

Annual Report 2023

National Youth Services Council

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Introduction

The National Youth Services Council (NYSC) was established under the Act, No. 69 of 1979. It is the apex government institution dedicated towards betterment of the youth community in Sri Lanka. Since its inception, it is rendering an active contribution towards accomplishment of youth development objectives of the country. Being headquartered in Maharagama town, there are 09 Provincial Offices, 26 District Offices, 59 Vocational Training Centres and Farm Centres covering island-wide enabling to provide services to youth in a much closer manner.

Especially, taking into account the novel trends in the social, economic, political, cultural (arts), sports and technical spheres, attention is being paid towards implementation of youth development initiatives in line with such trends. Accordingly, emphasis has been placed on implementation of many new programmes/ projects in line with the contemporary needs of youths whilst focusing on "smart youth" concept in a manner that leads to achieving the millennium development goals, standards and sustainable development goals. In these efforts, youth development projects/ programmes, services, organization premises as well as knowledge, attitudes and skills of the service providers (officials) are subject to transformation.

To this effect, paving the way of youths to engage in the modern agriculture, conducting training courses/ workshops to transform youths to entrepreneurs who can attract new markets, implementing sports and aesthetic programmes to make youth competent in skills highlighting their potentials, providing vocational training with novel technological knowledge targeting the local and international markets, implementing training programmes towards capacity building of youth as well as officials, providing opportunities to youths as well as officials to participate in international programmes, workshops to gain experience at international level, implementing projects to widen their understanding on politics, making opportunities to strengthen inter – relations of youth by giving effect to networking the island wide youth societies, encouraging volunteering in social activities, building up inter-personal and inter-institutional coordination, providing necessary guidance to select training courses and job opportunities based on preferences to vocations, providing guidance and counseling to solve various youth related mental and social issues are being carried out in order to make all these initiatives a reality.

Accordingly, various programmes have been implemented during the year 2023 towards empowerment of youths in terms of economic, social, cultural, physical and mental aspects and data and information pertaining to the same are presented in this Report.

Vision

An Empowered Sri Lankan Youth

Mission

To facilitate towards empowerment of Sri Lankan Youth to confront life challenges by mobilizing local and international opportunities.

Objectives

1. To foster among youths a spirit of national consciousness, a sense of discipline, an awareness of social and economic problems and a sense of dignity of labour.
2. To enlist the participation of youth in the national development schemes.
3. To promote collaboration and mutual understanding between youths of Sri Lanka and of other Countries.
4. To encourage sense of competitiveness and achievement among youths.
5. To widen the knowledge of youth and to provide training in the fields relevant to development.
6. To encourage youths for cultural, literary and aesthetic activities.
7. To encourage youth for development of physical fitness and sports.
8. To facilitate the provision of recreational activities and entertainment for youth.
9. To assist youths who are handicapped.
10. To provide regular employment opportunities for youth by constructively investing funds on a long term policy basis with an aim to strengthen economic fabric of the State.
11. To provide opportunities for the participation of youth in the formulation and implementation of policy.
12. To establish youth organizations and to assist organizations already established for youth welfare.
13. To design, coordinate, promote and direct youth extension services.
14. To develop the inherent characteristics of the individual youth.

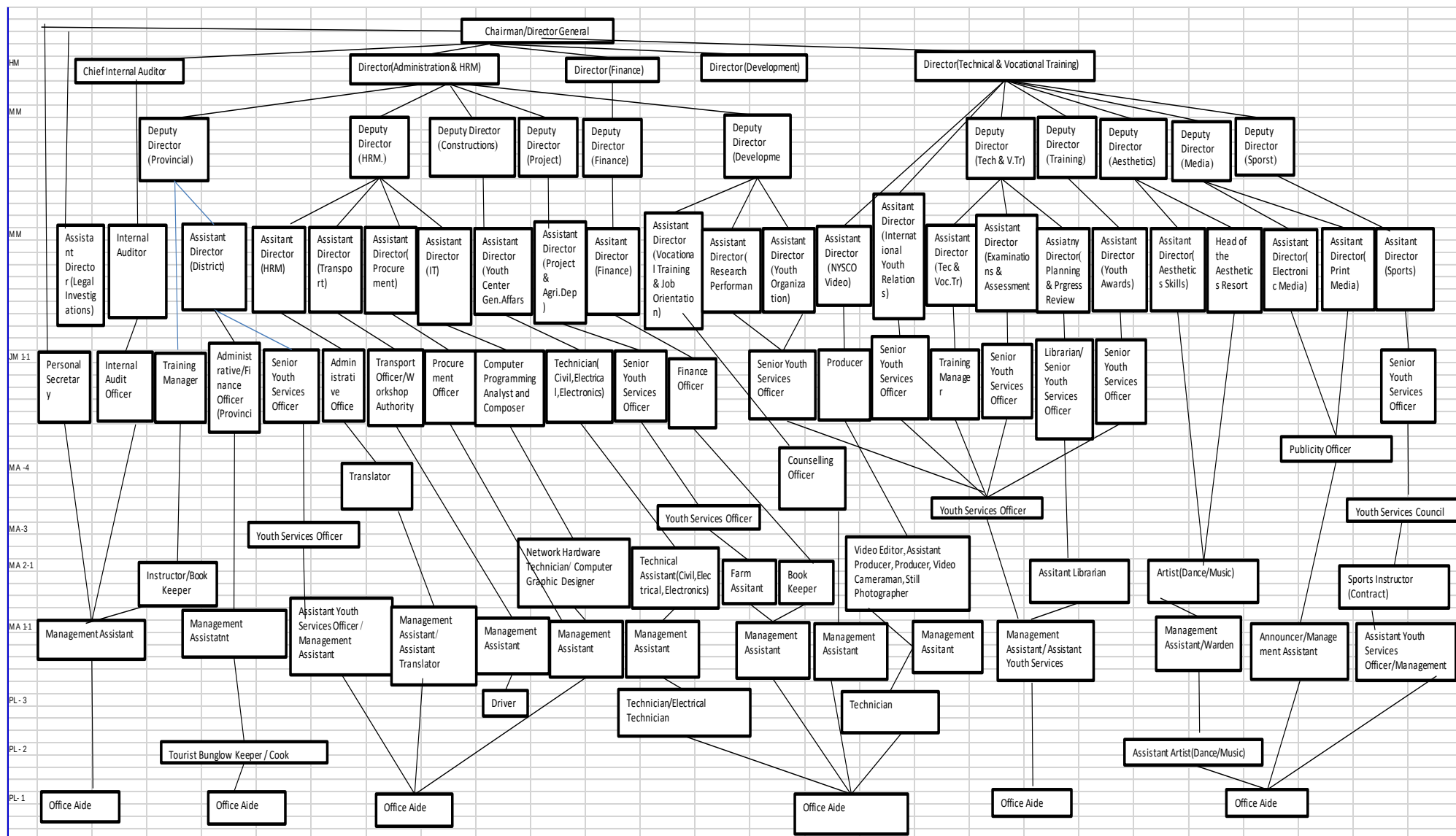
1. National Youth Services Council

The National Youth Services Council is the only state institution which have been established to promote the self-aspirations of youth so as to ensure full development of the youths of Sri Lanka.

