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VISION

"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".



FAIRMED FOUNDATION, SRI LANKA
Country Office, Colombo

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTRY COORDINATOR

FAIRMED FOUNDATION, Sri Lanka has been at the forefront of leprosy control in the country since its inception in 1981. Since then, we have gradually expanded our focus towards eradicating other Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) prevalent in the high - risk regions of the country.

Looking back at the previous year, it gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the FAIRMED FOUNDATION, Sri Lanka Annual Report for 2019. The year was certainly beset by challenges, most notably the Easter Sunday terror attacks which not only put our growth projections behind, but had unanticipated impacts on our economy, nation, and people. It is in this bleak situation, that I am pleased to report on the success of our partners, and the support provided by others, interested in the well-being of those suffering as a result of NTDs. It is these partners and generous donors, who instil within us the confidence to uplift the lives of everyone in these marginalised communities who continue to suffer from NTDs. Through the activities conducted, we have been able to identify new patients, reduce the stigma associated with the diseases, as well as prevent the onset and worsening of disabilities among the persons affected.

Our success is mainly due to the support extended by our partners and the effort taken by the Country Office team to continuously pursue a strategy of steady growth and development and gradually increasing the work being carried out at the field level. It is owing to these synergistic partnerships that we have been able to achieve better results during the year 2019. Moving forward, we hope that this mutual understanding will continue to strengthen our bonds, enabling us to implement our programmes even more effectively in the future.



I take this opportunity to thank the Government of Sri Lanka, the Ministry of Health, the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Anti Filariasis Campaign, Epidemiology Unit, the Provincial Directorates of the North Central and Sabaragamuwa Provinces, the Directorate of Health Services and the staff in Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and Anuradhapura along with the Colombo Municipal Council for their continuous support extended towards FAIRMED, enabling us to direct our undivided attention towards uplifting the impoverished and marginalised communities in the country.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Australian High Commission's Direct Aid Programme for providing us with the funds to empower the differently-abled girl children in Ratnapura, and the World Health Organisation, Country Office in Sri Lanka for supporting the Community Based Rehabilitation Project in Polonnaruwa, which were conducted as special projects in these districts.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Mr. Rene Staheli, Director FAIRMED in Bern, Switzerland and the Head Office Team for providing the expertise, guidance, funds and support towards the betterment of health services for the poorest in Sri Lanka, in keeping with our motto to deliver 'Health for the Poorest'.

Dr. Nayani Suriyarachchi
Country Coordinator

ABBREVIATIONS

AFC	Anti Filariasis Campaign
ALC	Anti Leprosy Campaign
AUSAID	Australian Agency for International Development
CBO	Community Based Organisation
CBR	Community Based Rehabilitation
CLC	Central Leprosy Clinic
CMC	Colombo Municipal Council
CMOH	Chief Medical Officer of Health
DDG (PHS 1)	Deputy Director General (Public Health Services 1)
DLC	District Leprosy Control
DLT	District Leprosy Team
GIS	Geographic Information System
IEC	Information, Education and Communication
ILEP	International Federation of Anti Leprosy Associations
LPEP	Leprosy Post-Exposure Prophylaxis
MCR	Micro Cellular Rubber
MOH	Medical Officer of Health
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisations
NTD	Neglected Tropical Diseases
PDHS	Provincial Director of Health Services
RE	Regional Epidemiologist
RDHS	Regional Director of Health Services
SLGGA	Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association
STPH	Swiss Tropical Public Health institute
WHO	World Health Organisation
YPO	Yearly Plan of Operations

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COMPANY PROFILE

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We are FAIRMED

FAIRMED FOUNDATION, formerly known as Leprosy Relief Emmaus Switzerland, is a developmental organisation established in 1959. Located in the city of Bern, Switzerland, the efforts of FAIRMED are mainly concentrated in Asia and Africa. With the passage of time, FAIRMED has widened its vision and focus from solely combating leprosy to covering the following thematic pillars: 1) Neglected Tropical Diseases, 2) Neglected Communities, 3) Disability.

In Sri Lanka, FAIRMED FOUNDATION's collaboration with the districts in leprosy control spans a period of nearly 39 years. Building upon the memorandum of understanding signed with the Ministry of Health in 1981 and in keeping with our organisational mandate, we are committed to working towards combating leprosy along with providing health services to the disabled, vulnerable and the most marginalised communities, while strengthening the health system. We are driven by our desire to ensure that no one is left behind to suffer poverty-related diseases, and no one is discriminated based on their disability.

