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"Together, determine to improve the circumstances of all people at risk or affected by Leprosy and other Neglected Tropical Diseases in Sri Lanka".

Goal

"Through the use of lean systems, committed to strengthen the mechanisms that combat the causes perpetuating Neglected Tropical Diseases. Thereby facilitate an empowered and complete life, by one and by all".

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Abbreviations

ALC	Anti-Leprosy Campaign
CBO	Community Based Organization
CCP	Consultant Community Physician
CMC	Colombo Municipal Council
DDG (PHS- I)	Deputy Director General (Public Health Services- 1)
DLT	District Leprosy Team
DTCO	District Tuberculosis and Chest Officer
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
ILEP	International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations
LPEP	Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MDT	Multi Drug Treatment
MB	Multibacillary
MOH	Medical Officer of Health
NCDR	New Case Detection Rate
NF	Novartis Foundation
NPTCCD	National Programme for Tuberculosis Control and Chest Diseases
PB	Paucibacillary
PDHS	Provincial Director of Health Services
PHI	Public Health Inspector
PO	Project Officer
PHM	Public Health Midwife
RE	Regional Epidemiologist
RDHS	Regional Director of Health Services
SL	Sri Lanka
SPHI	Supervisory Public Health Inspector
SPHID	Supervisory Public Health Inspector- District
STPH	Swiss Tropical Public Health institute
TOT	Training of Trainers
WHO	World Health Organization
YPO	Yearly Plan of Operations

Company Profile

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Introduction

FAIRMED – previously known as Leprosy Relief Emmaus Switzerland – is a development organization based in Bern, Switzerland, that has been supporting countries since 1959. FAIRMED concentrates its efforts mainly in the Asian and African continents, with special focus upon the regions, south of the Sahara desert in Africa and the South-Asia region. Over the years, FAIRMED has added to its mandate, the goals of covering one or more of the following thematic areas in each of our programme regions:

- Combat Neglected Tropical Diseases
- Provision of health services for people with disabilities
- Provision of health services for marginalized communities

FAIRMED FOUNDATION's involvement in Leprosy Control in Sri Lanka dates back to 1981. Since then, under an agreement signed with the Ministry of Health, FAIRMED FOUNDATION Sri Lanka strives to work more closely with our partners in Sri Lanka to combat the constant threat that leprosy poses, especially to poor, disabled and largely vulnerable, and therefore marginalized communities in the country.

FAIRMED's partners are the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Ministry of Health and the Provincial and District level government health authorities (PDHSs and RDHSs). The policy to work with the district level health authorities is based on the fact that the public health staff is closer to the beneficiaries and they are sensitive to the needs of the community. In addition, assistance is also provided to the Anti Leprosy Campaign, mainly to monitor the activities and also for implementation of the activities in the National Plan of Action.

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

FAIRMED FOUNDATION, Sri Lanka in 2017

With the end of the Model Leprosy Control Project cycle in 2016, FAIRMED FOUNDATION initiated a new project cycle in 2017, which would continue until the end of 2021 with the project Goal "To contribute to the reduction of leprosy in Sri Lanka (Leprosy- Free Sri Lanka)". FAIRMED FOUNDATION confined the project scope to four thrust areas such as (1) to optimize the pathway of persons infected with leprosy from the first onset of symptoms until initiation of treatment, (2) to prevent onset and worsening of disability, (3) to establish and strengthen formalized partnerships with relevant stakeholders to support project activities and (4) to provide organizational support for ALC.

The above thrust areas were identified following a three-day workshop conducted in May 2017, with the participation of the Officials from Anti Leprosy Campaign including the Acting Director- ALC, Consultant Dermatologists, Regional Directors, Regional Epidemiologists, Medical Officers, SPHIDs, Leprosy PHIs from selected districts, Representatives from other NGOs and Officials from FAIRMED Head Office in Switzerland including the Director-FAIRMED. Apart from identifying the thrust areas, development of the FAIRMED Sri Lanka strategy for the new multi-year project cycle was also one of the main objectives of the workshop.



In this new project cycle, the organization decided strategically to limit the support only to two districts, one municipal area and assist the Anti Leprosy Campaign. Since 2017, FAIRMED FOUNDATION has been technically and financially assisting the Regional Director of Health Services of the districts of Ratnapura, Polonnaruwa and Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) area to implement the “Leprosy Control Programmes” under the National Plan of Action of the Anti Leprosy Campaign. Faced with limitations in resources allocated to the public health apparatus, FAIRMED believes that greater effectiveness and success may be achieved through the focus of resources to the selected districts as opposed to operating throughout the island, which would dilute the potency of our efforts.

