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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”.

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“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
CLC	Central Leprosy Clinic
CMC	Colombo Municipal Council
DLT	District Leprosy Team
GP	General Practitioner
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
ILEP	International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations
KKM	Kaveri Kala Manram
LPEP	Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
MCR	Micro Cellular Rubber
MO	Medical Officer
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MB	Multibacillary
MOH	Medical Officer of Health
NCDR	New Case Detection Rate
NF	Novartis Foundation
NIHS	National Institute of Health Sciences
PAL	Person Affected with Leprosy
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
SLGGA	Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association
SLMA	Sri Lanka Medical Association
SPHI	Supervisory Public Health Inspector
SSS	Slit Skin Smears
STPH	Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute
WHO	World Health Organization
YPO	Yearly Plan of Operations



# Company Profile

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## Message from the Country Coordinator

It is with great contentment that I introduce to you, FAIRMED Foundation, Sri Lanka's Annual Report for 2018. FAIRMED Foundation, Sri Lanka has achieved great success in the implementation of its programmes across the country and this report will help us encapsulate those successes for our partners interested in the wellbeing and control of neglected tropical diseases in Sri Lanka as well as reducing the stigma and discrimination and prevention of disabilities associated with these diseases.

Our work would not have been possible without the support extended by all our stakeholders and the Country Office Team. Our mutual understanding with all stakeholders has allowed us to achieve stronger results in 2018, and we hope our bond with them not only strengthens, but would enable smoother implementation of all programmes.

I would like to thank the Government of Sri Lanka, Ministry of Health, Anti Leprosy Campaign, Provincial Directorate of Health Services of North Central Province and Sabaragamuwa Province, the Regional Directorates of Health Services in Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa, the Colombo Municipal Council, Sri Lanka Medical Association, and other Government entities and development organizations, for partnering with FAIRMED and giving us the opportunity to provide a better service for the country.

Finally, my sincere gratitude to the FAIRMED Head Office in Bern, Switzerland for their guidance, vision, expertise, funds and devotion to the Health of the Poorest of the Sri Lankan people and to the people all over the world suffering from neglected tropical diseases.

**Dr. Nayani Suriyarachchi**  
Country Coordinator



# Introduction

FAIRMED – previously known as Leprosy Relief Emmaus Switzerland – is a development organization based in Bern, Switzerland, that has been supporting countries since 1959 and FAIRMED concentrates its efforts mainly in Asia and Africa. 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 in the district. The support is extended for implementation of the activities in the National Strategic Plan.

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 2018

Continuing the work initiated in 2017, FAIRMED FOUNDATION has continued to support the leprosy control activities by partnering with the Anti Leprosy Campaign (ALC), Ministry of Health and with two selected districts namely Ratnapura and Polonnaruwa and Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) area to implement the “Leprosy Control Programmes” under the National Plan of Action of the Anti Leprosy Campaign during the year 2018. In addition FAIRMED Sri Lanka built a new partnership with the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association in order to initiate a disability programme to empower disabled girls in the main stream education institutions.

The current project cycle which was initiated in 2017, 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)”. The scope of the project is confined to four thrust areas as follows;

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
4. To provide organizational support for ALC

At FAIRMED Sri Lanka, our budgets are relatively small when compared to the larger state and inter-state organizations active in public health in Sri Lanka. Even though the size and scope of our efforts are limited, the focus and the productivity of the activities conducted in the past years had made our stakeholders focus the fewer resources towards intensive activities to maximize our impact to reduce the disease burden.

During the year, the activities supported by FAIRMED Sri Lanka were mainly focussed on conducting awareness programmes

among potential partners in the community, programmes at parent-teacher association meetings, training of district public health staff on standardized screening for leprosy, training of Medical Officers on leprosy, conducting educational sessions for community key persons and Community Based Organizations, activities such as conducting house to house ring surveys, mobile clinics, school screening programmes and special screening programmes to screen the vulnerable groups in the community and carrying out activities to address stigma related to leprosy such as street dramas, cartoon strips, wall arts in schools etc. to contribute to the reduction of Leprosy in Sri Lanka.

Moreover, FAIRMED FOUNDATION also collaborated with the Anti Leprosy Campaign to implement the Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) study until the end of July 2018, 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 districts and CMC area. The Country Office is staffed entirely by locals and consists of a Manager- Administration, Finance Officer, Project Officer, Communications Officer (part-time) and an Office Assistant (part-time).

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, three Project Officers (POs) have been assigned, one per project district. They assist in the implementation of the District level activities which are spearheaded by the Regional Epidemiologist, who is the technical arm for all communicable diseases in the district. The District Health authorities are responsible for decision-making regarding leprosy control activities in the districts. In addition, two POs were assigned to the Puttalam and Kalutara districts until the end of July 2018, who were responsible for the implementation of 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 as well.



