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Action Unity
Lanka

VISION

A Strong Civil Society that Safeguards the
Desire and Well-being of People

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MISSION

To Safe Guard the Desires and Well-being of People by Involving
Individual, Families and Communities to Raise their Voices for Economic
and Environmental Rights through Active Participation in the Decision
Making Processes Based on Participatory Development Approaches,
Promoting Diversity and Building Network with Concurring Partners

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CORE VALUES

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LEARNING & REFLECTION

WE CONSTANTLY EVOLVE AND IMPROVE OUR ACTIONS AGAINST OUR PURPOSE. WE DILIGENTLY REVIEW OUR PAST ACTIONS AND INTROSPECT IN BETTERING OUR APPROACH TO SERVE OUR MISSION.

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EXCELLENCE

WE STRIVE TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE IN ALL THAT WE DO.

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ACCOUNTABILITY

WE BELIEVE THAT WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL OUR ACTIVITIES AND TRANSACTIONS THAT WE DO.

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RESPECT

WE HONOR DIVERSITY AND RECOGNIZE DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON..

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NETWORKING

WE UNDERSTAND THAT DEVELOPMENT CANNOT BE ACHIEVED WORKING IN SILO. WE BELIEVE IN WORKING TOGETHER WILL UPHOLD THE SPIRIT WITHIN THE ORGANISATION AND WITH EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS.



A Message from

DISTRICT SECRETARY

Batticaloa



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Greetings!

Action Unity Lanka has been contributing for the betterment of the society throughb ensuring nutrition, health, children education and livelihood support in 24 Grama Niladari Divisions in Manmunai West Divisional Secretariat area in the Batticaloa District.

In addition, they supported the renovation of tanks in order to increase the extent of cultivation in this Division. This initiative was benefited by lot of farmers in the surrounding areas.

As the community in the area faces many challenges and households encounter many hardships such as poverty, alcoholism, early marriages, unemployment and teenage pregnancies, their project activities with the assistance of many donors has been a good support to all stakeholders in this division.

I wish them good luck.

K. Karunaharan

District Secretary and Government Agent
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A Message From **DISTRICT SECRETARY**

Mullaitivu

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There are Non-Governmental Organization who work for the development of Mullaitivu District. Action Unity Lanka (AU Lanka) is one of them and working for the development in children through different sectors. They have started their development work in the district during the year 2020.

AU Lanka implements programs in selected GNs in Puthukkudiyiruppu Division to ensure protection, health and nutrition of infants and children. Their education programs focus on capacity building of Teachers, supplies of teaching and learning aids to schools and additional classes to build skill and knowledge of poor performing children. They also have implemented Eco-DRR project in collaboration with Disaster Management Center to strengthen the capacity of youths & the community in managing disaster.

Further, I appreciate that AU Lanka has extended their fullest support and has fulfilled necessary request to fight against the Covid-19 Pandemic Situation. Therefore I wish them all the best. The presence of AU Lanka is needed in the district to support us in development initiatives in Mullaitivu District.

Sincerely,

K. Vimalanathan

Government Agent / District Secretary

District Secretariat

Mullaitivu

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Congratulatory Message From **DIVISIONAL SECRETARY** Appreciating the projects of Action Unity Lanka

Manmunai West

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude sincerely for the amazing work you accomplished in the last five years. Specially the Children health and education programmes, youth skill development programme, disaster risk programme and Covid - 19 response programme are remarkable projects that you have implemented with the participation of the beneficiaries in Manmunai West.

Your contribution plays a vital role in our efforts to the people with the support and opportunities they need to live sustainably.

I look forward to keeping you updated on how your projects are directly assisting and providing essential resources and helping them to enrich our communities and improve our environment.

I am grateful for your support and appreciate your commitment to the people of Manmunai West division and look forward to your continuous support to develop this division.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

S. Suthakar

Divisional Secretary

Manmunai West

Vavunathivu



Congratulatory Message From

ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL SECRETARY

Appreciating the projects of Action Unity Lanka

Manmunai West

On behalf of all the people of Manmunai West, please accept my appreciation for the excellent projects you and your staff have implemented over the last five years. It was an enormous undertaking but went smoothly and efficiently!

Action Unity Lanka's projects ensure fair and equitable access to quality health, education and skills development programs for poor children and youth in Manmunai West. Specially, you have provided generous support through the Covid-19 response programme during lock down period.

I thank the team members of Action Unity Lanka for your commitment and support on each project and I will extend all possible support in my capacity for your ongoing projects to uplift the living standards of the people of Manmunai West.

Best wishes

Sincerely,

Suba Sathaharan

Assistant Divisional Secretary

Manmunai West

Vavunathivu



Congratulatory Message From **DIVISIONAL SECRETARY**

Appreciation for the Splendid Services Rendered by Action Unity Lanka

Puthukkudiyiruppu

This organization is a Gift for Puthukkudiyiruppu soil. The services of this organization is of diversified nature. Action Unity Lanka has helped the people of this soil in catering the needs of the people. It has rendered great services on Child Protection, Health, Education, Nutritious food as well as Early Childhood Education. For more than two years in the past, they gave different types of training creating awareness to parents. This organization has contributed to the betterment of the schools in this division. They have conducted training to teachers in the school to adopt themselves to the modern technology methods in order to improve their teaching ability.

They are implementing programs very systematically in 11 Grama Sevaka Divisions and completing them successfully. The emergency program during Covid was very important and timely. They identified the actual need and rendered this service.

In coordination with Puthukkudiyiruppu MOH and the Zonal Director of Education, they rendered services to the public of this area. Their services during the past two year of 2020 and 2021 has further strengthened this soil. We expect this public service to continue in our division and congratulate for your services.

Sincerely,
Mr. Sivarajasingam Jeyakanth
Divisional Secretary
Puthukkudiyiruppu



Message From

COUNTRY MANAGER

ChildFund Sri Lanka

I am delighted forward this message for the FY 21 annual report AU Lanka has been a one of our steady partners for all these years who delivered highly impactful programs for the development and protection of most vulnerable children in the Batticaloa district. In recent years, they also took over our North program and gradually expanded their geographical coverage beyond the Eastern province.

ChildFund Sri Lanka recognized AU Lanka a strong and capable organization to deliver community based development and humanitarian initiatives including protection and development of children. Their long-term partnership with ChildFund has delivered highly impactful programs over the years. The recognition and acceptance they earned not only in the communities, but diverse spectrum of stakeholders help them to deliver the program with maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

Their work includes, support for health, nutritional improvements, hygiene practices through community based action and strong coordination with health dept, improving access to quality education in primary and secondary education and improving literacy and numeracy, supporting schools and community based learning mechanism through Child Resource Centers, Carrier guidance, skill development initiatives for youth empowerment are some of the highlights.

In responding to the Covid-19 pandemic , AU Lanka provided material support for Covid -19 intermediate Care Centre, conducted hygiene education for the communities using different approaches such as e-messages and printed materials, established hand washing stations for schools and ECCD Centers. To ensure development process of children and youth during the pandemic, home based learning materials were developed and disseminated, creating access to e-learning for students and youth.

AU Lanka has proved its ability to evolve as a leading civic society organization and ChildFund Sri Lanka wishes the best for its leadership and members while ensuring the continuity of our support.

Nalaka Siriwardena

Country Manager
ChildFund Sri Lanka



Comments from Chairman of the Board

The clock keeps ticking and life goes on. But despite the difficulties we faced this year as well, we at AU Lanka kept our focus on making the quality of that life much better. Despite the negative impacts that covid and other factors have had we have continued to support the children and communities. By keeping our attitude positive we have seen both success and growth.

