officers & Development officers of counseling
- Government Institutes upon request special counseling discussion programmes
- Special Counseling programs to Government institutes (Accordinging their requests)

24 hours Mobile Telephone Counseling programs

- Counseling was provided by 100 Counseling officers for the community through the Dialog network with a view to promote their mental health.

Publications and Printed Materials

- Issued 40,000 educational leaflets in 3 types on counseling
- Launched Counseling day Magazine
- Prepared banners for national counseling services day

Counseling programmes parallel to the Counseling Day

- Commemoration ceremony was held on the theme of counseling for elders' mental health at Sri Lanka Institute of foundation on 14th day of October 2013, with the participation of Government and non government counseling services Institutions and school children.

Counseling programmes in Northern and Eastern Province under the UNICEF project

- Conducted awareness programmes on counseling for the community, school children and public officers who were resettled in Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mullaitive districts under UNICEF funds and through counseling psychosocial workers.
- Awareness programmes for community and public officers as active listeners.

Financial & Physical progress - 2013

Activity	Physical progress	Financial Progress (Rs.M)	Number of beneficiaries
Awareness programmes on counseling and counseling clinics (National /Divisional level)	128 programs	2.323	11930
24 hours Mobile counseling services	96 monthly mobile bills	0.15	2976
Conseling programmes for Capacity building	61 programmes	5.37	2763
Publication	55000 leaflets	0.7	-
Coordination of counseling agencies	11 programmes	0.5325	154
Construction /Repairing/Equipments	01 construction 10 repairing 13 equipments	2.9245	-

05. Single Parent Family Development programme

Objective

It is a common occurrence among children deprived of a school education due to poverty with the increasing tendency of single parents number in the society of present. The objective of this programme is to improve living standards of the under privileged Sri Lankan citizens who have become single parents due to the spouse and children being deserted by their partners or due to the demise of spouse, by assisting them in tackling their economic difficulties.

Selection of beneficiaries

- Women with underage children and school-going children, who have become vulnerable due to terrorist activities, communal war situation, accidents, suicides or untimely death of their husbands.
- For families where wife and children have been deserted by the husband or, husband and underage children have been deserted by the wife.
- For those women who are not legally married but have underage and school-going children and without sufficient means of income to satisfy the needs of these children.

According to statistics of the 2001 Census conducted by the Department of Statistics, there are 209,839 single parent families in 18 districts of Sri Lanka with the highest number being reported from the Kurunegala district. Among the most affected group of these single parent families are the small children and women. Protection, care and self respect of these people are severely affected due to this adverse situation with them. As a result, improvement of education and nutrition of children is hindered, which has in turn exposed them to various social abuses.

Further, according to a study done by the Ministry of Education, it has been revealed that 2% of children at the school-going age are not attending school mainly due to poverty. A considerable portion of this group is from Single parent families.

For alleviating this situation, the following activities are carried out under this programme.

1. Assistance to commence self employment for the development of single parent families and follow -up action
2. Assistance to collective self employments projects of small groups and follow up action,
3. Improving economic ceilings of mothers/ fathers of single parent families, educating them on social responsibility and role in family, upgrading, enhancing knowledge needed for uninterrupted education of their children by upgrading economic status, implementing programs to provide technical assistance to carry out their projects and implementing programs to strengthen family bond of the identified vulnerable families.

Financial & Physical progress – up to 31st December 2013

Programme	No. of beneficiaries	Financial Allocations
Self Employment assistance to single parent families eg: Projects such as animal husbandry, vegetable growing, dress making, mobile business, retail marketing, food production and marketing	No. of families - 621	5,875,000.00
Self employment development programmes for single parented small groups eg. Projects such as twining as a group, dress making, tea cultivating, sweetmeat preparation	No of programmes - 18 No. of families - 52	1,025,000.00
Educational programs for single parented families eg -	06 programmes in 06	100,000.00

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmes implemented for imparting technological knowledge for projects eg. – Production of foot wear, yoghurt, handicrafts, sweetmeats • Programmes to strengthen family ties in identified endangered families. Eg. – family disputes, taking action to minimize damage to family due to divorces. • Educational programmes on role to be played for family welfare and social liability 	Divisional Secretariats 06 Programmes 265 beneficiaries	
Total		7,000,000.00

Allocation for the year 2013 - 7.00 Rs. Mn.