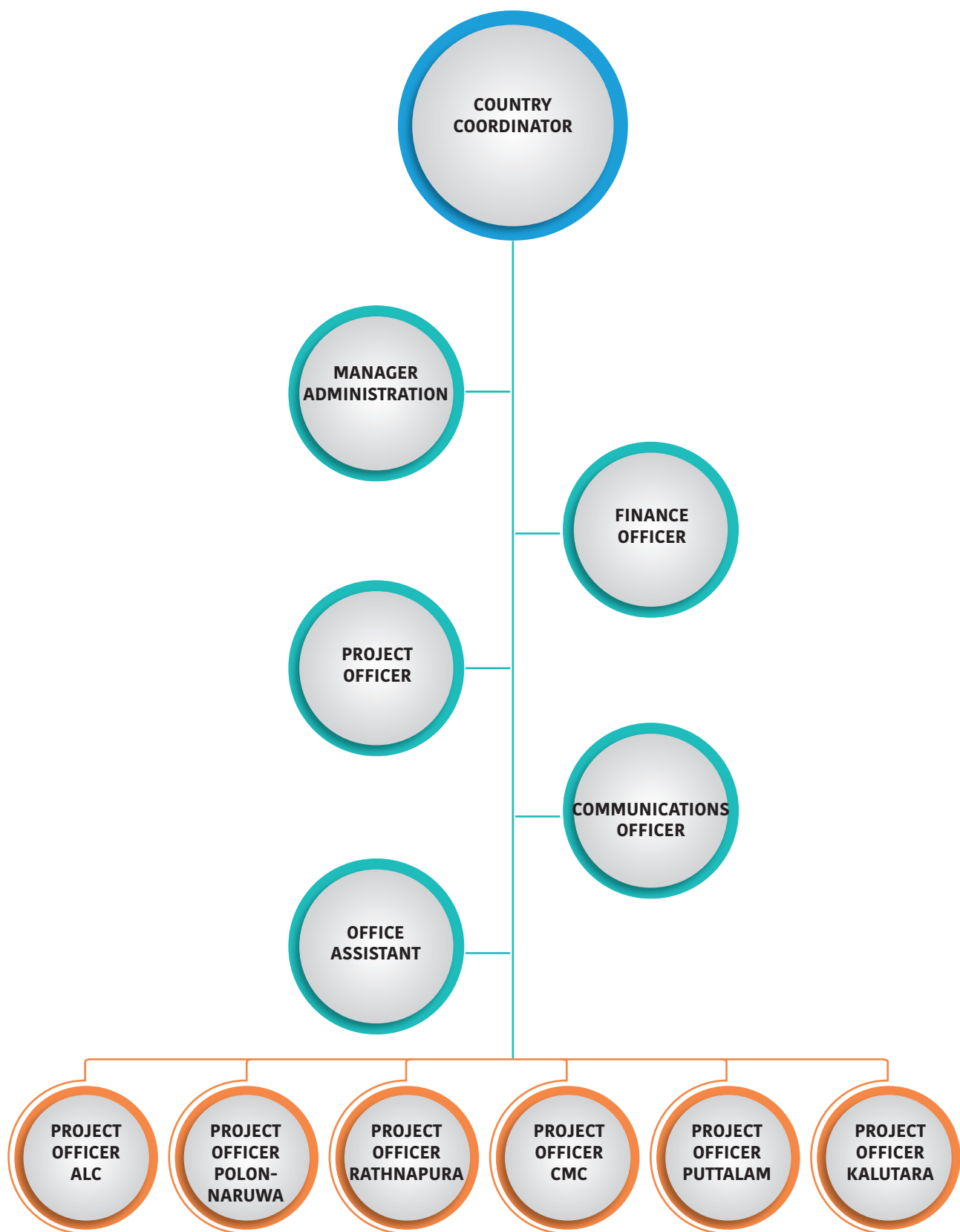


Figure 1: Organizational Structure of FAIRMED FOUNDATION



# Assistance for Leprosy Control National Level



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

The main activities supported by FAIRMED FOUNDATION in 2018 at the National Level were as follows:

- Providing funds for the printing of 700 copies of the 2017 Annual Report for ALC.
- As a result of the project being carried out only for a few months during the year 2017, the annual review meeting was not held. On a special request made by the Director of ALC, the amount allocated and unutilized was used as a resource payment for a retired person to train the other minor staff on the proper method of ulcer care in the Central Leprosy Clinic (CLC).
- As part of the efforts to strengthen the National Campaign, FAIRMED assisted in the improvement of ICT facilities through funding for maintenance of the Mobile Application developed for onsite data entry as well as integration of mobile application with the online database and development of additional modules.
- To improve quality assurance of Slit Skin Smears (SSS) taken at the Central & Regional Level at Laboratories, FAIRMED provided funding to conduct Laboratory training programmes, where 09 Public Health Laboratory Technicians were trained.
- In the framework of efforts to strengthen the Central Leprosy Clinic, FAIRMED assisted in upgrading of facilities through procurement of a Desktop computer.



# FAIRMED FOUNDATION EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE YEAR 2018 FOR ANTI LEPROSY CAMPAIGN

The utilization of funds for 2018 stands at 97%	
Description	Total Expenditure(LKR)
Annual Review Meeting in FM Funded Districts	30,000.00
Publishing 2017 Annual Report	120,000.00
Stationary/ Printing	99,658.00
Upgrade Facilities at Central Leprosy Clinic	75,000.00
Maintenance of Mobile Application	50,400.00
Internet Facility to Project Officer	12,000.00
Integration of Mobile application with Online Database & Development of Additional Modules	195,000.00
Project Officer Employed	751,464.17
Improve Quality Assurance of SSS Central & Regional Level at Laboratories	114,950.00
Total	1,448,472.17