AU Lanka has never lost sight of its vision, and thus we spared no effort in working with the communities with the goal of creating a strong civil society that safeguards the Desire and Well-Being of People. The task is no easy one in this day and age but we are happy to say that our efforts were not wasted as many communities benefitted from our support, and in the process we also learned much about evolving with the changing circumstances.

Our office in Mullaithivu is also going full steam ahead with its programs and outreach. We have been able to strengthen the foundation that we started building last year with the communities and now AU Lanka is well known as a child focused organization, and we are happy to have a dedicated staff who are working tirelessly in Puthukudiyiruppu. The project in Trincomalee is also progressing well, and we hope that we will be able to continue with our work there too.

A lot of effort continues to be put into sourcing external funding for our organization and we are grateful that our staff give this a priority since the world economy has taken a tumble. The progress on this front is slow but steady since all who support are aware that this funding goes to build up the lives of the future generation and it is money well spent.

Our stake holder continue to provide the support we need and for this we are thankful. The monitoring mechanisms that are in operation have enabled us to ensure that funds are invested wisely, a few changes in staff placements has made for a very strong and versatile team when it comes to implementing our projects.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the dedicated AU Lanka staff for their tireless services. The biggest thank you still goes to ChildFund who continue to be our main funding partner and technical advisor. If not for ChildFund we would not be where we are today.

Last but not least I would like to invite all to join hands with us in building up the lives and standards of Children, Youth and communities.

This annual report shows our progress and statistics for the financial year.

Jeevakumar Mageswary
Chairman
Action Unity Lanka



A Tribute and Farewell

Jegathirunathan Bernard Piragash joined Vavunathivu Development Organization as we were then known, on July 01st 2018. Stepping in as CEO Bernard already had a vision for the organization. He wanted to see it grow and expand operations to other areas of the island. Bernard's personality and charisma helped him to steer the organization to reach that goal. Bernard was a people's man, and he won the love of the staff by his actions. He would always consult with the staff before making any decision, and on a personal level he would never hesitate to go out on a limb to help any one of his staff members.

He never considered himself a boss but rather as one of the team and he was always willing to work at grass-root level for the sake of the organization. He spearheaded the idea of changing the name to Action Unity Lanka so that the organization does not give the idea that its programs are confined to one locality only. He also maintained excellent ties with our donors ChildFund Sri Lanka and ChildFund New Zealand, and our local stakeholders too, even opening his own home to accommodate them when they visited. It was his pushing that enabled us to open an office in both Mullaithivu and Trincomalee, so fittingly we could say that Bernard was the heart and soul of Action Unity Lanka.

In October 2021 Bernard left us. After a very brief illness of just 2 days the devastating news was received that Bernard was no longer with us. This tragic incident shook the organization and staff and it was with heavy hearts that we said Farewell to him. It took a while but slowly AU Lanka got back on its feet and we continue to do the work Bernard started. His vision is our vision now.

Life goes on but Bernard you will be surely missed and we salute you.

Action Unity Lanka



Message from the Present CEO

This year brought us a terrible shock. We unfortunately lost our CEO Bernard Piragash. He worked hard to bring this Organization to an accepted level with reasonably good performance. I am glad that I was able to contribute to the growth of the Organization while working as the Program Director from the year 2020, and I was also privileged to have the opportunity to work with Bernard, even if for a short while. The Board of Directors invited me to take over as CEO after Bernard's demise. That was in October 2021. I pen this message as the current CEO and also on behalf of my friend and Colleague Bernard.

In addition to the sudden change of hierarchy, we also experience many other things during this period, including the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the severe economic crisis. As I can see this has been all the more reason for AU Lanka to stay focused and take a more active role in helping marginalized children and communities. More than ever before children are struggling these days with education, and we can be proud that we have taken the initiative to provide the needed platforms for many of them in Batticaloa and Mullaithivu areas to benefit. At the same time we continue to support the parents and communities as they strive to make ends meet. We also continue to spearhead a successful campaign to inform the public about safety measures and to promote E Learning for students. We also have supported to ensure health and nutritious best practices through various initiatives and ensured the support for ECCD through multiple engagements. We have provided maximum support to respond to the needs during the lockdown.

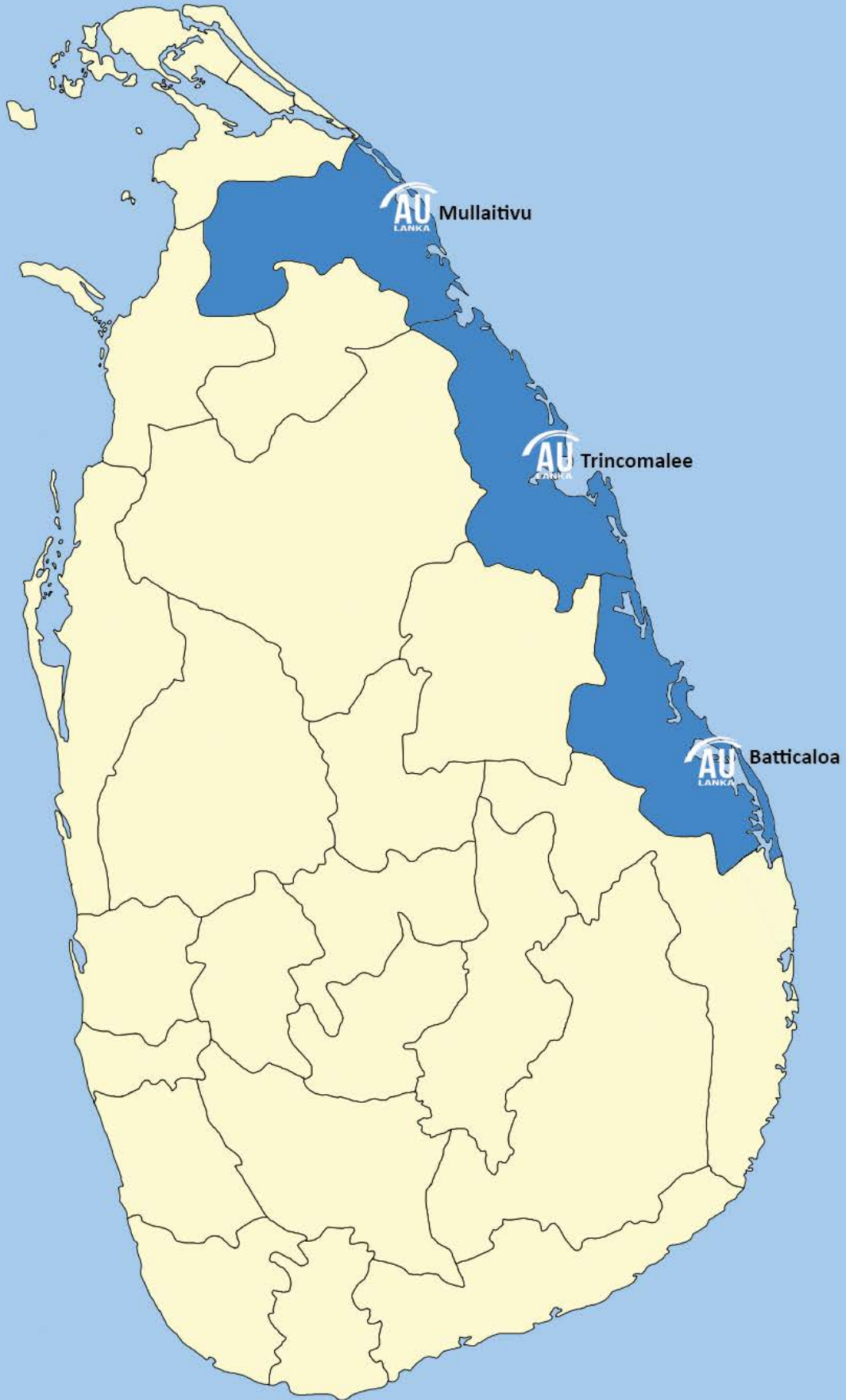
Looking back I would say that our expansion last year could not have been timelier. We are now in a stronger position to help more with our outreach and our Mullaithivu office has been able to spread its wings and be of benefit to more communities. All of this has helped us in turn to strengthening the foundation we have built up with great strides being taken in both the sponsorship and grant projects. We were able to assist the people in Trincomalee during this period through a grant project funded by USAID-SCORE. By adjusting our attitudes and evolving new methods we were able to complete all our planned programs, and we raise our heads high because of these achievements.