No of beneficiaries who received self employment assistance at district level for 2013

No	District	No of Beneficiaries
01	Gampaha	80
02	Puttlam	26
03	Colombo	43
04	Galle	36
05	Rathnapura	34
06	Kalutara	57
07	Polonnaruwa	14
08	Kegalle	14
09	Anuradhapura	07
10	Kurunegala	11
11	Matale	02
12	Matara	06
13	Monaragala	13

14	Hambantota	10
15	Ampara	71
16	NuwaraEliya	10
17	Badulla	09
18	Kandy	09
19	Jaffna	25
20	Mullaitive	65
21	Mannar	72
22	Kilinochchi	46
23	Vavuniya	08
24	Batticalo	07
Total		675

Provisions for small group self employment projects -2013

District	Divisional Secretariat	Project	No of Members involved in the project	Provisions
Gampaha	Katana	Dress making	5	50,000.00
Rathnapura	Ayagama	Tea cultivation	3	30,000.00
Monaragala	Kataragama	Selling trays of fruits (poojavatti)	4	40,000.00
Kurunegala	Maspotha	Dress making	3	30,000.00
Matara	Balapitiya	Twining	10	150,000.00
Jaffna	Karawadi	Dairy cattle farming	4	40,000.00
Jaffna	Wanganai	Polltry farming	5	50,000.00
Mullitive	Mantive – South	Dairy cattle farming	5	50,000.00
Mannar	Nanattan	Polltry farming	7	70,000.00
Mannar	Nanattan	Polltry farming	6	60,000.00

Provision of Self Employment training and awareness programmes for single parent families

District	Divisional Secretariat	Project	Provision (Rs.)
Kalutara	Panadura	Programme to give technical and professional knowledge	9,500.00
Matara	Akuressa	Awareness programme on mental health development & small groups projects	19,300.00
Kalutara	Matugama	Programme to give technical & professional knowledge – foot ware production	51,660.00
Galle	Balapitiya	Programme to give technical & professional knowledge to beneficiaries	5,000.00
Matara	Welipitiya	Attitudes development of the members in single parent families and the programme for strengthening the families subject to split	10,000.00

The main purpose of implementing this programme is to minimizing unemployment among single parent families and thereby to make them partners in social development.

06. “Sisunena Pubuduwa” programme

Introduction

Recent researches have revealed that the thinking power of Sri Lankan children, is diminishing gradually. As a result they have gone astray due to negligence of social values, ethics and religious devotions. One reason for this situation, as per the survey conducted by Ministry of Social Services, is the children who hate the reading.

With this end in view, Ministry of Social Services initiated “Sisunena Pubuduwa” as a social development programme in order to promote reading among children and they by improve their thinking power and creative skills.

Arrangement are made to select GS divisions from under development divisional secretary divisions in Sri Lanka there by to provide books worth Rs.50,000/- the porogramme the village resident who are received two days training.

There is methodology which is specially of the progammme to make the borrowed books to be attentively by the reader compulsory.

No. of centers opened up to 30th December of the year.

	District	DS division	GS division	No. of beneficiaries
01	Puttalam	Anamaduwa	Alankulam	168
			7 village	164
		Dankotuwa	Kudawila	181
		Chilaw	Thimbilla	84
02	Ampara	Lahugala	Panama	143
		Damana	Moragahapallama	193
03	Polonnaruwa	Dimbulagala	Pahal Ellewewa	118
04	Kalutara	Matugama	Ovitigala	315
05	Kurunegala	Ridigama	Rathvita	214

06	Gampaha	Mirigama	Keenadeniya	211
		Gampaha	Keselwathugoda	247
		Ja-ela	Thudella	210
		Dompe	Ragama	198
		Gampaha	Udawela	164
07	Monaragala	Badalkumbura	Keenadeniya	207
			Pahalagoddayaya	207
		Monaragala	Nakkala	221
08	Rathnapura	Kolonna	Weheragoda	243
			Maduruketiya	85
			Maduwanwala	350
			Batathota	314
09	Badulla	Welimada	Dambuluwana	297
			Welipathayaya	371
			Divithotawela	211
10	Kandy	Patatumbara	Mahkumbura	187
			Panwila	Mahapathayaya
11	Kegalle	Kegalle	Undugoda	201

07. Social Care Centre Project

Mission

Creating a Caring Society

Objective

To provide a comprehensive and coordinated social welfare package to the service users who come to the Social Care Centre/Unit to obtain services.