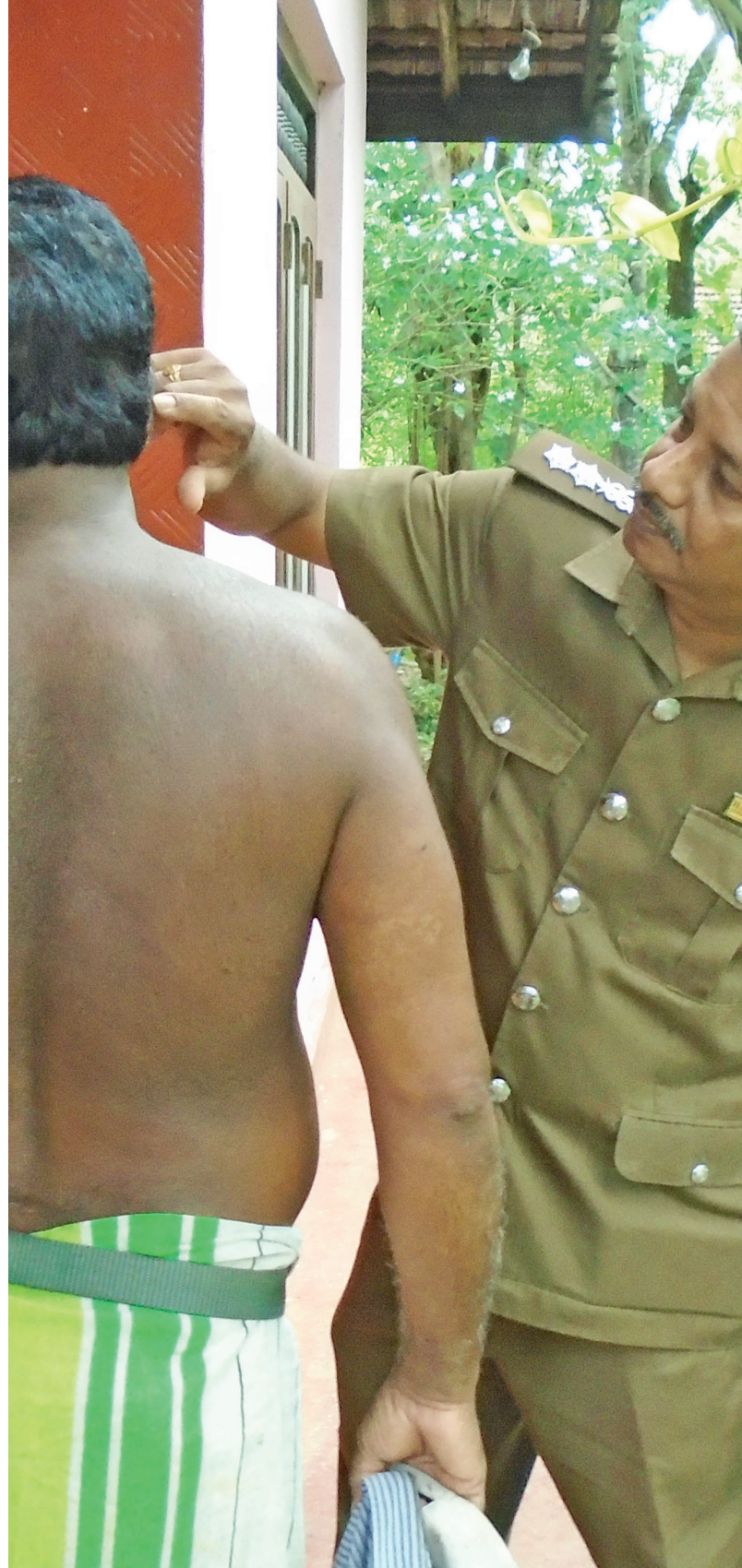
# Performance of Leprosy National Level 2018

District	New Patients		MB		G2 Deformity		Females		N
	N	NCDR	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Ampara	41	16.63	27	65.85%	4	9.76%	13	31.71%	3
Anuradhapura	92	9.89	52	56.52%	6	6.52%	35	38.04%	6
Badulla	31	3.55	21	67.74%	1	3.23%	7	22.58%	2
Batticaloa	120	21.05	67	55.83%	2	1.67%	61	50.83%	24
Colombo	243	16.02	124	51.03%	11	4.53%	124	51.03%	26
Galle	61	5.43	39	63.93%	9	14.75%	20	32.79%	5
Gampaha	217	9	147	67.74%	15	6.91%	82	37.79%	27
Hambantota	36	5.5	28	77.78%	3	8.33%	6	16.67%	3
Jaffna	26	4.24	13	50.00%	1	3.85%	18	69.23%	3
Kalmunai	64	13.54	33	51.56%	2	3.13%	38	59.38%	8
Kalutara	176	13.74	106	60.23%	9	5.11%	70	39.77%	20
Kandy	32	2.18	17	53.13%	2	6.25%	13	40.63%	2
Kegalle	35	3.96	19	54.29%	3	8.57%	14	40.00%	1
Kilinochchi	4	3.17	2	50.00%	1	25.00%	3	75.00%	0
Kurunegala	101	5.9	77	76.24%	11	10.89%	41	40.59%	4
Mannar	7	6.42	1	14.29%	0	0.00%	3	42.86%	2
Matale	29	5.59	16	55.17%	1	3.45%	12	41.38%	3
Matara	76	8.86	56	73.68%	11	14.47%	27	35.53%	4
Moneragala	31	6.31	19	61.29%	2	6.45%	8	25.81%	0
Mullaitivu	5	5.21	2	40.00%	0	0.00%	3	60.00%	0
Nuwara Eliya	11	1.44	10	90.91%	2	18.18%	3	27.27%	0
Polonnaruwa	40	9.17	28	70.00%	1	2.50%	20	50.00%	4
Puttalam	37	4.48	17	45.95%	2	5.41%	15	40.54%	5
Ratnapura	75	6.45	44	58.67%	3	4.00%	20	26.67%	5
Trinomalee	26	6.17	17	65.38%	2	7.69%	9	34.62%	3
Vavuniya	13	6.95	8	61.54%	1	7.69%	6	46.15%	1
CMC area	74	11.38	40	54.05%	5	6.76%	29	39.19%	13
Sri Lanka	1703	7.86	1030	60.48%	110	6.46%	700	41.10%	174