Due to the substantial time taken for the development of the FAIRMED Sri Lanka strategy for the new multi-year project cycle and selection of districts in consultation with the Ministry of Health, FAIRMED funded project districts were only able to initiate the district leprosy control activities from the beginning of September 2017.

Moreover, FAIRMED FOUNDATION also collaborates with the Anti Leprosy Campaign to implement the Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) study in the Districts of Puttalam and Kalutara. The LPEP study is supported technically by FAIRMED FOUNDATION as well as by the Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute (STPH) and financially supported by Novartis Foundation.

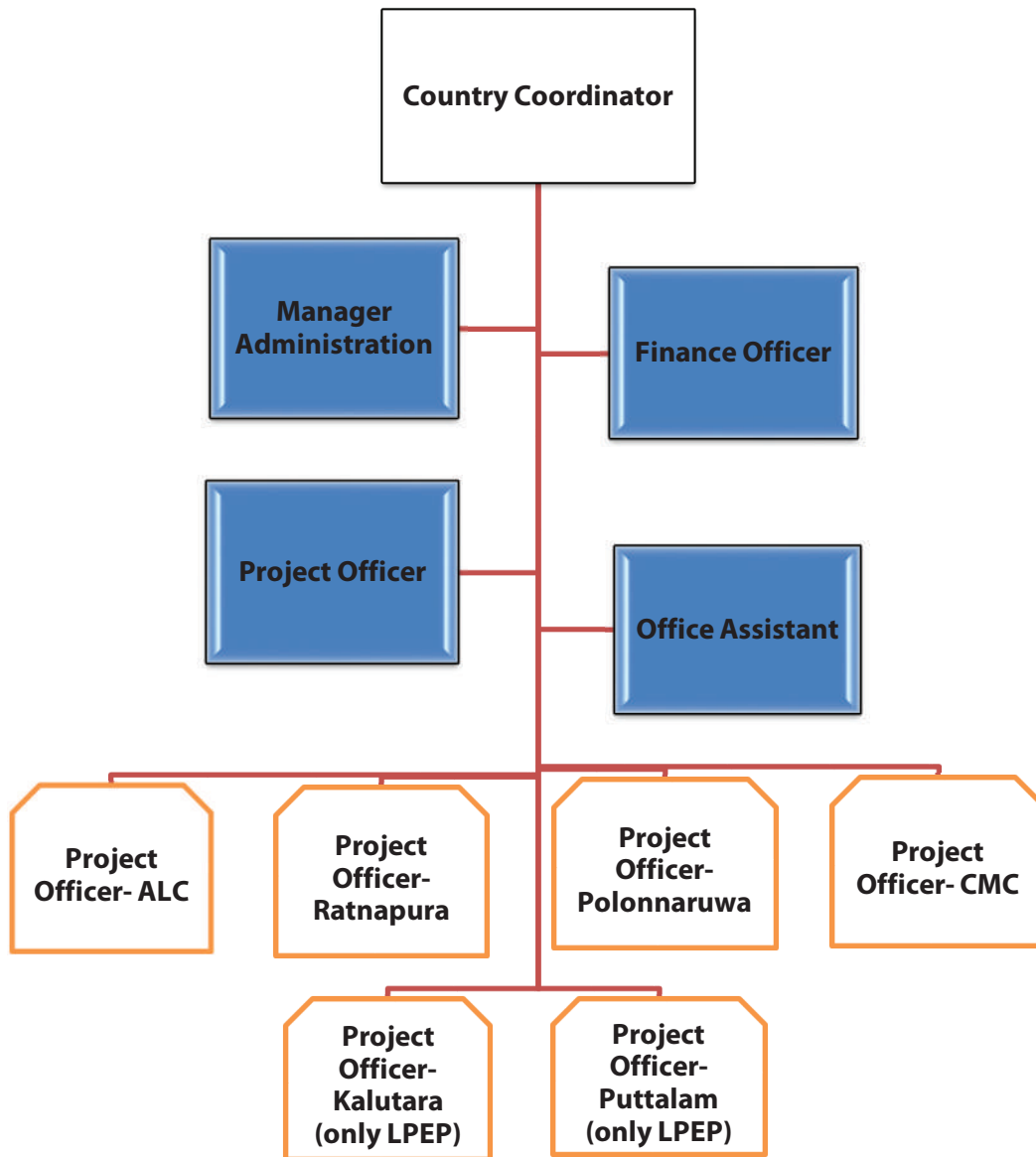
Organizational Structure

The Sri Lanka Country Office of FAIRMED FOUNDATION is the local branch of FAIRMED Switzerland and is headed by a Country Coordinator who ensures FAIRMED's local interests are aligned to its global goals in the active programme districts. The Country Coordinator reports via the Programme Officer to the Head of Programmes and to the Director of FAIRMED Switzerland and is mandated to ensure that the identified outcomes are achieved on schedule and effectively in Ratnapura, Polonnaruwa, Puttalam and Kalutara districts and CMC area. The Country Office is staffed entirely by locals and consists of a Manager-Administration, Finance Officer, Project Officer and an Office Assistant.

To support the implementation of the district level goals, as identified annually through the Yearly Plan of Operations made by the districts with input and concurrence of FAIRMED FOUNDATION, five Project Officers (POs) have been assigned, one per project district. They assist the District Leprosy Team (DLT) headed by the Regional Epidemiologist, who is the technical arm for all communicable diseases in the district to coordinate the leprosy activities. The DLT, which is a homegrown idea by FAIRMED FOUNDATION and scaled by the Ministry of Health to all districts, is responsible for decision-making regarding leprosy control activities in the districts. All POs are responsible for the execution of the District Leprosy Control Programme, except the Puttalam and Kalutara POs who solely attend to the Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) study in the two districts.

To assist the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Ministry of Health to implement and monitor the National leprosy control activities and to coordinate between the Campaign and FAIRMED FOUNDATION, a Project Officer has been employed and stationed at the ALC.

