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I consider it vital that we treat all differently abled persons as respected citizens, without any discrimination.Extracted from – Mahinda Chinthana

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Message of the Hon. Minister of Social Services

It is a great pleasure to present this message to the “Achievements” book to be tabled at the budget discussion session for the year 2015, conducted at committee level in respect of Ministry of Social Services.

We have been able to implement a number of significant projects for previous years targeting the disadvantaged groups in the society such as Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Single Parent Families who are the beneficiaries of the effort of Ministry of Social Services. We have effectively contributed for the achievement of goals of the five year work plan, which is implemented in line with the “Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the Future”.

As proposed in the “Mahinda Chinthana” policy frame work, providing a monthly allowance of Rs.3000/- to persons with disabilities has been immensely beneficial to existence of those families as well as the education of their children. We were able to provide such benefits to fifty families in each DS division and I am happy to say that, as per the proposal of His Excellency the President, the provisions will be made to provide that allowance to all persons with Disabilities from 2015 onwards. Around 2400 Persons with Disabilities have been benefited with the housing assistance programme by September in this year through the building up a new house or renovation of the existing house. There has been a great improvement in the provision of assistive devices such as wheel chairs, elbow clutches, artificial hands and limbs, hearing aids and eye lenses, Medical assistance for surgeries and long term treatments, self-employment assistance and accessibility facilities and so on.

It is a great achievement we gained that the sign language to be set as the recognized language in the society.

One significant concept embodied in “Mahinda Chinthana” is to prepare the development process, which is fruitful to differently able persons and their family members altogether to whole society, having made all parties of the society, the partners of the national development through the inclusive process.

In subsequence, the immense effort has been extended by my ministry and affiliated institutions for obtaining a considerable contribution from disabled persons, having sharpened their born skills through modern and various vocational trainings, which is beyond the provision of merely welfare activities towards the production and service sectors. Provision has been made to sell the products of persons with Disabilities and elders in the state and private commercial institutions.

I must appreciate other ministries and institutions for extending the invaluable cooperation there by. I extend my grateful thanks to His Excellency the president for allocating Rs. 100 Million to develop effectively vocational training furtherance.

As the initial step of that economic plan, allowing a greater priority than earlier, on the education and security of disabled children is appreciated. Let me thank His Excellency the president as the Minister Portfolio, in connection with the suggestion of motivating the parents of the children with disabilities by granting the transport allowance of Rs. 750 to send those children to school continuously and motivating teachers by granting the benefits such as free train tickets, Agrahara Insurance benefits and Festival advance.

Another outstanding service of Ministry of Social Service is providing monthly allowance of Rs. 1000/- each for the welfare of 252,000 elderly Sri Lankan citizens over 70 years. Proposing that allowance to be increased up to 2,000/- is shown that the government has paid the special attention

Felix Perera

Minister of Social Services



Message of Hon. Deputy Minister of Social Services

It gives me pleasure to contribute this message to the “Achievement” Book, which is issued in respect of the immense effort of social services extended by Ministry of Social Services in 2014.

Department of Social Services, National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities, National Institute of Social Development, National Secretariat for Elders and Counseling Division are functioning under the purview of Ministry of Social Services.

These Institutions have initiated the various programmes to access marginalizes people to be the partners of the development, having created a favorable environment for them.

Arrangements have been made to provide housing assistance to disabled persons, medical assistance self employment assistance, monthly life assistance of Rs.3000/-, assistive devices, spectacles, and accessibility facilities.

The National Secretariat for Elders has initiated various programmes, on behalf of the welfare of the elderly, with the boom in the aging population in Sri Lanka out of these services providing monthly allowance of Rs. 1000 to the elders over 70 years of age, providing eye lenses, fulfilling their needs to spent their day to lives, creating of a favorable environment for them to spent their time contentedly, through the establishment of elders committees island wide are remarkable.

Of such measures, National Institute of Social Development has extended their Endeavour through supply of trained labour power towards the leadership of social development efforts while conducting the degree, post graduate degree and Diploma course on social work and social Development as well as the promotion of social welfare.

ChandrasiriSooriyaarachchi

Deputy Minister of Social Services



Message of the Secretary to the Ministry of Social Services

I am happy to contribute a message to this “Achievement” Book which portrays the achievements of the Ministry of Social Services during the period January to September, 2014. This report is compiled based on accomplished targets as set out in the 2014 Annual Integrated Action Plan, to establish an outstanding service network for the human resource development in Sri Lanka and getting their contributions to the National Development with special emphasis on disadvantaged groups of the country.

Development of the less privileged and marginalized groups of the society such as, persons with disabilities, elders, single parent families is the main concern of the Ministry of Social Services in implementing development projects. I take this opportunity to thank Hon. Felix Perera, Minister of Social Services and Hon. Chandrasiri Sooriyaarachchi, Deputy Minister, for the directions and guidance given us by them, as well as the assistance rendered by Institutions and Divisions coming under the purview of this Ministry and also other Ministries, Departments, governmental and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in achieving the development targets.

Last but not least, let me also extend my special thanks and appreciation to the staff of the Ministry and other Institutions for the cooperation extended in the success accomplishment of this talk.

Emelda Sukumar
Secretary
Ministry of Social Services

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 forces which make persons disintegrated from the 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.`
- Skill development of social workers for 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 Institutional framework for implementation of Social Welfare programs.
- Development of Human Resources to serve the Target Groups.
- Direction, Guiding, Monitoring & Progress control of Social Development Programs.
- Follow-up of Commitments made at the World Summit on Social Development.
- Development of 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.**
- **To provide vocational training for the persons with disabilities.**
- **Implementation of the project “SisunenaPubuduwa”, 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) **National Policy on Disability – 2003**
- vi) **Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amendment) Act, No 33 of 2003**
- vii) **Elections (Special Provisions) Act, No. 28 of 2011**
- viii) **Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No 9 of 2000**
- 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)**

Achievements of Functional Divisions

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 are functioning under the purview of the Ministry of Social Services.

a) Department, Centers and Institution

1. Department of Social Services
2. National Council & National Secretariat for Elders
3. National Institute of Social Development
4. National Council & National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities
5. Counseling Division

b) Special Project / Programmes

1. National Programme on Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities (CBR)
2. Social Care Project
3. Single parents family Development Programme
4. Sisunena Pubuduwa Social development programme

1.1 New Appointments, Resignations, Retirements & Transfers from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014

1.1.1 New Appointments

➤ Executive Officers	-	01
➤ Non Executive Officers	-	06
➤ Development Officers (Counseling)	-	19
➤ Development Assistant	-	01
➤ Resignations	-	Nil

1.1.2 Releasing from Service

➤ Counseling Assistance	-	01
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1.1.3 Retirements from Service

➤ Executive Officers	-	01
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1.1.4 Officers Transferred from the Ministry

➤ Executive Officers	-	01
➤ Non Executive Officers	-	08

1.1.5 Officers Transferred to the Ministry

➤ Executive Officers	-	04
➤ Non Executive Officers	-	09

1.2 Cabinet Memorandums & Consultative Committee Meetings

1.2.1 The following Cabinet Memorandums were submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers for approval from 01.01.2014 – 30.09.2014

Se. No	SUBJECT
01.	Annual Report for the year 2012- National Institute of Social Development
02.	Bodhirajarama Educational and Cultural Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
03.	Piyasena Gamage Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
04.	Vasantha Senanayake Foundation (Incorporation Bill)
05.	Nimal Siripala De Silva Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
06.	Sri Lanka Centre for Development Facilitation (Incorporation Bill)
07.	John Senavirathne foundation (Incorporation) Bill
08.	An Act to Amend Welfare Society of the School for the Mentally Subnormal Child (Incorporation) Act No. 75 of 1998
09.	P.Harrison Community Development Foundation (Incorporation) Bill

10.	Sri Lanka Association of Professional Social Workers (Incorporation) Bill
11.	SeydAbdurahimanJifriMawlana Memorial Trust (Incorporation) Bill
12.	The Parents Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
13.	Report to Explain Actions taken and current status concerning the matters raised through Cabinet Decision 45 (1) regarding the Annual Report 2012, NISD
14.	Jayarathne Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
15.	RoshanRanasinghe Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
16	RanjithAluwihare Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
17	PanduBandaranayake Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
18	M.S.Towfic Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
19	Extension of Services of Mr. Kirby S.de Lanerolle as an Advisor
20	Extension of Services of Mr. M.U.Peiris, Additional Director General (Academic) of the National Institute of Social Development, for a one year period beyond 60 years.
21	Obtaining Approval to extend the services contract of Prof. Yoga Rasanayagam who has been serving in the Post of Professor at the National Institute of Social development and to obtain approval to make relevant payments
22	MaithreepalaSirisena Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
23	Establishing a Trust Fund for the Rehabilitation of all Handicapped Persons
24	SithSevana Mentally Handicapped Children's Development Organizations (Incorporation) Bill
25	Upgrade the Institute to the State of a University under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 with the amendment of the National Institute of Social Development Act No. 41 of 1992
26	Establishment of National Volunteering Secretariat (NVS) under the Ministry of Social Services
27	Hela Jana Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
28	Sri Lanka Hira Foundation (Incorporation) Bill
29	K.D.M.ChandraBandara Community Services Foundation (Incorporation) Bill

1.2.2 Consultative Committee Meetings held

Meeting	Date
Consultative Committee Meeting	06.03.2014
Consultative Committee Meeting	05.06.2014
Consultative Committee Meeting	10.09.2014

