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Introduction about the Organization

Throughout the year 2014, FAIRMED FOUNDATION has continued to support the Leprosy control activities by partnering with the Anti Leprosy Campaign (ALC), Ministry of Health and with five selected Districts namely Ampara, Gampaha, Colombo, Puttalam and Hambantota. The districts were selected on the basis of the new case detection rates reported and Letters of Grant were signed with the ALC and respective health authorities in the districts, to fund the activities identified according to the National Plan of action for the Control of Leprosy for the years 2014 – 2016.

Assistance by FAIRMED FOUNDATION was directly to the district level and was implemented through the Provincial Health Authorities in the five districts supported by FAIRMED FOUNDATION. In the rest of the districts, the Anti Leprosy Campaign utilized funds received from the Government and World Health organization (WHO), to conduct activities.

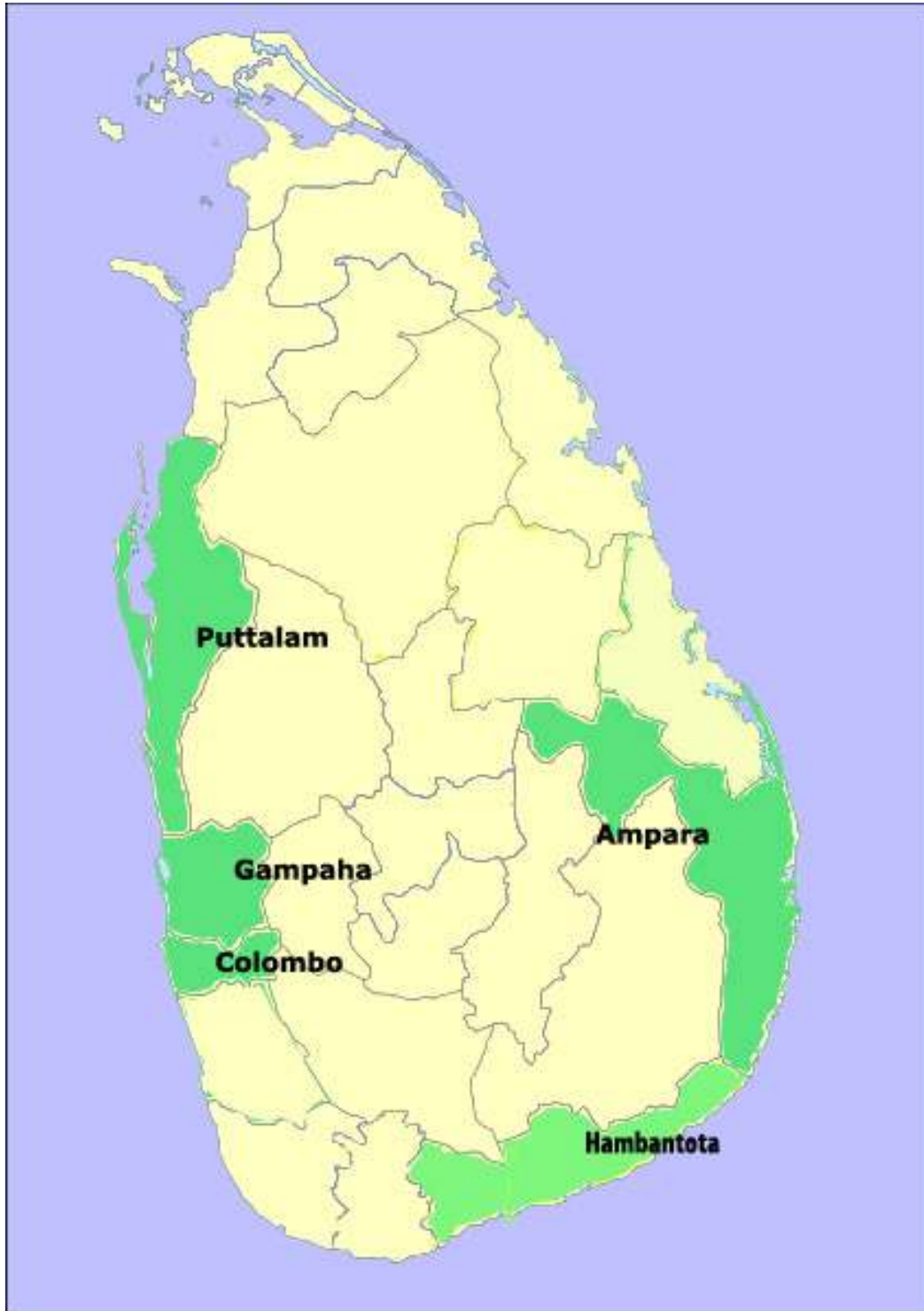
A Programme Assistant was recruited to the ALC and four District Programme Assistants were recruited to the districts except for Puttalam to assist in the implementation of the activities in the Districts.