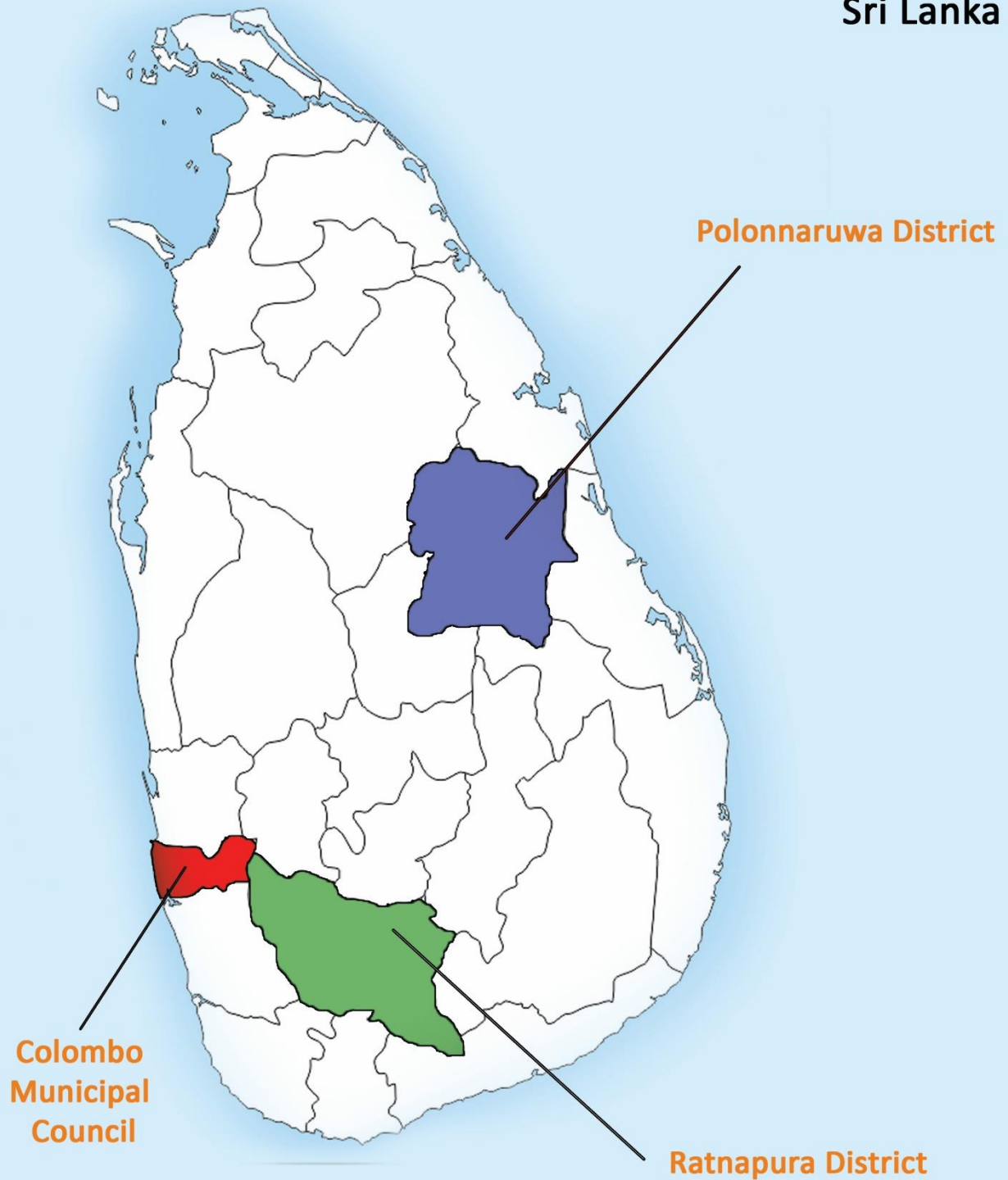
We provide technical assistance and direct financial assistance for routine and special activities directed through our national and regional partners at the Ministry of Health and the provincial and district level government health authorities (PDHS and RDHS). Our support is also extended to the Anti Leprosy Campaign, primarily to monitor the leprosy control activities identified in the National Strategic Plan.

FAIRMED FOUNDATION is the official representative in Sri Lanka for the International Federation of Anti Leprosy Associations (ILEP).