1.3 Details of Foreign Training/Scholarship from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014

Se.No	Programme	Countries
01.	Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disability through a Community Based Employment Support	Japan
02.	International Conference on Designing and Delivering Social Protection and Labour Systems	Brazil
03.	Second Country Study Visit of Master of Public Management Programme	Malaysia
04.	Korea Disabled Welfare Association – Invitation	Korea
05.	South Asia Labour Conference	Pakistan
06.	3 rd Session Committee on Social Development	Thailand
07.	The Capacity Building Programme by KOICA (KEAD)	Korea
08.	JICA Volunteer Programme Regional Training on Disability Research Advocacy and Training Skills in Communication	Nepal
09.	Invitation to meet Volunteer Workers in Australia	Australia
10.	Collaborative Research Project NISD ,Tokai University of Japan	Japan
11.	Economic Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities through a Community	Japan
12.	Strengthening of Policy on Aging in Asia – Challenges of Aging Societies and Policy Response	Japan
13.	International Conference on Engaging and Empowering the Elderly	India
14.	Professional Skill Training Programme of Vocational Training-KEAD	Korea
15.	23 rd IAVE World Volunteer Conference	Australia
16.	Workshop on the Social Integration and the Rights of older Persons in the Asia Pacific Region	Thailand

1.4 Recommendation for Duty Waiver from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014

Se. No	Name & Address of the Applicant	Name & Address of the donor	Details of the items donated
1.	Community Service Cultural Centre, Panadura.	Australia	Used Clothes
2.	Sri Lanka Buddhist Association for the Blind.	Mumbai, India.	Braille Paper for the Blind.
3.	Lions Club of Mahabage PIP MA	United States of America,	Nutritional Supplement

4.	Deputy Minister of External Affairs.	Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.	Dates
5.	Sweden Children Foundation, Nawalapitiya.	Sweden	Used items for Children
6.	Colombo Friend in – Need Society.	India	Artificial limbs
7.	Methodist Church of Sri Lanka	Sweden	Furniture & equipments
8.	Hon, Minister of Social Services	Malaysia	Humanitarian goods
9.	Sri Lanka Van De Loou Educational and Social Services.	Belgium	Humanitarian goods
10	Institute of Holy Sisters	Switzerland	Milk power

1.5 Local Training for office staffs from 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014

S. No	Training Programme	No Of Beneficiaries
1.	Office Language Sinhala/Tamil	05
2.	Awareness programme on office Management	25
3.	Tamil Language Training classes for the staff of the Ministry	50
4.	Basic store Management (prag Institute Sri Lanka)	01
5.	Kalawewa Counseling Programma	20
6.	Office Language Sinhala Course	01
7.	Introduction to the concept of productivity- Karaveddy Divisional secretariat Management training Programme	20
8.	Master Degree for Counseling Assistance	03

02. The Department of Social Services

Mission

To make those who are subject to disadvantaged situation in the society, active stakeholders in the national development process by providing needy services and empowering them.

2.1 Introduction

2.1.1 Objectives

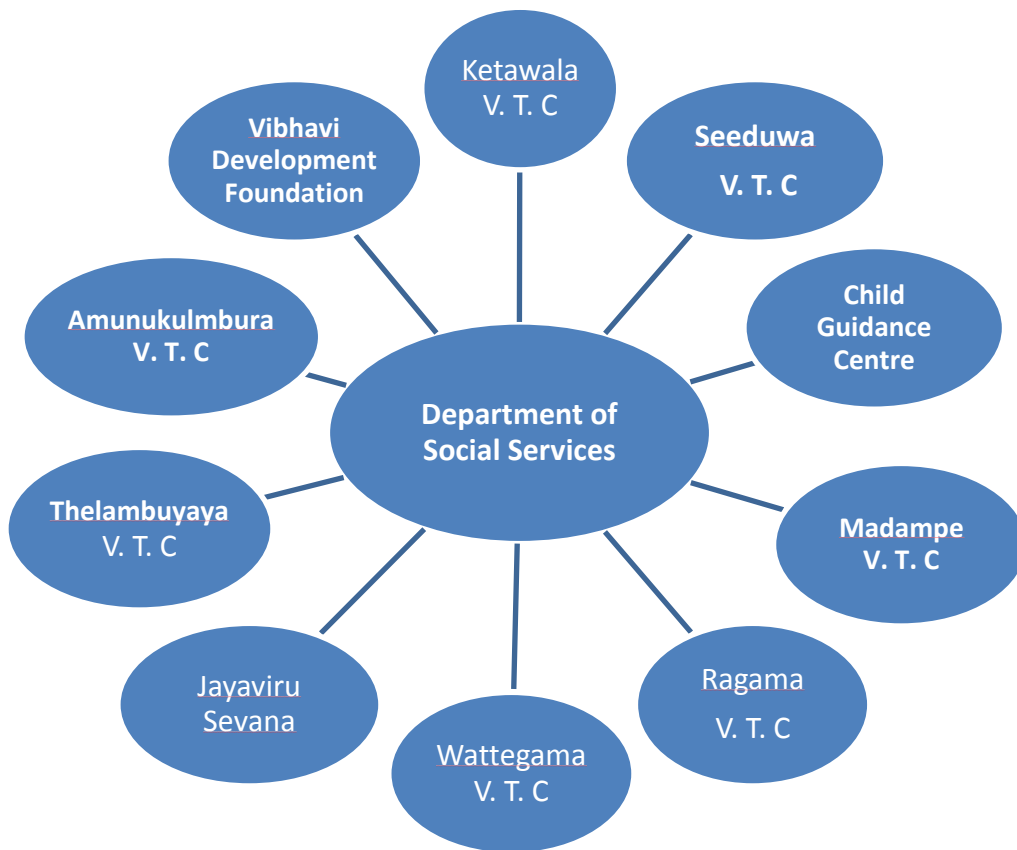
- Ensuring equal opportunities for Persons with Disability.
- Improving vocational skills of disabled persons and empowering them to be independent.
- Early detection and early intervention of children with special needs.
- Enhancing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of officers who provide services for the disabled persons, through awareness and training programmes.
- Empowering voluntary organizations which provide services to disabled persons.

2.1.2 Functions

- Providing vocational training for disabled male and female youth, providing assistive devices for them, trade tools for self-employment in grooming them for open employments.
- Referring children with special needs to inclusive education through early intervention.
- Conducting training programmes for enhancing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of service providers.
- Issuing special identity cards for persons with impaired hearing and providing sign language interpreter services to facilitate routine work of them.
- Providing protection to mentally retarded male who do not have guardians.

- Providing financial assistance to voluntarily organizations conducting welfare activities for disabled persons.
- Providing medical assistance and eye lenses to persons below 60 years of age with visual impairment to regain their eye sight.
- Providing sports, educational and cultural assistance to visually impaired children.
- Empowering Persons with Disabilities through provision of required services under the Community Based Inclusive Development National Programme (CBR Programme) at Divisional level.

2.1.3 Vocational Training Centers of Department of Social Services



2.2 Financial Provisions and Progress

	Provisions (Rs)	Expenditure (Rs) (30. 09.2014)	Percentage
Capital	126,615,000/-	78,843,979/-	62.27%
Recurrent	314,930,000/-	283,367,025/-	90.00%

2.2.1 Progress of the Capital expenditure

	Provisions (Rs)	Expenditure (Rs) (30. 09.2014)	Percentage
Other Capital Programmes	26,615,000/-	24,153,630/-	90.75%
Modernization of Vocational Training Centers programme	100,000,000/-	54,690,349/-	54.69%

2.2.2 Work Shops, Training Programmes and Provincial Progress Review Meetings during 01.01. 2014to 30.09.2014

(Total Allocation:-2.43Mn and Expenditure :- 2.14 Mn)

Se.No	Conducted Work Shops	Date and Venue	No. of participants
01	Capacity Development Programmes of the Vocational Training Centres	Uva Management Training Centre – Passara 2 days	75
02	North Central Provincial Meeting	Auditorium of the Provincial Ministry of Social Services – 1 day	65
03	Central Provincial Meeting	Ketawala Vocational Training Centre-1 day	120
04	Southern Provincial Meeting	Auditorium of the Divisional Secretariat, Weligama - 1 day	180
05	Work Shop on nature therapy	Madiwela Cultural Centre -1 day	150
06	Awareness programme among the officers served at the Vocational Training Centres on Financial Regulations	Department of Social Services - 1 day	40
07	Uva Provincial Meeting	Auditorium of the Provincial Ministry of Health – Uva Province - 1 day	100
08	Six months Theoretical Pre – School Teacher Training Course	Rural Development Centre Badagamuwa, Kurunegala. - 3days	29

09	Our Happily Family Programme	Divisional Secretariat, Lunugamwehera – 2 days	60
10	One Day Awareness Work Shop for Development Officers	Thalahena Community Centre - 1 day	135
11	Sabaragamuwa Provincial Meeting	Kachcheri Complex, Rathnapura - 1 day	100
12	Eastern Provincial Meeting	Pradeshiya Sabha, Trincomalee - 1 day	115
13	Western Provincial Meeting	District Secretariat, Colombo - 1 day	150
14	Awareness Work Shop among Pre – School Teachers on Inclusive Education for the children with special needs	Divisional Secretariat, Kolonnawa - 2 days	120
15	Two Day Work shop on the role of Vocational Training Instructors	Department of Social Services - 2days	55
16	Work Shop on Sign Language	Department of Social Services - 8days	13
17	Korean study Tour	Korea	16
18	Work Shop on the formation of the Family Policy	Department of Social Services - 1 day	14
19	Western Provincial Progress Review Meeting	Department of Social Services - 1 day	37
20	Sinhala Language Training	Department of Official Language (06 Months)	01
21	Vehicle Management Training	ICTAD Institution (05 Days)	01

2.2.3 Modernization of Vocational Training Centers (under the 100 Million Allocations)

Activity	Provisions (Rs)	Financial (Rs) Progress 30. 09. 2014
Renovation of the buildings including the hostels	47,242,900	35,949,558.93
Repairing the machinery	500,000	
Library Books	475,000	464,505.50
Sports Equipments	2,000,000	
Purchase of furniture	20,382,237	12, 347,639.15
Machinery and Equipments	24,411,363	5,701, 616.00
Equipmentsfor the Therapeutic Unit	2,500,000	72, 640.00
Indoor Stadium Equipments	2,488,500	
Administration Expenditure		154,389. 00
Total	100,000,000	54,690,348. 58

2.2.4 Other Development Activities during 01.01.2014 to 30.09.2014

Se.No	Activities	Provisions (Rs)	Expenditure (Rs) 30. 09. 2014
01	633 disabled youth were recruited for vocational trainings at the Vocational Training Centers under the Department of Social Services and volunteer organizations.	24,000,000	16,772,961
02	Providing inclusive services to 104 children with special needs		
03	Providing tool kits to 97 trainees, who successfully completed vocational training.		
04	Providing artificial limbs to 61 disabled persons		

05	Providing financial assistance to 06 voluntary organizations conducting welfare activities for disabled persons.		
06	Providing financial allowance to 5 pre –school teachers who serve for children with special needs.		
07	Referring 82 trainees, who have completed the training towards the employment opportunities		
08	Providing 294 sign language interpreter services turns to the persons with hearing impairment.		
09	Issuing special identity cards for 229 persons with impaired hearing.		