Figure 1: Organizational Structure of FAIRMED FOUNDATION



Assistance for Leprosy Control- National Level

FAIRMED FOUNDATION assisted the ALC, Ministry of Health to conduct activities identified according to the requirements of the ALC.

The main activities supported by FAIRMED FOUNDATION in 2017 at the National Level were as follows;

- The annual review meeting of the FAIRMED assisted districts was conducted in March 2017 and was chaired by Dr. Sarath Amunugama, DDG (PHS-1) of the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine. The Acting Director- ALC, Consultant Community Physician- ALC, Regional Directors, Regional Epidemiologists, Public Health Inspectors- Leprosy and District Project Officers from the districts and the Provincial Consultant Community Physicians participated at the review alongside the Country Coordinator and staff of FAIRMED Country Office. The review assessed the progress achieved in the five districts in 2017 and discussed the way forward of the leprosy control activities in the districts. DDG (PHS-1) and the Regional Directors of each district thanked FAIRMED FOUNDATION for the continuous technical and financial assistance provided during the last three years for the district leprosy control programme.



- In keeping with our routine commitments to the Anti Leprosy Campaign, FAIRMED provided funding for publishing 1000 copies of the Campaign's 2016 Annual Report.
- As part of the process to ensure quality of data management, FAIRMED provided funding to conduct a two-day training session on onsite data entry and online database management for the Leprosy PHIs from all the districts and Medical Officers from ALC. In addition, funds were provided to develop the Mobile application for onsite data entry.

- As part of the efforts to strengthen the Central Leprosy Clinic, FAIRMED assisted in improvement of facilities through the procurement of a Microscopic Camera and a CPU.

**FAIRMED FOUNDATION
EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE YEAR 2017 FOR ANTI LEPROSY CAMPAIGN**

The utilization of funds for 2017 stands at 94.6%

Description	Total Expenditure (LKR)
Annual Review Meeting in FM Funded Districts	30,000.00
Publishing 2016 Annual Report	148,000.00
Stationary/ Printing	49,490.00
Upgrade Facilities at Central Leprosy Clinic	250,000.00
Training on Onsite Data Entry	54,404.00
Internet Facility to PO	9,102.00
Improvement of Leprosy Field Activities	80,000.00
Project Officer Employed	705,600.00
Expansion of onsite data entry	90,000.00
Total	1,416,596.00