FAIRMED FOUNDATION

Sri Lanka



FAIRMED Project Areas



The current District Leprosy Control (DLC) Project is a five-year project cycle initiated in 2017 and is set to continue until the end of 2021, in three geographically and demographically diverse districts/areas, namely Ratnapura, Polonnaruwa and the Colombo Municipal Council (CMC) area. The goal of the project is “To contribute to the reduction of Leprosy in Sri Lanka (Leprosy - Free Sri Lanka)”.

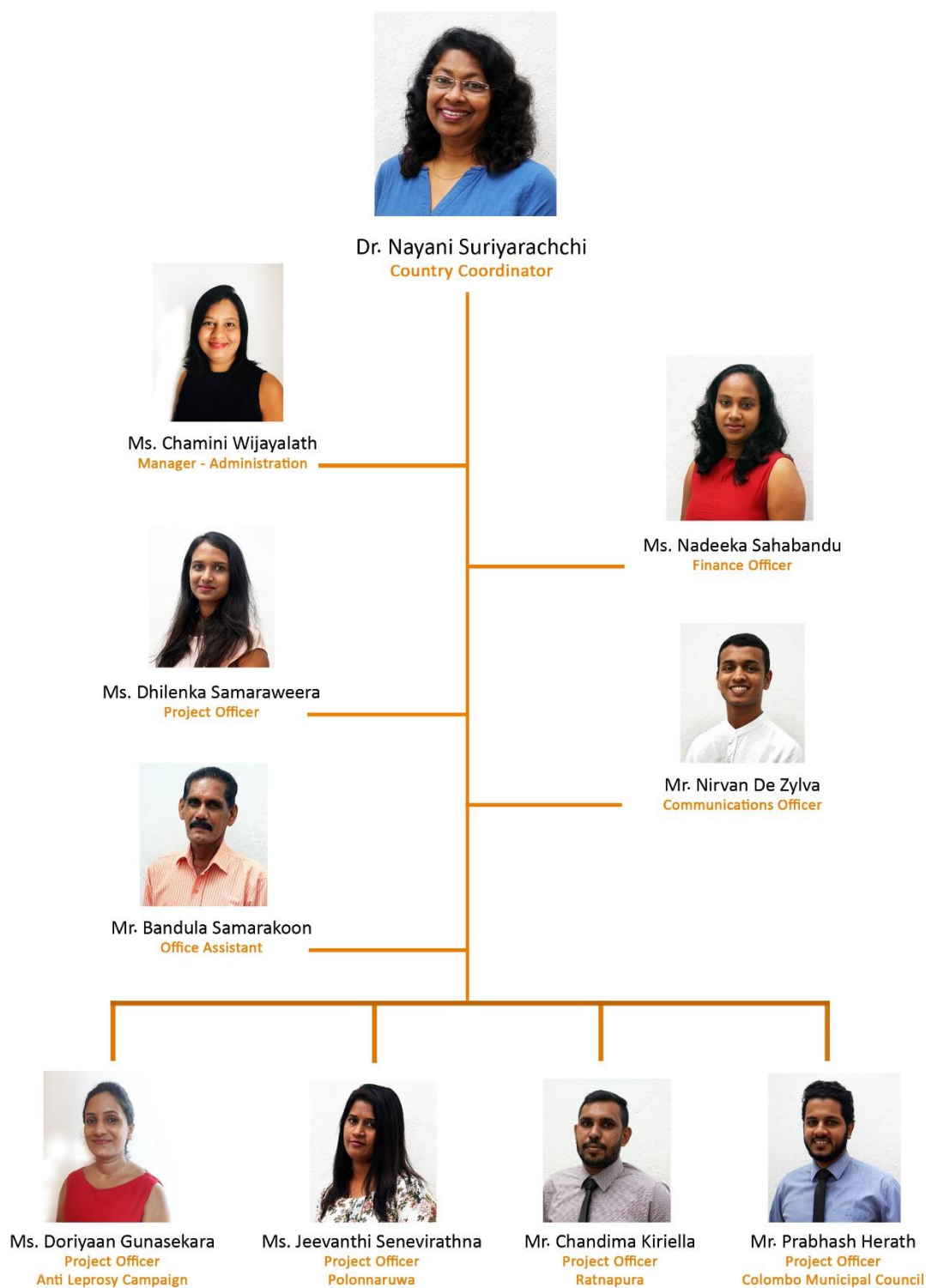
During the year 2019, we continued to extend our support towards implementing the “Leprosy Control Programmes” under the National Strategic Plan of the Anti Leprosy Campaign.