2.2.5 Child Guidance Centre – Maharagama

If parents observe growth defects, disability or any other abnormal situation in their child, they should refer such child to Child Guidance Centre. Child Guidance Centre at Navinna is the only state institution responsible for raising parent’s mental level, early intervening towards the development of the child by providing basic services and coordinating the early child hood, education and welfare services.

Accordingly, the children, who are benefitted with this project, having them been developed properly, they will inclusive to special educational units or normal schools.

Services Provided

1. Educating the parents with small kids for developing the children (Individual / Group Classes)
2. Providing services for Speech Therapy, Physic Therapy and Occupational Therapy
3. Pre- school teacher training courses
4. Counseling programmes for raising parent’s mental level
5. Medical Clinics

The Child Guidance Centre has provided therapeutic, educational and other services to 104 children with special needs, in this year, while the counseling services have been provided to 95 parents of them. 22 children were referred to normal pre-school and 37 children were referred normal schools and special unit in the normal schools. Further one child referred to special school.

Preliminary actions have been already taken to expand this project into other areas of the island from the year 2015.

2.2.6 Visually Handicapped Trust Fund

Se.No	Activity	Provisions	Expenditure (Rs.)	Beneficiaries
01	Assistance for sports activities	100,000	50,000	Visually Impaired Cricket Team
02	Assistance for rehabilitation	1,300,000	930, 627	Instructors – 39
03	Assistance for education	1,500,000	1, 051, 092	University–53 Advance Level–10 Normal vision children of visually impaired parents- 135
04	Eye Lenses	1,190,000	1,177, 826	Lenses– 113
05	Welfare Centre for visually impaired women	400,000	175, 045	6 women
06	Vocational Training	200,000	108, 400	Instructors– 3

2.3 Projects with foreign aids

1. KOICA Project

In 2014, a team of 17 officers was sent to Korea to follow a training programme provided in terms of MOU signed with the Government of Korea with a time frame from 2013 – 2015.

2 Dirisawiya Project

Dirisawiya Project is being implemented in selected districts Mannar, Jaffna Killinochchi, Vavuniya, Mulaitivu, Anuradhapura, Polonaruwa, Trincomalee and Puttalam.

Vocational Training courses conducted for Persons with Disabilities under the Dirisawiya Programme funded by the World Bank and the progress are indicated as below.

No.	District	Institution	Course	Time	No. of Trainees	Agreed amount of money (Mn)	Expenditure (Mn) 30/09/2014
01	Mannar	Organization for persons with disabilities – Mannar (MARDAP)	Making candles and incense sticks	6 month	20	3.3	1.3
02	Jaffna	Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Organization ((AROD)	Wool work and production of door mats	6month	20	2.6	0.5
03	Kilinochchi	Technology Education Institution	Repairing the mobile phones and dress making	6month	20	5.4	1.0
04	Vavuniya	Vanni Rehabilitation Organization for Disabled Persons	Leather Goods Production	6month	20	2.6	0.5
		Rehabilitation Organization for Disabled Persons	Computer Graphic Design	6month	15	2.2	0.4
05	Anuradhapura	Provincial Department of Social Services – North Central Province	Repairing the mobile phones	6month	15	5.6	
			Nursery Beds	6month	15		
			Handicraft production	6month	15		
06	Polonnaruwa	Upcountry Social & Economic Centre	Handicraft production	6month	20	2.3	0.4
07	Mullaithivu	Community Development Organization	Dress Making	6month	15	3.8	
			Wiring	6month	15		
08	Puttalam	Child Vision Sri Lanka	Dress Making	6month	20	5.3	
			Repairing the mobile phones	6month	20		
09	Trincomalee	Kinniya Technological Institution	Dress Making and handicraft production	6month	20	2.5	
Total						35.6	4.1

- Money saved under the consolidated fund due to World Bank Financial Assistance for the Dirisawiya Project is utilized for improving facilities in Amunukumbura and Thelambuyaya Vocational Training Centers.

2.4 Special Programmes in the Year of 2014

- A New Year Festival was celebrated at Buddhadasa ground, Pelawatta on 24.04.2014 with the trainees at the Vocational Training Centers of this Department with the financial assistance from donors.
- 3 day capacity development work shop sponsored by the World Health Organization, was held at Pasdunrata National College of Education, Kalutara for all Field Officers of the Department of Social Services during 21- 23 August 2014. 462 officers participated in the workshop and Rs. 1, 955, 347. 00 was spent in this regard.

03. Community Base Rehabilitation Programme (C.B.R)

3.1 Introduction

3.1.1 Objective

Pursuant to the National Policy on Disabilities, empowering disabled persons with knowledge and skills to enable them to enjoy their rights and perform their duties and responsibilities in national development within the prevailing socio – economic system and creating opportunities through the ongoing social development programmes to integrate them into the society.

3.1.2 Background

Persons with disabilities are also equal members of the society. They should be treated with equal social rights such as education, health, employment, accessibility facilities, welfare and any other requirement within the existing structure. It is an internationally accepted right for co-existence.

The process which was embodied in the community development for developing disabled persons to enjoy their rights and perform their responsibilities, creating equal opportunities for them and integrating them into the society could be interpreted as the ‘Community Based Rehabilitation’. In implementing this programme, the steering committees comprising representatives of various Ministries & Departments, some Non-Governmental Organizations and resource persons at a variety of national, provincial, district, divisional and rural levels have been established. The ‘*Swashakhi*’ organization divisional & district level should comprise disabled persons as well as their family members.

3.2 Activities

1. Implementing programmes for empowering persons with disabilities and their family members by enhancing their knowledge, attitudes and activities.
2. Training them through volunteers to perform their routine activities independence at home, pre – school, university working places and as members in the society.

3. Referring disabled children to access services including education opportunities for them through an inclusive educational system or a specialized educational system.
4. Empowering them by improving their economy status through providing employment opportunities in collaboration with Ministry of Labour and the Private Sector as well as preparing them for employments.
5. Taking action to provide vocational training through Vocational Training Institutes at regional or national level.
6. Integrating disabled persons into programmes implemented by other Ministries and Departments – such as DiviNeguma, Sports, Cultural programmes etc.
7. Making them actively participate in religious, cultural and social programmes.

3.3 Strategies adopted for this purpose

- Updating National Steering Committees comprised with the inclusion of the Ministries and non – governmental organizations.
- Implement a five year plan for C. B. R Programme with guidance of the National Steering Committee.
- Strengthen the District Steering Committees headed by District Secretaries for the implementation of the National Policy of Sri Lanka on Disability.
- Conducting workshops on the new trends of C. B. R Programme for Social Services Officers, Social Development Assistants and Child Rights Promotion Officers serving in all Divisional Secretariats in all Districts.
- Conducting inclusive workshops for field officers at divisional level.
- Conducting workshops for rural leaders at the Divisional Secretarial Divisions level.
- Establishing and empowering the Swashakthi Organization of persons with disabilities.

- Establishing Parent Associations of persons with disabilities and educating them.
- Conducting training workshops for voluntary workers.
- Conducting field work training workshops and collecting & reviewing of monthly progress reports of Provincial Assistant Officers.
- Conducting training courses for officers on sign language as sign language is a recognized language in Sri Lanka.

3.4 Progress of Community Base Rehabilitation Programme up to 30thSeptember 2014

No	C.B.R Programmes - 2014	Beneficiaries
01	Rehabilitation at home level	6743
02	Socializations	2074
03	No. of children referred to pre – school	561
04	No. of children referred to normal school	371
05	No. of children referred to special school	538
06	References to therapeutic services	2916
07	References to vocational trainings	1182
08	References to employments	569
09	References to self – employments	2138
10	No. of direct beneficiaries	55
11	Empowering Swashakthi groups	744

04. National Institute of Social Development

Mission

“To enhance human resources for social development through the preparation of competent manpower in social work at all levels, generate and disseminate new knowledge and technologies for social work practice, provide specialized services for social welfare and social development.”

As an educational Institution conducting educational programmes in Social Work, NISD has made remarkable progress during the year by commencing new courses for the existing study programmes to cater the increasing student demand, by engaging innovative study/training programmes to enhance the human resources necessary for social development.