Parliament Acts pertaining to the establishment of the National Youth Services Council:-

- Voluntary National Youth Services Act, No. 11 of 1967
- Voluntary National Youth Services (Amendment) Act, No. 52 of 1968
- Promulgation of Regulations in the Gazette Extraordinary No.14837/6 of January 23, 1969 in terms of Section 26 of the Act.
- National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979
- The repeal of the Voluntary National Youth Services (Amended) Act, No. 11 of 1967 and the proclamation of the date of enactment of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979 by the Gazette Extraordinary No.67/09 dated December 20, 1979.
- Promulgation of Regulations under Section 34 of the National Youth Services Act, No. 69 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 69/09 dated January 02, 1980.
- Promulgation of the National Youth Services Regulations No. 01 of 1986 under Section 34 of the National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979 and published in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 392/05 dated March 10, 1986.
- Absorption of the Rehabilitation Commissioner General's Office to the National Youth Services Council during the year 1990.
- Inauguration of the Sri Lanka Youth Concept during the year 2011.

1.1 Organizational Structure



1.2 Namelist of Board Members of the National Youth Services Council

S.No.	Name	Designation
01.	Mr. Pasindu Gunarathne	Chairman/Director General
02.	Mr.Gamini Wickramapala (appointed on Acting basis to the post of Chairman/Director General from 02.03.2023 – 16.03.2023)	Chairman/Director General
03.	Dr.Thiran Siripath de Silva	Chairman/Director General
04.	Mr.Gamini Wickramapala	Board Member of the Council
05.	Mr.Pradeep Gamachchige (transferred to another place after the Board Members' meeting held on 27.01.2023)	Board Member of the Council
06.	Ms.B.K.Chandima Jayasinghe (appointed on 14.02.2023)	Board Member of the Council
07.	Mr.Ranjith Chandrasekara (informed that be retired after 27.01.2023)	Board Member of the Council
08.	Mrs.H.H.V.M.Sanjeewani (appointed on 24.02.2023)	Board Member of the Council
09.	Mr.M.H.G.Bandara	Board Member of the Council
10.	Professor Sisil Kumarawadu	Board Member of the Council
11.	Professor Ranjith Premalal	Board Member of the Council
12.	Dr.Amal Krishantha Illesinghe	Board Member of the Council
13.	Dr.Nilanga Asiri Weerasinghe	Board Member of the Council
14.	Dr.Priyantha Perera	Board Member of the Council
15.	Mr.Madhura Welgama (Attorney-at-law)	Board Member of the Council
16.	Major General (Retired) Rajitha Ampemohotti	Board Member of the Council
17.	Mr.Tharanga Nalin Gamlath	Board Member of the Council
18.	Mr.Hemantha Srilal	Board Member of the Council
19.	Mr.L.B.Isanka Chathuranga	Board Member of the Council
20.	Mr.Thilak Kandegama	Board Member of the Council
21.	Mr.B.H.S.K.Chandima	Board Member of the Council
22.	Mr.Janaka Amarasinghe	Board Member of the Council
23.	Mr.Pradeep Mapalagama	Board Member of the Council
24.	Mr.Wasantha Dugannarala	Board Member of the Council
25.	Mr.Sudheera Rajapaksha	Board Member of the Council
26.	Mrs.Sujani Bogollagama	Board Member of the Council
27.	Mr. L.P.V.Eranda Liyanage	Board Member of the Council
28.	Mr.Dushyantha Vidushaka Mahabaduge (appointed on 16.08.2022)	Board Member of the Council

2. Members of the Audit and Management Committee

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| 1. Mrs.B.K.Chandima Jayasinghe,
Deputy Director,
Department of Treasury Operations,
Ministry of Finance | - | Chairman |
| 2. Mr.Janaka Amarasinghe,
Project Director,
Smallholder Tea and Rubber Revitalization Project | - | Member |
| 3. Mr.Tharanga Nalin Gamlath
Director,
Sri Lanka Institute of Textile and Apparel | - | Member |
| 4. Mrs.M.P.L.Nilmini
Audit Superintendent
National Audit Office | - | Invitee |
| 5. Mr.K.A.D.Wasantha Kumara
Director (Internal Auditor)
National Youth Services Council | - | Secretary/Convener |
| 6. Mrs.C.K.Herath
Deputy Director (Internal Auditor)
National Youth Services Council | | |

Source – Internal Audit Division, National Youth Services Council, Maharagama

3. Details on Receipts and Expenditure of the National Youth Services Council

3.1 Details on the Allocations received by the National Youth Services Council for 2022/2023

		(Rs.'000) 2022	(Rs.'000) 2023
Treasury			
	Recurrent	1,174,969	1,325,050
	Capital	81,914.60	566,764.98
Total of Treasury Allocations		1,256,883.60	1,891,814.98
Ministry			
	Recurrent	39,591.19	6,000.00
	Capital	110.51	--
Total of Ministry Allocations		39,701.70	6,000.00
Provincial Councils			
	Recurrent	-	-
	Capital	-	-
International Organizations			
	Recurrent	60,861.70	8,852.39
	Capital	-	-
Total Receipts from the International Organizations		60,861.70	8,852.39
Receipts from other External Organizations			
	Recurrent	4,094.50	5,241.85
	Capital	109.40	273.95
Total Receipts from other External Organizations		4,203.90	5,515.80
Total of the Receipts from the Ministry, International Organizations and other External Organizations		104,767.30	20,368.19
	Internal Earnings	230,558.53	250,227.69

3.2 Expenditure incurred by the National Youth Services Council during the year 2023

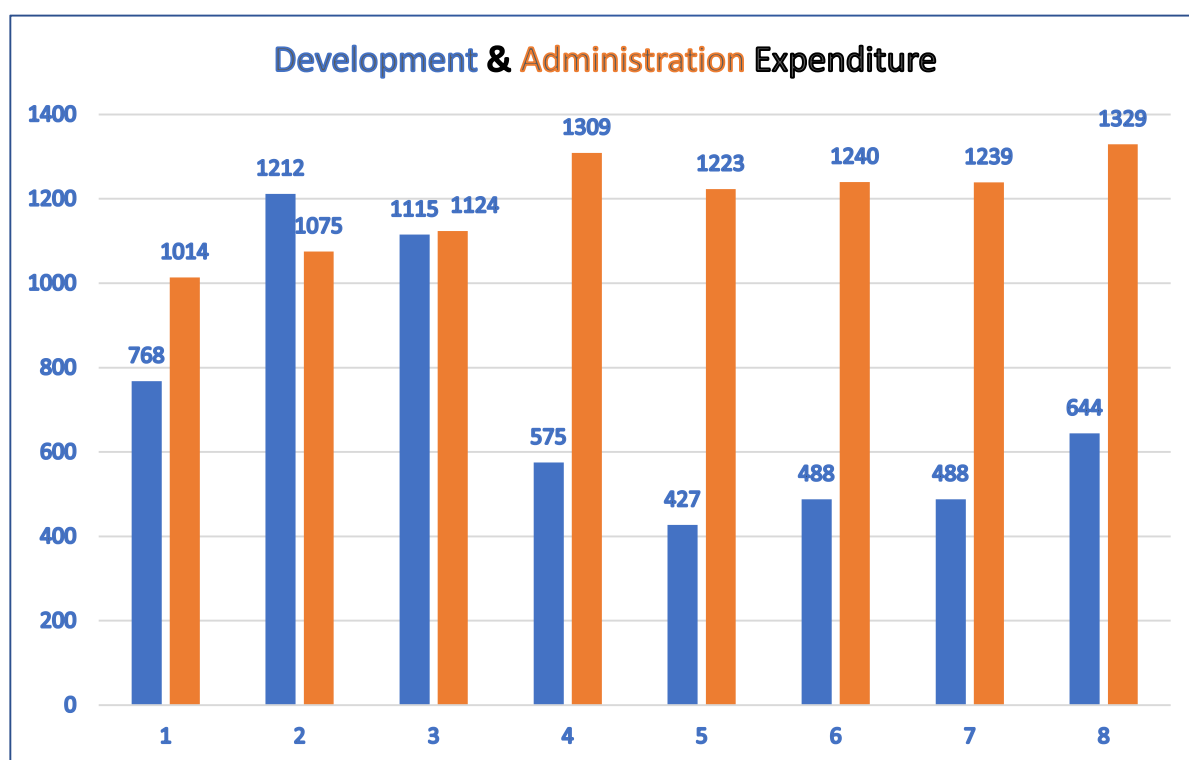
(Rs.'000)