Thrust Areas –

The scope of the project is confined to four thrust areas as follows;

- (1) To optimise the pathway of persons infected with leprosy from the onset of symptoms until the initiation of treatment.
- (2) To prevent the onset and worsening of disability.
- (3) To establish and strengthen formalised partnerships with relevant stakeholders to support project activities.
- (4) To provide organisational support for ALC.

Organisation Structure of FAIRMED FOUNDATION



Our Partners

FAIRMED Sri Lanka has formed partnerships with many stakeholders in the health and non-health sectors to implement the strategies identified. We have broadened our partnerships to leverage our efforts, as we continue to strive towards improving the health and wellbeing of the poorest.

Health sector

At the national level, we partner with the Anti Leprosy Campaign of the Ministry of Health to implement and monitor the activities identified in the National Leprosy Strategy.

At the district level, we partner with the Regional Director of Health Services in Polonnaruwa and Ratnapura Districts and the Chief Medical Officer of Health at the Colombo Municipal Council, who spearhead the leprosy control activities with the support of the Regional Epidemiologist (RE) and the district leprosy team. The District Health Authorities are responsible for decision making regarding leprosy control in the district, with the support of the Public Health Inspector for Leprosy, appointed to each district to coordinate all the activities.

We partner with the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Anti Filariasis Campaign, the Epidemiology Unit and the Regional Director of Health Services in Anuradhapura to strengthen the country's NTD surveillance system with GIS mapping.

FAIRMED collaborates with the Sri Lanka Medical Association to award research grants in the area of NTDs.

Non-health sector

We partner with the Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association, especially with the committee for the differently-abled, the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Services to implement a project to empower the differently-abled girls.

We join forces with Community Based Organisations in Polonnaruwa to implement the field level activities of the CBR project.





FAIRMED Sri Lanka assisted the Anti Leprosy Campaign, Ministry of Health to conduct activities identified according to the Yearly Plan of Operation.

The main activities supported by FAIRMED in 2019 at the national level were as follows:

- Support for publishing 350 copies of the Campaign's 2018 Annual Report along with printing of the IEC materials.
- Funds for upgrading facilities at the Anti Leprosy Campaign.
- A Project Officer was appointed to coordinate activities.
- Sponsored the Director ALC to attend the International Leprosy Congress held in the Philippines.

Expenses incurred during the year 2019 for the Anti Leprosy Campaign

Description	Total Expenditure (LKR)
Publishing 2018 Annual Report and IEC Materials	149,950.00
Stationery/ Printing and Communication	66,000.00
Upgrade Facilities at CLC/ALC	113,737.50
Appointment of a Project Officer	504,482.83
Sponsoring for the International Leprosy Congress	176,326.43
Total	1,010,496.76

ASSISTANCE FOR LEPROSY CONTROL DISTRICT LEVEL

District level activities in all project districts were implemented by the public health staff in the districts under the leadership of the Regional Director of Health Services, the technical guidance provided by the Regional Epidemiologist, and the coordination of activities by the Public Health Inspector designated for leprosy control activities together with the FAIRMED Project Officer.

AT A GLANCE



Knowledge on leprosy was improved among **3832** people through **70** awareness programmes.



18,659 community members were screened for leprosy through **213** screening programmes.



124 health staff were trained on leprosy.

- The project districts undertook the following activities to achieve the outcomes of the project:

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

Awareness programmes

Activity	Target Group	No Conducted	No Attended
For potential partners (Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and CMC)	Members of Community Based Organisations (CBOs) and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), general public, community leaders, civil security force and government officers from the Divisional Secretary Offices	52	2441
For the school community (Ratnapura and CMC)	Parents, teachers and students	18	1391

Training programmes

Activity	Achievements	No Conducted	No Attended
Local health staff training (Polonnaruwa)	By the end of 2019, a total of 693 (86%) health staff has been trained from the initiation of the project in all districts	02	79
Overseas capacity building programme (Schieffelin Institute of Health Research and Leprosy Centre in Karigiri, India, from the 14 th to the 19 th of October 2019.)	For 13 public health officers, including Medical Officers of Health, Public Health Inspectors and a Health Instructor	01	13
Research methodology training (Polonnaruwa)	For the Public Health Inspectors	01	29

Programmes for Active Case Detection

Activity	No Conducted	No Screened	No Referred	No Confirmed as leprosy
Ring surveys (Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and CMC)	120	3029	138	03
Mobile clinics (Polonnaruwa and Ratnapura)	13	256	11	00
Special screening programmes (Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and CMC)	28	2025	10	01
School screening programmes (Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and CMC)	42	6600	85	01
Community surveys (Polonnaruwa and Ratnapura)	10	6749	37	04

Stigma and discrimination have been major problems faced by persons affected with leprosy and as a result, addressing this issue is a priority area for FAIRMED. To support this cause, many activities were identified and carried out during the year.