The three Life stage programs and Grant projects continue to address the causes of poverty. AU Lanka keeps on working to develop healthy and secured infants, educated and confident children and skilled and empowered youths who will actively participate in their communities to make wise decisions. We always ensured the coordination with all the stakeholders and I take this opportunity to thank one and all for their great support.

On behalf of the dear children and the communities, I wish to express my gratitude to ChildFund for their unstinting support and wish to see the continuous change in the lives of the Children and Youth in the community.

Mr. Rajan Thavaseelan
CEO
Action Unity Lanka

WORKING LOCATIONS





History of **ACTION UNITY LANKA**

ChildFund Sri Lanka has been working in eastern province since 2005. Just after the tsunami, an Area Office was established to cater the needs of the Tsunami victims of Ampara district. Eventually, this office which was situated in Kalmunai was extended to Batticaloa implementing emergency programs in Batticaloa. An Area Office was established in Batticaloa 2008. Several emergency short term programs were implemented in Batticaloa from the funds made available from CF New Zealand, CF Taiwan, CF Australia and US Aid etc. Most of our programs were implemented in Manmunai west DS division. In 2008 a long term grant program called KOHA targeting the livelihood security of the vulnerable people was implemented for 3 years in Manmunai West DS division. At the same time more short term projects were implemented to cater to the needs of the Youth. These projects came under the heading Youth Career Guidance Project.

The main donor for most of the projects was ChildFund New Zealand. The officials of the CF New Zealand visited the program sites in 2009 and felt that there should be a long term program for Manmunai West DS division, so they suggested to have a Sponsorship Program in Manmunai West DS division, this was to be a 15 year long term program. CF New Zealand also made Vavunathivu Area (Manmunai West DS division) to be their dedicated area and named, "Singing Fish area".

To start the sponsorship program, there was a one year grant program to introduce Sponsorship. During this start up program the already formed "Community Wellbeing Committees" (CWBC) in various grama sevaka divisions were clustered to be made into 9 Zone Committee for the sponsorship program.

In each committee the members were from that locality who were under the poverty line.

During this introduction program of Sponsorship, a target of 3000 children was set to be sponsored from Manmunai west DS division. Thereafter, forms were filled by the staff and volunteers to be referred to be sponsors with set criteria from ChildFund Sri Lanka. At the same time the 9 Zonal Committees had their committee meeting and selected the office bearers for their respective Zones and nominated one person to be a member of the Parents Committee or Board of Directors to be an independent organization which was expected by ChildFund to work with as their partners, just like in other areas where ChildFund Sri Lanka was working (Trincomalee, Puttalam, Nuwera Eliya, Hanbantotta). The Board of Directors comprising of 9 members with their Chairman, Secretary, Vice President, Treasurer and five members named their organization as "Vavunathivu Development Organization" and registered it under Social Service Department (Number MW/DS/SS/20 of 11.7.2011) to work in that division. The required By Laws and other policies were prepared. The total number of members are 81, 9 from each Zonal committees from the Deprived, Excluded and Vulnerable society. The organization commenced its activities on 1st July 2011 and officially opened a bank account at the Bank of Ceylon as requested by ChildFund. They appointed a skeleton staff to manage the Programs they designed from the limited fund received. Only some 300 sponsors were available. As and when the sponsors increased, the programs were increased. In the year 2011 and 2012 the subsidy received were very limited and big share went to the administration. Realizing this CF New Zealand, supported the vulnerable families by programs and grant of Gifts of Love and Hope (GOLAH).

In 2013, a three year "Area strategic plan" (ASP) was developed. When sponsors increased, the subsidy also increased and regular programs according to ChildFund standard and ASP was designed i.e. Life stage wise with core programs – 1. Healthy and Secure Infants (age 0 -5 years). 2. Educated and confident children (Age 6 to 14 years). 3. Skilled and involved youth (age 15 to 21 years).

In this same year of implementation the ChildFund Sri Lanka requested all the partners to be registered under Company Act for larger recognition and was registered under Company at in 2017 (Number GL 2297 of 10.7.2014). Further, to be reorganized by the Government Department, the organization was registered with NGO Secretariat (Number L 157304 of 28.9.2016)

During the period of 2016, ChildFund requested all their partners to become strong partners and to make changes in the composition of Board of directors (BoD). Usually as the case in all other ChildFund's local partners, the BoD was comprised of Parents of the vulnerable sponsor children parents. Since, they were not in a position to give full support to the organization's Governance, the General Body at their special meeting in 2017 adopted a resolution to take in 3 professionals to the Board. Thus three professional were included in the BoD in the year FY 18 (July 2017 to June 2018). From this time onward efforts are being made to strengthen the BoD in various aspects of Governance.

VDO was totally relying with the funds made available by ChildFund Sri Lanka (committed by CF New Zealand for long term). As a progress step to be independent, preliminary activities to secure external funding was done and still it is in progress. In the meantime a "Financial Strategy plan" is also in place for VDO. In order to find means of external donors a social media (web site, face book, twitter) was established. Required policies and procedure are being drafted. There is a committee established for external fund raising which meets and discusses about the securing funding opportunities.

Road Map was prepared by ChildFund Sri Lanka, ChildFund New Zealand and VDO to be the future guidance on program activities. In this Road Map, it was suggested to have consultant to strengthen the VDO Organization to be strong organization in future. ChildFund has initiated this suggestion so that activities necessary to be strong organization will be identifies and to work on in future. An organizational "Long Term Strategic Plan for VDO" has been developed and is in place for future organization, for diversified funding.

Programs:

Since 2016 Project Proposals have been developed by VDO staff for three core programs of Healthy secure Infant, educated and confident children and skilled and involved youth and presented to ChildFund Sri Lanka for their technical support and approval. Every Financial year this is being done and the approved proposal are submitted to stakeholders for their recommendation and eventually approved by the District secretariat.

In addition to sponsorship programs every final year, grant projects (Ensuring nutrition, health and children's education, Echo system based youth led disaster risk management program , Water & sanitation in schools and community) are also developed by ChildFund to be implemented through our organization as they are funded by CF New Zealand and by CF Korea.

One of the outstanding achievements in life stage 2 (children from age 6-14) is the "Active Teaching, learning approaches in schools (ATLAS): Program where Child friendly teaching methodology in schools in Manmunai West was implemented. This program has helped the children's educational (age 11 -16 years) performance to be increased and protective measures to be taken both at schools and in their homes. The program has been appreciated by the Education authorities and many successes have been reached. This will be extended to FY 19 as well.

Another outstanding achievement is the lead mother program in life stage 1 (children 0 -5 years). The trained lead mothers who are volunteers from the local community visits and encourages the parents (especially the mothers) to focus in child development in different aspects like health, education, psychology and child friendly atmosphere in homes so the children will grow in a very child friendly conducive environment.

Child Protection is in all the program activities as a cross cutting which is expected and one of the major intervention of ChildFund. Child Projection, Child rights have been emphasized in all our programs and committees form for this purpose is well aware of the situation. Our organization has full support of Government stakeholders.