		2022	2023
Treasury			
	Recurrent Capital	1,174,969.00 81,914.60	1,325,050.00 566,764.98
Total expenditure incurred from the Treasury Allocations		1,256,884.00	1,891,814.98
Ministry			
	Recurrent Capital	45,624.20 110.51	6,000.00 --
Total expenditure incurred from the Ministry Allocations		45,734.73	6,000.00
Provincial Councils			
	Recurrent Capital	-	-
Total expenditure incurred from the Provincial Councils' Allocations			-
International Organizations			
	Recurrent Capital	49,067.59 1,611.52	14,033.01 --
Total expenditure incurred from the International Organizations' Allocations		50,679.11	14,033.01
Other External Organizations			
	Recurrent Capital	2,207.80 109.41	4,768.40 273.95
Total expenditure incurred from the allocations of the Other External Organizations		2,317.21	5,042.35
Expenditure from Internal Earnings	Recurrent	33,923.30	4,443.10
	Development	169,372.70	229,817.82
	Capital	210,367,800.	15,766.77
		2,306,974.00	250,027.69

3.3 Development and Administration Expenditure incurred from the allocations received directly and indirectly to the National Youth Services Council from the General Treasury, Internal Earnings and other External Sector Organizations (in Rs. million)

**Development and Administration Expenditure during the Period 2016 – 2023
(in Rs.Mn)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Development	768	1,212	1,115	575	427	488	488	644
Administration	1,014	1,075	1,124	1,309	1,223	1,240	1,239	1,329



3.4 Summary of the Expenditure incurred on Development Projects - 2023

Areas of Consideration		Programme	Allocation (Rs.Mn)		Expenditure (Rs.Mn)	
			Treasury	Ministry	Treasury	Ministry
Networking the youths and creating a generation of youths who are well suited to the future	1	Aesthetic Skills Development Programme	86.23		58.75	
	2	Sports Development Programme	179.00		146.66	
	3	Youth Organizations and Youth Development	54.60		40.12	
Development of Vocational Skill of Youths	4	Job oriented Course Programmes	182.00		114.76	
	5	Examination and Evaluation Programmes	18.00		19.59	
	6	Career Guidance and Counseling Programmes	12.00		4.79	
Youth Enterprise Development	7	Youth Farm Development Programme	109.20		73.24	
	8	Youth Entrepreneurship Development Programme	23.10		19.51	
Capacity Development within the Institution	9	Research, Performance Evaluation Programmes	19.65		3.68	
	10	Human Resources Capacity Development Programmes	16.00		17.98	
Institutional Digitalization	11	Information Technology Programmes	82.00		4.82	
	12	Publicity and Promotion via Social Media	15.50		4.99	
Empowerment of Sri Lankan Youths in the global context	13	International Youth Relations Programmes	15.00		10.45	
	14	Youth Awards Programmes	8.00		1.17	
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	15	Acquisition of Capital Goods	15.00		11.97	
	16	Construction, Maintenance and Repairing	95.00		34.23	
Youth Leadership Skills Development	17	Youth Parliament Programme	-	42.00	-	6.00

4. Development Activities - 2023

The youth development activities during the year 2023 have been implemented under 17 programmes encompassing 08 areas. Its comprehensive summary is given below.

4.1 Summary of the Progress of Youth Development Activities (as @ 31.12.2023)

S.No.	Areas of Consideration	Programme		No. of Programmes		Participation	
				Target	Progress	Target	Progress
01	Networking the youths and creating a generation of youths who are well suited to the future	I.	Aesthetic Skills Development Programme	162	193	7,178	7283
		II.	Sports Development Programme	392	382	154,515	255,246
		III.	Youth Organizations and Youth Development	20,768	14,332	400,000	354,343
02	Development of Vocational Skill of Youths	IV.	Job oriented Course Programmes	784	799	250,000	21,906
		V.	Examination and Evaluation Programmes	306	348	42,200	20,756
		VI.	Career Guidance and Counseling Programmes	1049	888	100,000	72,589
03	Youth Enterprise Development	VII.	Youth Farm Development Programme	14	-	-	-
		VIII.	Youth Entrepreneurship Development Programme	112	35	2,775	1,774
04	Capacity Development within the Institution	IX.	Research, Performance Evaluation Programmes	3	-	-	-
		X.	Human Resources Capacity Development Programmes	70	48	1,400	1,569
05	Institutional Digitalization	XI.	Information Technology Programmes	3	-	-	-
		XII.	Publicity and Promotion via Social Media	100	-	-	-
06	Empowerment of Sri Lankan Youths in the global context	XIII.	International Youth Relations Programmes	23	24	68	1,611
		XIV.	Youth Awards Programmes	29	29	1,000	1,515
07	Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets	XV.	Acquisition of Capital Goods	4	-	-	-
		XVI.	Construction, Maintenance and Repairing	10	-	-	-
08	Youth Leadership Skills Development	XVII.	Youth Parliament Programme	13	04	3,361	359

4.1 Aesthetic Skills Development

Arts renders a significant role in any society for its well-being. One of the main functions of the Council is to introduce novice artists and creators into the national level for the sustenance of the Sri Lankan artistic field. To this effect, following programmes were implemented in 2023.

S.No.	Programme	No. of Programmes and Youth Participation		Total No. of Youths participated in the Programmes
I.	National Youth Awards Competition and Festival	01		11,718
II.	National Youth Drama Festival	01		953
	• Dramas of Long Duration (Sinhala and Tamil) 10 no. of Dramas		782	
	• Dramas of Short Duration (Sinhala and Tamil) 56 no. of Dramas		171	
III.	Diploma Course on Fine Arts	01		104
	• Dancing		68	
	• Music		36	
IV.	National Cultural Programmes	05		8,570
V.	• National Programme for Thai Pongal Day		550	
	• Valentine Concert		180	
	• Youth Poson Area		7,000	
	• Aesthetic Tour titled Thambapanni		320	
	• National Reconciliation Walk (from Northern-Eastern to Kataragama Sacred City)		420	
VI.	Fine Arts Societies (Dancing –District)			757
VII.	Special Dancing Group	01		35

- **National Youth Awards Competition and Festival**

Youth Awards Competition was held as in the previous occasions at the district, provincial and national level representing various sectors including dancing, music, literary and arts. Events were conducted in Sinhala, Tamil and English medium and competitions were organized for the disabled youths as well. 43rd National Youth Awards Competition and Festival

of the year 2023 was held on a high note at the Yowun Rangahala, Maharagama.



- **National Youth Drama Festival**

In parallel to the 42nd National Youth Drama Festival, the provincial level dramas of long duration and dramas of short duration in Sinhala and Tamil medium were conducted. The dramas selected for the final round were staged at the Elphinstone Theatre at Maradana.



- **Diploma Course on Fine Arts**

26 competitions were conducted pertaining to dance and music at the district level during the year and Diploma Course on Fine Arts had been conducted in Aesthetic Centres at Eraminiyaya, Belwood and Maharagama.