- The **Cartoon strips** were identified as an important method of disseminating information, especially among the younger generation. Therefore, cartoon strips developed during the previous year were translated to English, and was published in the 'Youth Magazine' of the Sunday Observer as well as in the 'Rasaduna' supplement in the Sunday Silumina papers.



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Sunday Observer – Youth Observer Supplement



- A partnership was formed with the Disability Committee of the **Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association (SLGGA)** to support the establishment of a Girl Guide Company for differently-abled girls in the Ratnapura District. The following activities were supported by FAIRMED.
 1. Training of teachers from the differently-abled units in the schools and providing necessary needs and enrolling them as Guiders.
 2. Meeting for the parents.
 3. Initial training for Guiders and Caregivers.
 4. Monitoring visits.

Several other activities were funded by the AUSAID, Direct Aid Programme in Sri Lanka. (Described under special projects)

- **Display boards** were installed at strategic places to increase awareness among the patients and the community.



- **Street dramas** were carried out with the aim of generating community awareness, and this was conducted in the Polonnaruwa District and CMC area.



- **Wall arts** were painted in selected schools in the Polonnaruwa District and CMC area to promote awareness regarding leprosy.

- **World Leprosy Day**

World Leprosy Day, held on the 26th of January 2019, was commemorated in all programme districts.

In the Polonnaruwa District, an art competition and exhibition were held at the Deepa Uyana under the theme 'A Leprosy Free Sri Lanka'. Around 120 students participated in this programme which was organised by the Regional Director of Health Services, Dr. D. S. A. Jayasinghe, and the Regional Epidemiologist, Dr. Sanjaya Seneviratne, with the support of the Public Health Inspector for Leprosy, Mr. Neville Wickramasinghe, the Mayor of the Municipal Council and the officials of the Education Department. The competition was conducted under three categories: Primary, Junior and Senior.

Further, in the Ratnapura District, an awareness programme was conducted at the Kuruwita Madya Maha Vidyalaya with the participation of 370 parents, teachers and students. The programme was attended by the Regional Epidemiologist, Dr. K. M. N. L. Konara, the Medical Officer of Health of the Kuruwita MOH area, Dr. Indika Karunaratne, and the public health staff. The awareness session was conducted by the Consultant Dermatologist of the Ratnapura Teaching Hospital, Dr. Sanjeewa Hulangamuwa.

In addition to this, in the CMC area, a media conference on leprosy was conducted at the Auditorium of the Colombo Municipal Council. This was attended by the Deputy Mayor of CMC, Hon. Mohammed Iqbal, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ruwan Wijayamuni, and other staff of the Public Health Department, the Director and staff of the Anti Leprosy Campaign and the staff from FAIRMED were also in attendance. The main discussion was on "Ending Discrimination, Stigma and Prejudice", which was followed by a question and answer session with the media personnel.



Outcome 2: To prevent onset and worsening of disabilities

- Community Based Rehabilitation

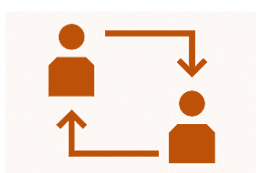
The activities were conducted in the Thamankaduwa and Hingurakgoda Medical Officer of Health areas in the Polonnaruwa District. This was conducted under the leadership of the Regional Director of Health Services and was coordinated by the Regional Epidemiologist and the team. This project was partly funded by the World Health Organisation Country Office in Sri Lanka. (Described under special projects)



AT A GLANCE



161 Grama Niladharis, Social Service Officers and Community Based Organisation members were sensitised on issues related to persons with disabilities.



208 Community Based Organisation members were trained to follow up and monitor the progress of persons with disabilities.



30 persons with disabilities were provided with assistive care devices, ulcer care kits and MCR shoes.



Empowered **15** persons with disabilities for independent living through the provision of support for income generation.



25 caregivers of persons with disabilities were educated on providing proper home care.