The grant project of "Ensuring nutrition, health and children's education" has assisted the community

to have nine national standard preschools with fully equipped facilities such as furniture, play materials, education materials and child friendly environment in the preschools. The preschool teachers have also been enhanced their teaching ability by way of training them with latest techniques of child friendly teaching methods and child care in schools.

With regard to sponsorship program, sponsors are increasing gradually. Well-designed communication materials have been supplied to the CF New Zealand and to the sponsors eg; Photos, video, newsletters, success stories, annual report etc; Sponsor visits have been handled very professionally and have received the appreciation and commendation from sponsors. More attention is being given to ensiled children's education, health and protection avenues.

In late 2019 a strategic decision was taken to change the organizations name, and so 'Action Unity Lanka (Guarantee) Limited was registered. The thought behind this decision was that the old name Vavunathivu Development Organization could cause some to feel that we are a small time local outfit and not working on a national scale. Our focus and outlook has not changes but the new name has had a positive impact. AU Lanka as we are known has opened operations in the Mullaithivu District which is situated in the North of the country, and operation there are going full speed ahead. We have also been able to complete some smaller grant projects which were funded by USAID SCORE in the Trincomalee District.

It is with a sense of pride that we can say AU Lanka has been in the forefront in supporting children and communities during the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic. Awareness programs, Health & Hygiene support, e-learning platforms and emergency response dry ration distribution were some of the initiatives driven by AU Lanka. These initiatives received wide acclaim from the communities and other government agencies and departments that were involved in such programs.

With a proud history and a clear focus on current trends and needs, as well as having a well-established funding Partner like ChildFund, we look forward to seeing AU Lanka keep progressing and achieving more milestones in the future years.

Healthy & Secured Infants - Batticaloa

Responsive & Protective Parenting

A refresher training for selected master trainers on new Lead Mothers curriculum was conducted. There were 05 male and 06 Female master trainers along with government officials, preschool teachers, Lead mothers and AU Lanka staff who participated in this training program. The training was interactive and each partner organization was asked to facilitate 04 sessions. AU Lanka's master trainers used various tools like power point presentations, hand work, storytelling, paper news and white board presentations. The delivery guideline was provide by ChildFund. After this program we are confident that all the master trainers can deliver all 14 session to Lead Mothers in the field.



Early Childhood Development

This program was held in April 2021. The Chairman-Eastern Province- Preschool Education Bureau, Field officer- Preschool Education Bureau Batticaloa, MoH officer- RDHS Batticaloa, Staff AU Lanka and 32 Preschool teachers were present at the event. The meeting was conducted following all government regulations on Covid-19. The welcome address was given by Chairman- Eastern Province Preschool Education Bureau. Next the MoH gave a presentation on Covid -19 virus and Dengue prevention. AU Lanka Staff explained how we together change children's lives.

Covid 19 Hygiene Education Program



This program targeted 158 parents / caregivers who attend the ECCD centers with their children and was held in collaboration with of MoH-Vavunathivu and Preschool Education Breau-Batticaloa. The event was conducted in January, 2021 with the facilitation of the Senor public health Inspector and 03 PHI's of Vavuanthivu medical health office. This training was conducted in 08 Preschools in the region. The goal was

to improve knowledge on prevention from Covid - 19. The Field Officer from Preschool education bureau and assistant director of education also participated in this training.



Progress Review with Lead Mothers

The quarterly steering committee with government stakeholders to discuss the progress of Lead Mother program was conducted in March 2021. Senior Public Health Midwife and 9 other midwives along with 21 LMs and AU Lanka staff participated in the meeting. The Lead Mothers from each location shared and presented their progress and changes in children life. The SPMH appreciated all the lead Mothers for their valuable hard work to community, mostly with 0- 5 years children's parents. The SPMH also noted that 99% of the mothers with their children attended to monthly weight clinic. 95% of the LMs supporting to PHMs for home visits. Reduction of child protection issues in the said locations and Increased nutrition food practices among parents, to name just a few of the positive comments.



Divisional Child Development Committee Meeting



Quarterly divisional level child protection meeting held in March. Due to Covid - 19 they could not conduct the Divisional Child Development Committee (DCDC) meeting for 01 year. DS, ADS, District child right promoting officer- DCRPO, Child right promoting officer- CRPO, grama niladary officer- GNOs, Education department officials, Police, MoH staff, Village level child development committee- VCDC members and NGOs representative all participated in this meeting. Some of the points discussed were VCDCs need to be reformed in all 24 GN with the leadership of GNOs and every month GNOs need to report their progress. School level child protection committee are needed. It was positive to see 14 VCDC members attending this meeting. AU Lanka also supported by giving a transport allowance for VCDC members who have attended the meeting.

Livelihood Assistance



In collaboration with MoH Vavunathivu we have completed this activity successfully. Area PHMs visited all the malnourished children's home to identify the Causes for malnutrition. Next they provided a list of children who have malnutrition based on poverty. The MoH gave us a detailed list of 25 families who needed Livelihood support. After confirming the information with LMs it was arranged for all the beneficiaries to meet at the MoH office. Each of the 25 beneficiaries received awareness on Kadai egg's nutritional value and nutritional elements and then the 25 beneficiaries received 20 kadai chicks each and Rs1700.00 each to build a chicken coop. Since a coop costs around Rs. 5000.00 the beneficiaries agreed to contribute the balance money to purchase the cage.

Educated & Confident Children - Batticaloa

Community Cafe - This was a community awareness program that highlighted child rights and child protection, gained knowledge through participatory approach, knowledge on cascading the importance to the peer group, knowledge on abuses and protection and gained knowledge to share our view to others, this was conducted to the 100 children from Pavakodicheni School and Thandiyadi ECCD center children.



ATLAS Methodology - 1,392 students were observed in 27 selected project schools in Batticaloa West educational zone and 1,083 students are actively engaged in the main subjects such as Tamil language, Environment Related Activities Studies (ERA) and Mathematics. Over 75 % of teachers and provincial professionals utilized developed materials on child centered methodologies. The students were motivated and engaged to study and develop their inner abilities. 52% of children that can name at least 03 new changes that have occurred in Child Centered teaching methods. And the student's competency level presently is 69.04%



Learning materials for Enrolled Children - On a regular basis, we have provided grade appropriate school materials to the Grade 01 – 06 enrolled children, in total 867 children have benefited. All the study pack items were designed as per the recommendation from Primary ADE.



Smart board for E - learning - An Interactive smart board was provided to Kanchrankudah Kamatchi Vidhiyalayam through zonal education department, this board will support the teachers to practice interactive learning methods and the students will be more inclined to learn with this smart technology.



6 Child Resource Centers – 6 learning centers are supporting needy children in the targeted areas, namely, KOHA, Mount and Lift zones. Literacy and Numeracy classes are ongoing for the children who are performing poorly and they are getting extra support apart from the schools.

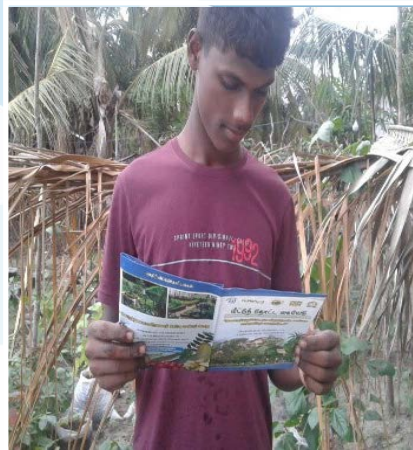
Children can easily access the relevant village level center to do their educational activities and recreation activities. Classes were conducted for these children in the respective area for Literacy and numeracy.