Performance of Leprosy Control at the National Level 2017

District	New patients	NCDR	MB	MB%	PB	PB %	G-2 Deformity	G2D %	Female	Female %	Child	Child %	Late Presentation	Late %	District population
Ampara	40	14.80	15	37.5	25	62.50	0	0	18	45.00	4	10	9	22.5	270,220
Anuradhapura	100	10.20	65	65.0	35	35.00	6	6	40	40.00	10	10	25	25.0	980,811
Badulla	22	2.42	11	50.0	11	50.00	2	9	6	27.27	0	0	8	36.4	909,629
Batticaloa	111	19.85	57	51.4	54	48.65	8	7	60	54.05	14	13	27	24.3	559,189
CMC area	66	11.76	37	56.1	29	43.94	7	11	26	39.39	13	20	22	33.3	561,314
Colombo	263	14.35	145	55.1	118	44.87	16	6	103	39.16	41	16	89	33.8	1,832,253
Galle	105	9.43	52	49.5	53	50.48	5	5	40	38.10	11	10	26	24.8	1,113,905
Gampaha	230	9.24	129	56.1	101	43.91	14	6	97	42.17	28	12	71	30.9	2,489,708
Hambantota	80	12.18	52	65.0	28	35.00	3	4	30	37.50	6	8	21	26.3	656,677
Jaffna	28	4.63	25	89.3	3	10.71	3	11	10	35.71	1	4	7	25.0	604,183
Kalmunai	53	11.62	31	58.5	22	41.51	3	6	20	37.74	7	13	9	17.0	456,134
Kalutara	199	16.89	108	54.3	91	45.73	11	6	88	44.22	22	11	53	26.6	1,178,384
Kandy	33	2.20	24	72.7	9	27.27	4	12	13	39.39	2	6	15	45.5	1,499,725
Kegalle	34	4.28	19	55.9	15	44.12	6	18	6	17.65	0	0	10	29.4	795,175
Kilinochchi	2	1.46	1	50.0	1	50.00	1	50	0	0.00	1	50	2	100.0	136,797
Kurunegala	116	7.04	78	67.2	38	32.76	17	15	45	38.79	7	6	33	28.4	1,648,014
Mannar	9	8.35	5	55.6	4	44.44	1	11	2	22.22	1	11	2	22.2	107,790
Matale	17	3.30	12	70.6	5	29.41	1	6	4	23.53	0	0	6	35.3	515,355
Matara	74	8.68	46	62.2	28	37.84	0	0	22	29.73	6	8	20	27.0	852,510
Moneragala	24	4.97	12	50.0	12	50.00	5	21	10	41.67	0	0	10	41.7	482,653
Mullaitivu	3	2.22	3	100.0	0	0.00	1	33	3	100.00	0	0	1	33.3	135,295
Nuwara Eliya	13	1.59	5	38.5	8	61.54	0	0	4	30.77	2	15	3	23.1	817,612
Polonnaruwa	53	12.30	34	64.2	19	35.85	5	9	15	28.30	4	8	22	41.5	430,873
Puttalam	67	7.47	37	55.2	30	44.78	10	15	30	44.78	5	7	28	41.8	896,687
Ratnapura	94	8.17	53	56.4	41	43.62	6	6	36	38.30	5	5	26	27.7	1,150,826
Trincomalee	28	7.47	22	78.6	6	21.43	2	7	13	46.43	3	11	5	17.9	374,872
Vavuniya	13	7.52	7	53.8	6	46.15	0	0	4	30.77	2	15	4	30.8	172,839
Total	1877	8.68	1085	57.8	792	42.19	137	7	745	39.69	195	10	554	29.52	21,629,430

According to the 2017 National statistics published by the Anti Leprosy Campaign, a total of 1877 new cases have been reported in Sri Lanka for the year 2017 (Reported as of 31st December 2017). From this, 479 cases or 25.5% of the total number of cases were detected in the four districts and CMC area in which FAIRMED invested in leprosy control activities.

Assistance for Leprosy Control- District Level

All activities at district level were implemented through the Regional Directorates of Health Services under the leadership of the Regional Director, technical guidance by the Regional Epidemiologist and the coordination by 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 in the districts.

Outcome 1: To optimize the pathway of persons infected with Leprosy from the first onset of symptoms until initiation of treatment

The key activities undertaken in the districts to achieve this outcome were as follows;

- **Awareness programmes for potential partners** were carried out in all 3 project areas from October to December 2017. The main groups targeted were Religious leaders, members of Community Based Organizations (CBOs), Non-Governmental Organizations, civil security forces and government officers of the Divisional Secretary Office etc.

Polonnaruwa district conducted five awareness programmes in five different areas, for the religious leaders, community leaders, members of the civil defence force, members of the local NGOs and school teachers. In total, 200 persons participated in the programmes and this would ensure obtaining the support in the efforts to spread the message amongst the community to assist in identifying hidden cases of leprosy in the district.