FAIRMED FOUNDATION in Sri Lanka is the official Representative for the ILEP (International Leprosy Association) and the Colombo office provides funds and technical backstopping for the projects.

In the year 2014, the team at the Sri Lanka office consisted of three persons namely, an administration & monitoring officer on a permanent basis, a finance officer on a temporary basis, in addition to the Country Representative. A Project Manager was recruited to the organization in September to carry out the activities associated with organization.

In July 2014, FAIRMED FOUNDATION moved the office premises to it's present location.

Map of Sri Lanka showing the Districts supported by FAIRMED FOUNDATION for Leprosy Control activities



Leprosy Control Activities supported at the National Level

FAIRMED FOUNDATION assisted the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Ministry of Health in conducting activities identified according to the National Action Plan.

The main activities supported by FAIRMED FOUNDATION in 2014 at National Level are as follows.

Outcome 3: All aspects of quality clinical management are not accounted for at the service delivery points

Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy services for Leprosy patients regularized

The Physiotherapist attached to the Anti Leprosy Campaign was trained for four weeks on management of disability care at TLM Hospital, Naini, Allahabad, India in November 2014.

Outcome 5: Trained Human Resources Available For Leprosy Control

Overseas Training provided for the Public Health Inspectors at the Anti Leprosy Campaign

A Three week training was provided for the two Public Health Inspectors (PHII) in the Anti Leprosy Campaign at TLM Hospital, Naini, Allahabad, India in March 2014.

Outcome 6: Project Activities Adequately Monitored

FAIRMED FOUNDATION has assisted the Anti Leprosy Campaign to conduct the following meetings to monitor the activities carried out at the district level.

- a. Two workshops were conducted to develop “Dash Board Indicators”
- b. Three technical working group meetings were conducted to develop IEC/BCC materials
- c. Two National Advisory Committee Meetings was held under the chairmanship of the Director General of Health Services (DGHS).
- d. A National Steering Committee Meeting with the participation of the relevant stakeholders

Further, IT equipment was procured by FAIRMED FOUNDATION for the Anti Leprosy Campaign.

A summary of FAIRMED FOUNDATION support provided to the Anti Leprosy Campaign in 2014 is given below:

FAIRMED FOUNDATION EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE YEAR 2014 FOR THE ANTI LEPROSY CAMPAIGN	
Description	Amount (LKR)
National level Workshop to develop and finalize “Dash Board Indicators” for national and district levels	21,905.00
National advisory committee meetings	3,915.00
National steering committee meetings	8,705.00
Technical Working Group meetings	30,770.00
Logistical support for ALC	358,821.00
Overseas training provided for two PHIs, one Medical Officer and one Physiotherapist from ALC	637,843.00
Total LKR (USD= 8,045)	1,061,959.00

Other Activities conducted at National Level

FAIRMED FOUNDATION, under the MoU signed with the Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) had agreed to provide Research Grants. A sponsorship was provided to Dr. Ranthilaka Ranawaka, Consultant Dermatologist as an Author’s Subscription fee for publication of accepted article to Mymensingh Medical Journal (MMJ) on Leishmaniasis.