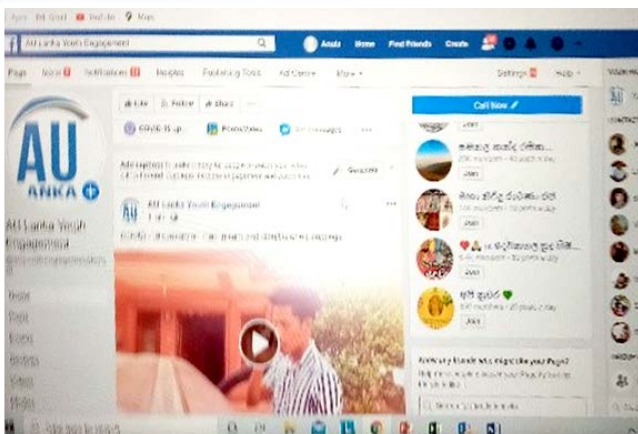
Children Day Program – 225 Children were involved in this program which was conducted at Butterfly Peace Garden, The Butterfly Peace Garden staff are well trained to entertain and build the childrens inner abilities to bring out their hidden talents. The following were delivered to the participants. Breathing Exercise, Music / Song, Story, Creative Activity – Art, Creative Activity – Handicraft, Creative Activity – Sand Work, Display of the Activity outcome.



Skilled & Involved Youths - Batticaloa



Go Green - Many of today's youth seem to be very uninterested to engage in home gardening, tree planting and other agricultural projects. AU Lanka realized that there is an immediate need to reverse this trend, especially since home gardening to be considered as one of the most needed interventions to preserve food safety and improve local economic development. AU Lanka has started Go Green interventions through youths in Vavunatheivu. The photos show that with good technical support & proper guidance youths are willing to engage in Agriculture related activities.



It is IT – The Covid pandemic has had a negative impact on nearly all field of activity, but the one sector that moved forward in, leaps and bounds during the pandemic was the Information Technology sector. IT plays a massive role in bringing information and awareness to the people in today's world, and it was an invaluable tool during lockdowns and quarantines. AUL stepped in with programs to support youths to improve their IT skills as well as to provide awareness the safe use of mass media. Some of the positive results have been public awareness on self-protection measures during the pandemic also youth engaged in creating posters, videos and short films which were shared on the mass media platform.



Children are Not Slaves - Another focal point of the Life Stage 3 emergency response is Creating Non-Exploitative jobs. Whatever their situation, children and youth are not slaves. Youths who have dropped out of school or who did not pursue any higher education and are from low income families were selected for this livelihood assistance program. The program was implemented by AU Lanka in partnership with ChildFund. Because of this intervention, many youth received training & initial assistance to start dairy and poultry farming.



She was started earning her home, this was very success full evident of process of career guidance, proper guidance will make real change on career on youths.

Healthy & Secured Infants - Puthukkudiyiruppu

"E" Based Nutrition Messages

Due to the Covid-19 situation, nutrition awareness activities were conducted through 'e' platforms in the community. Five 'e' based nutrition messages were developed with the coordination and support of ChildFund. These "e" based nutrition messages were shared with 7 Lead Mother Leaders in 7 GN Divisions. They have shared the same with other Lead Mothers and it was discussed in their parent's discussion groups. Within 4 quarters 10 messages were shared. Nearly 345 parents out of 619 parents received these messages from lead mothers. As per the result of Pre and Post- test, parents / caregivers aware on the knowledge of nutrition.



Provision of Safety Gear

As per the government instruction, service providers and school staff must wear mask and wash their hands before and after using equipment and while providing services to the people. Masks and hand wash have been distributed to 200 preschool teachers, lead mothers, government officials and parents who work with us for the community.

56 Preschool teachers, 60 Lead mothers , 15 MoH officials, 01 Assistant Director- Preschool, 01 Preschool Coordinator and 66 Mothers / caregivers benefited by this support.



Refresher Training

This virtual refresher training for master trainers (lead mothers, preschool teachers, PHMs) on new Lead Mothers' curriculum was conducted at Action Unity Lanka Office in PTK in August. There were 11 participants. In addition to the main resource person, the Nutrition Specialist from ChildFund also provided technical inputs in the training. All the partners of ChildFund Sri Lanka were represented, contributed and provided their inputs in the training.

AU Lanka PTK presented Chapter 12- Children's language, Chapter 13 – How mothers can help to the children for improving their skills? And Chapter 14 – Good healthy habits for women.

All these sessions were evaluated, and the feedback was given to the presenters for further improvement. It was requested to follow the delivery guidelines when doing the activities in the field. It was also advised, if anyone needs more details on the subject matter - they can use new lead mother curriculum manual. It was advised to prepare the training materials by the partner organizations and master trainers based on the delivery guidelines.



Training of Lead Mothers by Master Trainers

This training twice for lead mothers by master trainers on new capacity building curriculum and monitoring tools. In this Covid-19 pandemic situation, government did not allow large gatherings, so the participants were divided in to small groups with less than 25 participants for each training session.

14 chapters of curriculum were completed by master trainers. Participants clearly answered the post test. It is the indicator of participants understood the chapters as explained by the master trainers.



Cascade Training of New Capacity Building Curriculum

We conducted a cascade training on new lead mother capacity building curriculum for the parents / caregivers of the parents' discussion groups in 7 GN divisions. Each session was conducted by the respective lead mother of that parent's discussion group and one of other lead mother supported as co-facilitator.

A noteworthy point is that during the lockdown there were a lot of child abuse case reported from other locations but only on case reported from our target area.



Re-formation of Lead Mother Group

Re-formed Lead Mother groups and Parent's Discussion Groups at AU Lanka area office in PTK. We are working with 735 parents of 0-5 years old children in Puthukkudiyiruppu. We reduced the number of Volunteer Lead Mothers from 90 to 60. Accordingly we made arrangements to conduct new curriculum trainings and other awareness activities in the field. The groups were re-formed to cover 632 parents of enrolled children and 103 parents of none-enrolled children in the parents' discussion group.

53 Lead Mothers attended in this activity from our 7 selected GN Divisions. The Lead Mothers have selected 7 to 15 members for their parents' discussion group and formed 60 parent's discussion groups in 7 GN Divisions to cover all the potential families who have children aged 0-5 from the target areas.



Hand Washing Station for ECD Centers

We provided complete sets of hand washing units for 19 preschools. 6 Other preschools received hand washing units from World Bank and AU Lanka supported them to complete plumbing work. All the work was completed on time to start the schools.

The Zonal Director of Education requested for additional support for 3 preschools to improve hand wash facilities. Even with our limited budget, we were able to support 2 schools for their emergency needs in the Covid 19 situation.

Vassekaran has a Well, water motor, water tank, and hand wash facilities but the community is unable to access a regular water supply when the well level is low. AU Lanka supported to them to get the electricity for using water motor for their daily use. The Vivekanantha preschool also has a well and other all facilities. But the water level goes very low in the dry season, and the children have difficulties getting water for hand washing and other purpose. AU Lanka supported to deepen their well to increase the water level.



Develop “E” Based Child Protection Messages

Due to this Covid-19 situation in Sri Lanka, community activities are limited, so changes had to be made in the method of program implementation in the community. Strict health and safety measures had to be followed. Social distance, masks, handwashing and group number limits were compulsory.

In order to create awareness among the parents / caregivers we developed 5 Child Protection messages with the support of Child Protection Technical Specialist and Nutrition Technical Specialist from ChildFund as well as District NCPA. We shared the approved materials to the parents in the parent's discussion group. 5 most vulnerable children among 9 children who received this support in October in our project area. These 5 children visited out-district hospitals and got the treatment.

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Support for Mal-Nourished Children

Area PHMs provided list of Identified malnourished children who need support to go to the clinic in out-district for additional treatment. We visited their homes and collected the details. With the approval of ChildFund, 9 children were supported to receive government service on time. Each child received 2500.00 to cover transport and meal expenditures.



