

child aid lanka

build their future



**Annual Report
2016 – 2017**

About Child Aid Lanka

Child Aid Lanka is a UK-based unincorporated voluntary association and a registered charity, charity number 1115204. Child Aid Lanka was established in 1998 as an independent, apolitical, multi-ethnic association; to raise funds for the under-privileged children of Sri Lanka and became a registered charity in May 2006.

The Charity's objectives are:

to relieve financial hardship, sickness and poor health, and advance the education of underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

The charity is governed by a board of Trustees, elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting, or appointed by the Trustees. All Trustees hold office until the end of the AGM following election / appointment.

Trustees

Elected at the AGM, 23rd April 2016:

- Naomi Aruliah, President
- Sean McQuaid, Treasurer
- Lakshman Somanathan, Secretary
- Tom Drake MBE
- Philip Robinson
- Sugi Somanathan
- Hong Yan Robinson

In addition to the commitment of its Trustees, Child Aid Lanka relies upon the efforts volunteer supporters – Child Aid Lanka's members, a wider network of friends and supporters and a small team of voluntary advisors.

The charity also benefits from the support of a range of corporate donors, the Sri Lankan

society of Imperial College London and increasingly from organizations such as The Rotary club.

All of our members, friends and partner organizations are regularly updated on our work.

Child Aid Lanka's partners in Sri Lanka

Kaveri Kala manram (KKm)

Paralai Road, Chulipuram, Jaffna

www.thevanni.com

Director: The Revd Dr T.S. Joshua

UK Representative: Dr Preman Jeyaratnam

The Rotary Club of Colombo

22 Macleod Road, Bambalapitiya, Colombo 04

www.rotarycolombo.org

President: Mr Thirunavukarasu Someswaran

Lanka Rain Water Harvesting Forum

41/12 New Parliament Road, Pelawatta,

Western Province

www.lankarainwater.org

Director: Dr Tanuja Ariyananda

Activities

Child Aid Lanka organises fund raising activities in the UK and seeks donations from individuals and organisations both within the UK and internationally, to raise funds which are invested in projects to help underprivileged children in Sri Lanka.

During its history, the charity has supported a wide range of projects, which have benefited a great many children in Sri Lanka. These have included:

- Provision of child care centers
- A trust for the Prevention of Child Abuse

- Medical facilities
- Vocational training schemes
- Tsunami relief work
- Solar panels to an orphanage in Thirukkivil, South-Eastern Sri Lanka
- Financial support
- Sewing machines to vulnerable women in Hambantota
- Books
- Computer equipment
- Medical supplies

Our projects are implemented via carefully selected partners and community-based charitable organisations in Sri Lanka. Using personal contacts and working with organisations that understand local conditions, Child Aid Lanka ensures that all money donated and all effort is totally directed to those in need.

Child Aid Lanka's priority projects during 2016-2017 were providing clean water (through construction of wells).

Providing clean water

This project, now in its seventh year, has proved hugely successful. It started as a program where the charity, working with local community organisations in Sri Lanka, constructed wells to give communities a secure supply of clean water.

Child Aid Lanka, provided funding for the construction of water wells around the village of Malayalapuram, set in the Killinochchi district of the Vanni, an arid region about 70km south east of Jaffna. This area is home to large numbers of war displaced families, often headed by widows.

Well construction is overseen by our locally-based partner Kaveri Kala Manram, a

community development organisation, which employs and trains local villagers in the requisite artisanal skills. The end result is a secure supply of clean water for drinking, sanitation and irrigation as well as communities trained with skills which aid in securing employment.

Summary of Activity in 2016 - 2017

Project "Well Done"

This year has been a year of developing strong relationships with the Rotary movement.

By attending Rotary Internal conferences and presenting at local Rotary clubs around London we were able to establish a strong link with the Whitburn Rotary club of East Scotland who also have an affinity to help the under-privileged in Sri Lanka.

As I write, there is a large co-funded grant application in progress that will raise enough money to construct approximately another 35 wells! This will bring clean water to nearly a thousand children.