Performance of Leprosy Control at the National Level 2014

	NEW	MB	<15	F	GR2	<1ly	>2ly	Population	NCDR	MBR	CR	DR	FR	Early	Late
Central	100	50	9	25	12	78	17	2556350	3.91	50.00	9.00	12.00	25.00	78.00	17.00
Kandy	57	26	5	17	6	43	11	1367900	4.17	45.61	8.77	10.53	29.82	75.44	19.30
Matale	23	12	2	8	3	19	3	482229	4.77	52.17	8.70	13.04	34.78	82.61	13.04
Nuwara Eliya	20	12	2	0	3	16	3	706588	2.83	60.00	10.00	15.00	0.00	80.00	15.00
East	252	119	38	108	15	170	37	2235444	11.27	47.22	15.08	5.95	42.86	67.46	14.68
Ampara	49	20	6	18	3	29	8	270380	18.12	40.82	12.24	6.12	36.73	59.18	16.33
Batticaloa	101	44	21	44	2	76	5	525142	19.23	43.56	20.79	1.98	43.56	75.25	4.95
Kalmunai	80	44	10	37	8	51	18	377676	21.18	55.00	12.50	10.00	46.25	63.75	22.50
Trincomalee	22	11	1	9	2	14	6	378182	5.82	50.00	4.55	9.09	40.91	63.64	27.27
North	97	49	9	42	9	54	19	1293693	7.50	50.52	9.28	9.28	43.30	55.67	19.59
Jaffna	60	24	4	21	5	35	11	583378	10.28	40.00	6.67	8.33	35.00	58.33	18.33
Kilinochchi	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	112875	1.77	100.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Mannar	17	12	0	9	1	11	2	99051	17.16	70.59	0.00	5.88	52.94	64.71	11.76
Mullaitivu	8	5	1	6	2	4	3	91947	8.70	62.50	12.50	25.00	75.00	50.00	37.50
Vavuniya	10	6	4	5		4	3	171511	5.83	60.00	40.00		50.00	40.00	30.00
North Central	175	86	12	61	15	111	45	1290847	13.56	49.14	6.86	8.57	34.86	63.43	25.71
Anuradhapura	89	42	7	34	6	66	15	856232	10.39	47.19	7.87	6.74	38.20	74.16	16.85
Polonnaruwa	86	44	5	27	9	45	30	403335	21.32	51.16	5.81	10.47	31.40	52.33	34.88
North West	212	115	14	86	19	131	44	2520643	8.41	54.25	6.60	8.96	40.57	61.79	20.75
Kurunegala	120	59	5	48	7	79	23	1610299	7.45	49.17	4.17	5.83	40.00	65.83	19.17
Puttalam	92	56	9	38	12	52	21	759776	12.11	60.87	9.78	13.04	41.30	56.52	22.83
Sabaragamu	169	102	12	61	15	126	24	1923052	8.79	60.36	7.10	8.88	36.09	74.56	14.20
Kegalle	51	30	7	17	7	32	8	836603	6.10	58.82	13.73	13.73	33.33	62.75	15.69
Ratnapura	118	72	5	44	8	94	16	1082277	10.90	61.02	4.24	6.78	37.29	79.66	13.56
Sothorn	299	136	23	115	19	218	40	2452505	12.19	45.48	7.69	6.35	38.46	72.91	13.38
Galle	111	41	8	39	8	85	16	1058771	10.48	36.94	7.21	7.21	35.14	76.58	14.41
Hambantota	80	41	5	31	5	53	13	596617	13.41	51.25	6.25	6.25	38.75	66.25	16.25
Matara	108	54	10	45	6	80	11	809344	13.34	50.00	9.26	5.56	41.67	74.07	10.19
Uva	47	32	2	16	3	38	6	1381157	3.40	68.09	4.26	6.38	34.04	80.85	12.77
Badulla	23	16	2	7	2	21	1	811758	2.83	69.57	8.70	8.70	30.43	91.30	4.35
Moneragala	24	16	0	9	1	17	5	448194	5.35	66.67	0.00	4.17	37.50	70.83	20.83
Wetern	935	412	97	383	64	611	194	5181812	18.04	44.06	10.37	6.84	40.96	65.35	20.75
Colombo	465	193	65	203	31	295	101	2309809	20.13	41.51	13.98	6.67	43.66	63.44	21.72
Gampaha	263	145	15	96	22	177	54	2291341	11.48	55.13	5.70	8.37	36.50	67.30	20.53
Kalutara	207	74	17	84	11	139	39	1217260	17.01	35.75	8.21	5.31	40.58	67.15	18.84
	2286	1101	216	897	171	1537	426	20274179	11.28	48.16	9.45	7.48	39.24	67.24	18.64

A total of 2286 new cases have been detected in Sri Lanka for the year 2014 (reported as of end February 2014). Of this total 949 cases (42% of the total number of cases) have been detected in the five districts, FAIRMED FOUNDATION invested for control activities. The highest NCDRs (New Case Detection Rates) have been reported in Polonnaruwa and Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Service (RDHS) areas whilst Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi reported the highest deformity rates.