- **National Cultural Programmes**

National Cultural Programmes had been conducted throughout the year paving the way to disseminate cultural ethics of different nationalities to the present generation of youths, building up cordial relationships among different nationalities and enhancing religious reconciliation.



4.2 International Youth Relations



- Two officials were participated at the programme titled "Sustainable Development Goals by Research and Information System for Developing Countries" conducted from India through the virtual mode from 13th to 16th March 2023.
- A representative from the National Youth Service Council participated at the "Academy on Youth Employment (ILO Training Programme)" which was held in Italy from 03rd to 17th July 2023, representing Sri Lanka.
- Two representatives were participated at the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers' Meeting (10 CYMM) held in London from 11th -15th September 2023.
- A programme was implemented in collaboration of Non-Governmental Organizations and National Youth Services Council on 12.08.2023 in parallel to the International Youth Day.
- VIII International Youth Forum "Eurasia Global" took place in Orenburg, Russia on 21-27.08.2023 and one representative participated at the event.
- "Bon Odari Festival – 2023" programme was jointly conducted by the Japanese Embassy in Sri Lanka and National Youth Services Council on 11.11.2023.
- Two representatives from Sri Lanka participated at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 28) which was held from 30th November to 11th December 2023 in Dubai.
- The Prime Minister of the Youth Parliament of National Youth Services Council participated at the International Forum of Civil Participation held on December 04, 2023 in Russia, representing Sri Lanka.
- The Global Youth Leader Programme was held on 22.08.2023 in collaboration of Japanese -Sri Lankan youths.



- 16th Global Youth Peace Fest - GYPF 2023 was held on 01.10.2023 with the participation of youths from India, Bangladesh, Maldives, and Malaysia along with Sri Lankan youths.
- India - Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme was conducted 04-11.12.2023.
- Pursuant to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), a discussion of the Steering Committee was held on 30.01.2023 with the participation of the Ambassador to Egypt in Sri Lanka, Minister of Youth of Sri Lanka and representatives from the non-governmental youth organizations in Sri Lanka.
- A beach cleaning programme was conducted on 04.02.2023 by the youths of AIESEC and youths from the Global Leader.
- A programme was conducted jointly with the foreign employment agencies in respect of referring Sri Lankan youth to foreign employment, granting bank loans to youths expected to migrate and referring youths to suitable job opportunities.
- It has been able to obtain the services of a female Japanese Language Training Instructor for a period of 02 years for the Meerigama Training Center after a joint effort of National Youth Services Council and JICA.
- It has been able to obtain the services of a female Korean Volunteering Worker for a period of one year through KOICA for the Beauty Culture Course being conducted at the Training Centre located at the Head Office of the National Youth Services Council. Further, beauty cultural training equipment to a value of approximately Rs. 04 lakhs was received by the Youth Centres Training Division under the sponsorship of KOICA.
- It has been able to obtain the services of two Japanese Volunteering Workers for a period of 02 years for the Information Technology Course being conducted at the Training Centre located at the Head Office of the Council and for the Youth Awards Division pertaining to youth development activities after a joint effort of National Youth Services Council and JICA.



4.3 Youth Organizations and Development

The main function is to organizing of the youths for implementation of the youth development programmes of the National Youth Services Council, making conducive environment for effective implementation of the development projects by initiating the development projects with the youths so gathered and paving the way to youth organizations functioning in the country to render their services more efficiently and productively by empowering these societies through the strengths and technical cooperation of the Council. Further, contributions were rendered through diverse projects and programmes to accomplish the objectives such as leadership and personality development of the youth community, development of the Youth Club Federation as a youth organization, obtain their active contribution for the decision making process and enhancing unity and harmony among different ethnicities living in the country.

- **Establishment of Youth Organizations - 2023**

Details of the Youth Clubs registered with the Youth Club Federation - 2023

S.No.	Activity	Total	Participation
1.	Establishment of Youth Clubs	13,066	326,023
2.	Establishment of Regional Boards of Youth Clubs	329	23,385
3.	Establishment of District Boards of Youth Clubs	24	1,829

S.No.	District	No. of Regional Boards	No. of Members	No. of Youth Clubs registered with the Youth Club Federation
1.	Colombo	08	7,567	325
2.	Colombo 1	05	2,767	116
3.	Gampaha	13	20,371	1,037
4.	Kalutara	14	14,548	680
5.	Galle	22	19,714	868
6.	Matara	16	13,648	645
7.	Hambantota	12	11,675	553
8.	Kandy	20	21,848	835
9.	Matale	11	8,981	453
10.	Nuwara Eliya	05	13,927	474
11.	Monaragala	11	6,624	275
12.	Badulla	15	17,092	616
13.	Kegalle	11	15,597	615
14.	Ratnapura	18	13,677	536
15.	Kurunegala	30	33,210	1,351
16.	Puttalam	16	10,734	542
17.	Anuradhapura	22	16,163	701
18.	Polonnaruwa	Page 14 07	7,366	288

19.	Trincomalee	11	7,913	192
20.	Batticaloa	14	21,932	534
21.	Ampara	20	15,001	459
22.	Vavuniya	04	4,466	135
23.	Mannar	05	7,119	214
24.	Kilinochchi	04	3,423	123
25.	Mullaitivu	06	2,350	89
26.	Jaffna	15	8,310	410
Total		{= SUM)ABOVE} (	326,023	326,023

• **Summary of Youth Organizations Development Programmes - 2023**

S.No	Date	Programme	Location in which the Programme was held/ conducted	No. of Programmes	Participation
1.	-	Establishment of Youth Clubs	all the GN Divisions	13,066	326,023
2.	-	Establishment of Regional Boards of Youth Clubs	all the Divisional Secretariat Divisions	329	23,385
3.	-	Establishment of District Boards of Youth Clubs	all the Districts	24	1,829
4.	01/02/2023	Thaipongal Celebrations	Urban Youth District	01	300
5.	12/08/2023	Commemoration of International Youth Day	Head Office and Training Center at Maharagama	07	1,800
6.	01/09/2023	Empowerment of Youth Agro-Entrepreneurs	Head Office at Maharagama	01	1,200
7.	05/11/2023	Programme of Climate Change	Waters Edge Hotel	01	100
8.	28-30/08/2023	Training of Drug Eradication Trainers	Inland Fisheries Training Center at Kalawewa	02	102
9.	September –December 2023	Making School Youth Club Leaders aware on Drug Eradication	In all the Divisional Secretariat Divisions	675	20,250
10.	September –December 2023	Social Media Advertising Competition on Drug Eradication	In all the Districts	23	2,325
11.	September –December 2023	Capacity Development Programmes for the members of the Regional Boards of Youth Clubs	In all the Districts	102	5,530

- **Volunteer Programmes implemented at district level -2023**

Social Development Programmes	Sports Development Programmes	Religious Development Programmes	Cultural Programmes	Agricultural Programmes	Clean & Green City Sri Lanka Programmes	Programmes conducted in parallel to National Festivals	Environmental Conservation Programmes	Mutual Assistance Programmes	Leadership Training Programmes	Local Youth Exchange Programmes	Drug Eradication Programmes	Other Programmes	Total Number of Programmes	Financial Value of Total Number of Programmes
1,166	561	1,095	152	88	192	88	541	162	107	4	44	579	4,777	188,958,982.00



4.4 International Youth Awards Programme

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme, which was founded in the year 1956, has been introduced to Sri Lanka in 1980 as a youth development programme by the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation in United Kingdom targeting the youths of 13-24 age group.

The main objective of this programme, which has been introduced and implemented for students in the government schools as a co-curricular programme under the approval of the Ministry of Education, is to build up youths enriched with mentality traits suited to current socio-economic contexts to face up to the local and international challenges to succeed in their lives whilst engaging them in productive activities during their leisure time.