The Cabinet of Ministers at its meeting held on 14/12/2005 approved the Cabinet Paper No.05/1972/023/001 approved to establish Social Care Centres in Tsunami affected areas and also establish these centres in other Divisional Secretary Divisions if the project is successful and gathers momentum.

The common objective of establishing Social Care Centers is to provide an integrated Social Care package to the service users in a user friendly environment. This is a well thought out model for comprehensive service delivery. It helps to identify the issues of most vulnerable in the development process while providing them the necessities. Thus, Social Care Centres act as a safety net to the most vulnerable society. Programmes for upgrading the knowledge and Skills of the field officers will be conducted by the Social Care Project in order to deliver coordinated services to the society.

The programme is a joint venture implemented by Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs and Provincial Councils. The following officers are attached to the centre.

01. Social Services Officer (Central Govt./Provincial)
02. Counseling Assistants
03. Elders Rights Promotion Officer
04. Social Development Assistant
05. Women's Development Officer
06. Child Rights Promotion Officer
07. Early Childhood Development Officer
08. Relief Sister

In addition, the Divisional Secretariats get the service of Probation Officers and non Govt. officers also while delivering the services through Social Care Centres. By now other field officers also are being attached to most of the centres.

By end of year 2008, 27 centres were established in Western, Southern and Eastern Provinces under the sponsorship of UNICEF and Save the Children in Sri Lanka. In 2009 having realized the efficiency and effectiveness of service provision through social care concept the concept was introduced in other divisions by establishing a Social Care Unit but without putting up a separate centre.

At the end of 2012, 96 Social Care Centres /Units have been established and during 2013 the Social Care Units were established in Kandy (1) Badulla (03) Moneragala (2) Divisional Secretariats. From 2009 onwards this family based Social Care Concept has been implemented by officers instead of the interpersonal service deliveries, Continuous training on knowledge and skill development of officers is being done by the Ministry.

Financial & Physical Progress – 2013

Government Contribution – Rs. 5.00 Mn

Skill Development Programmes

An Experience sharing /progress review programme to all field officers in 6 social care centres in Galle. This programme was headed by District secretary Galle and 50 officers participated. Expenditure incurred was Rs.49,750/-.In addition a work shop was held to prepare training modules .

Establishment of Social Care Centre

The following Social Care Units were established during the year. Total expenditure was Rs.1,949,104/-.

Divisional Secretariat		Allocation (Rs.)
01.	Panwila	52,415/-
02.	Tanamalwila	604,960/-
03.	Wellawaya	300,000/-

04.	Bibile	167,294/39
05.	Passara	177,543/94
06.	Elahera	300,000/-
07.	Dimbulagala	346,890/-
08	Habaraduwa (Renovation)	320,000/-
09	Akurana (Renovation)	65,000/-

Rs.2.486 (Mn) has been released to 13 Social Care Centres in Western and Southern province for the administration and maintenance expenses by December 2013.

UNICEF Contribution – Rs.7,499,300.84

By end of December Rs.5, 068,798.17 was allocated for Social Care programme.

Progress Review Meetings

A progress review meeting was held in Nuwara Eliiya with the participation of Additional Divisional Secretary, Provincial Director Social services and Divisional secretaries in Nuwara Eliya District. Number of field officers participated was 27. Total expenditure incurred was Rs.34, 965/-.

Training Programmes for Psychosocial officers

20 psychosocial officers have been recruited to serve in Mannar, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts during the period. 02 workshops were held and expenditure incurred Rs.44,900/-. In addition 02 counselling workshops (one day workshops) were held for all officers attached to Pallai Divisional Secretariat. Total expenditure incurred was Rs.73,447/-.

Office Supplies

computers, computer tables, chairs and printers were distributed to Badulla and Moneragala Districts' Divisional Secretariats for the use of social care units. Accordingly 5 computers, 10 computer tables & chairs and 10 printers were distributed to Badulla district DS divisions and 2 computers, 10 computer tables and chairs and 11 printers were distributed 10 Monaragala district.