In Ratnapura district, four programmes were conducted targeting the Development Officers and Field Officers of the Divisional Secretary Offices. In total, 160 officers participated in the programmes.

Similarly, four awareness programmes were conducted for 86 persons in total including community leaders, representatives from CBOs and Health Instructors in the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) area to get their support in the efforts to curb the rise of leprosy in the CMC area.

The methodology used in the districts differed from each other and in Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa districts, the programmes consisted of presentations and subsequent discussion sessions where the audience was allowed to raise questions and voice their opinion. In addition to this approach, programmes conducted by CMC used the

method of Pre and Post tests to assess the existing knowledge on leprosy among the participants and to assess the effectiveness of the awareness session. They also showed two documentaries on leprosy to the participants.

In all the districts nearly 1000 IEC materials on the signs and symptoms of leprosy were distributed, which would help the people in the community to self-suspect and to encourage health-seeking behavior.

In addition, the majority of the participants revealed their interest in providing support to conduct awareness programmes in the community to propagate the information accurately and to support in active case detection programmes.



- In 2017, various activities were planned and conducted to **address leprosy related stigma**. Eight awareness sessions on leprosy at Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) meetings in different schools were organised by each district and was completed successfully. Similar to the awareness programmes conducted for potential partners, in Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa districts the awareness sessions were conducted by the Regional Epidemiologist and PHI- Leprosy and consisted of presentations, whereas in CMC short video films and Pre and Post tests were utilized.



Awareness programmes					
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
1	Polonnaruwa	105,000.00	100,505.00	96%	558
2	Ratnapura	105,000.00	92,860.00	88%	622
3	CMC	72,000.00	66,745.00	93%	897

Information provided above for awareness programmes, includes data from the allocation set aside for conducting awareness programmes for potential partners, Parent -Teacher Associations, CBOs etc.

- Two **consultative workshops** were conducted with the participation of Dermatologists, Officials from Anti Leprosy Campaign, Regional Epidemiologists, Medical Officers of Health, PHII-Leprosy, Range PHII, Physiotherapists and Health Education Officers to develop and finalise the guidelines and curriculum for the public health staff, educational sessions for the community key persons, district disability register, district register for persons suspected of leprosy, a variety of IEC materials, script for a street drama on leprosy etc.



- **Mobile clinics and special screening clinics** were conducted in the high-risk areas in the project districts where more cases were reported during the previous year. During the period of September to December 2017, in all three project districts, 7 clinics were conducted and a total of 689 persons were screened. Among those who were screened, a total of 16 suspected persons were referred to the nearest Dermatologist for further diagnosis.

In Polonnaruwa district, one mobile clinic was conducted for the community and two special screening programmes were conducted for screening of school children, teachers and the community where a total of 422 persons were screened. In Ratnapura district, a special screening programme was conducted in a preschool where 55 preschool children and 70 parents and the school staff were screened. CMC area conducted one mobile clinic for the community and two special screening programmes were conducted for screening of children in a children’s home and for a community in a highly residential area where 166 persons in total were screened.

In all the programmes, IEC materials were distributed among the participants and a brief introduction on skin diseases was given by the Regional Epidemiologist or the PHI- Leprosy prior to the screening.



Skin clinics- Mobile clinics and Special screening clinics						
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	Total screened	No. of suspected cases identified
1	Polonnaruwa	60,000.00	56,159.00	94%	398	9
2	Ratnapura	60,000.00	20,000.00	33%	125	0
3	CMC	60,000.00	44,897.00	75%	166	7

Information provided above for skin clinics, includes data from the allocation set aside for Mobile clinics and Special Screening clinics

- In Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa districts, four **Medical Officer training sessions** on leprosy were held with the participation of 120 medical officers attached to primary health care institutions. The training sessions were conducted by the Consultant Dermatologist and Regional Epidemiologist of the respective district using PowerPoint presentations.



Outcome 2: To prevent onset and worsening of disability

The key activities undertaken in the districts to achieve this outcome were as follows;

- A district disability register was developed at the consultative workshops held with the participation of Dermatologists, Officials from Anti Leprosy Campaign, Regional Epidemiologists, Medical Officers, PHII-Leprosy, Range PHIs, Physiotherapists and Health Education Officers. This register will be piloted from the year 2018 in the three project areas.