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

- **Working with a 'Champion'**

A person affected with leprosy was given a training in India. Today, he works as an advocate with FAIRMED while participating in programmes conducted in the project areas.

- **Supporting Research activities**

Following the recommendation of the Mid Term Review, a fund was granted for a research on the 'Effectiveness of outdoor media health education materials (bill posters and posters) in the prevention and control of leprosy'.

Mid Term Evaluation

An Evaluation was conducted during the month of September by an external evaluator, Dr. Sujatha Samarakoon to assess the project's achievement and to review the effectiveness of the project.



Best Practices for Future Programmes

Lessons learnt on previous experience provided insight on the suspected cases who were lost to follow up after being referred to the Dermatology clinic following active case detection programmes. To support the National Leprosy Programme to follow up on these persons referred, a '**Suspected Cases Register**' is being piloted in the project districts.

A similar gap was noted in the routine programmes for following up on persons with Grade I or II disabilities as a result of leprosy. Therefore, a '**Disability Register**' is piloted in the project districts to follow up on patients with disabilities during treatment and for a period of two years after completion of treatment.

FUND UTILISATION IN PROGRAMME DISTRICTS

Awareness Programmes				
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs.)	Total funds utilized (Rs.)	% utilization
1	Polonnaruwa	525,999.00	617,530.00	117%
2	Ratnapura	297,799.00	98,180.00	33%
3	Colombo Municipal Council	449,999.00	325,490.00	72%

For potential partners, parent, teachers and community awareness through street dramas and painting wall arts in schools.

Active Case Detection				
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs.)	Total funds utilized (Rs.)	% utilization
1	Polonnaruwa	1,543,500.00	1,515,616.00	98%
2	Ratnapura	696,400.00	559,585.00	80%
3	Colombo Municipal Council	671,000.00	527,594.00	79%

For House to House screening (Ring Surveys), Mobile clinics, Special screening clinics, School screening clinics and Community surveys in high-risk Grama Niladhari areas.

Trainings of Staff				
	District	Total funds allocated (Rs.)	Total funds utilized (Rs.)	% utilization
1	Polonnaruwa	631,800.00	624,543.72	99%
2	Ratnapura	603,600.00	544,468.72	90%
3	Colombo Municipal Council	550,000.00	544,468.72	99%

For training conducted for health staff, overseas capacity building and Research tool training.

UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR LOGISTICS AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

Activity	Total funds allocated (LKR)	Total funds utilised (LKR)	% utilisation
Support for Information and Technology facilities	42,000.00	42,000.00	100%
Support for transport for DLTs	210,000.00	183,077.00	87%
Support for purchasing of stationery	60,000.00	21,030.00	35%
Update facilities at the District Leprosy unit	50,000.00	35,041.00	70%
Support for Printing	120,000.00	120,000.00	100%
Provide Communication facilities for Project Officers	54,000.00	54,000.00	100%



SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. NTD Mapping Project, Sri Lanka

Project-

Strengthened NTD surveillance systems with GIS mapping in Sri Lanka

Project Period – Until December 2019

Fund for 2019 – SLR 9,142,000.00

Introduction-

The project was designed to support the programmes for Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis and Leishmaniasis to have an integrated mapping system that would assist the districts in conducting integrated programmes at field level.

At the beginning of the project, there was a web-based surveillance system for Leprosy, a paper-based surveillance system for Filariasis and routine surveillance data for Leishmaniasis. The vertical approach to NTD detection, treatment and care in the country addressed the NTDs separately.

At the end of the project, it was expected that the country will have a strengthened surveillance system for NTDs. This would be utilised for decision making to implement targeted interventions for preventive and control activities in the field.

The integrated mapping approach would demonstrate the overlapping of multiple NTDs and thereby facilitate integrated NTD treatment and care via unified and cost-effective approaches while monitoring the progress towards the elimination of NTDs.

The project was conducted with the support of the ALC, AFC, Epidemiology Unit and the RDHS Office, Anuradhapura.

Objectives-

1. To strengthen the existing web-based surveillance system of the ALC.
2. To develop a comprehensive web-based surveillance system for AFC.
3. To develop 5-year GIS maps for retrospective cases in the country for Leprosy, Lymphatic Filariasis and Leishmaniasis (Anuradhapura District).

2. Empowering differently-abled girls - Funded by AUSAID, Direct Aid Programme, Sri Lanka

Project-

Empowering girls through the formation of a Girl Guide Company for differently-abled girl children in the Ratnapura District, Sri Lanka.