Capacity Development Programme

03 skills development programmes on social care concept and usage (2day programmes) were held at Polgolla Cooperative Training Centre to train field officers of Kandy, Matale and Nuwara Eliya Districts. 231 officers participated in the above 3 programmes and expenditure incurred was Rs.451,267/-. One programme was conducted at Polonnaruwa for the field officers of 7 Divisional Secretariats in Polonnaruwa. Total Expenditure was Rs.131,345/-. Another workshop (2 days) was conducted in Ampara for 27 Field officers of 7 Divisions(Sinhala) in Ampara.29 officers participated and expenditure incurred was Rs.80,390/-. At these workshops the sessions were conducted under the topics; team building, social work, Case management, Case conference, and basic skills in counseling and reporting.

Preparation of Training Modules

TOT training module (English) was completed and skill development training module (draft) was prepared during the period.

Income Generating Support to Vulnerable Families with children

By the end of the year 2013 assistance was given to 44 vulnerable families in Mullaitivu, Trincomalee and Ampara Districts for income generating activities .Total money released was Rs.1,174,505/-.

District	Divisional Secretariat	No. of Families	Amount
Mullaitivu	Maritime Pattu	08	320,000/-
Trincomalee	Padavi Sri pura	02	50,000/-
	Kanthale	02	50,000/-
	Kinniya	02	50,000/-
Ampara	Kalmunai	05	125,000/-
	Damana	08	159,000/-
	Karaitivu	17	420,000/-

Victim Assistance

Under this programme Rs.100,000/- was released to 2 Divisional Secretariats (50000/- each) in Badulla and Monaragala Districts. Namely Kandaketiya, Meegahakiwla, Haldummulla,

Soranatota, Rideemaliadda, Haliela, Haputale, Mahiyanganaya, Padssara, Uva Paranagama, Sewanagala, Badalkumbura, Medagama, Thanamalwila, Bibila, Madulla, Monaragala, Wellaway, Buttala and Kataragama divisions.

Awareness Meetings for community Leaders

Rs.100,000/- was released to conduct awareness Meetings (Rs.10,000/- each) to community leaders in Bandarawela, Passara, Haputale, Welimada, HaliEla, Uva Paranagama, Lunugala, Ella, Badulla, and Mahiyanganaya divisional Secretariats in Badulla District and Rs.100,000/- was released to conduct awareness Meetings (Rs.10,000/- each) to community leaders in Moneragala, Madulla, Thanamalwila, Wellaway, Badalkumbura, Sewanagala, Medagama, Bibila, Buttala and Kataragama Divisional Secretariats in Moneragala District. The purpose of this programme is to make the community leaders aware of the work of Social Care Units.

Establishment of Social Care Units

During 2013 Rs.54,483/- was spent for fixing of name boards and Rs201,819/- was spent for the repairs to Social Care Units in Badulla and Moneragala Districts. Further the following Social Care Units were constructed during the period.

D/S Division	Amount (Rs.)
Ella	448,853/43
Baulla	206,608/-
Pathadumbara	65,000/-
Udapalatha	65,000/-

The final objective of all the training programmes is to deliver a quality service to the service users at village level. Through coordinated services, the officers of various ministries and Government Departments should be able to identify the issues, weaknesses and waste of Government funds etc. and to deliver their services efficiently and effectively to the most vulnerable in the society rather than working individually. The success of this programme at DS level is reported at follow up meetings and workshops.

08. Accounting Division

Mission

“Contributing to maintain powerful, efficient and productive public finance management process going by financial regulations, regulations set in Establishment Code, circular guiding in accordance with Public/ Financial policies for correct diverting of moneys realized by cost estimates for implementing development policies”

Key Objectives

As per the powers vested through the Financial Regulation 135 for Social Development Vision and mission of the Ministry of Social Services for the year 2013 :-

- Updating proper book keeping for all transactions and submitting accounts.
- Procuring financial allocations and empowering Financial management.
- Supervision of all income and expenditure & cost management.
- Cost revision and proposal submission.
- Submitting final accounts to the Treasury and Auditor General’s Department and coordinating it

Key Activities

1. Submitting annual draft estimates to the National Budget Department and attending co-ordination part thereto.

The discussion on preparing budget estimates for the year 2014 was held on 21/08/2013 at the Auditorium of the Ministry of Finance & Planning headed by Hon. Minister of Social Services with the participation of Hon. Deputy Minister and officers of Ministry of Finance and planning

2. Taking action to obtain additional provisions through National Budget Department. Accordingly, details on Provisions realized under Head No. 124 of the Ministry by 30 December 2013 is as follows.