Action Unity Lanka

Provincial Level Discussion on ECD

It was planned to discuss with ECD authorities to introduce knowledge and skills development training for ECD teachers through already established e platforms. Could not conduct this discussion as planned due to the health situation of Puthukkudiyiruppu, but we had a discussion with the Director of ECD Unit, Ministry of Education Northern Province.

Some of the points discussed were:

1. Skill development programs on age appropriate development for preschool teachers. ECCD bureau, Batticaloa developed "E" learning videos to improve the knowledge of the teachers. Decided to use the same video.
2. Support English and IT training for preschool teachers.
3. Ministry of Education has developed home based education book. Plan to train all preschool teachers on that book. Director already requested to UNICEF to conduct one day training on this book for teachers.
4. Teachers should be aware on Covid-19 related guidelines in the preschool.
5. Re printed skill development record of the child. When the child enters the primary school, parents should submit this record book to the principal of primary school.

Project Orientation for Stakeholders

This activity originally planned for August. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic situation we unable to conduct to December. HOM, PHMs, PHI, CRPO, ECDO, Counsellor, WDO, AD-Preschool, Preschool Coordinators and Senior preschool teachers participated in this meeting.

Program Director explained about Action Unity Lanka and the purpose of this meeting. We explained about Objective of the project, its location, target group, activities (completed and planned). In the open discussion with MoH, AD and other participants we discussed the following topics.

1. Encourage the parents to involve in home garden and Poultry farming to have nutritional food practice.
2. Create awareness on natural agriculture to have safety and nutritional local food for children.
3. Renovation and improve the facilities in Thevipuram PHM's clinic center.
4. All the Wells must be closed for having safety drinking water.
5. Increase early marriage in Puthukkudiyiruppu area. All the relevant staff must involve preventing early marriage through creating awareness.
6. Increase divorce and domestic violent during this situation. They need some psychosocial support.
7. Due to the closure of schools, numbers of children are very less concentration in literacy and numeracy.
8. Northern Province ECD Unit introducing home based education system for preschool children.
9. There are 6 grinding machines are available in 6 PHM's clinic centers, but no funding to operate these machines. These machines were provided for the free service for the mothers who have less than 5 years old children to prepare nutritional food.

AU Lanka will consider these discussed points and some of them will be included in our future plan and the new projects.



Survey - The Impact of Unprotected Wells

Assessment completed during the 4th quarter by the consultant in 7 GN divisions. 137 homes with unprotected wells were identified. Questionnaire, Focus Group Discussion and Key Informant Interviews are the methods are used to complete this assessment in the field.

Data from all 07 GN divisions were collected from GS offices. Also collected data from Farmer organization, rural development societies, Women rural development societies, fisheries cooperative societies etc. The main findings were: Out of 137 sample unprotected wells, we identified 80 % (109) are a danger for the children as well as adults at home. According to our findings, many of these wells are situated very close to the house.

15 % (20) of the wells are treated as danger wells. Children and members of the household walk very close to those open huge wells on daily basis.

5% (8) of the wells are categorized as less danger wells as those are covered with tin sheets or fenced to cover 75%, but wells are too deep, eg 40' or 50'.

08 Wells are identified as less danger. Those wells are 50m or so from house. Some wells are highly guarded by a fence and it's very difficult to penetrate by kids.



Livelihood Assistance

Distributed 288 chicks to 25 malnourished children and their families. We selected 25 families who have malnourished children for this assistance from 7 GN divisions. Developed set of selection criteria to select the most suitable families for this assistance. The first selection was done by PHMs among the identified malnourished in the mapping exercise. After this, the Lead Mothers and AU Lanka staff have visited their homes and finalized the selection.

Selection Criteria.

- Child must be in our project area.
- Child must be identified as malnourish in the mapping.
- Root cause of malnourishment must be linked to poverty.
- Parents/caregivers should have experience or potential knowledge in poultry farming.
- Parents/caregivers should be able to contribute for cage and food for chicks.

Monitoring

- AU Lanka staff will keep monitoring the progress.
- PHMs will monitor their children's weight and improvement.
- Lead Mothers also monitor them during their home visits.
- Documentation and photos will be kept as evidence. Activity completion report will be filed.



Annual Program Reflection

Annual RPP program reflection meeting conducted in April, 2021. LMs, Mother Groups Members, Staff from MoH, Staff from DS Office, Staff from Zonal Educational Office, Preschool coordinator and senior teachers participated in this meeting. 23 participants participated in this meeting including 6 government staff and 7 VLMs from 7 GN divisions, 7 parents from parents' discussion groups and 3 master trainers (preschool teachers).



Conduct Community Based Child Protection Mapping Exercise

As per the discussion with CRPO and NCPA, Thimpili village was selected to conduct CBCPM exercise in Puthukkudiyiruppu DS division. This activity aims to identify the gaps, challenges, resources and the available services to protect the children in the project areas. Project staff and technical persons will be conducting this mapping exercise. Children, parents/ caregivers and other stakeholders from 1 GN divisions will be invited to this mapping exercise. The result of the mapping will help us to find the solutions and ideas to strengthening child protection working groups and to prepare action plan in next month.

Participants are limited from 10 – 20 in each groups to conduct the exercise. Facilitator, Note taker and observer conducted this exercise with each group in different time. Every groups list out 12 to 15 harms for children in each groups. Most of the harms are same, but based on the age and sex, there are some different issues was list out by the participants.

We ranking those harms from 1-10 based on their voting. And then we select 5 most impotent issues to solve the problem immediately in each group. Among that selected harms we did the pair wise ranking and put the rank based on this result for 5 most important harms. After this ranking we have presented to the government stakeholders for their inputs then finalized the harms.



Hygiene Education Program for Parents

Conducted 3 awareness programs about hygiene education for parents / caregivers of pre-schoolers during this quarter. The purpose of this hygiene education program was to educate the parent of the children who comes to the pre-School about the Covid-19 pandemic and also personal protection measures to protect themselves and others from Covid-19 and other illness. This awareness programs were hosted at Thalir preschool (1st Covid -19 positive case was identified in this area), Ramesh Preschool, Vallipunam and Senthamil Preschool, Thevipuram (Most risk area).

Feedback of participants:- The result of Pre & Post-test parents already have fair knowledge on Covid-19 but after this training they clearly answer to the post test about Covid-19. 85 parents participated in these trainings.



Child Safety Program

We organized a child safety, security and protection awareness program for parents/caregivers who attend to ECCD centres with their children. The Increase of child protection issues in Mullaitivu district is raise the concerns of all CP Actors. This is due to the lack of awareness on protection of children and de-functions of village level child protection mechanism. As the initial activity, child protection awareness for the parents of preschool children was conducted at Kalaimakal Preschool, Udaiyarkaddu North and Rajh Preschool, Kaiveli.

NCPA and ECDO of Puthukkudiyiruppu DS office are conducted this training. Participants shared some child protection issues in their areas to discuss in the training to get some idea to reduce or take action again the abuses. According to the pre and post-test, they aware on important of child protection and referral systems. Parents shared some challenges and weakness of the systems to protect the child in the community.

Through this awareness, parents/caregivers make effort to ensure child protection measures are applied in their homes and communities with advance knowledge on child protection, safety and security.



Child Protection Structures

There are VCDCs in all the villages but in the most of the villages do not have a CP structure to advocate CP issues in Puthukkudiyiruppu. Based on the issue maximum two (02) Child Protection structures (01 newly formed and 01 reformed). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation most of the structures destroyed and under the dysfunctional condition. We will make sure the structure is getting strengthened and capacitated to advocate on CP issues in future.



