



ANNUAL REPORT 2019/2020

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VISION

A strong civil society that safeguards the desire and well-being of people

மக்களின் விருப்பங்களையும் நல்வாழ்வையும் பாதுகாக்கும்
வலுவான சிவில் சமூகம்

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

தனி நபர்கள், குடும்பங்கள் மற்றும் சமூகங்களை உள்வாங்கி பொருளாதார மற்றும் சுற்றுச் சூழலின் உரிமைக்காக குரல் கொடுக்கச் செய்து பங்கேற்புடனான அபிவிருத்தி அணுகுமுறை, பன்முகத்தன்மை ஊக்குவிப்பு மற்றும் ஒத்திசைவான பங்காளர்களோடு வலைப்பின்னலை ஏற்படுத்தி தீர்மானமெடுத்தல் செயன்முறையில் திறம்பட பங்குபற்றச் செய்வதனூடாக மக்களின் விருப்பங்களையும் நல்வாழ்வையும் பாதுகாத்தல்.



Comments from Chairman of the Board

As another year passes, we have gained much, given much and learned much. Whatever language we speak, a new word came into our vocabulary. COVID, and this word changed everything. From the way we conduct our programs to the way we live our lives. While this situation has had a negative impact on many, AU Lanka has used the situation in a positive way and as a result we have seen both success and growth.



In line with our vision 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, this was no easy task considering the pandemic situation, 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.

Among the milestones reached this year were the opening of a new office in the Mullaitivu District. We were able to establish a good foundation there and as a result many children and communities have started to benefit from AU Lanka. Another office was opened in the Trincomalee District. This office is operating through our external funding process. We are working hard to ensure the sustainability of our organization and so a lot of effort is going into raising external funding. The staff are giving good support for this and we invite any who wish to provide funding to do so for the benefit of the vulnerable children and communities.

While our Stakeholders have been the backbone of our success so far, and 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 team of staff members of AU Lanka for their tireless services. No message would be complete without a big thank you to ChildFund for being the heart and soul of AU Lanka.

Finally my invitation to all is 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

Message from the CEO



Action Unity Lanka or AU Lanka as we are better known has had a hard year due to the pandemic situation that affected the entire world this year, but it is with much pride that I say AU Lanka not only ploughed through the difficult times, we have emerged with our flag flying high.

While the pandemic situation affected the lives of many people in the areas we work in, AU Lanka was able to step in by giving needed assistance and support to the communities. We also spearheaded a successful campaign to inform the public about safety measures and to promote E Learning for students.

We have been able to expand our activities in a large way during the past year. The organization now has an established office in the Mullaithivu District in the North working with both the sponsorship and grant projects, as well as a small office in the Trincomalee District working on a grant project via external funding. 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 strong, confident children who will actively participate in their communities to make wise decisions.

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

J.B Piragash

CEO

Observation of the Program Director

As the saying goes, I am the new kid on the block. I joined the organization in the first quarter of 2020. At that time there was a lot going on due to the pandemic situation and it proved to be a good learning curve for all of us.



Later in the year my base was moved to the new office in the Mullaithivu district and much work was done to create a solid foundation for AU Lanka in this new working area. It is with pride that we can say that we have established a good foothold in a short period of time, and are getting the fullest support from our stakeholders in Mullaithivu.

Another aspect that got priority here was external funding. We are working hard to ensure the sustainability of the organization, and a lot of effort is going into securing external funding so that the organization can expand to cover more areas geographically. We have had a measure of success so far and as the situation slowly improves we look forward to AU Lanka being able to move forward in leaps and bounds.

It is a pleasure to work with a dedicated team here at AU Lanka and we have much to hope for the future

Salutation from a Long Time Employee

It is a great privilege for me to say a few words in this instance. I joined CCF in 2006 and later when the local partner was formed I moved to support VDO as it was then known. It has been both a pride and pleasure to be with the organization since its inception in 2011.



I have had the chance to see it grow into AU Lanka. I sometimes feel like a father watching over a child with love and fondness. AU Lanka means so much to me and I wish it every success as it keeps growing

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Batticaloa Staffs - Action Unity Lanka



Mullativu Staffs - Action Unity Lanka





Quarterly steering committee meetings are conducted with PHMs, AD Primary, NCPA, ECDO, ECCD coordinator, Master trainers, VCDC members and LMs to plan and discuss the progress of RPP program implementation through Lead Mother program approach. There are 20 members participated in this meeting.

Poverty is one of the main reasons for malnourishment. Action Unity Lanka provided livelihood support for 25 selected families with malnourished children from 7 Grama Niladari divisions. Each family received a dozen 3 month old chickens. PHMs explained to the negative impact of being a malnourished child and purpose of providing chicks. These families are selected through a selection criteria decided by Lead Mothers, PHM and AU Lanka Staff. The beneficiaries were recommended and approved by the DS Office staff.





Conducted awareness programs about hygiene education for parents / caregivers of preschoolers. The purpose of this program was to educate the parent of the children who comes to the Pre-School on the COVID-19 pandemic and also personal hygiene and protection measures to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 and other illness. This awareness program was hosted at the pre-school where the 1st COVID-19 positive case was identified. Other programs were conducted in two other areas that were identified as high risk areas by the MoH. The programs were implemented by AU Lanka, the MoH and an area PHI were invited to conduct these programs.