Assistance for Leprosy Control in the Districts by FAIRMED FOUNDATION

All activities at district level was implemented through the Office of the Regional Director of Health Services with the leadership of the Regional Epidemiologist and the Public Health Inspector designated for Leprosy control activities in the district. Patients were diagnosed and treated by the Consultants at the Dermatology clinics situated in the Hospitals and there are 48 Dermatology clinics situated in the country.

A Yearly Plan of Operation (YPO) was developed in the five districts by the District Leprosy Teams in consultation with the Anti Leprosy Campaign and FAIRMED FOUNDATION under the six outcomes identified in the National Action Plan for Control of Leprosy, Ministry of Health. Accordingly, the following activities were conducted by the five districts for the outcomes.

Outcome 1: Active transmission of disease curtailed

The key activities undertaken in the districts to achieve this outcome –

1. Leprosy as included in the list of notifiable diseases in 2013 should be investigated by the range PHII. Training was conducted to educate them on the steps to be followed for investigation of a case following notification.



2. Colombo district conducted a special training for the Ayurveda doctors and Puttalam district trained the Medical Officers in the Out Patient department and General Practitioners, in addition to the Ayurveda doctors on clinical diagnosis of Leprosy.
3. In the Districts of Gampaha and Ampara, all field health staff in high endemic MOH areas were trained to counsel suspected cases.
4. In Ampara a training programme was conducted for PALS to make them aware of the services available in the district.

Provide local training to health staff						
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	Percentage utilization	No. of participants	Cost per participant (Rs)
1	Ampara	292,746.00	242,888.00	83%	122	1,990.89
2	Puttalam	60,000.00	53,516.00	89%	46	1,163.39
3	Colombo	99,450.00	99,838.00	100%	210	475.42
4	Gampaha	180,075.00	168,253.00	93%	269	625.48
5	Hambantota	60,000.00	55,018.00	92%	42	1,309.95

It is important to note that the cost of providing training for the health staff varied from LKR 475.00 to LKR 1990.00. The reason for this variation being that the training was on voluntary basis and therefore some had decided to refrain from participating.

5. The PHI Leprosy and range PHI were supported and encouraged to do home visits and to initiate contact tracing.
6. Awareness programmes were conducted in most of the MOH areas for all primary health care staff in the preventive and curative health sector.

7. In Gampaha & Puttalam districts advocacy meetings were conducted to facilitate the provision of social service allowance for patients during treatment.
8. An Awareness programme was conducted for the Catholic and Islamic clergy on Leprosy in Puttalam.



Conduct Awareness & Advocacy programmes						
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	Percentage utilization	No. of participants	Cost per participant (Rs)
1	Ampara	110,500.00	46,750.00	42%	415	112.65
2	Puttalam	142,600.00	126,522.00	89%	3042	41.59
3	Colombo	113,900.00	99,930.00	88%	633	157.87
4	Gampaha	85,400.00	63,220.00	74%	749	84.41
5	Hambantota	116,000.00	80,991.00	70%	338	239.62

A total of 5177 persons from the target groups have been made aware of Leprosy in the year 2014. Further, in most of the districts except Ampara, the utilization of funds allocated for this activity has been satisfactory.

12. Screening clinics in endemic pockets were conducted by local field health staff in the Districts of Gampaha and Puttalam.



Conduct skin clinics										
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants	Cost per participant (Rs)	No. of suspected cases identified	Cost of finding a suspected case (Rs)	No. of patients identified	Cost of finding a leprosy patient (Rs)
1	Ampara	152,250.00	117,805.00	77%	1044	112.84	785	150.07	3	39,268.33
2	Puttalam	76,250.00	41,700.00	55%	201	207.46	29	1,437.93	8	5,212.50
3	Colombo	86,300.00	53,400.00	62%	2096	25.48	16	3,337.50	1	53,400.00
4	Gampaha	63,750.00	63,650.00	100%	353	180.31	15	4,243.33	7	9,092.86
5	Hambantota	25,000.00	11,125.00	45%	51	218.14	4	2,781.25	4	2,781.25

During this year, striking differences were noticed among districts regarding the yield of skin clinics conducted. A wide variation in cost for detecting suspected cases and Leprosy patients were noted through these clinics. The utilization of funds allocated for this activity was 71% and the average cost in finding a patient was LKR 4771.00. It is important to note that this cost was only for FAIRMED FOUNDATION and this figure would be much more if the Government expenses are also added.

In addition, the following activities were conducted by the districts.

13. IEC materials were developed and printed on leprosy for field health staff. Further, a workshop was conducted for the health staff on stigma to enhance self-referral.