Support for Clinic Centers



Under this project locations there are 07 PHM clinic centers cover children from 07GNs. Due to some lack of medical equipment to do their service properly. But they are having monthly weight and height measuring clinic for children and pregnant mothers' clinic in the same locations. AU Lanka had discussion with MOH, SPHM and area PHMs and identified lacking equipment to conduct clinics regularly. Based on that discussion we provided following necessary equipment: Thermometer, Pressure box, Tables, Dustbin, Forceps and required stationeries to keep weight records.

Steering Committee Meeting

Conducted quarterly steering committee meeting with PHMs, AD Primary, NCPA, ECDO, ECCD coordinator, Master trainers, VCDC member and LMs to discuss about progress of RPP program implementation through lead mother program approach. 20 members participated in the meeting. In this quarterly steering committee meeting.

The following matters were discussed

- Progress of RPP program in the field.
- Feedback about RPP program was presented by master trainers who involve in monitoring
- Observations of PHMs on improvement among the parents in the community.
- Outcome level monitoring of our programs.
- Suggestions and comments were shared by PHMs, VLMs and Master trainers.
- Child Protection issues in our project area were discussed. Sexual abuses, neglected by parents, alcoholism, teenage pregnancies also high. AU Lanka will do CBCPM in Thimpili and other location will select later. NCPA suggested Iruddumadu, Kuravil or Thevipuram B.
- PHMs will monitor the cascade training during the nutrition and adolescent health related sessions.

Improved in following measures

- Nearly 70-76 percentage of the parents improved their inside of the home environment as suitable place for children.
- Most of the parents breast feed their children for 6 months.
- Parents started to provide nutritional food for their children.
- Created awareness on important of vaccinating on time. 90% of the parents vaccinate their children.

Areas to be improved

- Not enough green leafy vegetables provided to their children. More green leafy vegetables must be included in their food.
- Encourage the children to use toilet.
- Only 40-50 percentages of the parents improved their Outside of the home environment as suitable place for children.



Educated & Confident Children - Puthukkudiyiruppu

Refresher Training for Child Resource Centre Facilitators



Two days' refresher practical workshop was organized by AU Lanka for our Child Resource Facilitators on literacy and numeracy teaching methods. The reasons for organizing such a workshop is, the community-based literacy and numeracy teaching sessions were suspended for nearly five months due to the restriction enforced by the SL Govt. due to Covid -19 outbreak in the country. Hence AU Lanka has decided to conduct two days' workshop to support the children who have poor knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy. The workshop was

conducted in September. The sessions were conducted by AD Primary. The modules, other materials and presentation were developed by the resource person. In total, 13 out of 14 CRC Facilitators attended in the workshop.

Distribution of Hand Washing Stations



As the Covid-19 pandemic spreads across the globe, a simple tool to promote public health is hand washing. It is one of the most effective ways to prevent transmission not just the coronavirus but also diarrhea, cholera, and typhoid.

As part of the program being implemented by AU Lanka in Puthukkudiyiruppu, we provided hand washing stations to all the project schools so that the children could protect themselves from Covid-19. The decision was made after studying the ratio between the number of students and the availability of Hand

Washing Station. Based on the process, AU Lanka developed 12 Hand Washing Stations and distributed within the week for the use of the Students. Nearly 2500 students are going to benefit from this.

Child Friendly Physical Learning Environment

The school is a significant social environment in the lives of its students. A child friendly school ensures every child enjoys an environment that is physically safe, emotionally secure, and psychologically enabling. Teachers are the single most important factor in creating an effective and inclusive classroom. Therefore to support the school authorities to create active and attractive teaching and learning environment at the primary section at all the project schools in the project area, it was decided to provide learning materials to create child friendly learning environment and to support to practice teaching on ATLAS strategies in the targeted schools. With the consent of AD Primary from Zonal Department of Education – Mullaitivu, we purchased some teaching supportive materials, those are as follows; Different type of shapes, Puzzles, Counting frame, Geometrical tools, Clocks, Bar magnets, "U" magnets, Kitchen scales, Compasses, Globes, Thunder wheel, Meter scales, Colour papers, Bristol boards, and Storing containers.

ATLAS as a Teaching Delivery Method



The Active Teaching & Learning Approaches in Schools (ATLAS) is one of the successful projects implemented by ChildFund Sri Lanka in collaboration with Local Partners. ATLAS was introduced to Puthukkudiyiruppu education division targeting primary teaches in 12 project schools and a series of workshops were conducted for primary teachers. AU Lanka initiated the meeting to discuss this and briefed the objective of the discussion to make the participants to understand the purpose of the discussion.

It was a good initiative since AU Lanka was still quite new to Puthukkudiyiruppu and the government and non-government bodies in Puthukkudiyiruppu.

Upgrading the Child Resource Center (CRC)



There are two CRCs that were implemented by ChildFund Sri Lanka. Once the subsidy funded programs were taken over by AU Lanka, there was a request to upgrade one of the CRCs.

Vernavil is one of our programs Village where around 150 children are enrolled with our life stage program since 2016. The AU Lanka team visited the CRC and assessed the needs mentioned in the request letter and based on the assessment decided to support RDS, Vernavil to upgrade the CRC. The CRC

was upgraded with basic facilities to make it child friendly and safe location. This Centre was provided with electricity, Water supply, renovated toilets, new floor and new paint. The Vernavil RDS undertake the upgrading task under the observation of Technical Officer.

Previously the CRC had less than minimum facilities but now it has all the needed facilities and looks good too. We are sure it will benefit many in the community.

Workshop for CRC Volunteers on SEL & SP



Social and emotional learning (SEL) is an integral part of education and human development. SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

The training that was conducted aims to refresh and provide basic knowledge about SEL and to prepare the participants for next level of the SEL & SP. The target audience was the Community Volunteers and the CRC Facilitators. There were 14 Participants at the session.

Follow up Training on ATLAS Monitoring

One-day follow-up training was organized to provide comprehensive practical knowledge about ATLAS classroom monitoring to strengthen the monitoring team to execute the classroom monitoring.

The target audiences of the training were the administrative level officials from primary education unit in the zonal education office, Mullaitivu. AD, Three ISAs and a Senior Teacher attended the training.



The training was conducted by ATLAS Master Trainer and Expert in ATLAS classroom monitoring and commenced virtually. contents in the ATLAS classroom monitoring tool for better understating, awareness about identification of pre arrangement of session and preparation were some of the main points highlighted.

Literacy and Numeracy Sessions for Poor Performers



Literacy and numeracy help children gain the fundamental skills necessary to achieve success in life. AU Lanka conducted after school Child Resource Center (CRC) based activities in the project area to support children who have poor knowledge in literacy and numeracy skill. The CRC activities are normally done daily from from 3 to 5 pm but due to Covid pandemic this activity was held for some time. However alternative steps were taken to assist most vulnerable children to encourage them to continue learning literacy and numeracy.

Sports and Recreational Events with SEL & SP Activities



We were able to conduct 3 events with the participation of 156 children in the month of April. Since most of the participants were children, we strictly adhered to Covid-19 safety measures to protect ourselves and the participants from the virus.

The purpose of this activity was to create an opportunity for the children in the program area to learn and experience the SEL & SP.

These sessions were facilitated by an external resource personal and two staff from AU

Lanka. So that children have improved knowledge and skills to protect themselves and others, reduce aggressive behaviour and respond to violence.