Expenditure category	Estimated provision Rs.	Additional provision Rs.	Total provision Rs.	Total cost in 2013 Rs.
Recurrent expenditure	3,144,903,800/-	18,671,000/-	3,163,574,800/-	2,864,614,232/-
Capital expenditure	343,356,200/-	27,300,000/-	370,656,200/-	263,163,620/-
Total expenditure	3,488,260,000/-	45,971,000/-	3,534,231,000/-	3,127,777,852/-

Out of this total Provisions, allocations of around Rs. 2,898 Mn. for Divisional Secretariats and about 10 Rs. Mn. for Recurrent expenditure had been released.

The estimated provision has been increased by Rs. 2,159.37 Mn. over the same in 2012 due to Rs 123. Mn. for the “Dirisaviya”, a new project proposed under 2013 budget proposals and Rs. 2,847 Mn. for welfare programmes in this year and Rs.1300 Mn. for increasing Rs. 1000/- monthly allowance for 230,000 Samurdhi recipients and Public Assisted elders over 70 years.

3. Obtaining and Management of Imprest approved by the Department of Treasury Operations.

The amount of imprest received in 2013 is as follows.

Recurrent Rs.	Capital	Advance B account	Overseas Funds (UNICEF) Rs.	Total Advances Rs.
907,472,999/-	46,400,000/-	3,000,000/-	10,880,520/-	967,753,519/-

4. Preparation of monthly salaries and allowances of the staff of the Ministry and making payments.

Rs. 100.05 Mn. has been allocated for staff salaries and allowances in the year 2013 and total expenditure for salaries and allowances at the end of December is Rs. 97.12. Mn.

5. Preparing all other recurrent and capital payment vouchers and confirmation/settling and accounting under the Heads concerned.

6. Preparation of monthly accounting summaries, maintaining records and submitting monthly records to Public Accounts Department and to the Auditor General.

7. Releasing Distress loans and Festival Advance to the ministry staff, recover installments and interest thereto and to maintain Administrative Account and documents of it.

A sum of Rs. 4.00 (Mn) has been paid under Public Officers' Advance Account by the end of December 2013. The recovery in advanced account is around Rs. 4.37 Mn.

8. Settling in all due receivables to the Ministry, remitting them in banks and accounting under the income Heads concerned.

9. Preparation of annual Appropriation Accounts and submitting it to the Auditor General before 31 March in each year. Receiving Allocations under annual budget estimates through Appropriation accounts and acquiring assets in the year concerned for which accounts on overall expenditure is submitted, Inclusion of reports on disposing assets as well as details of liabilities.

10. Continuing the procurement process in purchasing items and services for the year 2013 and attending co-ordination works thereto.

11. Replying to all audit queries on expenditure and Auditor General's reports and attending co-coordinating activities thereto.

12. Conducting Board of surveys, updating documents and identifying disposable items and disposing them off. Accordingly having identified the items to be disposed in 2013, the action has taken to do so.

13. Maintenance of utilized and capital items stock of the ministry, issue of stock and it's management.

14. Having prepared the ministry expenditure monthly and progress quarterly, submit them to Planning Division. Further it releases provisions to pay the allowance to the

disabled and salaries of the officers who serves at 331 Divisional Secretariats scattered in 25 district secretariats.

15. Supporting to institutes such as National Social Development Institute, National Board and Secretariat for Handicapped Persons, Community based Rehabilitation programme for Handicapped Persons, Social Development Management Information System, Social Development, Providing self employments to single parented families, National Consultancy Programme, Social care Centers and Aid programme between the UNICEF and Sri Lankan government for keeping accounts and directives on financial management had been extended in the year 2013.

The Accounting division has contributed its best to development process of the country by taking action to update accounts whilst maintaining financial management in social development drives that has been entrusted to the Ministry of Social Services in the year 2013.