Project Period – February 2019 – January 2021

Fund for 2019 – SLR 988,922.13

Introduction-

The project was initiated in collaboration with the Committee for the differently-abled guides of the Sri Lanka Girl Guide Association (SLGGA), Provincial Ministry of Education and the Provincial Ministry of Social Services. It provided an opportunity for the differently-abled girls to enrol as guides and to interact with their peers and the community by utilising the life skills learnt through guiding, and thereby broaden their individual capacities.

Objective-

To build the capacities of the differently-abled girl children in the Ratnapura District.





3. Community Based Rehabilitation Project - Funded by World Health Organisation, Sri Lanka

Project-

Strengthening community based rehabilitation services in two Medical Officer of Health areas in the District of Polonnaruwa, to improve the quality of life of persons affected by disabilities.

Project Period – June 2019 - November 2019

Fund for 2019 – SLR 1,369,650.00

Introduction-

The project was initiated as the Phase II of the project in Thamankaduwa and Hingurakgoda Medical Officer of Health areas in the District of Polonnaruwa, where service delivery for community based rehabilitation is particularly poor, as a result of the long distance people affected by disabilities need to travel in order to obtain treatment, in addition to poverty and poor knowledge regarding the availability of services.

The overall aim of the project was to improve the quality of life of people affected by disabilities with a special focus on leprosy-induced disabilities, by strengthening rehabilitative care services, community based rehabilitation as well as participatory inclusion. The activities were conducted as a continuation of the previous phase.

Objectives-

1. To strengthen the capacity of Community Based Organisations (CBO) by improving technical skills and knowledge.
2. To promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the local community.
3. To prevent the further worsening of disabilities.
4. To improve the income generating capacity.
5. Capacity building of the relevant stakeholders.

International Missions to Sri Lanka

Visit by FAIRMED Switzerland and Swiss Tropical Public Health Institute (STPH) for the Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Dissemination Meeting - 14th June, 2019

At the completion of the Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis operational research project by the end of 2018, Dr. Peter Steinmann of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute and Dr. Marc Bonenberger - Programme Officer of FAIRMED Switzerland, visited Sri Lanka for the project dissemination meeting which was chaired by Dr. H. D. B. Herath, Acting DDG (PHS-1) of the Ministry of Health.

The dissemination meeting brought together implementing partners and other key stakeholders comprising of the Director and officials of the ALC, the National Programme Officer of the WHO, Consultant Community Physicians, Regional Epidemiologists, Consultant Dermatologists, Consultant Microbiologists, Medical Officers of Health, Supervisory Public Health Inspectors, Range Public Health Inspectors and the District Project Officers of the Puttalam and Kalutara Districts along with the Country Coordinator and staff of the FAIRMED Country Office. The dissemination of global findings as well as the outcome and efficacy in Sri Lanka, in addition to the challenges of the project over the period of implementation were reviewed during this meeting.





LOOKING BEYOND THE SURFACE.....

“Gamai Pansalai” - The village and the temple, a rather prominent concept in Sri Lankan culture ... Even though one would notice the lean towards Buddhist philosophy, the concept stands for a more diverse and common way of life based on harmony and giving, regardless of religious beliefs.

FAIRMED with the support of the AUSAID – Direct Aid Programme has been conducting programmes with the Sri Lanka Girl Guides Association to assist the wing for differently-abled girls of the District of Ratnapura. Since Children’s Day celebrations were always a highlight in the Girl Guide calendar, the programme was organised in such a manner in which it gave them a unique learning experience which was based on the concept of “Gamai Pansalai”. The programme included religious activities, community service and a fun oriented session. The Rathnapura Sri Saman Devalaya, the temple of the Deity “Sumana saman”, was selected as the venue since it could cater to both aspects of the programme.

The differently-abled guides invited through their respective schools were in attendance, and it was quite a heartwarming sight to see them walk up the path with their parents, eyes shining with excitement as they were greeted by their fellow guides. The programme started with a special pooja at the “Saman Devalaya”, since the blessings of “Sumana Saman” is believed in Sri Lankan culture to bring prosperity, good luck and drive away negativity.

One could not help but smile, seeing the differently-abled guides walking in line with dainty little baskets of flowers arranged in different patterns. Some were holding their parent's hands and were rather interested in knowing the details about the temple and the pooja they were observing.