- An education session was drafted and finalised at the consultative workshops to train the CBOs in the district and this would be initiated in 2018.
- In order to conduct a Needs Assessment to identify the service availability, magnitude of disability cases and needs of the disabled persons in Ratnapura, Polonnaruwa districts and CMC area, a MoU was signed with Dr. Shiromi Manjula De Silva Maduwage, Consultant Community Physician, Youth, Elderly and Disability Unit, Ministry of Health. The report would be available during the first quarter of 2018.

Outcome 3: To establish and strengthen formalized partnerships with relevant stakeholders to support project activities

- In order to achieve this outcome, two partnership meetings were held in the districts of Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa with the active Community Based Organizations (CBO). There were 24 Participants from 11 CBOs in Ratnapura and 20 participants from 14 CBOs in Polonnaruwa. The initial meeting was a success and a second meeting would follow to discuss the way forward.

In both Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa districts, meetings were organized with leprosy and non-leprosy focused organizations to identify organizations willing to collaborate with FAIRMED FOUNDATION in the future.

The Regional Epidemiologists, PHI – Leprosy of the respective district and FAIRMED Country Coordinator conducted the programmes. The Country Coordinator of FAIRMED FOUNDATION discussed on how NGOs can collaborate with each other to take the activities in the field forward. This was then followed by a forum where the organizational representatives were asked pertinent questions in relation to the topics discussed and voiced their suggestions as to how they could potentially collaborate with FAIRMED FOUNDATION to assist with leprosy control activities in the district.



Outcome 4: To run the project effectively and efficiently (management)

The key activities undertaken in the districts to achieve this outcome were as follows;

- Supported the Leprosy Teams in the Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura, Puttalam (LPEP), Kalutara (LPEP) districts, CMC area and the Anti Leprosy Campaign by employing six Project Officers to assist in the leprosy control activities.
- The project districts were supported to upgrade facilities including IT facilities at the Leprosy Units.
- Supported the project districts by providing transport and stationery requirements for the Leprosy Units.
- A communication allowance was provided to the Project Officers to ensure the effective coordination of the activities.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the project activities was conducted via field visits to the programme areas, attending meetings and special programmes when conducted.

Utilization of funds for logistics and infrastructure development

Activity	Total funds allocated for Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura & CMC (LKR)	Total funds utilized by Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura & CMC (LKR)	% Utilization
Supporting IT facilities to maintain district data	450,000.00	417,870.00	93%
Supporting transport for DLTs for leprosy control activities	120,000.00	32,137.00	27%
Supporting purchasing of stationery	30,000.00	23,295.00	78%
Updating facilities at District Leprosy Unit	225,000.00	255,394.00	114%
Supporting for printing	50,000.00	42,449.00	85%
Providing communication facilities for PO (including internet charges)	18,000.00	15,750.00	88%

Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Study

The Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) study is an operational research, which commenced in 2014 in six countries, where further reduction of new case detection rates has been a challenge. In Sri Lanka the study commenced in 2015 along with Tanzania, India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Indonesia with Cambodia and Brazil joining in 2016. Internationally, the LPEP study is funded by Novartis Foundation for Sustainable Development and the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (STPH) provides technical support and data analysis for the study and assess the programme with specific focus on reporting and recording system to ensure the consistency of approaches, procedures and indicators across LPEP countries. To support the implementation, the International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP) is committed to provide technical support and to channel the funds from Novartis Foundation for the study.

To implement the study, FAIRMED FOUNDATION signed a MoU with the Director General of Health Services, Ministry of Health. Accordingly, the ALC provides technical assistance and monitor the LPEP study in the relevant districts with the support of the RDHS, RE, PHI Leprosy and the District Project Officers.

The LPEP study has the primary objective of 'evaluate[ing] the impact on Leprosy incidence and feasibility of contact tracing and single dose Rifampicin as leprosy post – exposure prophylaxis under routine programme conditions. This primary objective will be achieved through the attainment of three specific objectives namely;

1. The routine implementation of contact tracing and administration of LPEP in a structured fashion.
2. The feasibility evaluation of the implementation of LPEP in terms of compliance and other factors.
3. Impact assessment of contact tracing and LPEP on the incidence of leprosy through improved disease surveillance and reporting system.

Key LPEP Activities undertaken in 2017

National Review Meeting

The National Review Meeting for 2017 was held on the 6th of September at the Ministry of Health Auditorium. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Director General (PHS-1) and was attended by the Director-ALC, Director and staff of NPTCCD, CCP-ALC, Regional Director of Health Services - Puttalam, Consultant Dermatologists, Regional Epidemiologists of both districts, Medical Officers of Health, SPHIs and PHIs of both districts along with the Country Coordinator and Project Officers of FAIRMED FOUNDATION.