# Control at the

Child patients				Late Presentation	
%	G1	G2	N	%	
7.32%	0	0	6	14.63%	
6.52%	0	1	26	28.26%	
6.45%	0	1	8	25.81%	
20.00%	2	0	29	24.17%	
10.70%	1	0	70	28.81%	
8.20%	0	0	12	19.67%	
12.44%	1	0	83	38.25%	
8.33%	0	0	14	38.89%	
11.54%	0	0	11	42.31%	
12.50%	0	0	21	32.81%	
11.36%	1	0	40	22.73%	
6.25%	0	0	8	25.00%	
2.86%	0	0	11	31.43%	
0.00%	0	0	1	25.00%	
3.96%	0	0	37	36.63%	
28.57%	0	0	0	0.00%	
10.34%	0	0	7	24.14%	
5.26%	0	0	21	27.63%	
0.00%	0	0	7	22.58%	
0.00%	0	0	2	40.00%	
0.00%	0	0	4	36.36%	
10.00%	1	1	12	30.00%	
13.51%	0	0	7	18.92%	
6.67%	0	0	13	17.33%	
11.54%	0	0	6	23.08%	
7.69%	0	0	0	0.00%	
17.57%	0	0	23	31.08%	
10.22%	6	3	479	28.13%	



According to the 2018 National statistics published by the Anti Leprosy Campaign, a total of 1703 new cases have been reported in Sri Lanka for the year 2018 (reported as of 31st December 2018). From this, 189 cases (11.09%) of the total number of cases were detected in the two 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 of Health Services technical guidance by the Regional Epidemiologist and the coordination by the Public Health Inspector designated for leprosy control activities and the FAIRMED Project Officer in the district. Diagnosis and treatment of patients were managed by the Consultants at the Dermatology clinics situated in the Hospitals in the districts.

Outcome 1: To optimise 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:

- All programme districts conducted awareness programmes for potential partners throughout the year in accordance with the YPO with an objective to obtain the support to spread accurate messages on leprosy as well as to obtain the support for active case detection. In total, 981 individuals of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), general public/community leaders, civil security force and government officers from the Divisional secretary offices etc. were reached from the programmes conducted during the year 2018.
- The Do's and Don't booklet was printed as a guide and distributed among the public health field staff.
- To broaden the knowledge on standardized screening for leprosy of the public health staff in Polonnaruwa and Ratnapura districts, 22 district public health staff training programmes were conducted for the Medical Officers of Health, Supervisory Public Health Inspectors, Supervisory Public Health Midwives, Public Health Inspectors and Public Health Midwives. Collectively, 578 public health personnel





were trained in a comprehensive manner on leprosy clinical presentation, communications, monitoring patients and contacts, and community empowerment. In the CMC area, a training programme was conducted for 31 public health midwives on the methodology of conducting screening programmes.

- An overseas training programme on leprosy was conducted for 11 public health officers at the Schieffelin Institute of Health Research and Leprosy Centre in Karigiri, India, from 5th to the 9th of November 2018. The training was given to 4 Medical Officers and 7 Public Health Inspectors from Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and CMC area.

- In Polonnaruwa and Ratnapura districts, education sessions on leprosy were conducted for community key persons to change their knowledge and attitude towards leprosy and thereby leading to promoting health in their own communities. In total, 553 community key persons were trained through 16 programmes and are expected to play a role in the coordination of programmes in the areas and supporting the field health staff by informing them regarding persons affected as well as to prevent stigma and discrimination attached to the disease.
- Ring surveys were conducted in all programme districts and a total of 67 screenings were carried out, resulting in the



screening of 6147 persons. Through the Ring surveys, a total of 254 suspected persons were referred to the nearest Dermatologist for diagnosis and treatment.

- Total of 8 mobile clinics were conducted in 2 of the 3 programme districts in areas with a reportedly high number of leprosy cases or in remote regions with poor accessibility to a health service. Overall, 443 persons were reached through these clinics, where all skin conditions are treated to reduce the stigma attached to the disease.