09. Planning and Monitoring Division

Introduction

The objective of the Planning & Monitoring Division of the Ministry is to prepare development plans & programmes in consultation with the relevant stakeholders such as Government Departments, Institutions, Donors, NGOs and Community Based Organizations in accordance with the government policies and priorities. Collection of relevant data & information in relation to the social sector is also a responsibility of this division.

Functions of the Planning Division

The following specific functions are performed by the Planning and Monitoring Division of the Ministry;

- Formulation of policies relevant to the subject area of the Ministry in consultation with relevant stakeholders. - “Family Policy for Sri Lanka” has been prepared since 2012 and is expected to finalized soon.
- Preparation of Annual Action Plan for the Ministry in line with the Government priorities and Mid Term Budgetary Provisions. - Action Plan for the Ministry for 2013 was prepared in 2012.
- Preparation of quarterly progress reports against the annual action plan of the Ministry. – Three quarterly reports were prepared in 2013
- Preparation of performance report of the Ministry in order to submit to the Parliament. The performance report for 2013 with the progress up to 3rd quarter was prepared.
- Preparation of annual performance report of the Ministry. Annual Performance Report 2012 was prepared in 2013.
- Preparation and Implementation of the Action plan relevant to SAARC Social Charter. Three quarterly reports were prepared in 2013.
- Reporting to the Presidential Secretariat the progress of the activities assigned to the Ministry of Social Services under implementation of LLRC action plan.

- Preparation of reports required by various authorities in relation to the social sector.
- Preparation of new project proposals for the well being of the vulnerable group of the community in line with government priorities.
- Follow up actions on decisions taken at the discussions and seminars conducted with World Bank, UNICEF, UNPFA, WFP, WHO, UNV and UNDP

In addition to the above the following activities were also successfully completed by the planning division in 2013.

Main Activities

“Samaja Sewa Puwath” Quarterly News Letter

A Quarterly newsletter titled “Samaja Sewa Puwath” is also published by this Division. The newsletter provides information on development activities accomplished and services provided by the functional divisions of the Ministry. The news letter also reflects activities, special social events of the functional wings of the Ministry and presents articles relevant to Social Services. It is distributed among other line Ministries, Institutions and District Secretariats and Divisional secretariats. “*Samaja Sewa Puwath Special Edition*” was published in March, 2013 in parallel to the Deyata Kirula exhibition.

Re formulation of Family Policy for Sri Lanka

A policy document titled Family Policy was prepared in the year 2012 to provide policy guidance in enhancing the lives of disadvantaged groups in the country. As per the observations of His Excellency the President, a team headed by Prof. Karunaratne is reviewing the policy paper in order to give a broader view to the policy. The Planning Division coordinates the activities in this regard.

Implementation of “Dirisawiya” project

“Dirisawiya” project is being implemented under the World Bank fund with a view to provide financial assistance and vocational training for Persons with Disabilities. The Planning Division monitors the project.

Establishment of a Volunteer Secretariat

The Volunteer Secretariat within the Ministry was established in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Planning, UNDP and UNV in 2013. The Planning Division made all preliminary works in this effort.

10. Internal Audit Division

Introduction

The internal audit division of the Ministry of Social Services is functioned under a Chief Internal Auditor who is directly responsible to the Secretary of Ministry as per F.R.134(1).The Division consist of a staff with two Internal Auditors.(Development officers)

Objectives

In accordance with powers vested under financial regulation 133 for vision and operation of Ministry of Social Services in 2013.

Scope of the Audit Division

1. Ministry of social services
2. Department of Social Services
3. National Institute of Social Development
4. National Council for Persons with Disabilities
5. National Secretariat for Elders
6. Visually Handicap Trust Fund

Activities

1.2013 Annual Internal Audit plan is successfully completed.

2. Internal Audit reports were submitted to the Secretary according to the target dates

Internal Audit reports were discussed at the Audit and Management Committee meetings monthly and quarterly.

The following meetings were held during the year.

Monthly	Quarterly
2013/3/25	2013/3/27
2013/6/12	2013/6/14
2013/08/22	2013/08/23
2013/11/12	2013/11/14

Special Activities

3. Surveys

- Self Employment programme & Housing Assistance for disabled families
- Providing a monthly allowance of Rs.1000/= to persons above 70 years
- “Dirisawiya” Assisting People with Cash Transfer and Vocational Training Project (Rs.3000/= allowance, selected 90 DSDs from 9 Districts)

4.vocational training centers were observed-

(Thelembuyaya,Ketawala,Waththegama, Seeduwa, jayawiru sewana & jayawiru Samadhi niwahana- Puwakpitiya ,)

5. Special investigation

Investigation were conducted and reported regarding the complaints received by the secretary at the Ministry of Social service related to the under point out matters.