Bournemouth Rotary International Conference 2016

As you can imagine, Rotary have the strictest of requirements and it has been a worthy exercise

to raise our standards to the same level and this is all part of developing into a mature charity which is about to embark on its 20th year in operation.

Wells Dug This Year

Although most of our financial resources have been kept back for project “Well Done” we have managed to complete one dug well this year and we have just commissioned another four wells. There are:

Completed

1. Mrs xxxx -living with four children, her husband disappeared during the war. She is working as a labourer in the paddy fields for her livelihood. She plans to create a coconut plantation & start vegetable cultivation for a sustainable livelihood.

Commissioned

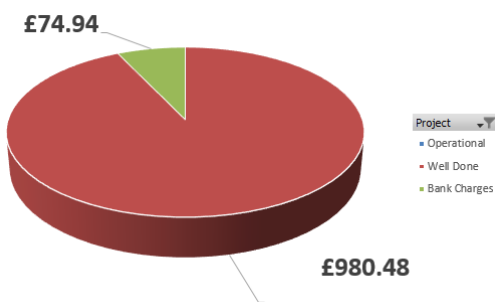
1. Mrs. xxxx lives under the poverty line with her family. She was separated

from her husband and she is a disabled by the war. She has two daughters and a son who is studying. She gets a very low income from her daily wages from her day labor work which is not enough for her daily livelihood.

2. Mr xxxx is living with his four children. He was blinded in the war and his wife disappeared during the war. His elder son was also injured losing one eye. They are living under poverty line.
3. Mr xxxx is living with his three children and wife. He was injured in the war time and so has a deformity in one leg and one hand. His wife is also affected by heart disease. They are living under poverty line and would like to get involved in agricultural cultivation to develop their livelihood. The well will present that opportunity.
4. Mr xxxx is living with his wife & four children. His wife has a deformity in the eye. He is a laborer and wife is a house wife. They are living under poverty line. They wish to get involved in agricultural cultivation to develop their daily livelihood through this water project.

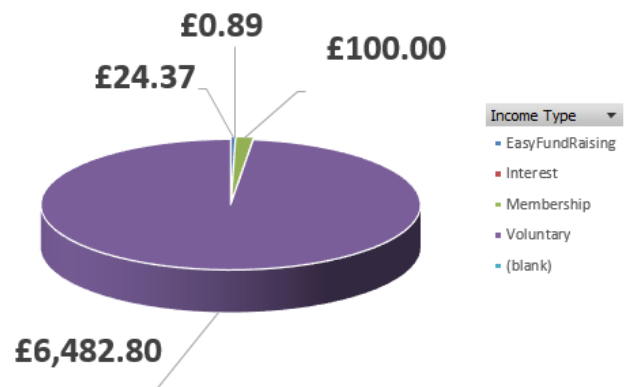
Income and Expenditure

Expenditure



Total £1055.42

Income



Total £6608.06

Future Developments

The current Trustees have suggested the following areas of priority for development of the charity in the years ahead (subject to confirmation by the new board of Trustees):

- Ensure the satisfactory completion of the Rotary co-funded project “Well Done”
- Continued development and implementation of credible fundraising strategies via
 - Corporate Sponsorship
 - Forging links with academic institutions (and their societies) such as the Sri Lankan society of Imperial College
 - School and personal sponsorship
 - Online fundraising – e.g. Easyfundraising
- Make inroads into attracting young Sri Lankans to volunteer and take the cause further.

It all begins with water

We suggest the charity focus on water. This would be achieved by:

- Developing stronger relationships with professional organizations and charities who can give us the benefit of their experience:
 - Water Aid – relative merits of wells versus rain water harvesting
 - Jaffna University – advice on water quality in the North of Sri Lanka

- Lanka Rain Water Harvesting Forum

We suggest a pilot project be set up on **Rain Water Harvesting**.

- Continue building partnerships with International organisations such as The Rotary Club.