4.1 Introduction

The National Institute of Social Development is recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as a degree awarding Institute, under section 25 of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978. It functions under the purview of the Ministry of Social Services. It is the premier institution in Social Work education in Sri Lanka producing professional social workers to serve the social welfare system and to promote social development. This Institute operates under the provisions of the National Institute of Social Development ACT No. 41 of 1992.

In 2005 on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission, the Government of the Democratic, Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, granted the degree awarding status to the National Institute of Social Development for the purpose of developing higher education leading to the conferment of the Bachelor’s degree in Social Work. Subsequently the Master’s Degree programme in Social Work was also approved and commenced in 2008.

In 2013 Commencement of Diploma, Higher Diploma and Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium according totirilingualPolicy is a remarkable achievement

4.2 The Organizational Structure of the Institute

The Governing Council is the apex body in the organizational structure of this Institute while the Academic Affairs Board functions under the Council as an advisor body on all academic matters. The regular operational functions of the Institute are carried out by four integrated divisions. They are

1. The Sri Lanka School of Social Work
2. The Training Division
3. The Social Policy Development, Research & Publication Division
4. The Admin & Finance Division

4.3 Functions and Progress of the School of Social Work

4.3.1 Details of the enrollment for the new intakes of the courses conducted this year

Diploma in Social Work /Higher Diploma in Social Work / Bachelor's of Social Work (Sinhala / Tamil & English Medium) – 2014/2018

Applications were called for the above courses on 24.03.2014 and 81 applicants had applied for the Sinhala Medium, 78 applicants for the Tamil Medium, 70 applicants for English medium, the total amounting to 164 applicants. From them 57 applicants for the Sinhala medium, 40 students for the Tamil medium and 67 students for the English medium were selected making a total of 164 students. The course commenced on 01.07.2014.

Details of courses

No.	Programmes	Total No. of Participant	Duration of Course
01.	Master of Social Work (2013/2015) – English Medium	20	2013.09.13 – 2015.09.13
02.	Bachelor of Social Work (2010/2014)–English Medium	42	2010.07.05 – 2014.06.30
03.	Bachelor of Social Work (2011/2015)–English Medium	47	2011.07.04 – 2015.06.30
04.	Bachelor of Social Work (2012/2016)–English Medium	39	2012.08.08 – 2016.06.30
05.	Diploma / Higher Diploma / Bachelor of Social Work (2013/2017)- Sinhala Medium	57	2013.07.30 – 2017.06.30
06.	Diploma / Higher Diploma / Bachelor of Social Work (2013/2017)- Tamil Medium	47	2013.07.30 – 2017.06.30

07.	Diploma / Higher Diploma / Bachelor of Social Work (2013/2017)- English Medium	43	2013.07.30 – 2017.06.30
08.	Diploma / Higher Diploma / Bachelor of Social Work (2014/2018)- Sinhala Medium	57	2014.07.30 – 2018.06.30
09.	Diploma / Higher Diploma / Bachelor of Social Work (2014/2018)- Tamil Medium	47	2014.07.30 – 2018.06.30
10.	Diploma / Higher Diploma / Bachelor of Social Work (2014/2018)- English Medium	43	2014.07.30 – 2018.06.30
11.	Diploma In Women & Political Empowerment (2013/2014) –Tamil Medium	60	2013.07.27 – 2014.07.27

4.3.2 Progress of the Courses

- a) Bachelor of Social Work Programme 2009/2013 was successfully completed and the graduation ceremony for 41 students was held on 18.02.2014
- b) The 2010/2014 batch of Bachelor of Social Work Programme was completed and the results will be released shortly.
- c) The Fifth batch of Master of Social Work (2010/2012) was successfully completed and 05 were conferred the Degree of Master of Social Work. Graduation ceremony for 04 students was held on 18.02.2014.
- d) Diploma in Social Work, Diploma in Women & Political Empowerment, Diploma in Counseling were successfully completed and the Diploma Award Ceremony for 339 students was held on 04.07.2014.

4.4 Performance – Training Division

4.4.1 Diploma in Counseling Courses

Index No.	Programmes	No. of Participants	Place	Duration of Course
01	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2012/2014	52	Shanthiyam Institute Jaffna	18 months
02	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2013/2014	16	Talawa Training Centre	18 months
03	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) 2013/2014	28	Talawa Training Centre	18 months
04	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) Batch-1 2013/2014	55	Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms	09 months

05	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) Batch-2 2013/2014	56	Ministry of Rehabilitation and Prison Reforms	09 months
06	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) 2012/2014	50	Provincial Office, Wariyapola	18months
07	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) 2013/2015	55	National Institute of Social Development	21 months
08	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2013/2015	62	National Institute of Social Development	21 months
09	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2013/2015	58	IPPSW Sri Lanka, Batticaloa	18 months
10	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) 2013/2015	35	National Institute of Social Development – Ampara	18 months
11	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2013/2015	31	National Institute of Social Development – Akkaraipattu College, Ampara	18 months
12	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) (Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Affairs – Tamil Medium) 2013/2015	61	DS Office, Nallur	18 months
13	Diploma in Counseling (Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Affairs – Sinhala Medium) 2013/2015	62	Training Centre – Talawa	18 months
14	Diploma in Counseling (Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Affairs – Sinhala Medium) 2013/2015	51	National Institute of Social Development- Nawala	18 months
15	Diploma in Counseling (Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Affairs – Tamil Medium) 2013/2015	45	National Institute of Social Development- Nawala	18 months
16	Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala Medium) (Ministry of Child Development and Women’s Affairs – Sinhala Medium) (Police and Government Officers) 2013/2015	48	National Institute of Social Development- Nawala	18 months
17	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2014/2015	45	District Secretariat, Killinochchi	18 months
18	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2014/2015	50	IPPSW Sri Lanka, Batticaloa	21 months
19	Diploma in Counseling (Tamil Medium) 2014/2015	41	Teachers Training Centre, Killinochchi	18 months

4.4.2 New Diploma Courses

Index No.	Programmes	No. of Participant	Place	Duration of Course
01	Diploma in Elder care– 2014/2015	20	National Institute of Social Development	18 months
02	Higher Diploma in Counseling (Sinhala & Tamil Medium) 2014/2016	27	National Institute of Social Development	21 months
03	Diploma in Social Care	23	The Head office, Salvation Army	

4.4.3 Other Programmes

Index No.	Programmes	Total No. of Participants	Place	Duration of Course
01	National Advisory Committee meeting- I on Counseling	Professional Counselors 33	Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute	01 day
02	National Advisory Committee meeting- II on Counseling	Professional Counselors 25	National Institute of Social Development	01 day
03.	3 Training Programs under Divisariya Program has been held	Officers in Ministry of Social Services 90	Training Centre – Talawa	03 days
04.	New Divisariya Program with the financial assistance of World Bank	Officers in Ministry of Social Services 400	District wise	03 days

4.4.4 Short Term Programmes

No.	Programmes	Total No. of Participants	Place	Duration of Course
01.	Short term training programme on “Project Management”	Economic Development Officers 41 at Homagama Divisional Secretariat	National Institute of Social Development	02 days
02.	Short term training programme on	60 Officers Kotawehera DS Office	Kotawehera Divisional	02 days

	“Institutional Conflict Management”		Secretariat Office	
03.	Short term training programme on “Leadership & Communication Skills Development”	40Assistant Managers (Operations) CTB	CTB, Narahenpita	03 days
04.	Short term training programme on “Basic Counseling Skills”	40 teachers Vavuniya District	Divisional Educational Office Puliyankulama	02 days
05.	Short term training programme on “Stress management & Basic Counseling Skills”	40Officers Police Criminal Record Division and Ministry of Labour	National Institute of Social Development	05 days
06.	Short term training programme on “Role and Accountability of Professional Journalist in Social Development”	36Journalist	National Institute of Social Development	02 days

4.5 Social Development Policy, Research and Publications Division

4.5.1 Completed Program

- **Two Days Training Workshop on Research Proposal Writing**

2 days workshop on Research Proposal writing was conducted for the academic staff at NISD on 29th and 30th of May 2014.

- **News Letter – 2014**

The news letter annually published by NISD has been distributed at the Dayata Kirula held in Kurunegala in 2014 with the view to create awareness on the activities of the NISD.

- **Media Circle**

Media unit has been established with the objectives of giving publicity for the Convocation, Trainings and courses conducted by the organization and to create awareness of the activities of NISD among public. Conducted a workshop for Media Personal on accountability and the duties with regard to social development was held in 31st July and 01st of August 2014. Through this the sectional heads were Facilitated to participate in TV and Radio Programs.

4.5.2 On going Programmes

- **Contributing for the Research conducted to formulate family policy**

A Research was conducted in the districts of Colombo, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Matara, Hambantota and Nuwaraeliya to get the contribution of the community in formulating Family Policy.

- **Diploma in Social Work intervention for the prevention of substance abuse**

This course was started with the objective of improving the knowledge of the Counselors who are working with substance addicts since substance abuse is increasing rapidly in Sri Lanka.

- **Social Work Glossary**

National Institute of Social Development conducts Diploma; Degree and Post Graduate programmes in Social work and preparation of this glossary would accomplish the need of a Social Work Glossary.

- **Diploma Course on Social Science Research Methodology.**

Diploma in Social Science Research Methodology Course was commenced for Researchers who are involved in Social Science Research.

- **A new Shelter for the National Institute of Social Development**

We have received 2.1493 Hectare (5 acres, 1 ruda and 9.08 perches) land in Seeduwabelongs to the Ministry of Social Services to construct a permanent building for National Institute of Social Development. The plan and the budget estimation for the new building complex have already been approved by the department of National Planning.

- **Establishment of a Regional Training Centre at Ranna**

A Regional Training Center in Ranna, Hambantota District will be opened with the objective of extending the courses at the village level. Regional Centers in Ampara and Thalawa have already been functioning and Ranna Training Center will be opened as the third one recently.

