

Special Fund (Food) Report as of 30 September 2023

Midday Meal Program to Students



We are all familiar with the unprecedented multiple crises Sri Lanka is facing. A mere twelve months ago, we saw the peak of Sri Lanka's worst economic crisis in decades. 2023 continues to be a year dominated by poverty affecting the people in rural areas. Once Covid took hold, work dried up and consequently so did their income. A significant percentage of the population in these areas struggle with limited access to nutritious meals. It has been observed that the current economic crisis has led to multiple cascading effects and one of those is connected to falling school attendance. Local media has reported many incidences of students fainting at school because they come without having any food at home. In some areas, schools that did provide midday meals covered only the primary school due to financial and other constraints.

In a bid to address some of these issues, CandleAid Lanka initiated a Special Fund (Food) Program which was launched in June 2022 and commenced operations on 6 July 2022 with a gift of dry rations to destitute families in rural areas. To date we have given dry rations worth LKR 10,000 each to 1306 families from all places, all races and all religions at a cost of more than LKR 13 million.

In 2023, the Special Fund (Food) Program was expanded to include a midday meal for five consecutive days to students in rural areas. The meal is prepared at the school itself by a group of parents and volunteers. The areas covered so far are Ampara, Panadura, Hingurakgoda, Kalutara, Hiriya, Angulana, Moratuwa, Waikkala, Mirissa, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya, Weligama, Imaduwa and the last project was just completed in Mawanella in September 2023. We have provided meals to 1297 students covering 17 schools.

These projects are implemented under CandleAid's guidelines, accounting for every rupee spent and are handled with the support of volunteer coordinators spread across Sri Lanka, numbering 105. The list of the volunteer coordinators is given below.

Please also see the summary of disbursements below as of 30 September 2023.

All this was made possible, as it always is, due to the kindness of people from all over the world who generously donate funds to run this program. Your contribution is truly appreciated, and we would be delighted to keep you updated on our progress and the impact of your generosity and commitment.

CandleAid is forever grateful.

Blue skies

Capt Elmo Jayawardena



If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one - Mother Teresa

"It is better by far to light a solitary candle than to curse the darkness"

We managed to put a smile on these little faces!



Kammala St. Odiliya Junior College
Waikkala



MR/Henmala Jayathissa Vidyalaya
Mirissa



AM/Maha/Nuwaragalatenna M.V.
Ampara



Don Bosco English School
Kilinochchi



WA/MA/Popi/Ambagaswewa M.V.
Hiriyala



WP/Pili/Laxapathiya Shikshadana M.V.
Moratuwa



V/Sivapuram Primary School
Vavuniya



V/Arugampuleliya Primary School
Vavuniya



G/Kombala Primary School
Imaduwa



V/Kudakachchakodiya Primary School
Vavuniya



MR/Ibbawala K.V.
Weligama (26 July to 1 August 2023)



WP/KL/Diamond Jubilee College
Panadura



Ekamuthu Pre-School
Hinguragoda



KG/Mw/Kehelpannala K.V.
Hemmaththagama



MR/Ibbawala K.V.
Weligama (7 to 11 August 2023)



WP/KL/Adhikarigoda Sri Gnanissara K.V.
Kalutara



WP/Pili/Lanka Sabha Vidyalaya
Moratuwa

CANDLEAID VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

We are proud to mention that from the inception of CandleAid Lanka (formerly AFLAC International) in 1995, our volunteer coordinators have been an integral part of our programmes. Currently we have more than 1000 volunteer coordinators mostly working with us in Sri Lanka. They are the link between CandleAid and its recipients receiving assistance countrywide. In this Special Food Program, we have 105 volunteer coordinators assisting in more ways than one under the guidelines and procedures laid out by CandleAid to ensure integrity and accountability.

Their dedication and tireless efforts have played a pivotal role in the success of CandleAid and their commitment to our mission is truly inspiring. On behalf of CandleAid and its team, we express our deepest gratitude. We are fortunate to have them as our Special Food Fund Volunteer Coordinators.



LIST OF VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

	Name of Coordinator	Location
1.	Mr Priyankara Hitibandara	Kurunegala
2.	Mrs Chamila Mendis	Payagala
3.	Mr Helasiri Nawalage	Rukmale
4.	Mr D S R Jayasekara	Matara
5.	Rev Fr. Nadeep Fernando	Jaffna
6.	Mrs Nilmini Weerasuriya	Kandy
7.	Mrs Krishani Fernando	Moratuwa
8.	Mrs Manori Somarathna	Kalupahana
9.	Mr Reyon Vas	Koralawella
10.	Mrs Mary Dalcy	Chilaw
11.	Mrs Inoja Sri Kumar	Talawakelle
12.	Mr H N Perera	Rajagiriya
13.	Mr Gamini Kumanayake	Nugegoda
14.	Mrs Chamari Kumanayake	Nugegoda
15.	Mr Janaka Kumara	Nagollagama
16.	Rev Father Deshapriya	Maggona
17.	Mrs Wasantha Padmini	Batapola
18.	Ms Subadhra Silva	Polgasovita
19.	Ms Runesha De Silva	Negombo
20.	Ms Kalani Samaraweera	Wadduwa
21.	Ven. Kalawewa Wajiragnana Thero	Kalawewa
22.	Mr Nirmal Fernando	Kurunegala
23.	Mr Tharaka Jayathissa	Kithalawa
24.	Mrs Dileka Dissanayake	Ampara
25.	Mr Kamal Abeywickrama	Godagama
26.	Mrs K Pradeepa	Kalutara
27.	Mr & Mrs Wijedasa	Kandy
28.	Mr Prasanna Weerasinghe	Sooriyawewa
29.	Mrs Nayomi Sandamali	Wewahamanduwa
30.	Mr Rodney Gunawardena	Moratuwa