* DS office Sewanagala.

Pictorial Review



ஊர்ஜிதோஸ் லெஜின் கரகவல சிநித் லுநஸை காலம் ஈதர்பு ரக விலே நைத் லை

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Dancing event of disabled children in the commemoration ceremony of the international disable day – 2013



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அங்கவீனமுற்ற நபர்களுக்கான மிகவும் சிநேகபூர்வமான நகரமாக வெல்லவாய நகரம் உலக சுகாதார அமைப்பினால் பெயரிடப்பட்டு அதற்கான சான்றிதழ் சபாநாயகரான கௌரவ சமல் ராஜபக்ச அவர்களுக்கு வழங்கிய வேளையில்

Hon. Chamal Rajapaksa, the speaker being presented with the certificate with regard to designating wellawaya the most disabled – friendly town in the Asia by the world health organization



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கௌரவ அமைச்சர் அவர்களினால் மூக்குக்கண்ணாடிகள் வழங்குதல் - தேசத்திற்கு மகுடம் 2013

Donating a pair of spectacles by Hon. Minister – Deyata Kirula 2013



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சிகுநன புதுவ நிகழ்ச்சித் திட்டத்தினூடாக வாசிகசாலையொன்றினைத் திறந்து வைத்தல்.

Opening ceremony of a reading center under the “Sisunena Pubuduwa” programme



ஊர்வலம் செய்து கொண்டுவந்த 2013

அங்கவீனமுற்ற நபர்களுக்கான சர்வதேச தினக் கொண்டாட்ட நடை பவனி 2013.

The array to mark international disabled day – 2013



ஊர்வலம் செய்து கொண்டுவந்த 2013 ஊர்வலம் செய்து கொண்டுவந்த 2013

அங்கவீனமுற்ற சிறார் ஒருவருக்கு கௌரவ அமைச்சர் அவர்களினால் சக்கர நாற்காலி வழங்கியபோது

Donating a wheel chair to a disabled child by Hon. Minister



ஊர்வலம் செய்து கொண்டுவந்த 2013 ஊர்வலம் செய்து கொண்டுவந்த 2013

Donating a wheel chair by Hon. Deputy Minister



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புனர்வாழ்வு இடம்பெறுதல்.

Home based rehabilitation implemented by CBR



நிலாசாமிர லொடீன் ஈலாமின பூடீலலெயெகூலீ நிலசககெ
மூலீலல நலன ஈலசீலாவ

வீடமைப்பு உதவி வழங்கப்பட்ட அங்கவீனமுற்ற
நபர் ஒருவருக்கு வீட்டுக்கான அடிக்கல் நாட்டப்பட்ட
வேளையில்

Laying the first stone of the house of a disabled



நனி மூலீய பபூலீ சலவீரீடன வலாசாநீய மூலீன் சீலீயல
டகீயல ஈடலா ஈடார லொடீன் கானீநாலகீ

தனியொருவரினைத் தலைவராகக் கொண்ட
குடும்பங்களை விருத்தி செய்யும் நிகழ்ச்சித்
திட்டத்தினூடாக சுய தொழில் உதவி பெண் ஒருவருக்கு
வழங்கப்படுதல்.

Women received the assistance for self employment
under the Single Parent Development programme



ஈமூச ஈனீகாரக வலாசாநீய மூலீன் சீலீயல டகீயல ஈடலா ஈடார
லொடீன் கானீநாலகீ

சமூகப் பராமரிப்புக் கருத்திட்டத்தினூடாக சுயதொழிலுக்கான
உதவியினை பெண் ஒருவர் பெற்றுக் கொள்ளுதல்.

Women received the assistance for self employment
under the Social Care project



ஈமூச ஈனீகாரக ஈகலீசய ஈடீனீலா டேலீன்

சமூகப் பராமரிப்பு எண்ணக்கருவினை அறிமுகக்
செய்தல்.

Introducing the concept of Social Care