Bronze, Silver and Gold awards and certificates are presented through this International Awards Programme. In order to be eligible to receive those awards under Bronze, Silver and Gold categories, the candidates are required to engage in voluntary services, physical fitness, skills and adventurous journeys /Expeditions for a period of 06 months, 12 months and 18 months respectively by way of devoting 1 hour per each week in a continuous manner.

Upon completion of such activities, those activities will be subjected to an evaluation and awards will be presented at an event organized at national level annually under silver, bronze and gold categories.

Following Programmes were implemented during the year 2023 in terms of the Action Plan.

- A total of 17 programmes in respect of Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme for making the schools aware on the programme and making the Deputy Principals aware on co-curricular aspects of the programme had been conducted and total participation was stood at 1,259.
- 02 workshops were held in Colombo and Hambantota districts for registered award leaders in order to implement the youth awards programme in schools or institutions and total participation for these workshops stood at 84.
- One day training programme was held for the National Training Board and 20 individuals were participated in the programme.
- A total of 03 training programmes of one day duration on challenging expeditions were held and 150 individuals were participated in these programmes.
- An awareness session on web based reporting was conducted and two representatives were participated for the same.
- A workshop on leadership training for registered awards candidates was organized and 56 participants were attended for this workshop.
- In addition expedition programmes for bronze, silver and gold awards for 21 youth awards units were held with the participation of 369 students.
- 242 bronze awardees, 40 silver awardees and 06 gold awardees had been eligible for the annual awards of 2023 and total number of awardees stood at 288.
- Mr.Devraj Gimire, the National Director of Nepal of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Programme made a visit to National Youth Awards Division on 14.09.2023.
- 11 new Awards Units have been registered.

4.5 Sport Skills Development

Youth strength, team spirit, enthusiasm, maintaining physical and mental wellbeing can be added to life through engaging in sport activities. Youths with an interest on specific sport or each and every sport as a whole at their early adolescence will add some sort of foundation to their lives. The personality that will be build up from the sports in terms of peer groups and socially will make a gradual influence on the future aspects of an individual. The National Youth Services Council annually engages in different sports activities and the setting new records in the Sri Lankan sports arena at the National Youth Sports Competitions and Festival has been paving the way towards national and international levels. To this effect, following events had been organized;

- **The Thirty Fourth (34) National Youth Sports Festival - 2023**

Inter Youth Clubs Divisional Sports Competitions pertaining to track and field events and team events at the Divisional Secretariat level covering all the youth clubs island wide, Inter-Divisional Secretariat Level District Youth Sports Competitions for those who become winners at the Divisional Secretariat Level Sports Competitions, National Youth Sports Competitions for those who become winners at the District levels are organized in this respect. Accordingly, the 34th National Youth Sports Festival – 2023 was concluded on grand scale after being held on 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th November 2023 at the Sugathadasa Sports Complex.



- **Youth Services – Rupavahini Volleyball Tournament -2023**

The Youth Services – Rupavahini Volleyball Tournament was held during the year 2023 as well with the participation of 9,500 competitors as a nationally recognized tournament in Sri Lanka. District level competitions were held at district levels and arrangements were made to hold the semi-finals

and the final game at the indoor stadium of the National Youth Services Center at Maharagama on December 23, 2023.



Heyiantuduwa Training Center

The National Youth Services Council is making significant effort to develop the volleyball game which is being the national sport of Sri Lanka. A dedicated sport training school for training volleyball players required for this game is being maintained affiliated to Heyiantuduwa Training Center and 15 players were underwent training during the year.

4.6 Technical and Vocational Training Programme

A country could gain the comparative advantage of the fast moving globalization through its skilled labour force. The vocational training is contributing considerably towards making a skilled labour force in a country. Especially, youth community is the focal group towards making the youth labour force in the country. To this effect, training them holds a significant importance. Fairly significant proportion of youths enters into the country's labour force annually after GCE (O/L) and GCE (A/L) examinations, after higher education.

56 Vocational Training Centres including Farm Training Centres, Aesthetic Centres covering all the districts in the country are currently being operationalized. These training centres are dedicated to develop National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) qualified trainees who are suited to local and international job markets. The training courses are being conducted as full time and part time basis and **21,185** students have followed different courses.

Details of the Training Centres

- ❖ No. of Training Centres - 56
- ❖ No. of Courses - 108
(full time - 43 , part time - 65)
- ❖ No. of Trainees who completed the courses - **21,185**
- ❖ Relevant NVQ Levels - III, IV , V
- ❖ Course Duration - 06 months, 01 year, 02 years

Vocational Training Courses								
No. of Courses		Recruitment to Courses			Financial Allocation		Expenditure Rs.Mn ('000)	
Full time	Part time	No. of Recruits	Individuals completed Courses	Individuals who left the Courses	Capital	Income from Courses	Capital	Recurrent
32	60	22,304	21,185	1,119	61,223	290.96	207.49	472.00

4.7 Examinations and Evaluations

- Awarding nationally and internationally recognized Certificates for NVQ and Non-NVQ Courses being conducted at 58 training centres of the National Youth Services Council after holding the final examinations in a proper manner.



- Examinations are conducted through online examination system in respect of the Non-NVQ Courses being conducted at the training centres of the National Youth Services Council and results are issued within two months after the examinations to the respective examination centres and issuance of certificates to the trainees who have passed the examinations.



- Evaluations are conducted in respect of the NVQ Courses offering from the training centres of the National Youth Services Council and trainees are provided with a nationally and internationally recognized NVQ Certificates at a ceremony organized at the BMICH.

Details on the Programmes being implemented - 2023

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Progress
1.	Conducting Final Examinations of the Non NVQ Courses No. of Trainees	5,655
2.	Issuance of Non - NVQ	5,211
3.	Conducting evaluations pertaining to NVQ and issuance of Certificates	8,661
4.	Issuance of NVQ Certificates	6,134
5.	Conducting Examinations of Aesthetic Courses	14
6.	Preparation of Course Curricula The relevant curricula were developed in line with the current “World of Work” (the diverse, broad expanse of vocational opportunities). • Diploma in 3D Animation & VFX • Diploma in Computer Studies (DCS) • Diploma in Multimedia Designer • Diploma in Computer Hardware with Network Administration	



4.8 Youth Entrepreneurship Development

Training programmes are being implemented targeting the youths who are expected to be emerged as youth entrepreneurs. Target group is the youths who are currently engaged in a business or self-employment or desirous of working as an entrepreneur in the future. The entrepreneurship training programmes were conducted in the year 2023 covering the following subject areas with the intention of enhancing knowledge, skills and attitudes required by them in the field of entrepreneurship.

- Providing management training required for running a business.
- To identify the business issues and facilitating to solve them.
- Introducing income generating avenues for the youths who have obtained vocational training on self-employment.
- Guiding them to obtain required services from the financial institutions and guiding them to the economic system.
- Providing necessary guidance to carry out business whilst bearing risks.
- Providing training required to deliver their products in qualitative and productive manner.
- Providing assistance to develop their business complying with the local and international markets.
- Enabling them to start income generating processes through internet whilst staying at home.
- Enabling them to build up local and foreign relations that are required for dealing business through internet.
- Providing solution to the job crisis confronted by the government at present through this initiative.

4.9 Youth Agro Development

The National Youth Services Council is implementing various programmes and activities at 21 farm centres in respect of making a strong tendency of youths towards agriculture through traditional experience and novel technological

developments in line with national needs of the country as an agricultural country. Courses on Nursery Development Assistant and Agricultural Field Assistant are being conducted at these Centres and youths are provided with theoretical knowledge for duration of half-year and thereafter practical training for further six months. In addition, following programmes were also conducted during the year 2023.