- **Hostel facilities for female students**

Necessary actions have been taken to provide hostel facilities at Kalaniya hostel which belongs to the NISD for 30 female students who follow Diploma, Higher Diploma and Bachelors Degree in Social Work in Tamil, Sinhala and English Medium. Students have been accommodated from 27/10/20.

- **Renovation of Training Centre Thalawa**

Necessary measures have been taken to renovate the Thalawa Training Center.

- **Introducing a New Accounting Package**

Purchased an Accounting Package for the Accounts Division to make the functions more efficient.

- **Internal Promotions and Filling of the existing vacancies**

The eligible staff members were given promotions and measures were taken to fill the existed vacancies at the NISD

- **Library Facilities**

The Library of the NISD consists of over 15,000 publications and it is at present the largest library in Sri Lanka with reading material related to Social Work. Details of books available in the library have been added to a database system.

- **English Language Teaching Programme**

The Institute conducts regular English language classes for the students registered (Sinhala/Tamil/English Medium) to read for the Diploma in Social Work / Higher Diploma and the Bachelor of Social Work degree programmes. In the first year, prior to the commencement of regular lectures, the students are required to follow an intensive course in English. Qualified and competent English instructors have been employed to develop the English language skills of students in order to enhance their ability to read books/documents/periodicals in English. The programme also assists undergraduates following the Bachelor of Social Work degree programme to reach the required level of proficiency in the English Language to qualify for the BSW degree.

4.6 Financial Progress –2014

	Allocation (MM)	Expenditure (Up to 30th September 2014) (MM)
Recurrent- Treasury Grant	75	63.184
Capital	10	6.174

05. National Secretariat for Elders

Mission

“To encourage participation of elder persons on Social Development and to ensure their independence, care, participation, self-fulfillment, dignity and to protect the rights of elders through awareness programmes”

5.1 Introduction

The objective of this Secretariat is encouraging elders in Sri Lanka through various programmes for creating freedom, protection, self achievement, participation and dignity for them as well as offering due rights of the elders. In reaching those aims, powers are vested with this Institute by the National Council for Elders by virtue of Act No. 09 of 2000 and by amended Act No. 5 of 2011 on ensuring the rights of elders. The Programmes implemented for the well-being of the Sri Lankan Elder population are as follows.

5.2 Activities & Progress up to 30th September 2014

5.2.1 Financial Assistance for Elders committee

Provide financial assistance to Village Level Elders Committees/ Divisional level elder committees/ District level Elders Committees and Provincial level elders committees established as per Section 16th and their supervision. Under this financial assistance, 1000 Village level elders committees, 100 Divisional level elder committees, 16 District level elders committees, and 05 provincial level elder committees are to be assisted in 2014 and Rs. 05.5 Mn is expected to be spent in this regard. A sum of Rs 3.380mn was spent up to September 2014 for 634 village level Elders committees and 18 Divisional level elder committees for the financial assistance.

5.2.2 Providing Eye lenses & Hearing Aids

Equipments such as eye lenses/ hearing aids needed by low income earning senior citizens aged over 60 were provided. It was planned to provide 2,220 eye lenses and 53 hearing aids during this year by spending Rs.08.5 millions.

Accordingly, 2,091 eye lenses and 32 hearing aids have been provided to the elders up to September 2014 and Rs.4.313mn has been spent in this regard.

5.2.3 Providing of Identity Cards for Elders

8,934 Elders Identity Cards have been provided for the Elders up to end of September and Rs 0.304mn has been spent.

5.2.4 Conducting of pre – retirement training programmes

Consultancy services are provided for improving mental health of elders through retirement training programmes for peaceful retirement life for employees of all sectors who are in retirement age. Further workshops for care givers (Home-based Attendants) who handle care of aging elderly citizens are also conducted. Actions have been taken to implement 25 programme in District level during this year and Rs 4.800mn is expected to be spent for this purpose. Rs 0.926 mn has been spent for 109 awareness programme for Divisional level Elders Committees up to September 2014.

5.2.5 Maintenance Board

Taking actions to refer helpless parents to the Maintenance Board for Elders established as per 24th section of the Act and taking initial steps to pay Maintenance. Subsequently 53 complaints have been solved out of 70 complaints received by the end of September in this year and Rs.0.659 mn has been spent for this purpose.

5.2.6 Monthly allowance for Elders (Rs. 1000/=)

Public Assistance Programme of Rs. 1000/-for low income earning senior citizens is being implemented commencing from 2012 to provide protection and welfare to Sri Lankan citizens aged over 70. Under this initiative, allocation of Rs.2, 650mn was made for the year 2014 and Rs. 2,285.69mn has been spent up to Sept. Currently 284,282 elders benefited under this programme.

5.2.7 Day Care Centers for Elders

Elders' Day Care Centers are established by grouping elders who live in isolation for the purpose of making their life happy. Provision of financial assistance and supervision of such centers are undertaken by this Secretariat. It

was planned to establish 40 centers island wide in this year. Rs 1.572Mn has been spent for establishing of 63 Day Centers up to end of September.

5.2.8 Financial Assistance for Elders Homes

Funds to develop infrastructure facilities in Elders' Homes are provided Island-wide. It is expected to spend Rs 6.0mn for this purpose in 2014. Rs 277,000/- has been spent for improvement of one elders home and another 02 Elders Homes are to be paid in this year for this purpose.

5.2.9 VedihitiAwaranaKepakaru Programme

Strengthen the Elder Care Foster (VedihitiAwaranaKepakaru) Programme through coordination, leadership and proper management of donations extended by local and foreign donors. Under this, Rs. 189,000/- has been provided for 63 beneficiaries.

5.2.10 DeyataKirula

Cultural events were held every day with the participation of elders during the DeyataKirula Exhibition and elder's handicraft exhibition & fair were also held in 2014 for giving opportunities for their creative efforts. For this purpose Rs.225, 004/- were spent.

5.2.11 Training & Capacity Building Programmes

9 progress review meeting have been conducted in respect of the 9 provinces under the training & capacity development programme in collaboration with Provincial Social Service Departments. Two diploma & one master degree courses are offered for elderly officers. Rs.3mn was allocated for this purpose and Rs. 0.776mn is spent up to September 2014 in this regard.

06. National Council & National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities

Mission

“Promote, improve and ensure the rights of persons with disabilities through guidance, support, coordination, implementation and monitoring of development activities”

6.1 Introduction

6.1.1 Objective

Implementation of laws enacted by Act No.28 of 1996 for promotion, advancement and protection as well as for allowing provisions for matters which are related or incidental thereto of the protection of rights of persons with disabilities.

6.1.2 Functions and activities

National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities undertakes the following activities related to the decisions taken by the National Council for Persons with Disabilities, which has been established for implementing and improving of legal provisions that to be imposed the National policies, which is to rehabilitate, and provide welfare & relief to the disabled persons to be fulfilled the above objectives.

- ❖ Poverty minimization and rehabilitation programmes based on the promotion of the welfare of persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Prevention and control of main causes of disabilities.
- ❖ Maintenance of accurate statistics when in need, of activities of institutions provided assistance to persons with disabilities.
- ❖ Supervision, guidance and assistance when in need.

- ❖ Easiness of the access for the inclusive development, preparation of the physical environment and monitoring guidance and provision of assistance when in need, in this regard.
- ❖ Implementing the programme for referring disabled children, who are at the age to be gained the education and attending or not attending to the school, continuously towards the school education and providing assistance when in need
- ❖ Educating the people on the social responsibility of making disabled people to be contributed to inclusive development
- ❖ Implementing follow up activities and analyzing progress of the programmes, having identified the highly density disabled persons area, for drawing people attention towards the factors affecting such disability to be increased.

6.2 Financial & Physical Progress (up to 30.09.2014)

6.2.1 Implementation of the legal provisions for protecting of rights of persons with disabilities.

6.2.1.1 A new draft bill for the provisions for protecting of rights of persons with disabilities.

The work is in the progress of obtaining the concurrence from the related parties for the new bill which has already been drafted by a special drafting committee while further improving the protection of rights of persons with disabilities Act No .28 of 1996.

6.2.1.2 Sign Language Bill

Since the sign language has also been accepted a recognized by Parliament, a preliminary draft, which was prepared by the legal draftsman, has been forwarded by now, following the submission of the prepared sign language bill accordingly, to the Department of legal Draftsman. In terms of the suggestions arisen to be

improved the said Bill furtherance, actions are being taken to obtain the views and suggestions of the expert persons in the field.

6.2.1.3 The bill for the legal protection for the white Cane Users.

A preliminary draft bill has been formulated in this regard. While the necessary actions are being taken to obtain the views & suggestions of the expert persons in the field to improve the said bill furtherance.

6.2.2 National Action Plan on Disability in Sri Lanka

National Action plan on Disability in Sri Lanka, which has been received the approval from parliament, is at the final stage of printing and the launch of this will be taken place in due course.

6.2.3 Self Employment Assistance for the income generation.

Under this programme, the work of initiating or modifying a self employment, having granted a maximum of Rs.25,000/= to a person or a family, monitoring, improving the quality of products and mediating towards the marketing of products are done in order to minimize the economic poverty existed in low income families with disabled persons.

No of Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)
255	5.36

6.2.4 Monitoring of welfare and Development Centers.

Implementation of the programmes to supervise the quality, monitor and provide assistance in need of welfare and development centers maintained by voluntary organizations registered under the NSPD.