14. Two House to house surveys were conducted in Himidurawa and Mahakandiya Grama Niladhari areas within the Uhana MOH area in Ampara.

Outcome 2: Delayed presentation and defaulting from treatment (Deformity due to Leprosy) minimized

The key activities undertaken in the Districts were

1. Leprosy day activities

Awareness & Advocacy programmes were held in the Districts for different stakeholders, and in Ampara - a Leprosy day walk was conducted in the Uhana MOH area.





Leprosy Day walk in Ampara



Awareness programme in Ampara

2. In Puttalam, a District level Media Campaign was conducted to educate the media personnel on signs, symptoms and possible complications of the disease.

Outcome 3: All Aspects of Quality Clinical Management Not Accounted For At the Service Delivery Points

The following key activities were supported by FAIRMED FOUNDATION.

1. Four weeks overseas training, for six Physiotherapists attached to five hospitals from each district and ALC on management of disability care was provided at TLM Hospital, Naini, Allahabad, India in November 2014



2. A list of PALS with disabilities were identified at the district level and necessary splints were made available for these patients



3. Ulcer care kits were given to the patients in all districts and the production of sandals/ shoes was initiated in collaboration with Ceylon Leather Products PLC (DI)



Ulcer care kits



Sandal for Males



Sandal for Females



**FAIRMED FOUNDATION
EXPENSES INCURRED FOR SPLINTS, ULCER CARE KITS AND LEPROSY SANDALS**

Description	Amount (LKR)
Splints	234,400.00
Ulcer care kits	419,991.00
Leprosy sandals	607,634.00
Total LKR (USD= 9,560)	1,262,025.00

- In Gampaha all medical officers attached to the dermatology clinic were trained to perform disability assessment, while the dermatology clinic facilities were improved in Hambantota.

Outcome 4: Satisfactory Rehabilitation Services Made Available To All Leprosy Patients with Disabilities

The key activities undertaken in the Districts were

1. Improved facilities at the Rehabilitation center in the District Hospital Moratuwa in Colombo.



2. FAIRMED FOUNDATION supplied five Motorcycles to the Leprosy PHIs in the five FAIRMED assisted districts in order to ensure the proper functioning of Leprosy control activities in the Districts.
3. In the Colombo, Gampaha and Puttalam district, PAL groups were formed and regular meetings were held with them.



Outcome 5: Trained Human Resources Available For Leprosy Control

The following activities were undertaken in the Districts-

1. Assistance was provided to the District Leprosy Teams to conduct district workshops in identifying the learning materials and training needs of the district.
2. A three week overseas training was provided for 17 Public Health Inspectors and a Project Director from Sarvodaya at the TLM Hospital, Naini, Allahabad, India in March 2014.



3. Fifteen Medical officers from the five districts & ALC were provided a one week training at the Anandaban Training Center in Kathmandu, Nepal in November 2014.



Provide overseas training to health staff						
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	Percentage utilization	No. of participants	Cost per participant (Rs)
1	Ampara	1,783,823.00	1,242,488.00	70%	7	177,498.29
2	Puttalam	1,783,823.00	1,242,488.00	70%	7	177,498.29
3	Colombo	1,783,823.00	1,242,488.00	70%	7	177,498.29
4	Gampaha	1,753,823.00	1,212,488.00	69%	6	202,081.33
5	Hambantota	1,783,823.00	1,242,488.00	70%	7	177,498.29

Outcome 6: Project Activities Adequately Monitored

The key activities undertaken in the Districts were-

1. The facilitation of the updating of District Leprosy units in the Districts of Ampara, Gampaha and Colombo.
2. The provision of IT facilities to the District PHII in Leprosy to maintain district data.
3. The organization of an IT Training for the PHII Leprosy and Programme Assistants in the Districts in collaboration with ESOF Computer Studies by FAIRMED FOUNDATION.
4. The employment of Five Project assistants by FAIRMED FOUNDATION to the Anti Leprosy Campaign and four districts (except Puttalam) to assist in the district level Leprosy control activities.

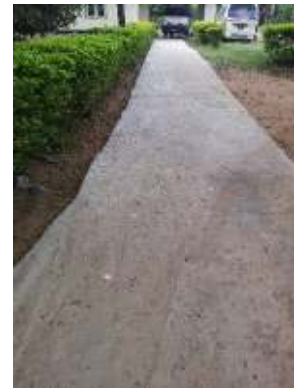
To support all these activities, FAIRMED FOUNDATION provided funds for fuel and stationery, to the Regional Epidemiologist and PHI Leprosy for Leprosy control activities.