Programmes implemented as per the Action Plan - 2023

S.No.	Programme/ Project	No. of Programmes	Total Youth Participation
I.	Development of Youth Farm Centres	22	300
II.	Agro Sales Exhibition of Youth Agro Entrepreneurs	Stalls -107	1,500
III.	Youth Agro Entrepreneurial Training at Agro Companies	01	167
IV.	Training for Officers in charge of Centres and Agricultural Instructors	03	101
V.	Training Sessions to make Youth Agro Entrepreneurs aware on home gardening and manufacturing of organic fertilizer	25	750
VI.	Providing cabanas for promoting tourism activities	01	-
VII.	Surveying of farm lands using drone technology	20	20
VIII.	Training on product value addition and dehydration of foods	09	540
IX.	Workshop on preparing a business plan to develop the business into Smart Agro Youth Institute	Workshop 01	50

4.10 Media Publicity

It was the responsibility of the Media Division to disseminate information to the community covering all the electronic and print media in order to give a wide publicity in respect of the various programmes and activities implemented by the National Youth Services Council during the year.

- Information, news and awareness on current programmes had been made through radio, television, newspapers and social media throughout the year.

4.11 NYSCO Video

The NYSCO Video Division has been established by the National Youth Services Council to create a conducive environment for the Sri Lankan youth where youths could not utilize their competencies due to various hardships in the context of a highly competitive commercialized world.

The main tasks entrusted were making necessary productions to integrate the image of Sri Lankan Youth into the society through electronic and social media, equip the youth who are interested on production of television programmes with knowledge, attitudes and skills and making enabling environment to bring their creations into national level.

4.12 Research, Planning and Progress Reviewing

It is expected to enhance institutional performance through guidance towards proper planning and implementation of institutional activities in line with needs of the Country's youth and complying with the national policy framework and accomplishment of Sustainable Development Goals.

Preparation of the Corporate Plan, Annual Development Plan and Action Plan, preparation of performance reports and annual reports, compiling the monthly, quarterly and annual progress in terms of the annual action plan, organizing progress review meetings and monitoring evaluation of the projects and programmes were carried out.

It further involves in investigations into identifying youth needs emerging through temporal changes arisen in different sectors. Further, it involves in maintaining the library and its development activities for fulfilling the requirement of current information by the trainees who are following courses and the staff for their knowledge enhancement.



4.13 Information Technology Development

The objective is to fulfill all the information technology needs of the National Youth Services Council.

- I. Development of technology facilities in order to carry out activities of the National Youth Services Council with the use of modern technologies.
- II. To enhance efficiency of flows of communication to Sri Lankan youths by formulation of an efficient communication methodology.
- III. To speed up information delivery by development and updating of the Council's official website.
- IV. To maintain and update the existing computer network system of the National Youth Services Council.
- V. To organize and conduct awareness workshops on the use of information communication technology by youths and safety measures for the youths of the National Youth Services Council's Youth Clubs/ Training Centres.

• Programmes implemented in terms of the Action Plan - 2023

- I. Management Information System (MIS) has been developed and maintained and to develop management software system to obtain physical and financial progress of all the training Centres to MIS and to entering data into the same in order for maintaining it under functional status.
- II. Developing a website – modification and maintaining the website being functional at the National Youth Services Council.

4.14 Career Guidance, Counseling and Training Programme

The youth career guidance involves directing the youths to relevant Sectors after being recognizing their strengths and potentials in order to engage in a certain profession efficiently and productively. Particularly, providing youth with career guidance complying with global labour market and future 'world of work' are being carried out at district level. The Career Interest Test (psychometric test) is conducted to assess the attitudes and behaviors and potentials of youths in terms of accepted scientific methods. It is being carried out by a trained staff. Accordingly, programmes were conducted during the year 2023 also for targeted



groups. Youth counseling programme is being implemented to resolve psychometric issues to which self-solutions could not be found by the youths due to economical, political, cultural and other personal or institutional social adaption factors.

Career Guidance Activities

S.No.	Programme/ Project/ Activities	No. of Programmes	Participation
Career Guidance Programmes			
I.	Career Guidance Programmes for School Children	342	23,813
II.	Career Guidance Programmes for School Leavers	246	15,904
III.	Career Guidance for Trainees	130	8,292
IV.	Novel Career Path for Rural Youths	11	447
V.	Meeting with Job offering Institutions	7	300
Total		736	48,756
Counseling Programmes			
I.	Motivating Trainees and their Parents	20	1,169
II.	Let's protect the Beautiful Youth	04	264
III.	Programme on Mental Health Development	13	572
IV.	A Special Counseling Programme on "Mindfulness"	12	926
Total		49	2,931

4.15 Special Projects

Special Projects and Programmes are being implemented for the purpose of creating benevolent future Sri Lankan leaders who are more thoughtful towards current economic, social, political, cultural and environmental concerns of the country and suitable to represent the political sphere with knowledge on the aforesaid areas, providing space for represent their views and standpoints in the formulation of plans and policies of the country, and to provide space required to build up true activist, changer and volunteer leader through the practice gained from different social practices.

Sri Lanka Youth Parliament Programme

Composition of Parliament

From the election conducted at Divisional Secretariat Level	-	331
From the election conducted at the University Level	-	<u>29</u>
		<u>360</u>



Conducting the Sessions of Sri Lanka Youth Parliament

Date	-	Two days, 2023.06.17 and 18
Venue	-	Chamber of the Old Parliament
Participation	-	208
Date	-	Two days, 2023.10.28 and 29
Venue	-	Chamber of Old Parliament
Topic for the Debate	-	Views and Suggestions of Youth on Budget (on 2023.10.28)
Date	-	Two Days, 2023.11.18 and 19
Venue	-	Chamber of Old Parliament
Participation	-	88



A capacity development programme was conducted for youth parliament representatives, youth leaders of the youth club federation and youths of the other youth organizations.

4.16 Performance, Evaluation and Staff Training Programme

According to the Singh et al (1990), "Training refers to the development of knowledge, skills, attitudes required to build up personality to discharge any specific job or activity". "The formal training delivers knowledge to target group or individual through practically and theoretically or both ways with or without training equipment (audio, visual) by pre-designed circular/ modules, time frame, session plan (Opatha, 1995, P.210).



It is inevitable that the job responsibilities as well as obligations expected from any individual employee in any institution/ organization will not be delivered properly and continuously if the employees are engaged in the same job for a longer period. The outcome is that standard work expected from an employee will not be available to the institution. On such instances management of an Institution take necessary measures with special emphasis on principles of human resources management. Especially, necessary action will be taken to implement strategies necessary to training and development towards enhancement and replacement of employee's diminishing knowledge, skills and attitudes required for the job. Through these efforts, employee's efficiency will be increased with again with his/her potential being building up. Thereby, efficiency of the Institution too will be increased. This process will be further strengthened by employee motivation process.



Training is specially required for the employees of the National youth Services Council. In a context of globalization factors, needs of youths are changing within very short period. To cater to this requirement, providers of youth services (officers/ employees) should stay in an updated manner. Further, one of the prime objectives of the Council is to utilize all physical, human and financial resources allocated for the youth efficiently and effectively in the process of undertaking youth development activities. To this effect, employee training, development and motivation are essential. If it is really required to enhance youth development initiatives qualitatively as well as quantitatively, knowledge, skills and attitudes of the service providers of youth development should be focused on systematical training process. The experts' view in the field is that if training and development is not taking place in an active manner, it will lead to diminishing efficiency and productivity. Therefore, the Council undertakes initiatives to train its employees at different managerial levels enabling to provide development activities being the prime objective of the Council in a more standardized and professional manner.