Community Mobilization Programmes

Kalutara district conducted 5 community mobilization programmes in 2017 in the MOH areas of Madurawala, Dodangoda, Bulathsinghala, Walallawita and Agalawatta and a total of 460 persons attended. In Puttalam district, 4 programmes were conducted in Kaluwaragaswewa and Puttalam MOH areas and a total of 370 persons attended. In addition to the awareness session on Leprosy, a skin screening programme was conducted during most of the programmes to identify leprosy suspected persons.



Refresher Training Programmes

The purpose of these programmes was to refresh the knowledge of all public and curative health staff on leprosy and the LPEP study. Puttalam and Kalutara districts conducted 3 Refresher Training programmes each in 2017. Additionally, the National Refresher Training programme was held on the 13th of November 2017 at the Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute in Colombo. In total, 405 health staff was trained in all areas.



LPEP Milestones in 2017

- The third Annual Review of the LPEP project was held in Bangkok from 21st to 23rd of November 2017. At the forum, Sri Lanka was represented by the Consultant Community Physician - Anti-Leprosy Campaign, Dr. Supun Wijesinghe and FAIRMED FOUNDATION- Country Coordinator, Dr. Nayani Suriyarachchi.
- The first monitoring mission for the year of 2017 was held in June and the second monitoring mission was held in December 2017 and was carried out by representatives of FAIRMED Switzerland and SwissTPH.

International Missions to Sri Lanka

Monitoring mission by FAIRMED - Switzerland and Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute (STPH) – From 13th June to 16th June 2017

Dr. Peter Steinmann (Swiss TPH) and Dr. Marc Bonenberger (Programme Officer-FAIRMED Switzerland) visited Sri Lanka on a monitoring visit to conduct an assessment of programme activities in the country. This was the 4th monitoring mission since the initiation of LPEP in Sri Lanka in December 2015.

On the 1st day, the mission commenced with a visit to the ALC to discuss the status of the project implementation and follow up on the previous monitoring visit recommendations. The ALC provided an overview of the project's implementation in the Puttalam and Kalutara districts.

As the main aim of this visit was to review data management, the team visited the ALC on the 2nd day for validation and review of LPEP data in the database.

On the 3rd day, the visiting delegation along with the FAIRMED Country Team and ALC Team travelled to Kalutara and visited the National Institute of Health Science (NIHS) Office and the Kalutara MOH office. Thereafter, the team visited the Beruwala MOH office, which was the final activity for the day.

On the 4th and final day of the monitoring mission, the delegation travelled to Puttalam district and visited the Madampe MOH office where a debriefing was held in the attendance of the Regional Epidemiologist (RE)-Puttalam, District Leprosy Team, ALC and FAIRMED Sri Lanka. The monitoring mission concluded with a visit to the Mahawewa MOH office.



The Second Monitoring mission by FAIRMED- Switzerland- From 13th December to 15th December 2017

Dr. Marc Bonenberger, Programme Officer- FAIRMED FOUNDATION Switzerland, visited the country for the end of year review of the LPEP study.

On the 13th of December, Dr. Marc Bonenberger and FAIRMED Sri Lanka team met with the officials at ALC and discussed the progress and the way forward of the LPEP project in Sri Lanka.

On the 2nd day of the review, the Monitoring team together with the staff of ALC and FAIRMED Sri Lanka travelled to Kalutara district and visited the MOH office in Wadduwa to review their performances and identify novel approaches which are being utilized by the MOH to increase the outcome of the LPEP activities.

On the final day of the review, the mission visited the Anamaduwa MOH office in Puttalam district and discussed the outcome of the LPEP project activities in the area and how they can be improved. At the MOH office, the team also met with and discussed with two persons who were contacts of the LPEP study.



Special Mentions

- Through the successful implementation of the Model Leprosy Control Project together with the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka, in five districts namely Colombo, Gampaha, Puttalam, Hambantota and Ampara from 2014 - 2016, we, FAIRMED Sri Lanka are pleased to perceive that, at present, the Government of Sri Lanka has enabled to analyze and internalize the best practices identified in the effective combat and control of leprosy for programmes conducted at the districts and national level. Replication of the concept of the District Leprosy Team (DLT), which was introduced by FAIRMED Sri Lanka during the previous project cycle, throughout the country is one good example to show the success of the Model Leprosy Control Project.
- In 2017, there was a change in the administrative setup of the Anti Leprosy Campaign with the Acting Director, Dr. Priyantha Karunaratne leaving to pursue his post-graduate studies. FAIRMED FOUNDATION extends its sincere and heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Karunaratne for his courage and steadfast commitment to our decade's long partnership and making possible the execution of the District Leprosy Control programme as well as Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis study.