We Bring Benefits to All

Age 0 - 5



1252

Age 6 -14



2945

Age 15 - 25



675

Enrolled Children updates - 2021

BATTICALOA

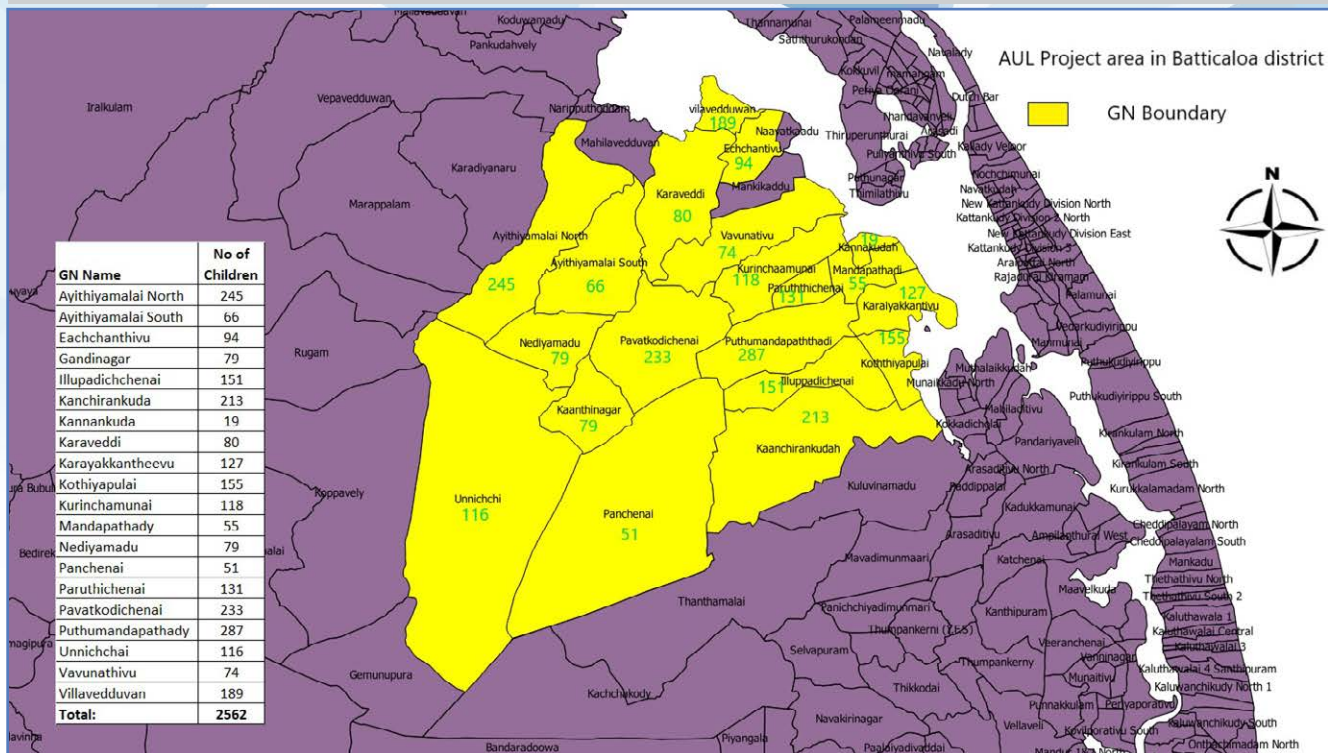
	Female	Male	Total
Enrolled	1236	1246	2481
0 - 5	242	234	476
6 - 14	675	712	1387
15 - 24	319	299	618

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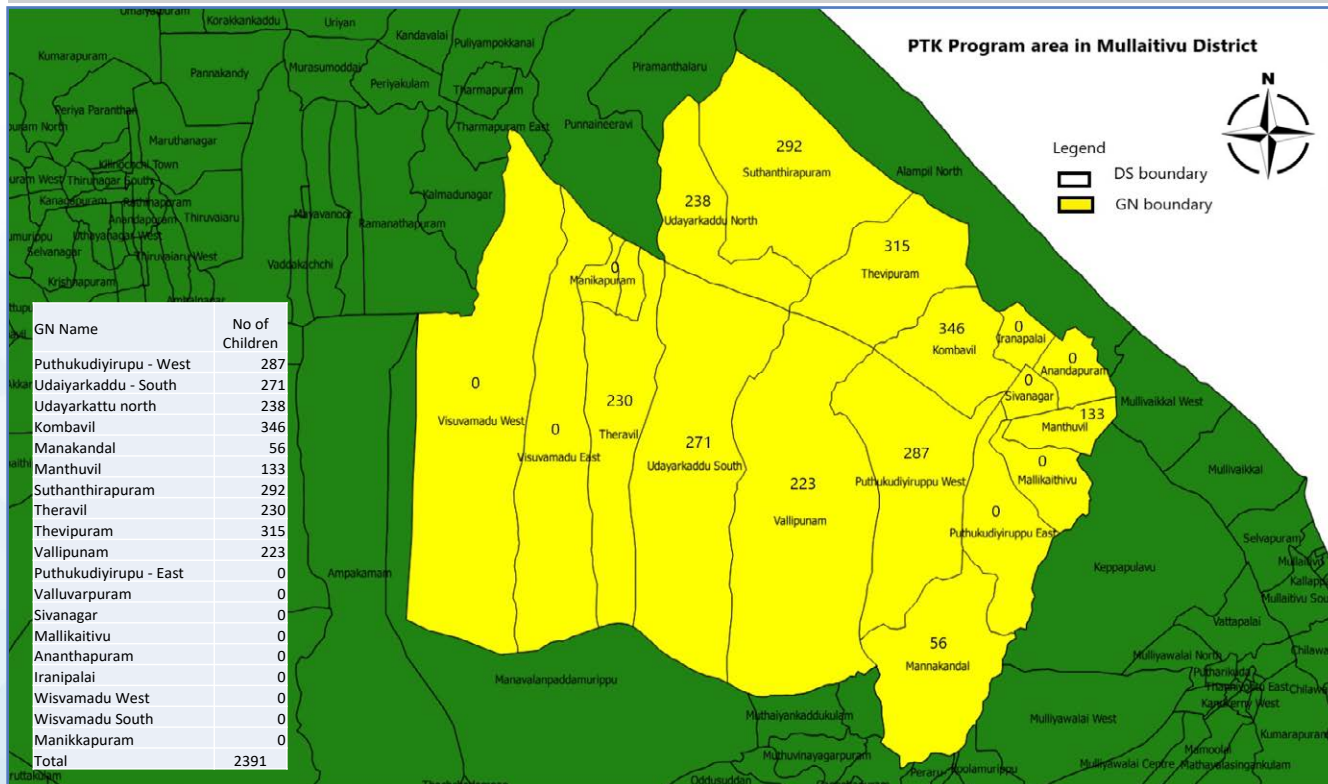
	Female	Male	Total
Enrolled	1198	1193	2391
0 - 5	400	376	776
6 -14	770	788	1558
15 - 24	28	29	57

Geographic Information System Mapping

Enrolled Children in Batticaloa



Enrolled Children in Puthukkudiyiruppu



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2021

ASSETS		2021	2020
		Rs.	Rs.
Non Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment		6,763,778	5,549,349
Investment		4,856,970	1,686,539
		11,620,748	7,235,888
Current Assets			
Receivables		2,731,403	641,097
Cash and Cash equivalents		9,313,770	8,745,602
		12,045,173	9,386,699
Total Assets		23,665,921	16,622,587
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Accumulated Reserves			
Unrestricted Funds		(767,631)	(2,021,662)
Restricted Funds		4,941,348	2,781,595
Fixed Asset Grant Fund		4,019,100	3,890,800
		8,192,817	4,650,732
Non Current Liabilities			
Retirement Benefit Obligation		13,875,000	10,731,598
		13,875,000	10,731,598
Current Liabilities			
Payables		1,434,898	1,120,881
Income Tax Payable		163,206	119,375
		1,598,104	1,240,256
Total Reserves and Liabilities		23,665,921	16,622,587

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