It is our responsibility to support and protect the front line Officers who serve the community during COVID 19 pandemic. Under the ongoing life stage program, Action Unity Lanka thought about this front line health officials and had discussion with MOH and SPHM and identified shortage of equipment to conduct the clinics regularly. As per the request, action Unity Lanka provided necessary tools and materials to continue their service to the pregnant mothers, mothers and children below 5 years in their service location. Hence 07 PHM clinic following necessary equipment which are Thermometer, Presser box, Tables, Dustbin, Forceps and Stationeries to keep weight records.



Personal hygiene is one of the prevention mechanisms to get protected from corona virus. Hence based on the request made by Zonal Director of Education, Action Unity Lanka took this initiative and provided hand washing unit to preschools in project locations. 19 Preschools got fixed modified complete set of hand washing unit at their preschool. This activity was implemented through the preschool management committees under the supervision of AU Lanka and AD -Preschool. Around 560 kids are benefiting from this activity.

Life Stage 2 targets children from ages 6 to 14, and all attention is on education and education facilities



“Letters and numbers are like the eyes of a human”. Just like it is near impossible to move around without good eyesight, it is also difficult to lay the foundation to gain fundamental skills and success in life without knowledge of letters and numbers. Many childrens “Right to Education” is un fulfilled and they suffer due to the resulting poor literacy and numeracy skills. AU Lanka is trying to give the children of Puthukkudiyiruppu of the Mullaitivu district in Sri Lanka a chance to improve in their literacy and numeracy skill. Around 180 children attending such literacy and numeracy classes set up in 9 locations with the support of trained Community Volunteers.

“Practice makes perfect”. Regular exercise of an activity or skill is the way to become proficient in it. Our community volunteers constantly attend workshops, seminars and training sessions in order to develop their skills so as to be knowledgeable, confident and up to date when they deliver their services to the communities. AU Lanka presently has 14 community volunteers who receive regular training by professionals in areas like sponsor relation activities, mobilization and literacy & numeracy teaching.





“A New Door Opens” Opportunities need to be accessible in order to be successful. An example of this was when AU Lanka stepped forward to fulfill the request of the community of Vernavil. At a cost of over SLR. 450,000.00 AU Lanka was able to renovate and upgrade an existing building to function as a “Child Resource Center” The centre was provided with electricity, new furniture and a bright welcoming child friendly look. Community members gave their fullest support to this project Rural Development Society of Vernavil. This renovated building was officially declared open by CEO & PD of AU Lanka and handed over to the children of Vernavil on 29th April, 2021. Around 90 enrolled children along with their playmates now have a safe, child friendly space where they can spend their leisure time productively.

**Life stage 3 or LS 3 has as its main focus youth from ages 16 to 24.
Life skills and forms of sustainable vocational training are its main programs.
These programs are implemented in Batticaloa.**



The Water and Sanitation project, also called WATSAN for short was given 30 schools and communities who needed clean water and sanitation facilities. Priority was given to the schools and water spots for handwashing was provided. Some schools also received renovated toilet facilities



A dilapidated urinal unit at the school in Echanthivu was earmarked for full renovation. The building was renovated to house closed toilet units



Pipes were laid in Kothiyapula in order to supply clean water to the school in the area. The water pressure was also checked to ensure a stable supply of water



New water spot constructed at Navalkadu school



As a result of this work the students of the Govt school in Kothiyapulai are now able to get clean and uninterrupted water from the newly constructed water spot



Pupils of the Nellikadu GTMS received study packs from a donor. In addition they also received a new water spot with taps and clean water

The project is carried out as an Eco based youth led Disaster Risk Reduction project or Eco DRR for short



The pond which was Renovated by the youth led DRR team was handed over to the local farm organization. Renovation was funded by AU Lanka and the ceremony was held under the auspices of the Government Agent and AU Lanka



sustainable eco friendly livelihood materials in the form of fishing canoes were distributed to 8 selected fisher families

A youth led DRR team from Manmunai West were given special training in providing child protection in emergency situations. The CIPE team passed the training successfully





One integral part of Eco based projects is gardening. Gardening implements and material for manufacturing compost was distributed to seven selected beneficiaries of the area.



Youth of the area educated on DRR procedures. One such training was emergency preparedness and response. Simulation techniques were used to help the youths to respond appropriately

GOLAH

This is an annual specific gift project which is funded by the donors. The Gift Of Love And Hope project is done in both Batticaloa and Puthukudiruppu. This year Hand Washing stations were given to 31 centres in Batticaloa and 30 Puthukudiyiruppu



Puthukudiyiruppu



Batticaloa

Action Unity Lanka (Guarantee) Limited
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 30 June 2020

ASSETS

2020

Rs.

Non Current Assets

Plant and Equipment

5,549,349

Investment

1,686,539

7,235,888

Current Assets

Receivables

641,097

Cash in Hand and at Bank

8,745,602

9,386,699

Total Assets

16,622,587

RESERVES AND LIABILITIES

Accumulated Reserves

Unrestricted Funds

(2,021,662)

Restricted Funds

2,781,595

759,933

Non Current Liabilities

Retirement Benefit Liability

10,731,598

Diferred Income

3,890,800

14,622,398

Current Liabilities

Payables

1,120,881

Tax payable

119,375

1,240,256

Total Reserves and Liabilities

16,622,587

These Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements the of
 Companies Act No.7 of 2007.



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