- Based on the needs of the individual districts, FAIRMED made allocations for the conduct of special screening clinics in targeted locations such as factories, rehabilitation camps, Armed Forces camps, temples, children's and elder's homes, prisons, housing schemes etc. Between the 3 districts, 2705 persons were screened with 48 suspected persons referred to the Dermatologist for diagnosis and 2 were confirmed as Leprosy.
- All programme districts conducted school screening programmes throughout the year. In total, 1313 children were screened and 78 suspected children were identified from 28 programmes conducted in schools. In the Polonnaruwa and Rathnapura districts the children were provided with a pictogram via the class teachers. The teachers were in turn instructed to ensure their parents/caregivers mark any skin patch detected on the child on the diagram. In the CMC, the skin screening programmes were conducted simultaneous to School Medical Inspections. All suspected cases were referred to the nearest Dermatology clinic where one child was confirmed as Leprosy.





Another priority of FAIRMED has been to work on combating stigma and discrimination attached to leprosy through building awareness and year 2018 marked a major increase in such activities.

- Eighteen cartoon strips drawn by a freelance comic artist were published weekly in a leading Sinhala newspaper during the 2nd half of the year 2018, as comic strips were identified as a very important method of disseminating information, especially among the younger population.



- Awareness programmes for the parents, teachers and students were conducted in all programme districts where 44 programmes were carried out, reaching a total of 2438 persons. A PowerPoint presentation on general awareness was used for these programmes by the three areas. Carrying out programmes for the school community was identified as an important activity mainly due to the ability to use the children as change agents to take the message across to the community.



- FAIRMED partnered with the Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association (SLGGA) Head Quarters in Colombo to support them set up a Girl Guide Company for differently-abled girls in Ratnapura district.
  - ★ To initiate this, a 2-day meeting organized with the support of the Department of Education, was initially held at Kethumathi Hall in Ratnapura district for the Parents along with their children and was attended by the teachers of the Special Education units of nominated schools. A significant outcome of this meeting was including Guiding in the timetable of the Special Education unit in the Ratnapura District. This was followed by a programme to train the Guiders, which took place at the Child Jesus Convent in Ratnapura district, where 06 teachers from the Special Education units participated.
  - ★ In addition, FAIRMED supported the all-island Fun Day event organised annually by the Branch for Guides with Disabilities



of the SLGGA with the aim of providing the guides with disabilities enjoyment and valuable exposure whilst also enlightening the public on their skills and talents.

- ★ To strengthen patient and community awareness of leprosy, display boards were installed at numerous prominent places such as at hospitals, bus stands, train stations, and outside post offices and main markets. These display boards contain graphics to help the public to identify signs of leprosy as well as a message to help the reader that the disease is curable with treatment.
- ★ In 2018, street drama was used as a novel approach of generating community awareness, where a theater group with experience in street drama performed at busy public locations.



- To help promote awareness about leprosy, painting of wall arts were done at selected schools in Polonnaruwa district and in Ratnapura district
- World Leprosy Day which, fell on the 28th of January 2018, was commemorated in Polonnaruwa district and in Ratnapura district.





- To increase awareness, knowledge and skills of medical practitioners to diagnose leprosy at first contact, training of Medical Officers at primary healthcare institutions in the districts and awareness building of General Practitioners were carried out. In total, 233 Medical officers and General Practitioners were trained and the sessions were conducted by the Consultant Dermatologists.









## Outcome 2: To prevent onset and worsening of disabilities

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

- A community based rehabilitation programme was initiated as a pilot study in the Thamankaduwa and Hingurakgoda MOH areas in Polonnaruwa district under the leadership of the RDHS.
- A sensitization programme was conducted for 38 public health staff of the two MOH areas, where the Public Health Midwives and the Public Health Inspectors were assigned to conduct a preliminary survey regarding the persons with disabilities over a 3-month period to identify the disability burden in the pilot areas.
- A basic training programme each for the field health staff was conducted by Dr. Ajith Kithsiri, a National trainer on disability for the Ministry of Health, where a total of 55 public health staff were trained.
- Caregivers training programme was held for 52 caregivers of the disabled persons in Thamankaduwa and Hingurakgoda MOH areas, by Dr. Kithsiri.
- A one to one discussion session was conducted by the Country Coordinator of FAIRMED with 08 leprosy patients regarding their illness, disabilities and prevention and other important matters, where necessary information was given to them and exercises for their disabilities were discussed.
- FAIRMED prioritized work on disability from year 2018, and funding was provided to support upliftment of the lifestyles of persons with disabilities. A leprosy patient with a below knee amputation as a result of a non-healing infected ulcer was donated a prosthetic limb to improve his daily activities.









## Outcome 3

### To establish and strengthen formalized partnerships with relevant stakeholders to support project activities

- FAIRMED Sri Lanka is working with a person affected to act as a champion for FAIRMED in Sri Lanka.
- Initial discussions with the head of the Kaveri Kala Manram (KKM) organization to develop a partnership with the KKM in order to conduct programmes jointly with FAIRMED for the Persons Affected with Leprosy (PALs) in the FAIRMED funded districts.
- With the objective of encouraging Sri Lankan medical personnel to undertake operational research with regards to NTDs, FAIRMED Foundation via the agreement signed with the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) in 2018 provided Research Grants to the following 2 research projects in 2018.
  1. “Validation of SARI scale to measure stigma related to leprosy in Sri Lanka”
  2. “Multilocus sequencing-based evolutionary analysis of 200 strains of *Burkholderia pseudomallei* in Sri Lanka’

## 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 by employing three project officers to assist in the leprosy control activities.
- The districts were supported to upgrade facilities including IT facilities at the District Leprosy Units.
- Supported the project districts by providing logistical requirements for the Leprosy Units.
- Monitoring and evaluation of the project activities was conducted via field visits to the programme areas, attending meetings and special programmes when conducted.
- Conducted the planning meeting to develop the action plans for the districts along with the public health staff of the district.