85 Institutions are registered by that way.

6.2.5 Accessibility facilities for the persons with Disabilities

In accordance with the Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act No. 28 of 1996, all existing public buildings, public

place and where common services are available, shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities is compliance with the Disabled Persons (Accessibility) Regulations, No 01 of 2006 published in the Government Gazettes Extra Ordinary No 1467/15 on 17.10.2006 and No 1619/24 on 18.09.2009

Time duration for the provision of such accessibility facilities ends by 16th October 2014 and legal provisions are in place to such non accessible institution after 16th October 2014

In order to achieve the above objective, the amount of Rs. 3.3mn has been spent on providing the accessibility facilities to Thamankaduwa, Chankanei, Kuruvita, Balangoda, Werugal, Ibbagamuwa, Padavisripura, Imadoowa, Vavuniya, Karaveddi and Mundal Divisional Secretariats, sub labour officers Hatton, Haputale, Matale and Trincomalee, Voting Centers at Monaragala and Medugama Divisional Secretariats and 21 hospitals in Jaffna District.

Around Rs.4.5 Lacks has been spent on the education and training of 950 officers approximately, having conducted the awareness programs in North central, Uva, Subaragamuwa, Eastern, Central, South & Western provinces and training programme in Mullathivu District for educating the officers including Local Government Authorities & Technical Officers, Engineers and DraftMan in connection with the construction of building with accessibility facilities for the Persons with Disabilities.

Activities	Physical Progress	Expenditure (Rs)
Institutions, received provisions for constructing the accessibility facilities	16 Institutions	3,338,652.02
Awareness programmes on making the accessibility facilities	12 Programmes	456,305.25
Total		3,794,957.27

6.2.6 Conduct of awareness programmes on educating the legal obligations of making the accessibility facilities & changing of attitudes

No of awareness programmes	No of participants	Expenditure (Rs)
12	945	456,305.25

6.2.7 Monthly Assistance for Persons with Disabilities

Under Mahinda Chinthana Programme, monthly life Assistance of Rs.3000/= each has been provided to low income families with disabled members since 2007. At granting this assistance, priority is determined by the factors such as poverty in the family, severity of the disability, disability existed in the chief occupant, No of disabilities persons in the family.

No of Beneficiaries	Expenditure(Rs.Mn)
16,603	44.8

It has been revealed through field observations that economic status, nutrition, mentality and social Status of persons with disabilities and their families have been improved due to this programme.

6.2.8 Educational assistance

The educational assistance, which is given subject to the maximum of Rs.10,000 for the lifetime to low income children with disabilities and parents of children with disabilities, is given to make transport facilities to go to school, and to obtain the educational suppliers. During the field observations it has been revealed that, there was an improvement in the reference of disabled children, who to be at the age of schooling, to schools.

No of Beneficiaries	Expenditure(Rs.Mn)
195	1.5

6.2.9 Provision of assistive devices

In order to ensure disabled persons to engage in inclusive development and make them independent persons, while assisting the rehabilitation activities of the persons with disabilities, spectacles, wheel chairs, audio (hearing) equipments, tricycles, hand clutches, and etc are provided. These assistive devices provided on medical reports are as follows.

Spectacles	Wheel Chairs (Normal & with commode)	Tricycles	Elbow Crutches	Hearing Aids	Crutches	Expenditure (Rs.mn)
98,866	556	10	454	26	271	20.386

6.2.10 Housing Assistance Programme (January – September 2014)

Housing assistance is provided to low income disabled or his family to construct a new house or part of it subject to the maximum of Rs 250,000/- and to renovated a house subject to the maximum of Rs. 150,000/-. At present, out of the revenue of SupiriVasanaSampatha Lottery amount of 5% is credited to the National Fund for assisting the persons with disabilities. Accordingly Rs. 33.83mn has been spent on 288 houses

6.2.11 Medical Assistance

Under this programme, maximum of Rs.20, 000/- (Twenty thousand) is provided to low income (below Rs.6000 monthly income) families to purchase of drugs which are not provided from government hospitals to disabled persons or persons affected by long term diseases, meet the transport expenses for participating in the medical clinics, meet the expenses of heart, eye, kidney brain, hip joint, eye drum surgeries, purchase of water mattress, air mattress, audio equipments like special medical instruments and to spent for blood transfusion

Medical Assistance has been provided till September 2014 as follows,

No of Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)
309	4.35

6.2.12 Sing Language Courses

It is important to communicate with the disabled persons to facilitate their services easily. The National Secretariat for Persons with Disability has commenced a programme for training Government Officers in sign Language; Brail Methodology, Mobility and Orientation, while two courses were held in 2014 and 79 officers were trained.

6.2.13 Provision of Assistance for Care homes

A sum of Rs 7mn has been allocated to pay the salaries of the staff and water and electricity bills of Victoria House, Rajagiriya where the severely disabled incurables are detained.

6.2.14 Special Events

With the view to preventing the disability, programme to supply of special services, has been initiated to provide relief to low income malice patients under the treatments at ward 16 of the General Hospital, Colombo through providing the welfare service to them & their families, while many parents have been facilitated the welfare services as well as the counseling services for their relief.

07. Counseling Division

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 181 Divisional Secretariats has made immense efforts to achieve the mission.

7.1 Role of National Counseling Division

- Forming a legal frame work for the counseling services.
- Preparing standards for counseling services.
- Capacity building of human resources for counseling services
- Co-coordinating with other government and non government institutions which provide counseling services. (Commemoration of the National Counseling Day on 15th October)
- Establishing of Divisional Secretariat counseling centers to provide counseling service and employing the counseling Assistants there to and establishing Sithsarana Centre.
- Increasing of attendance of clients at counseling centers by educating government officers, community leaders, students, teachers and parents about counseling and psychotherapy.
- Conducting of traumatic counseling clinics in areas where natural and manmade disasters occurred.

- Issuing of publications to make the community aware of counseling and psychotherapy.
- Conducting of preventive and developmental counseling programmes to minimize psychosocial problems.
- 24 hours online counseling services island wide.
- Provide Training for Volunteers, active listeners and psychosocial workers.
- Conducting of short term training and awareness programs on counseling
- Conducting of 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, Airline Services)

7.2 Activities in 2014

7.2.1 Preventive and treatment counseling Programmes at Divisional & National Level

- I. 152 awareness programmes were conducted on counseling among community leaders at 152 Divisional Secretariats.
- II. Under community Based Rehabilitation programme, 19 psychological counseling programmes were conducted for caregivers of persons with long – term physical & mental disabilities in 19 Districts.
- III. Fund Allocated for selected Divisional Secretariats for programs as per the request of counseling officers
- IV. Counseling programs on education, family, elders, adolescence and drugs in selected divisional offices.
- V. Counseling programmes for school children (School, Pre School, and Religions school), family (Pre mental, Marriage, and Pregnant), elders, adolescence and draft preventive in selected divisional counseling officers.
- VI. In line with the National Counseling Day, District level programmes of providing equipments, which cost Rs. 25,000 each, to Mental Health Unit of District Hospitals, in collaboration with such units.

- VII. 190 awareness programmes for persons with mental illness were held at divisional levels, for persons with mental illness.

7.2.2 Capacity Development Programmes

- I. 01 Skill development programme for counseling assistant officers
- II. 01 Skill development training programme was conducted for Development Officers (Counseling)
- III. Special Counseling Development programmes (“ Subodhya”) were conducted on the request of government institutions.
- IV. A Training programme, on rehabilitation of drug addicted persons, was conducted.
- V. 3 training programmes for Development officers (Counseling) on prevention of domestic violence and identification of issues of School attending children, upon the request of government institutions. .
- VI. A Training of trainers programme was conducted for 25 Army officers who engage in the rehabilitation activities at Kandakadu Rehabilitation Centre.
- VII. A Training of trainers programme was held for 41 Army Officer whom to be trained as Counseling Assistants.
- VIII. A Training of trainers programme, for 25 Prison Rehabilitation Officers.
- IX. Holding of a programme of preparing a general format for evaluating the service users in collaboration with the Asian Foundation.

7.2.3 24 hours Mobile Telephone Counseling programs

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

7.2.4 Publications and Printed Materials

- I. Issued 20,000 Leaflets about Counseling Awareness (3 type)
- II. Issued Counseling Magazine
- III. Display of banners in 190 Districts & Divisional Secretariats for National Counseling Service Day.

7.2.5 Implementing counseling programmes in line with the National Counseling Day.

National Counseling Day Commemoration Ceremony at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 15th October 2014 under the theme “Counseling Assistance for the Rehabilitation of Mentally Impaired Persons” was held in the collaboration with other government & Non-government institutions which provide counseling services.

7.2.6 Conducting of counseling programmes in the North–East provinces under the UNICEF Project.

- i) Conducting counseling awareness programmes, clinics for the benefit of resettled people, school children and government officers in Vavuniya, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu and Mannar districts, under the financial assistance of UNICEF.
- ii) Conducting Active Listeners-awareness programmes for government officers.

7.3 Financial & Physical progress - up to 30th of September 2014

Activity	Physical progress	Financial Progress (Mn)	Number of beneficiaries
Awareness programs on counseling and counseling clinics (National /Divisional level)	381 Programmes	3.159	8436
24 hours Mobile counseling programme	91 monthly mobile bills	0.080	2382
Capacity building programmes	09 programmes	1.063	844
Publications	20,000 leaflets	0.050	-
Coordination of counseling agencies	01 programmes	0.010	25
Construction /Repairing/Equipments	01 Construction (Dayadagirula) 29 equipments	1.049	-

08. Single Parent Family Development programme

8.1 Objective

There is an increasing tendency of single parent family phenomenon in Sri Lanka. The objective of this programme is to improve living standards of the under-privileged Sri Lankan citizens who have become single-parents due to spouse and children being deserted by their partners or, demise of spouse, by assisting them in tackling their economic difficulties.