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Output / Knowledge Gained	Duration	No. of trained personnel	Total Expenditure
I.	Three Training programmes for the Management Assistants for maintaining office files in a proper manner	Maintaining office files in a proper manner	2023.02.10 2023.02.23 2023.02.28	64 local	--
II.	Two Training programmes were conducted for Office Assistants and multi-purpose Development Assistants towards their contribution of the primary skilled category	Enhancing institutional efficiency and productivity	2023.03.30 2023.03.30	25 local	--
III.	Training Workshop for the Staff Officers on building up leadership skills	Building up leadership skills	2023.04.05 2023.04.06 2023.04.07	128 local	0.3
IV.	Capacity Development Programmes for the Officers of the Council	Human Resources Management and Personnel Management	2023.05.24, 25,30,31	356 local	0.33
V.	Capacity Development Programme for the Officers of the Council	Human Resources Management and Personnel Management	2023 June 01,06,08,09, 15, 20,23,28,30	480	0.69
VI.	One day Workshop on Resource Management	Human Resources Management and Personnel Management	2023.07.13	25 local	
VII.	Two Training Programmes for the Assistant Youth Services Officers	Capacity Development	-2023.07.21 23 -2023.07.28 30	207 local	1.25
VIII.	One Day Training Workshop for the Career Guidance Officers	Motivating the Staff	2023.07.21	25 local	-
IX.	Two Day Training Workshop conducted for the Youth Services Officers	Capacity Development	2023.07.27, 28	63 local	-

X.	Two Day Residential Workshop for the Career Guidance Officers	Identifying the issues of clients.	-2023.09.11 12	28 local	0.04
XI.	Three day Training Workshop for Officials engaged in Farm and Agricultural Training	Training on Farm Management	2023.09.15 18 -	59 local	0.68
XII.	Capacity Training Workshop for Eastern Province Staff	Motivating the Staff	2023.10.10- 12	44 local	0.62
XIII.	Training Workshop on Farm Development	Training on seeking answers to thousands of questions and farm development	2023.10.27- 29	36 local	0.30
XIV.	Training Workshop for the Career Guidance Officers	HIV Training Workshop conducted at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute	2023.10.18- 19	29 local	--
XV.	Programme on preparation of SMART Farm Business Plan	Resource Management and Personnel Management	2023.12.15- 17	34 local	0.32
XVI.	Payment of Academic Fees	Subject related knowledge	2023.01.01 2023.12.31	23 local	0.214
Total Number of Training Programmes		Enhancing organizationa; efficiency and productivity	Throughout the year	1,626	0.668

05. Administration and Human Resources Development

5.1 Administration Activities

Pursuant to the functions entrusted to the Administration Division with respect to recruitment of required number of employees in terms of the provisions of the National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979 to implement programmes, action in respect of promotions, transfers, dismissal from the service in terms of disciplinary orders, vacation of post, salaries and wages, retirements from service and resignations from service were taken in the similar manner as of the previous years.

Cadre Management

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies / (* Excess)
Senior	74	56	18/***1 **5
Tertiary	130	69	61 / 105***
Secondary	1146	878	272 / 58***34/ *
Primary	308	249	59 / 105***
Total	1658	1252	410

Source: Data Records of the Council

** Employees in Supernumerical Basis

*** Staff holding the posts on Personal to Employee

• Reasons for Shortage of Employees

The reasons for shortage of employees in the National Youth Services Council can be listed as officers receiving promotions, retirements, originations, deaths and vacation of posts.

Even though preliminary action has already been taken to make necessary recruitments, it was halted in pursuance of the Cabinet Memorandum dated 28.08.2021 and the Circular titled "Review of Public Expenditure" by the Hon. Minister of Finance suspending all the recruitments in the public sector. Accordingly, there are 410 vacancies.

- **Reasons for Excess of Employees**

The cadre for the National Youth Services Council was approved by the letter no. DMS/E3/36/4/229/1 dated 17.01.2011, where several posts have been kept as personal to the officer holding the post. Currently such posts are being occupied and the posts will be abolished upon promotion to another post, retirement, resignation or death of the officer concerned. Further, there are 11 individuals in certain posts as of now and the said posts, which have given as a measure of relief to persons those who have been subject to political victimization, is considered as excess cadre.

- **New Recruitments (Permanent)**

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Recruitment Date
01	4585	Mrs. Thisari Piymika	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
02	4582	Mrs. W.K.Anoja Lakmali	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
03	4581	Mr. M.A.Kavinda Dilan Weerasinghe	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
04	4587	Mrs.Ruvini Thenabadu	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
05	4586	Mrs. D.M.Anusha Priyanganie	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
06	4584	Mrs. Hadigallage Sajeewani	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
07	4592	Mrs. J.M.A.Madumi Surekha Jayasundara	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
08	4593	Mrs. J.M.Nayana Kumari	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
09	4595	Mrs.D.N.Premalal	Office Assistant	2023.11.10
10	4589	Mr. W.M.Thilak Kumara	Driver III	2023.12.20
11	4591	Mr.B.R.S.C.Sugathadasa	Driver III	2023.12.20
12	4590	Mr.P.D.S.S.Jayawardena	Driver III	2023.12.20
13	4588	Mr.P.G.S.L.Bandara	Driver III	2023.12.20

The namelist of new recruitments made during the year 2023 is given below.

- **New Recruitments (Casual)**

Any new recruitments (on casual basis) were made during the year 2023.

- **New Recruitments (Contract Basis)**

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Date on which appointment was given on contract basis
01	4564	Mr.K.A.D.Aravinda Lakshitha Kulatunge	Private Secretary	2023.03.27
02	4567	Mr.Bodh Mathur	Private Secretary	2023.09.06
03	4566	Mr.R.M.Lahiru Madhawa	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
04	4567	Mr.Kalana Madhusanka Wickramage	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
05	4568	Ms.A.M.Lakshani Udayanganie Premawardena	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
06	4569	Mr.K.M.Chamal Sampath	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
07	4570	Ms.H.B.Lakshmika Saduni Ariyasena	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03

08	4573	Mr. H.M.Kalum Thushara	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
09	4574	Ms.D.M.Isanka Sandamali	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
10	4575	Ms.B.K.Poojanie Piyumi	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
11	4579	Ms.M.Saundarya	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
12	4580	Mr.M.Prindanyord	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
13	4572	Ms.R.M.Madhusa Sewandi	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
14	4571	Mr.M.Thineshkanthan	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
15	4577	Mr.V.Puvanachandran	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
16	4576	Mr.K.M.Isuru Themia Bandara	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
17	4578	Mr.P.G.A.P.S.Nadeeshani	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
18	4583	Ms.S.A.Piyumi Nuwanthika	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
19	4594	Mr.R.B.W.V.M.B.Rajakaruna	Agricultural Instructor	2023.10.03
20		Mr.K.R.Don Aviskha Lasindu Jayawardena	Assistant Director (Legal and Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Council) on the performance based assignment of duties	2023.10.10

- Promotions**

Details of the Officers who received promotions during the year 2023 are given below.

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Date on which Promotion was granted
01	1760	Mr.D.M.K.B.Dissanayake	Deputy Director	2023.08.07
02	2279	Mr.D.Mahinda Sisira Kumara	Deputy Director	2023.08.07

- Granting Permanent Appointments to Casual Employees**

Granting of permanent appointments to casual employees were not made during the year 2023.