## Best Practices

A Suspected Case Register and a Disability register are being piloted in the project areas to evaluate the need in the country.

- All persons identified as suspected for leprosy from the programmes conducted in the field are entered in to Suspected Case Register and followed up until they are confirmed as leprosy or informed as negative. It would also provide means of ensuring that persons suspected are visiting the dermatology clinic, diagnosed and have initiated treatment.
- Similarly, the Disability Register has a list of patients with disabilities who would be followed up 6 monthly, during treatment and 2 years after completion of treatment. This followup would enable the district staff to take preventive measures to reduce worsening of the disabilities.







A map of Sri Lanka is shown in dark grey with white outlines for its districts. The map is positioned on the right side of the image. A large, light orange callout box with a white border originates from the left and points towards the central part of the map. The text 'Fund utilization in programme districts' is written in white inside this callout box.

# Fund utilization in programme districts

# FUND UTILIZATION IN



## CMC

### AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
189,500.00	151,630.00	80%	1224

### SKIN CLINICS- MOBILE CLINICS AND SPECIAL SCREENING CLINICS

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	%utilization	Total screened
609,550.00	524,734.00	86%	3,121

### PROVIDE TRAINING TO HEALTH STAFF

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
469,000.00	389,312.00	83.0%	46

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

Information provided above for skin clinics, set aside for Mobile clinics, Special screening and Ring surveys.



# PROGRAMME DISTRICTS



## POLONNARUWA

### AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
419,015.00	414,375.00	99%	1933

### SKIN CLINICS- MOBILE CLINICS AND SPECIAL SCREENING CLINICS

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	%utilization	Total screened
725,000.00	658,845.00	91%	5,109

### PROVIDE TRAINING TO HEALTH STAFF

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
692,150.00	691,516.00	99.9%	291

includes data from the allocation set aside for training programmes conducted for Public Health Staff, MOs and care givers and overseas training for MOs and PHIs.

## RATNAPURA

### AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
582,910.00	533,340.00	91%	1252

### SKIN CLINICS- MOBILE CLINICS AND SPECIAL SCREENING CLINICS

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	%utilization	Total screened
652,500.00	599,820.00	92%	4,927

### PROVIDE TRAINING TO HEALTH STAFF

Total funds allocated (Rs)	Total funds utilized (Rs)	% utilization	No. of participants
459,400.00	496,266.00	108.0%	506

Information provided above for the training programmes, includes data from the allocation set aside for training programmes conducted for Public Health Staff, MOs and care givers and overseas training for MOs and PHIs.



# 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	45,000.00	45,000.00	100%
Supporting transport for DLTs for leprosy control activities	240,000.00	208,087.00	87%
Supporting purchasing of stationery	120,000.00	95,364.00	79%
Updating facilities at District Leprosy unit	90,000.00	88,177.50	98%
Supporting for Printing	120,000 .00	118,815.00	99%
Providing Communication facilities for PO (including internet charges)	54,000.00	47,000.00	87%





# LEPROSY POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (LPEP) STUDY

The Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) project 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. The 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 assesses the programme with specific focus upon reporting and recording system to ensure the consistency of approaches, procedures and indicators across LPEP project countries.

As the study came to an end in July of 2018, the results of the study along with the experience gained and lessons learnt would provide us insight regarding the future implementation of LPEP in the country.





# KEY LPEP ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2018

## Leprosy and LPEP Review

### • NIHS area- Kalutara

A Review Meeting on Leprosy and LPEP in the National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS) area was held on the 31st of May 2018 at the auditorium of NIHS in Kalutara with the participation of 40 personnel. Regional Epidemiologist-NIHS, Consultant Community Physician (CCP)-Anti-Leprosy Campaign, CCP-Epidemiology Unit, CCP-National Programme for Tuberculosis Control and Chest Disease, Medical Officers of Health and Supervisory Public Health Inspectors of Kalutara and Beruwala MOHs, 25 Public Health Inspectors and In-Charge Nursing Officer in charge of the Dermatology of General Hospital-Kalutara participated in this programme.

### • Puttalam District

A Review Meeting on LPEP was held on the 10th of August 2018 in Pookkulam in Puttalam district with the participation of 44 personnel, where the district situation of Leprosy, LPEP activities, lesson learnt and best practices was presented by the CCP. Among the participants were the Regional Director of Health Services-Puttalam, Consultant Community Physician-Puttalam, Regional Epidemiologist-Puttalam, Country Coordinator-FAIRMED Foundation, Medical Officer-Epidemiology, Medical Officers of Health from Puttalam and District Project Officer-FAIRMED.

## Community Mobilization Programme

- Kalutara district conducted 3 community mobilization and awareness programmes in 2018 in the MOH areas of Panadura and Beruwala, and a total of 168 persons were reached.
- In Puttalam district, 4 community mobilization programmes in the form of a

mobile clinic or a house-to-house screening were carried out during the year, all of which were conducted in the Kaluwaragaswewa MOH area due to the area being known as a previous leprosy village. A total of 416 persons were reached through these programmes in Puttalam.