8.1.1 Selection of beneficiaries

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

In selecting beneficiaries under the above criteria, priority is given to families with breast feeding babies and school-attending children.

As per the data issued by the Department of Statistics in 2012, total no of single parents families in Sri Lanka is 610,945. While, there are 77,626 families with widows over 50 years of age, 441,797 families below 50 years of age with widows, 8,856 families over 50 years of age with legally separated, 9,043 families below 50 years of age with legally separated, 40,436 families, being deserted, over 50 years of age, and 33,186 families, bring deserted, below 50 years of age.

The highest numbers of single parent families are reported from Gampaha District. The most vulnerable group among them is the small children and

women. For the reason that there is a severe threat for their protection security and dignity.

Further, according to a study done by the Ministry of Education, it has been revealed that 2% of children at the school-attending age are not attending to 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.

8.2 Financial & Physical progress – up to 30 September 2014

Programme	No. of beneficiaries	Financial (Rs) Allocations
Self Employment aids to single parent families Ex – projects such as animal husbandry, vegetable growing, dress making, mobile business, retail marketing, food production and marketing	No. of families - 538	6,087,000.00
Self employment development programmes for single parent small groups eg. Projects such as twining as a group, dress making, tea cultivating, sweetmeat preparation	Programmes - 03 No. of families - 26	360,000.00

<p>Educational programs for single parents families</p> <p>eg - Programmes implemented for imparting technological knowledge for projects</p> <p>eg. – Production of food wear, yoghurt, handicrafts, sweetmeats</p> <p>Programs to strengthen family bindings in identified endangered families.</p> <p>Eg. – family disputes, taking action to minimize damage to family due to divorces.</p> <p>Educational programs on role to be played for family welfare and social liability</p>	<p>Divisional Secretariats - 05</p> <p>programmes-05</p> <p>Beneficiaries -337</p>	<p>77,316.00</p>
Total		6,524,316.00

8.2.1 No of Beneficiaries received provisions in District level – 2014

No	District	No of Beneficiaries
01	Gampaha	58
02	Puttalam	41
03	Colombo	40
04	Galle	05
05	Ratnapura	06
06	Kalutara	59
07	Polonnaruwa	03
08	Kegalle	15
09	Kurunegala	41
10	Matara	08
11	Monaragala	02
12	Ampara	30
13	Badulla	16
14	Kandy	04
15	Jaffna	45
16	Mullaitivu	103
17	Mannar	68
18	Kilinochchi	12
19	Batticaloa	04
	Total No Of Beneficiaries	560

8.2.2 Provisions for small group self employment projects – 2014

No	District Secretariat	Project	No of members engaged	Amount of provisions
Mullaitivu	Oddusuddan	Animal Husbandry	10	150,000.00
Kalutara	Palindanuwara	Tea plantation	06	60,000.00
Mullaitivu	Oddusuddan	Animal Husbandry	10	150,000.00

8.2.3 Provisions for self employment trainings & awareness programmes for single parent families – 2014

No	District	Divisional Secretariat	Project	Amount of provisions
01	Kalutara	Panandura	Technical & professional knowledge Training – Making candles, production of soap powder & mosquito coils, making Bites	22,000.00
02	Puttalam	Mahakubukkadawala	Attitudes Development of single parents family members and programme for strengthening of families which to be collapsed.	10,000.00
03	Colombo	Maharagama	Technical & professional Knowledge Training programme Making local foods, and making Jam & cordial.	26,000.00
04	Mullaitivu	Oddusuddan	Attitudes Development of single parents family members and programme for strengthening of families which to be collapsed.	10,750.00
05	Mullaitivu	Nanattan	Attitudes Development of single parents family members and programme for strengthening of families which to be collapsed.	8,566.00

Allocation for the year 2014 - 7.00 Rs. Mn.

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

09. “SisunenaPubuduwa” programme

9.1 Introduction

The scope of the Ministry of Social Services consists of a variety of subject areas in subjecting to social production. It is noted that due to the rapidly changing nature of social problems of the present day, and instant emergence of unprecedented social issues, different kinds of responsibilities tend to be assigned to this Ministry time to time.

“SisunenaPubuduwa” social development programme is one of the special programmes being implemented by the Ministry with a view to enhancing the wisdom of children in whose hands bear the future of the country. The ultimate objective of the “SisunenaPubuduwa” programme is to bring about a generation of children who admire and have a respect for the socio-cultural value system of the country, by means of stimulating creativity and power of imagination of children through inculcating the reading habit in them.

Accordingly, action is taken to select GS divisions from under-developed Divisional Secretariat divisions in Sri Lanka and to provide a valuable set of books worth Rs. 50,000/- a steel cabinet to store them and, all stationeries required. In this programme, a special feature is involved for promoting reading habit among children and two-day training for implementing the programme is given to 15 volunteer leaders who live in the selected division.

9.2 No. of centers opened up to 30th September of the year 2014

District	Divisional Secretariat	G.N Division
Kandy	Udawalpala Pathehewaheta	Galata Mailapitiya
Ampara	Dehiattakandiya	Santhanagama
Hambanthota	Weerakediya Thangalla	Kapugampotha Polonmaruwa
Ratnapura	Kahawaththa	MadalagamaJanapadaya
Mathale	Yatawaththa	Mathalapitiya

Kegalle	Aranayaka	Dippitiya
Kurunegala	Rasnayakapura Nikawaratiya Maspotha	Kadigawa Vandurassa Vilgamdematawa Sitambalangamuwa
Polonnaruwa	Lankapura	Pulasthigama
NuwaraEliya	Walapane	Alakolawewa
Gampaga	Ja-Ela Dompe	Bandigoda Kajugaswaththa

10. Social Care Centre Project

Mission

Creating a Caring Society

10.1 Introduction

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

Upon the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers in respect of the Cabinet Memorandum; “Establishment of Social Care centers in Divisional Secretariats affected by Tsunami Disaster in Sri Lanka”, submitted on 07.12.2005 by Ministry of Social Services & Social Welfare at that time for rehabilitating the family systems which were collapsed due to Tsunami Disaster affected in Sri Lanka, general objective of initiating the social care centre project was to provide integrated Social Care package to the service users in a user friendly environment. These centers will help to join them into main development process through providing their all welfare needs. Further, Social Care Centers act as a safety net to the marginalized people. The centers are established within the Divisional Secretariats as units.

This project is a joint venture, implemented by Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Child Development and Woman’s affair and Provincial Department of Social Services, while Social Services Officers. (Central Government/Provincial), Child Rights Promotion Officer, Women’s Development Officer, Social Development Officer, Counseling Assistant, Early Childhood Development Assistant, Elders Rights promotion Assistant and Relief Sister served at such establishments, provide integrated services. Further probation Officers and Officers of Non Government Organization will also extend their services.

Under the sponsorship of UNICEF and Institute of save the children in Sri Lanka, Social Care Centers were establishment in 27 Divisional Secretariat from the commencement of the project to end of year 2008. In addition to above Social Care Centers have been established in, 14 Divisional Secretariats in Jaffna District , 03 Divisional Secretariats in Mullaithivu District, 04 Divisional Secretariats in Mannar District, 03 Divisional Secretariats in Vavuniya District, 03 Divisional

Secretariats in Kilinochchi District, 12 Divisional Secretariats in Badulla District, 09 Divisional Secretariats in Monaragala District, 03 Divisional Secretariats in Polonnaruwa District, 03 Divisional Secretariats in Kalutara District, 04 Divisional Secretariats in Hambanthota District, 04 Divisional Secretariats in Matara District, 04 Divisional Secretariats in Kurunagala District, 04 Divisional Secretariats in Mathale District, 07 Divisional Secretariats in Ampara District, 05 Divisional Secretariats in Tricomalee District, 06 Divisional Secretariats in Batticaloa District

Relevant field officers, who have provided the inter person services based on the service user; provide the integrated service based on family, using this concept. The Ministry will further train these officer, to improve their knowledge & skills, in this regard.

10.2 Financial & Physical Progress – 2014

10.2.1 Government Contribution – Rs. 5.00 Mn

10.2.1.1 Skill Development Programmes

Under this, 03 capacity Development programmes and 01 progress review meeting here been held by end of September 2014. 29 field Officers, served at Bandaragama, Millaniya and Madurawala Divisional Secretariats, participated in the capacity Development programme held for field officers in Kalutara District and money spend on this purpose was Rs.36,635/-. The amount of money incurred for the capacity development programme, which was conducted for 24 field Officers in Beruwela & Kalutara Divisional Secretariats in Kalutara District, was Rs.24,620/-. There were 47 Officers participated in the capacity development programme, conducted for field officers in Polonnaruwa District and Rs.53, 210/- was spent on it. Rs 40,020/- was spent on Matara District progress Review Meeting and 40 Officers took part in the programme.

10.2.1.2 Establishment of Social Care Centre

Total amount of Rs. 887,571.18 was spent from the provisions of Consolidated Fund by the end of September 2014, for establishing the Social Care units in following Divisional Secretariats.

Divisional Secretariat		Allocation (Rs.)
01.	Ambangahakorale	154,931.95
02.	Hatharaliyadda	150,000.00
03.	Welikanda	263,367.50
04.	Hingurakgoda	319,271.73

Rs. 1.761 Million has been released by the end of September in 2014 for administrative and maintenance expenses of 13 Social Care Centers in Southern & Western provinces.

10.2.2 UNICEF Contribution – Rs. 8.71 Mn

Rs.5, 809,200/- was allocated for Social Care Center Programme by September 2014.

10.2.2.1 Workshop Conducted for psychosocial officers

There were 02 training workshops held for 16 psychosocial officers in Vavuniya, Mannar, Killinochchi and Mullathievu Districts. Total amount of money spend on the programme Rs.202, 053.62. Progress control meeting for the trained workers was included to this.