This was followed by a tree planting campaign and team work building activities. As a continuation of an initiative taken by the Girl Guides Association, a tree planting campaign was organised to commemorate Children's Day. This was organised amidst great fanfare, and the guides seemed rather excited about the hands-on outdoor experience. The team of representatives guided them through the process, whilst fleshing out the details when necessary. ... The aim was to instill the thought of "giving back to nature and protecting the environment, whilst learning from the best practices at hand."

Then it was the final leg of the programme with fun and leisure activities, and it was also a platform for the differently-abled girl guides to showcase their talents. The differently-abled girl guides performed a "Pooja Dance", which was followed by a 'Peacock Dance' dressed in bright blue, elegant peacock themed attire. It was a very emotional moment, seeing the talents of these differently - abled girl guides, who very often do not receive the recognition they deserve.

They had activities focused on building the team spirit while the rest involved in individual creativity building activities. The camaraderie between them, despite being from different schools, was visibly felt and they were very excited to paint and draw alongside their new found friends. The programme ended with a sing song session and the guides were joined by their parents and guiders to sing a few local favourites.

The initiative taken by FAIRMED to create these platforms for recognition, gives these differently-abled young girls a chance to showcase their talent, whilst encouraging them to better integrate within society.

As one by one the families and girl guides left the venue, I couldn't help but wonder, how many differently-abled young girls were still in their homes, deprived of a similar exposure. How long will it take for Sri Lanka to initiate a proper programme that made sure no one was left behind? Are we ready to overcome this challenge and provide an equal place for the differently-abled individuals in society?



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

1. Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of FAIRMED Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31st December, 2019, 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 31st December 2019, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not - for - Profit Organizations issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

2. Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). 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 CA 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.

3. Responsibilities of Members 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 Statement of Recommended Practice for Not - for - Profit Organizations, 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 has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management of the Company is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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4. Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SLAuSs 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 <http://www.slaasc.lk/auditing/auditorsresponsibility.php>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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Appendix 2

FAIRMED FOUNDATION INCOME STATEMENT

FAIRMED FOUNDATION

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

		<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>
	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Rs.</u>	<u>Cts.</u>	<u>Rs.</u>
<u>INCOME SOURCES</u>				
Restricted Revenue	(03)	32,044,287.74		29,361,350
Total Income		32,044,287.74		29,361,350
<u>DIRECT PROJECT EXPENSES</u>				
Anti Leprosy Campaign National Programme	(04)	(1,010,496.76)		(1,448,472)
Project Monitoring & Office Expenses (Sri Lanka Office)	(05)	(10,568,768.54)		(7,213,749)
NTD Mapping Project	(06)	(4,197,790.50)		-
Leprosy Post Exposure Prophylaxis (LPEP) Project	(07)	-		(5,725,843)
Direct AID Programme - AUSAID	(08)	(466,534.00)		-
District Leprosy Control Phase II (DLC Phase II)	(09)	(14,431,047.94)		(14,724,946)
Community Based Rehabilitation Project - WHO	(10)	(1,369,650.00)		-
Flood Donation - Puttalam	(11)	-		(248,340)
Total Direct Project Expenses		(32,044,287.74)		(29,361,350)
Other Income		-		-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) before Tax		-		-
<u>Less: Taxation</u>	(12)	-		-
Net Surplus/(Deficit) after Tax		-		-
Total Other Comprehensive Income for the year		-		-
Total Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the year		-		-



FAIRMED FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

FAIRMED FOUNDATION

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2019

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>31.12.2019</u>	<u>31.12.2018</u>	
		Rs.	Cts.	Rs.
<u>Non Current Assets</u>				
Property, Plant & Equipment	(13)	652,561.38		342,011
		652,561.38		342,011
<u>Current Assets</u>				
Receivables	(14)	1,220,704.00		547,387
Cash & Cash Equivalents	(15)	11,552,140.86		4,206,624
		12,772,844.86		4,754,011
Total Assets		13,425,406.24		5,096,022
<u>EQUITY & LIABILITIES</u>				
<u>Reserves</u>				
Un-restricted Funds		4,249,106.34		4,249,106
Restricted Funds		5,900,617.26		(2,691,191)
		10,149,723.60		1,557,915
<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
Payables	(16)	3,275,682.64		3,538,107
		3,275,682.64		3,538,107
Total Equity & Liabilities		13,425,406.24		5,096,022



FINANCE OFFICER

09/07/2020


DATE

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

Signed for and on behalf of the Foundation by,

COUNTRY COORDINATOR Dr. Nayani Soriyarachehi

Signature




DATE 09/07/2020

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





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