## Refresher Training Programmes

The purpose of these programmes was to refresh the knowledge of the public and curative health staff on leprosy and the LPEP study, and Puttalam and Kalutara districts conducted a refresher training programme each in 2018. In total, 109 health staff were trained in all areas.





# INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS TO SRI LANKA

## Visit by FAIRMED Switzerland- From 16th to 18th July 2018

Mr. Rene Staheli, Director-FAIRMED Switzerland visited Sri Lanka for discussions with the key stakeholders of the LPEP study to discuss regarding the progress of the study.

He met with the Director General of Health Services, Dr. Anil Jasinghe at the Ministry of Health, Acting Director- ALC, Dr. Palitha Karunapema and CCP-ALC, Dr. Supun Wijesinghe at the ALC office in Colombo and WHO Representative, Dr. Razia Narayan Pendse at the WHO country office.

## Monitoring visit by FAIRMED Switzerland- From 24th to 26th September 2018

Dr. Marc Bonenberger (Programme Officer-FAIRMED Switzerland) visited Sri Lanka on a monitoring visit to conduct an assessment of District Leprosy Control Programme activities.

He visited the areas and monitored the progress of activities in the field and met with the key persons; the Regional Director of Health Services, Polonnaruwa and the Regional Epidemiologist and the staff. He visited a special screening programme held at the Prison and a school screening programme. At the Jayanthipura Rehabilitation hospital, the possible ways of improving the facilities of the Rehabilitation Unit was discussed with the Medical Officer in Charge of the hospital and the Physiotherapist.

## Monitoring mission by FAIRMED



## - Switzerland and Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute (STPH) – From 27th to 28th September 2018

Dr. Peter Steinmann (Swiss TPH) and Dr. Marc Bonenberger (Programme Officer-FAIRMED Switzerland) visited Sri Lanka on a monitoring visit to assess the LPEP programme activities in the country and to finalise the data obtained.

The mission commenced with the delegation and FAIRMED Sri Lanka team meeting with the officials at ALC and discussing the progress and the way forward of the LPEP project and thereafter a 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, following the meeting, the team validated and reviewed the LPEP data in the database.

## Visit by FAIRMED Switzerland- From 11th to 15th November 2018

Mr. David Maurer (Deputy Head of Marketing-FAIRMED Switzerland) visited Sri Lanka to assess communication activities related to the FAIRMED Sri Lanka projects.

He visited a special screening clinic held at



the Army camp in Minneriya, along with the FAIRMED Country Team. In addition, he visited a school screening programme and the street drama conducted at the school premises in Elahera, Polonnaruwa.

At the Colombo Municipal Council area he observed a school awareness programme conducted at the Thurstan College, Colombo 7.

The FAIRMED Country Team travelled to Ratnapura to observe a House to House Ring Survey conducted at the lhalagama village in the Kuruwita MOH area, where David also participated in the survey.



## WAY FORWARD

Though the current project cycle was initiated in September 2017, all the activities identified were implemented only during 2018. Whilst implementing these activities, it was understood that implementing methodology could be further improved, with modifications and changes to support the persons affected with leprosy and to enable them to benefit further from the activities that are conducted in the project areas. This would be feasible as the current project cycle would continue until the end of 2021 and the activities initiated during 2018 would be continued until end of the project period.

In future, it is expected to develop partnerships and strengthen the existing partnerships with other NGOs and associations to conduct mutually benefitted programmes. In addition, it is also expected to share the knowledge and experience with FAIRMED Organisation through South to South collaboration.





As lush green paddy fields slowly faded in the rear view mirror, we approached the city of Polonnaruwa. It was an hour or so after the rush hour, and the city was quite peaceful. The office of the Medical Officer of Health in Thamankaduwa was located in a small lane, a few meters before the General Hospital. The team was led by Dr. Nayani and Dr. Kithsiri along with the Project Officer for FAIRMED and Communications officer who were later joined by the District Project Officer for Polonnaruwa and a few staff members from the office of the Regional Directorate. Since the travel lag after the five hour long journey had already been quenched by the nice weather, everyone got to work straightaway.

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## SUCCESS STORY

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The Awareness Programme for the caregivers of differently abled persons under the Community Based Rehabilitation activities identified was to take place at the auditorium of the MOH office in Thamankaduwa. The main focus was to spread awareness on how to take care of differently abled persons in the Thamankaduwa area. Only a few families and individuals were already seated when we got there, but it did not even take a quarter of an hour for the hall to be packed with a few dozen villagers. A few minutes later, the crowded hall was hushed by the arrival of the Regional Director of Health Services for Polonnaruwa, which in turn was the start of the programme.

The person whom we are speaking about was a very cheerful individual, with a smile that made his eyes glow, and introduced himself as Kader Najmudeen a local from Kaduruwela, Polonnaruwa. Kader, who was forty-two years of age was a father of four. Having lived in Kaduruwela his entire life, his academics were limited to secondary school education. But a very noticeable astuteness seemed to linger just below the surface of his glowing cheerful personality. He had initially worked as a cashier at a local restaurant just outside the city, but had to resign as he was diagnosed of leprosy. He developed an ulcer, which was neglected and as a result had to undergo a below knee amputation of his left leg.