10.2.2.2 Office Supplies

Computers, computer tables and chairs were distributed among the Divisional Secretariats in Kandy District for the use of Social Care Units.

10.2.2.3 Capacity Building Development Programme

04 training programmes on the concept of Social Care and its usage were held for field officers related to the Social Care Center Project in Jaffna, Killinochchi, Mullaitheivu and Vavuniya. Incurred was Rs.293, 787.50 No of participants were 207. In addition to the above, the programme, which was conducted in Ampara District, was held with the participation of 42 field officers (Sinhala Medium) of 07 Divisional Secretariats in Ampara District. Rs. 70,861.20 was spent for the purpose. Besides, another training programme was held for the 56 field officers of 04 Divisional Secretariats in Traincomalee

District, while, the amount of money incurred was Rs.107,047.20/- withal, the workshop on training of Social Care Officers, was conducted in Matale district, with the participation of 20 members. The amount of money incurred for this purpose was Rs.11, 725/- During these programmes, officers were educated under the topics of, introducing the social work, subject management, subject seminar, family group seminar and Reporting.

10.2.2.4 Increasing awareness among Divisional Secretaries

It was held with the participation of all Divisional secretaries and assistant Divisional Secretaries, altogether into 40, in Kandy District Rs.116, 565/- was spent for this purpose.

10.2.2.5 Victim assistance programme

Under this programme, Rs 5000/- each per a division into Rs 200,000 altogether has been given to vulnerable children as emergency assistance at all Divisional Secretariats in Northern province and 40 Divisional Secretariats including Damans, Dehiattakandiya, Lahugala, Mahaoya, Padiyathalawa and Uhana in Ampara District.

10.2.2.6 Awareness Programme for Community Leaders

Under this, Rs.10, 000/- each was given to the awareness programme in all Divisional secretariats in Kandy District for increasing the awareness among the community leaders in those areas on the services extended by the social care centers, while Rs.200,000 was spent over it.

10.2.2.7 Establishment of Social Care Units

During 2014, Rs 9,051.62 was spent for fixing of name boards in Badalkumbura Divisional Secretariat Division. Following Social Care Units were constructed during the concerned period additionally.

No	District	Expenditure (Rs.Mn)
01	Yatawatta	290,373.69
02	Rathtaota 50%	150,000.00
03	Hatharaliyadda 50%	150,000.00
04	Ambangagakoralaya	137,010.73
05	Kundasalaya	297,000.00
06	Matale	146,977.16

The ultimate objective of all these trainings under the project is to deliver a quality service to the service users at village level through supply of coordinated services, at social care centers, issues, weaknesses and waste of government fund etc to be avoided at the time of delivering the service to the marginalized communities scattered in the country rather than the officers who are placed Departments. And the success of which has been identified at the follow up activities.

11. 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”

11.1 Key Objectives

As per the powers vested through the Financial Regulation 135 for Social Development Vision and Operations of the Ministry of Social Services for the year 2014

- Updating proper book keeping all transactions and submitting accounts.
- Providing 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 play co-ordination part.

11.2 Key Activities

1. Submitting annual draft estimates to the National Budget Department and attending co-ordination part thereto.
The discussion on the preparation budget estimation for year 2015 was held under the aegis of Hon. Minister of Social Services, with the participation of Hon. Deputy Minister, Dr.P.B.Jeyasundara, Secretary to Minister of Finance & Planning along with the Officers of the said Ministry at the auditorium of Ministry of Social Services on 11/09/2014.
2. Taking action to supplement additional provisions through National Budget Department.

Accordingly, details on Provisions realized under Head No.124 of the Ministry by 30 September 2014 is as follows.

Expenditure category	Estimated provision Rs.	Additional provision Rs.	Total provision Rs.	Total cost by 30 Sept. 2013 Rs.
Recurrent expenditure	3,649,170,000.00	-	3,649,170,000.00	2,389,192,964.00
Capital expenditure	361,075,000.00	9,260,000.00	370,335,000.00	228,538,402.00
Total expenditure	4,010,245,000.00	9,260,000.00	4,019,505,000.00	2,617,731,366.00

Out of this total Provision, allocations of around Rs. 3,197.85Mn. For Divisional Secretariats and about Rs. 10Mn. for recurrent expenditure had been released.

National Secretariat for Elders has been included under the Expenditure head of Ministry subject to the implementation of Budget proposals of year 2014. Accordingly Rs.3, 281Mn has been allocated for the welfare programmes in this year through Rs.80 Mn for“Dirisawiya” project and Rs.2, 650 Mn for the Rs. 1000 monthly Assistance programme for 220,000/- low income elders who exceed the age of 70 years and receive public assistant nice at present. Therefore estimated provision has been increased by Rs.317.88 Mn under recurrent expenditure than in year 2013.

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

The amount of impress received by the end of September 2014 is as follows.

Recurrent Rs.	Capital (Rs)	Advance B account(Rs)	Overseas Funds (UNICEF)(Rs)	Total Advances (Rs)
167,500,000.00	89,400,000.00	2,500,000.00	5,500,000.00	264,900,000.00

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

Rs 132.12mn provisions have been allocated for salaries, over time allowances under personal remuneration of Ministry by September in 2014, while the total amount of money incurred by the end of September for salaries & allowances were Rs.93.026mn
- 5 Inspecting 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, Festival Advance to the ministry staff, recover installments and interest thereto and to maintain Administrative Account and documents of it.

A sum of Rs4.8mnhas been paid in Distress loans, festival advances and special advances out of Public Officers' Advance Account by the end of December 2014. The recovery in advanced account is aroundRs. 3.72mn.
- 8 Settling in all due receivable to the Ministry, remitting them in banks and accounting under the income Head concerned.
- 9 Preparation of annual Appropriation Accounts and submitting it to the Auditor General before 31 March in each year. Receiving Allocation 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 2014 and attending co-ordination works thereto.
- 11 Answering 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 2014, the action has been taken to do so.
13. Maintenance of utilized and capital items stock of the ministry, issue of stock and its 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 serve at 331 Divisional Secretariats scattered in 25 district secretariats.
- 15 Monthly allowance of Rs.3000/- to 3065 families with disabilities, has been remitted to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries covering the 09 Districts of Jaffna, Vavuniya, Mullaithivu, Kilinochchi, Trincomalee, Polonnaruwa, Anuradapura, Mannar and Puttalam under the Dirisaviyaprogramme from March 2013 to March 2015
- 16 Supporting to institutes such as National Institute for Social Development, National Secretariat for persons with Disabilities, Social Development Management Information System, Social Development, providing self employments to single parented families, National counseling programme, Social Care Centers and Aid programme between the UNICEF and Sri Lanka government for keeping accounts and directives on financial management had been extended in the year 2014.

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 2014.

12. Internal Audit Division

12.1 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)

12.2 Objectives

In accordance with power vested under the Financial Regulation - 133 for vision and operation of Ministry of Social Services in 2014, audit activities are performed.

12.3 Scope of the Audit

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

12.4 Activities

- 1 Up to 30th September 2014 Internal Audit Plan is completed.
- 2 Internal Audit Reports were submitted within the target dates.
- 3 Internal Audit Reports were discussed the Audit and Management Committee meetings.
- 4 Three Audit and Management Committee meetings were held in 2014.
- 5 The following AuditObservations were reported.

Institute	No of Audit Observations
Ministry of social services	18
Department of Social Services	12
National Council for Persons with Disabilities	09
National Secretariat for Elders	17
Visually Handicap Trust Fund	03

13. Planning and Monitoring Division

13.1 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. Maintaining of relevant data & information in relation to the social sector is also the responsibility of this division.

13.2 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” is under preparation during 2012/2015.
- 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 2014 was prepared.
- Preparation of quarterly progress reports against the Annual Action Plan – 2014 of the Ministry. – Three quarterly reports were prepared in 2014.
- Preparation of performance report of the Ministry to be submitted to the Parliament. Performance report for 2014 with the progress up to 3rd quarter 2014 was prepared.
- Preparation of Annual Performance Report of the Ministry. Annual Performance Report 2013 was prepared in 2014.
- Preparation and monitoring the implementation of the Action plan relevant to SAARC Social Charter. Action Plan is being implemented
- Reporting the progress of the activities assigned to the Ministry of Social Services under the implementation of Action Plan on Implementation of LLRC to the Presidential Secretariat.

- 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 the government priorities.
- Preparation of news letter with the information on services provided to the needy. ‘Smajaseva Puwath’ – 2014 is being prepared
- Follow up actions on decisions taken at the meetings with world Bank, UNICEF, UNPFA, WFP, WHO, UNV and UNDP

13.3 Special Activities

In addition to the above the following activities were also successfully completed by the planning division during 2014.

13.3.1 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 the Ministry of Finance Planning on the cabinet paper on the Family Policy, a Consultative Committee headed by Prof. K.Karunathilake is reviewing the policy document in order to give a broader view to the Policy. The Planning division coordinates the activities in this regard.

As of now, the Consultative Committee has completed final draft of the policy document and incorporating views expressed by officers of the relevant government and non-governmental institutions and the academia at the recently held consultative sessions on the Draft family Policy.

13.3.2 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 the Persons with Disabilities. The Planning Division monitors the project and prepares quarterly/annual reports to be submitted to the World Bank in this regard.

13.3.3 Establishment of Volunteer Secretariat

A Volunteer Secretariat within the Ministry has been established in 2014 with the direct supervision by the Planning Division. Further all preliminary works to establish the Volunteer Secretariat was handled by the Planning Division in consultation with the Ministry of Finance and Planning, UNDP and UNV. As of now a website is open for registration of those who are willing to engage in volunteerism.