	Name of Coordinator	Location
31.	Mrs Hasitha Lakmali	Kotapola
32.	Dr Chaminda Jayathilaka	Madawachchiya
33.	Mr Chaminda De Alwis	Lunawa
34.	Mr Abeysinghe	Beliatta
35.	Mr Lal Kumara	Tangalle
36.	Mr M Manoj	Rathnapura
37.	Ms K K R C Dilhani	Mathugama
38.	Ms Imesha Madushani	Anuradhapura
39.	Ms Achini Shashikala	Ampara
40.	Mr Tharindu Asintha	Dikkumbura
41.	Ms Piyumi Nisansala	Mathugama
42.	Dr Sameera Siriwardena	Alapaladeniya
43.	Ms Fathima Zahira	Badulla
44.	Mrs John Pillai	Colombo
45.	Mr Abhijaya de Silva	Tissamaharamaya
46.	Mrs Manjula Perera	Moratuwa
47.	Mr Anura Tennekoon	Nugegoda
48.	Mr Kingsly	Moratuwa
49.	Mr Aruna Jayasekara	Colombo 5
50.	Mr Tony Jesudasan	Wellawatta
51.	Mr Bruno Diwakara	Marawila
52.	Mr Anton Fernando	Moratuwa
53.	Mrs Lilani Gunawardena	Kelaniya
54.	Mr Udara Gnanarathna	Monaragala
55.	Ms Dinushi Maduwanthi	Embilipitiya
56.	Mr Dushshantha Harmendra	Kalutara
57.	Mr Desmond	Moratuwa
58.	Mrs Molligoda	Pitakotte
59.	Mr Roshantha	Moratuwa
60.	Mr Nero Bandara	Kandy

	Name of Coordinator	Location
61.	Mr Percival Fernando	Moratuwa
62.	Mr Suresh Chetty	Hatton
63.	Mrs Upeka Kariyawasam	Piliyandala
64.	Mr K L Kannappan	Ranna
65.	Dr Udani Kotalawala	Katuwana
66.	Ms Tisari Thilakarathne	Colombo
67.	Mr Dilum Manuranga	Kalutara
68.	Mr Yasas Udara	Waskaduwa
69.	Mr Sajith Dushmantha	Ambalanthota
70.	Mr Ranil Samarasinghe	Rajagiriya
71.	Mrs Champika Vidanapathirana	Attidiya
72.	Mr Pradeep Dinawanse	Kandy
73.	Ms Dinithi Ranasinghe	Gampaha
74.	Mr Dayal Manohara	Horana
75.	Mr Shammil Wickramasinghe	Ududumbara
76.	Mr Sunil Ariyasena	Mathugama
77.	Mr Balasooriya	Horuvila
78.	Mrs. Mala Saluwadana	Pubbogama
79.	Mr & Mrs Lasantha Mendis	Jaffna
80.	Mr Robert Spittel	Wattala
81.	Mrs Yasmin Weerasuriya	Koralawella
82.	Mr Pradeep Moraes	Thalawathugoda
83.	Mrs T N Kaluarachchi	Imaduwa

	Name of Coordinator	Location
84.	Mr Trevor Wanniachchi	Dehiwala
85.	Mr Rex Clemantine	Colombo
86.	Mrs Shiroma Jayawickrama	Pelawatta
87.	Mr Jayapriithi Perera	Panadura
88.	Ms Janani Lakshani	Ragama
89.	Mr Aruna Fernando	Moratuwa
90.	Mr Chaminda Kumara	Boralesgamuwa
91.	Mrs Nirmalie Peiris	Moratuwa
92.	Ms Prasadini Imalka	Boralanda
93.	Rev. Father Sagara Prishantha Perera	Kurunegala
94.	Mr Amantha Gunarathna	Moratuwa
95.	Rev. Father Prabhash Reddy	Batticaloa
96.	Dr Buddhika Tilakaratne	Rathnapura
97.	Mr Ramesh Rajapakshe	Moratuwa
98.	Mrs C W Bibile	Heiyanthuduwa
99.	W Virgin Delrin Fernando	Waikkala
100.	Ms Janaki Rupesinghe	Panadura
101.	Group Capt. Poojana Gunathilake	Vavuniya
102.	Mr Chandrarathna Dikpitiya Vithanage	Maharagama
103.	Mr M Thedanath Perera	Kotte
104.	Mr Thisaru Silva	Negombo
105.	Mrs A P Thilini Maduka	Mawanella

TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS



The CandleAid Lanka foundation under the spearhead of Captain Elmo Jayawardene has generously conducted a charity program in view of addressing the nutritional needs of some of the most vulnerable schools in Vavuniya District, namely, Arugampuleliya Primary School, Kudakachchakodiya Primary School and Shivapuram Tamil School with the coordination and facilitation of Sri Lanka Air Force Base Vavuniya during the month of October. The program was highly recognized and appraised by the beneficiaries and community as it has immensely helped the school children who face enormous challenges to fulfil their basic dietary needs.

The staff, along with students and their parents have extended their profound gratitude to CandleAid Lanka for extending such assistance while wishing them all the success in future endeavours.

Group Captain Poojana Gunathilake

Base Commander
Sri Lanka Air Force Base Vavuniya



ඔබ ආයතනයේ විශේෂ අරමුදල (ආහාර) වැඩසටහන මඟින් කැ/මාව/කෙහෙල්පන්නල කනිෂ්ඨ විද්‍යාලයේ දරුවන්ට අබණ්ඩව දින 5ක් ආහාර ලබාදීමේ විශිෂ්ඨ කාර්යභාරයට මගේ හද පිරි කෘතඥතාව පල කර සිටිමි.

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සිසුන්ට ආහාර වේල් ලබාදීමේදී ඔවුන් තුළ පැවති උද්යෝගය සහ පාසල් පැමිණීමට ඔවුන් තුළ වූ රුචිකත්වය මට මහත් සතුටක් විය. එබැවින් මේ සඳහා දායක වූ පරිත්‍යාගශීලී ඔබට මා ඉතා ස්තූති වන්න වෙමි.

මගේ ජීවිතයට ද තෘප්තියක් එක් කල මේ වැඩසටහනේ කොටස් කරුවෙකු වීමට අවස්ථාව ලබා දීම ගැන මම ඉතා කෘතඥ වෙමි.

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කැ/මාව/කෙහෙල්පන්නල කනිෂ්ඨ විද්‍යාලය, මාවනැල්ල



அன்புள்ள CandleAid குழுவினருக்கு,

சிறப்பு நிதி (உணவு) திட்டத்தின் மூலம் பல்லவராயன்கட்டு தொன்பொஸ்கோ ஆங்கிலப் பாடசாலை மாணவர்களுக்கு தொடர்ந்து 5 நாட்களுக்கு மதிய உணவை வழங்க நீங்கள் செய்து வரும் நம்பத்தகுந்த பணிக்காக CandleAid நிறுவனத்திற்கு எனது மனமார்ந்த நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

மக்கள்தொகையில் கணிசமான சதவீதம் (பூநகரி பிரதேசம்) சத்தான உணவினை மட்டுப்படுத்தப்பட்ட அளவுடனும் அவற்றை பெற்றுக்கொள்ளவும் இடர்படுகிறார்கள். பெரும்பாலான குழந்தைகள் நிதி மற்றும் பிற நெருக்கடிகளால் காலை உணவை சாப்பிடாமல் பாடசாலைக்குச் செல்கின்றனர். எனவே இந்த மாணவர்களுக்கு மதிய உணவு வழங்குவது மிகவும் பொருத்தமானது மற்றும் பாராட்டுக்குரியது.

மாணவர்களுக்கும், ஆசிரியர்களுக்கும் உணவு அளிக்கப்படும்போது அவர்கள் அடைந்த சந்தோசத்திற்காக நன்கொடையாளர்களுக்கு நான் எப்போதும் நன்றியையும் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறேன்.

இந்த நிகழ்ச்சியின் ஒரு பகுதியாக இருக்கும் வாய்ப்பைப் பெற்றதற்கு நான் நன்றியுள்ளவனாக இருக்கிறேன், இது எனக்கு வாழ்க்கையில் மாற்றம் தரும் அனுபவமாகும்.

உங்கள் எதிர்கால நிகழ்வுகளில் உங்களுக்கு உதவுவதில் மகிழ்ச்சியடைகின்றேன்.

Rev. Father Nadeep Sanjeewa Fernando

The Principal
Don Bosco School of Excellence

Pallavarayankattu, Poonagari
Killinochchi

SCHOOL FEEDING PROJECT ACCOUNTS AS OF 30.09.2023

Details	
Donations received for School Feeding Program	LKR 1,970,007.88
Total disbursements for midday meals to students for 5 consecutive days	LKR 1,875,541.88
Balance as at 30.09.2023	LKR 94,466.00
Total schools assisted	17
Total number of students who received the midday meal	1297

Being an ongoing program, funds are allocated as and when formalities relating to the selection of schools are completed.

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30 September 2023