But Kader could not let this incident have a negative impact on his life. He had to come home to two children who were eager to see him and also find the means to provide financial support for them. Since Kader had understood the importance of academic achievement, He wanted nothing more than a good future for his children. Thus, his determination to educate them never wavered. Kader started selling lottery tickets a few months after recovery, a time he spoke about with a hint of pride in



his voice, which was something he deserved to have. As time went by he had used his savings to build a small shop at the bus stand in Kaduruwela and his wife had volunteered to work at his shop while he did his part as a ticket seller. Kader would go on to have more two more children.

The pleasantness and happiness of having so many kids was taken away from him as this created even more needs that he couldn't afford. Not letting the loss of his leg get in the way of providing for his family, Kader started working at the restaurant at which he was previously employed although it required him to stay standing for hours at a stretch. His wife continued to attend to their little shop.

Due to the long hours of standing and walking his prosthesis started to wear off and he was starting to have trouble when riding his bicycle which was the only mode of transport for his entire family. He explained how his mobility was slowly decreasing as a result of the prosthesis wearing off and was struggling to continue with his daily tasks. Kader was identified by the Public health staff of Thamankaduwa and invited for the caregiver programme.

Even though these conditions had started to interfere with Kader's daily routine, he explained how the awareness programmes had helped him to get back on track. Kader had learned how to make sure his healthy leg was not under unnecessary strain and how to modify his appliances to suit his needs in addition on how to take care of his overall posture. "And it wasn't just physical recovery. I understood how I should think as well", he said while nodding his head in an approving manner. He also mentioned how he was planning to bring his family to similar projects.

As it was time for him to pick his daughter from school, Kader had to leave. But before he left, Kader made it his mission to personally thank all the staff members present at the hall. After the good byes were said, he slowly made his way to the parking lot where he had parked his bicycle. Within a few seconds Kader was riding out.

After Kader attended the caregiver programme in Hingurakgoda, FAIRMED maintained contact with him, eventually getting him down to Colombo to measure Kader for a new prosthesis. Kader's measurements were taken and ultimately, he was gifted with a new prosthetic leg, which was fully sponsored for by FAIRMED.

Kader Najmudeen kept on fighting his battle with Leprosy and then the aftermath. He did not give up on his family. Even though he couldn't afford a new prosthesis he did everything he could for them. His duty and responsibility for his family overpowered his ailment and that, summarises the true spirit of Sri Lanka.



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

**Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of Fairmed Foundation, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant Accounting Policies and Other Explanatory Notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Statements give a true and fair view of, the financial position of the Company as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka statement of recommended practice for Non - for - Profit Organization.

**Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Responsibilities of Management and those charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.



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Vijaya Kumaranatunga Maw.


### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance on whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is an assurance of high level, but not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing website at: [www.slaasc.com/auditingstandards/auditorsresponsibility](http://www.slaasc.com/auditingstandards/auditorsresponsibility). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

As required by Section 163 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, we have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and as far as it appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the Company.

  
B. R. DE SILVA & CO.  
Chartered Accountants

Colombo 05.

Date... 28.3.2019





**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

		<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Cts.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
<b><u>INCOME SOURCES</u></b>				
Restricted Revenue	(3)	29,361,350.45		20,405,410
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>29,361,350.45</b>		<b>20,405,410</b>
<b><u>DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES</u></b>				
Anti Leprosy Campaign National Programme	(4)	(1,448,472.17)		(1,416,596)
Project Monitoring & Office Expenses (Sri Lanka office)	(5)	(7,213,749.20)		(6,147,194)
Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Project	(6)	(5,725,844.46)		(6,691,731)
Sri Lanka Medical Association (SLMA) Grants	(7)	-		(157,500)
Strategic Workshop	(8)	-		(378,770)
Sri Lanka Mapping Project (American Leprosy Missions)	(9)	-		(300,481)
District Leprosy Control Phase II (DLC Phase II)	(10)	(14,724,944.62)		(5,313,138)
Flood Donation - Puttalam	(11)	(248,340.00)		-
<b>Total Direct Project Expenses</b>		<b>(29,361,350.45)</b>		<b>(20,405,410)</b>
Other Income		-		20,600
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Tax</b>		-		20,600
Taxation	(12)	-		-
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) after Tax</b>		-		<b>20,600</b>



**FAIRMED FOUNDATION****STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2018</u> Rs. Cts.	<u>2017</u> Rs.
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>			
<b><u>Non Current Assets</u></b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	(13)	342,010.90	396,007
Total		342,010.90	396,007
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
Receivables	(14)	547,387.50	456,030
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(15)	4,206,623.59	4,413,979
Total		4,754,011.09	4,870,009
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>5,096,021.99</b>	<b>5,266,016</b>
<b><u>EQUITY &amp; LIABILITIES</u></b>			
<b><u>Reserves</u></b>			
Restricted Fund		(2,691,191.24)	(1,012,781)
Un-restricted Fund		4,249,106.34	4,249,106
Total		1,557,915.10	3,236,325
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>			
Payables	(16)	3,538,106.89	2,029,691
Total		3,538,106.89	2,029,691
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>		<b>5,096,021.99</b>	<b>5,266,016</b>

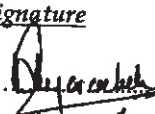
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Finance Officer

28-03-2019

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. Nayani Suriyarakchi	
DATE	28/03/2019	

The notes to the Financial Statements on pages (05) to (17), form an integral part of the Financial Statements.