Way Forward

The current project cycle is for a period of five years, starting from 2017 and ending in 2021. With the novel plans for the path that remains ahead to combat against leprosy and the lessons learnt over the past years, we have identified the following as the opportunities to take the current project forward;

- As the health staff trained from the previously FAIRMED assisted project districts are stationed in various parts of the country, it would be an opportunity to engage them as resource persons in workshops and peer training programmes.
- The current project cycle would be implemented for a longer duration and this would give an opportunity to identify persons affected and encourage them to join hands to form a resource group with FAIRMED. This would strengthen their rights and, they would be able to voice their opinion for better services.
- Working together to improve services for disability with other NGOs which are operating in the areas where FAIRMED is supporting could fill the gap between the community and the available resources.
- The establishment of District Leprosy Teams would be an added value as this would ensure proper coordination required to provide quality services in the districts.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
FAIRMED FOUNDATION**

1. Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying Financial Statements of Fairmed Foundation which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December 2017 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Reserves and Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

2. Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Management of the foundation is responsible for the preparation of these Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Statements of Recommended Practice for Not - for Profit Organizations issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

3. Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Financial Statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.



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4. Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the Foundation as at 31st December 2017 and its financial performance and cash flows for the period then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice (SoRP) for Not-for-Profit Organizations (NGO) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

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Date: 27-03-2018

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2017

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
		<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Cts.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
<u>INCOME SOURCES</u>				
Restricted Revenue	(3)	20,405,409.59		32,432,053
Total Income		20,405,409.59		32,432,053
<u>DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES</u>				
Anti Leprosy Campaign National Programme	(4)	(1,416,596.00)		(2,959,365)
Regional Director of Health Services, Colombo	(5)	-		(3,110,207)
Regional Director of Health Services, Ampara	(6)	-		(3,043,463)
Project Monitoring & Office Expenses (Sri Lanka Office)	(7)	(6,147,193.80)		(7,283,478)
Regional Director of Health Services, Gampaha	(8)	-		(3,552,382)
Regional Director of Health Services, Puttlam	(9)	-		(3,177,839)
Regional Director of Health Services, Hambantota	(10)	-		(3,635,369)
Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Project	(11)	(6,691,730.90)		(4,934,972)
Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) Grants	(12)	(157,500.00)		(734,978)
Startegic WorkShop	(13)	(378,770.00)		-
Sri Lanka Mapping Project (American Leprosy Missions)	(14)	(300,480.89)		-
District Leprosy Control Phase II (DLC Phase II)	(15)	(5,313,138.00)		-
Total Direct Project Expenses		(20,405,409.59)		(32,432,053)
Other Income		20,600.00		-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Tax		20,600.00		-
Taxation	(16)	-		-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) after Tax		20,600.00		-



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2017**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2017</u>		<u>2016</u>
		<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Cts.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
ASSETS				
Non Current Assets				
Property, Plant & Equipment	(17)	396,006.89		476,914
Total		396,006.89		476,914
Current Assets				
Receivables	(18)	456,030.00		1,086,786
Cash & Cash Equivalentents	(19)	4,413,979.49		12,847,897
Total		4,870,009.49		13,934,683
Total Assets		5,266,016.38		14,411,597
EQUITY & LIABILITIES				
Reserves				
Restricted Fund		(1,012,780.79)		7,500,078
Un-restricted Fund		4,249,106.34		4,228,506
Total		3,236,325.54		11,728,584
Current Liabilities				
Payables	(20)	2,029,690.84		2,683,013
Total		2,029,690.84		2,683,013
Total Equity & Liabilities		5,266,016.38		14,411,597
..... Finance Officer			27.03.2018 Date	

The Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Foundation by,

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Signature</u>
COUNTRY COORDINATOR	Dr. <i>Nayani Srinivasachchi</i>	<i>Nayani Srinivasachchi</i>

DATE 27 / 03 / 2018



The notes to the Financial Statements on pages (05) to (21), form an integral part of the Financial Statements.