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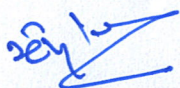
Name of the Institution

- Ministry of Health

Issues identified by the Committee	Actions taken by the Institution to correct the issues and the current situation
Action plan of the Clinical waste Management in Hospitals	The National Action Plan for Health Care Waste Management was prepared and completed with the contribution of high officials in the Ministry of Health, Community Medical Experts, Heads of Health Service-related Institutions, representatives of the Ministry of Environment and representatives of the Central Environmental Authority. Based on the National Action Plan of amplification the waste management process, the Action Plan related to the Provincial Health Protection Waste Management was prepared in relation to the 09 provinces.
National Operational Committee	The National Operational Committee meeting for the disposal of clinical waste for the year 2024 was held on January 11, 2024.
Projects implemented in the Ministry of Health regarding Clinical Waste Management	According to the decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers, agreements are made and entered into the relevant projects.
Cause a financial loss to the Government by outsourcing clinical waste disposal to a private company	The report containing information on the expenditure incurred by the government for the management of clinical waste in the health sector in Sri Lanka from the year 2010 to the year 2022 and the foreign aid, grants loans received and the projects implemented have been forwarded to the Committee on Public Accounts on 2024.10.08.
Supervision of waste management in a proper manner	The supervision of waste management is implemented by the Central Environmental Authority.
The problem of disposing clinical waste that has occurred in Kurunegala Hospital	As stated in the audit observation report, the clinical waste piled up in 2022 was disposed by the institute, "Sicily Hanaro Encare". At present, the sharp and infected waste of the Teaching Hospital Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala is managed in the incinerators at the hospital and District General Hospital, Chilaw.

The packaging used to remove the waste is not up to standard.	The relevant Health Institutions have been informed about the tri-party Agreement made between the Ministry of Health, Sicily Hanaro Encare and the Central Environmental Authority. As pointed out by General Audit, the Heads of the Hospitals where clinical wastes disposed by “Sicily Hanaro Encare”, were informed to recover the money paid in excess to that institution by the letter No. DDG/E&OH/EH/16/2022 dated 22.06.2023. Accordingly, recoveries are being made by the respective hospitals.
Issuing permits regarding waste management	In the event that preparation of budget estimates for the year 2024, estimates were called from the hospitals under the title of "Improvement of the Liquid Waste Disposal System in Healthcare Setting". Accordingly, arrangements are being made to allocate provision to Provincial Council Hospitals, Avissawella and Homagama.
Contradictory recommendations	It has been shown in the report sent on 12.03.2012 that clinical waste biodegradation by Metamizer machines costs Rs. 23/- per kilo of waste. The calculations have been made on the assumption that the machines are being serviced and maintained by the Ministry of Health. Also, by December 12, 2013, a service and maintenance agreement had been signed between BioMed International Pvt. Ltd which is an external party and the Ministry of Health. Based on its data, it was mentioned in the note sent to the cabinet dated 22nd of June, 2018 that one kilogram of waste costs Rs.212/-
Establishing a separate institution for Waste Management	It is expected to take actions in future, in accordance with the observations/ recommendations of the committee.
Financial losses incurred by the Government, in disposal of clinical waste in hospitals	In the preparation of budget estimates for the year 2024, the necessary estimates regarding (Construction, Expansion & Repair of the Healthcare Waste Storage & Ash Pit) the improvement of the infected waste storage facilities were called and the District General Hospital, Chilaw has already been provided a sum of allocation Rs. 7,188,316.87 under the Vote No. 111-1-5- 2001(11) and under the Vote No. 111-1-5- 2001(11). a sum of allocation of Rs. 118,800/- has been provided to Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital. -+*

Implementing clustering system	The Action Plan related to 09 Provinces has been prepared and completed, and the actions related to this cluster plan have been included by now. The responsibility of implementing this clustering system in the hospitals under the Provincial Councils has been assigned to the Provincial Directors of Health Services.
Project Operating Fees	The information regarding the payments on behalf of Biomed International PVT Ltd, which carried out functions under the Clinical Waste Management Project, and operated under Australian financial assistance, has been forwarded to the Committee on Public Accounts on 23.12.2022.
Disposal of remaining waste from incineration of clinical waste by Local Government authorities	The disposal of remaining waste, which is disposed by the Metamizer machine, was a problem with the following 8 hospitals. 1. District General Hospital, Kegalle 2. Teaching Hospital, Kuliyaipitiya 3. Teaching Hospital, Ratnapura 4. Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura 5. Teaching Hospital, Badulla 6. District General Hospital, Embilipitiya 7. Base Hospital, Karawanella 8. Base Hospital, Marawila At the present time, the Central Environmental Authority has granted the approval to dispose the remaining materials disposed by the Metamizer machines in the District General Hospital, Kegalle and Teaching Hospital, Kuliyaipitiya to the sanitary landfill in Dompe. Furthermore, the Municipal Council has agreed to dispose the waste material that is disposed by the Metamizer machine in Teaching Hospital, Ratnapura.



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