Support with logistics				
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	Percentage utilization
1	Ampara	660,000.00	496,659.00	75%
2	Puttalam	805,000.00	629,443.00	78%
3	Colombo	1,158,000.00	778,726.00	67%
4	Gampaha	890,912.00	635,344.00	71%
5	Hambantota	835,000.00	751,484.00	90%

Special activities conducted-

Walking paths were constructed in the Hendala hospital as an instigation by Mr. Rene Staeheli, Director, FAIRMED FOUNDATION during his visit in May, to improve accessibility for wheel chair users in the hospital.

Photographs from before and after the construction of pathways





Mr. Rene Staeheli declared the opening of the walking path at Hendala Hospital.



Throughout the year 2014, the FAIRMED office in Sri Lanka had entertained many visitors from overseas. In May, Mr. Rene Staheli and Ms. Laura Salvato from FAIRMED Head Office, Bern, Switzerland visited Sri Lanka and participated in a Progress Review meeting chaired by the Deputy Director General of Public Health Services, Dr. Sarath Amunugama.



A visit was paid by Mr. Erik Post in June & September and Mr. Roel Faber in September to discuss and develop the Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) documents including the Strategic document for Sri Lanka.

During the month of November a team from Nepal visited for a Study Tour and Mr. Madan Rimal, Director, Social Welfare Council, Government of Nepal and Mr. Buddhi Thapa and Mr. Bishnu Adhikari from INF Head Quarters participated in this study tour.

Ms Mirjam Staheli and Ms Theresia Busser from Bern FAIRMED Head office visited Sri Lanka in December, to obtain more information regarding FAIRMED, Sri Lanka as well as to visit a few leprosy projects.

Financial and programme monitoring

Quarterly review meetings were held in the Districts to discuss the progress of activities and in addition the Anti Leprosy Campaign conducted review meetings with the participation of FAIRMED FOUNDATION.



Review meeting at RDHS Hambantota



Review meeting at RDHS Ampara

Utilization of funds in the districts in 2014 (in LKR by Cost Center)

In the year 2014, the fund utilization for Leprosy control activities in the Anti Leprosy Campaign and the Districts have been more than 50%.

District/ Project/ Cost centre	Amount Budgeted in Plan of Action	Total Amount Released as Requested	Total Utilized	% Utilization
Ampara	4,667,700.00	4,531,218.00	2,856,828.00	63%
Puttalam	4,795,650.00	4,341,120.00	2,457,883.00	57%
Colombo	6,172,000.00	5,717,430.00	2,959,889.00	52%
Gampaha	4,669,475.00	4,263,335.00	2,702,265.63	63%
Hambantota	4,858,175.00	4,290,156.00	2,612,284.00	61%
Anti Leprosy Campaign (ALC)	4,932,448.00	4,176,183.00	2,466,503.00	59%
Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA)	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	48,045.50	5%

Lessons Learnt

While keeping true to our mission that even the poorest gets the attention they deserve, FAIRMED FOUNDATION came face to face with a chain of new challenges during the monitoring and backstopping activities of the five districts. While further perusal revealed that FAIRMED FOUNDATION, Sri Lanka had learnt a few lessons throughout the year.

1. Limit the number of activities identified according to the Plan of action:
It was evident that given the time frame and district capacities, the yearly activities had to be restricted as more priority had to be given for the Dengue outbreak which was a National concern.
2. FAIRMED FOUNDATION worked with a cross section of leprosy teams at district level, where the understanding and commitment levels invariably varied. This resulted in the completion of district activities being stunted at different levels.
3. Districts teeming with different level staff capacities, was also a determining factor for the variations in output per district. This inconsistency affected FAIRMED's operations significantly.
4. Working with the districts, FAIRMED FOUNDATION realized that the districts had to abide by the many rules and regulations imposed by the government. These restrictions curtailed the districts in conducting their programmes effectively.

Future

FAIRMED FOUNDATION's dedication will not stop at just the increase of the District Leprosy Team capacities, but will continue in the form of giving sound strategic assistance and technical backstopping for each of the five districts. This we hope to acquire by conducting model leprosy programmes in the districts.

During the year 2015, we will be partnering with the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Ministry of Health in conducting an operational research on Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis and hope to be of assistance to them in any task to come.