- Retirements**

The namelist of the officers who retired during the year 2023 is given below.

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Retirement Date
01	3070	Mr.W.M.P.G.Weerasooriya	Driver I	2023.01.13
02	1606	Mr.R.P.Weerasiri	Instructor I	2023.01.14
03	1080	Mr.T.M.Jayaweera	Senior Youth Services Officer	2023.01.26
04	1694	Mr.K.A.D.Leelarathne	Labourer	2023.02.01
05	2869	Mr.T.M.Sunil Tennakoan	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.02.07
06	4002	Mr.Wijesiri Ford	Labourer	2023.02.24
07	1365	Mr.A.M.G.B.Alahakoan	Technician I	2023.03.02
08	1846	Mr.S.Ravi Kumar	Senior Youth Services Officer	2023.03.17
09	3051	Mr.Y.G.Sarath Gamini	Guard I	2023.06.28
10	1156	Mr.G.Lakshman Perera	Management Assistant I	2023.07.25
11	3519	Mrs.A.G.Nanada Malini	Management Assistant II	2023.07.31
12	1605	Mr.D.K.Edirisinghe	Instructor I	2023.08.01
13	1941	Mr.Sumith Priyantha Rajapaksha	Instructor I	2023.08.16
14	1306	Mr.A.A.Neelnanda	Senior Youth Services Officer	2023.08.28
15	2736	Mrs.W.M.Mangalika Pushpakanthi	Management Assistant I	2023.08.29
16	1357	Mr.B.D.W.D.K.Karunarathne	District Youth Services Officer A.D. (attending to duties)	2023.09.09
17	1645	Mr.S.J.M.Senevirathne	Guard I	2023.09.14
10	1688	Mr.W.J.Sasanka Wekadapola	Guard I	2023.09.26
11	3511	Mrs.D.I.Rohini	Management Assistant II	2023.10.03
12	1590	Mr.H.B.Sarath Chandrapala	Deputy Director	2023.10.14
13	1650	Mr.S.M.Wijerathne	Guard I	2023.10.31
14	3999	Mrs.Chandanie Ranahewa	Labourer	2023.11.09
15	1468	Mr.B.M.Podimahaththya	Labourer	2023.12.02
16	2881	Mrs.Ganga Devi Puwanaraj	Management Assistant II	2023.12.03
17	1872	Mrs.L.B.Yamuna Hemamala	Instructor I	2023.12.05
18	1476	Mrs.Kumudini Karunarathne	Management Assistant I	2023.12.12
19		Mrs.M.G.S.Kanthi Thilakalatha	Labourer	2023.12.15
20	2119	Mr.M.S.J.P.Rathnayaka	Guard I	2023.12.23
21	3474	Mr.W.Sarath Wasantha Fernando	Driver I	2023.12.31

- Resignation from the Service**

Below -named Officers of the Council resigned from the service over various grounds during the year 2023

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Date on which resigned from the Service
01	2185	Mr.L.V.Aruna Shantha Perera	Youth Services Officer I	2023.01.01
02	2353	Mrs.N.P.G.Chandralatha	Financial Officer	2023.01.20
03	4138	Mr.Jayarajan Rajiv	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.01.27
04	4268	Mrs.P.M.M.Pramodhi	Assistant Youth Services Officer III	2023.01.30
05	3138	Mr.H.D.Nihal Senanayake	Labourer	2023.01.31
06	2392	Mr.R.D.Nihal Rajapaksha	Management Assistant II	2023.02.01
07	4092	Mr.D.S.G.A.Jayawardena Yapa	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.02.01
08	2251	Mr.W.A.R.Walpola	Youth Services Officer I	2023.02.01
09	1314	Mr.Hondamuni Kamalasiri	Youth Services Officer I	2023.02.13
10	3318	Mrs.Seetha Nancilatha	Labourer	2023.02.22
11	1660	Mr.Dharmasena Wanniararchchi	Chef	2023.03.01
12	3131	Mr.H.G.Keerthi V.Thilakarathna	Chef	2023.03.05
13	3041	Mr.A.M.S.M.Mahinda Kumara	Management Assistant II	2023.03.07
14	1838	Mrs.P.A.Daya Kumari	Youth Services Officer I	2023.03.15
15	2205	Mrs.R.M.S.Piyaseeli Rathnayake	Youth Services Officer I	2023.03.27
16	1596	Mr.M.Hemantha de Silva (Retired on completion of 60 years)	Youth Services Officer I	2023.04.03
17	2179	Mr.Sunil Shantha	Youth Services Officer I	2023.04.30
18	1793	Mr.K.L.Pushpa Kumara	Management Assistant I	2023.05.02
19	2844	Mr.K.M.Asoka Kumara	Guard I	2023.05.02
20	2593	Mr.D.P.G.Dayarathne	Labourer	2023.05.02
21	1944	Mr.M.M.Wasantha Abeyrathna	Instructor I	2023.05.10
22	2825	Mr.M.D.Gnanapala	Chef	2023.05.18
23	2556	Mr.I.M.A.Ajith Prasanna Kumara	Youth Services Officer I	2023.05.30
24	3855	Mrs.Ishani Kaushalya Galhenage	Management Assistant III	2023.06.01
25	1774	Mr.S.T.B.Keerthisena	Youth Services Officer I	2023.06.01
26	4547	Mr.Ashan Samaraweera	Farm Assistant	2023.06.05
27	1961	Mr.W.A.M.V.Wickramasinghe	Instructor I	2023.06.30
28	2559	Mr.D.Gunasiri	Youth Services Officer I	2023.07.01
29	3819	Mr.Tharaka Madushanka Radampola	Management Assistant III	2023.07.12
30	1919	Mr.Palitha Wickremesinghe Madanayake	Labourer	2023.07.18
31	3445	Mr.M.W.Ajith Karunasiri	Labourer	2023.08.01
32	2094	Mr.R.A.Indika Perera	Labourer	2023.08.14
33	2961	Mrs.H.K.Swarnalatha	Laborer	2023.08.15
34	4564	Mr.K.A.D.A.Lakshitha Kulatunge	Private Secretary	2023.08.27
35	3303	☪Mrs.K.Gnaneswarie	Instructor I	2023.08.30
36	2302	Mrs.Siriya Nandanie	Labourer	2023.09.01
37	4344	Mrs.H.U.M.Chandima Lakmali	Beautician	2023.09.01
38	1836	Mr.S.M.Keerthisingha (Retired on completion of 60 years)	Youth Services Officer I	2023.09.21
39	4315	Mr.D.V.U.Thivanka Dickwella	Management Assistant III	2023.09.23
40	2630	Mr.S.S.K.Amarasooriya	Youth Services Officer I	2023.09.23

41	1823	Mr.Prasad Anuradha	Youth Services Officer I	2023.09.30
42		Mr.K.R.Don Aviskha Lasindu Jayawardena	Assistant Director (Legal and Secretary to the Board of Directors of the Council) on the performance based assignment of duties	2023.10.10
43	4541	Mr.Navod Chathuranga Gunasekara	Engineer (Civil)	2023.10.25
44	4506	Mrs.M.T.A.Nadeeshani Silva	Audit Officer	2023.10.28
45	1756	Mr.K.Sirimal	Youth Services Officer I	2023.10.31
46	1786	Mr.K.A.N.P.Jayawickrama	Senior Youth Services Officer	2023.11.01
47	3409	Mr.L.Robinson Kleman	Bungalow Keeper	2023. 34
48	2195	Mrs.K.G.Indrani	Youth Services Officer I	2023.11.26
49	4319	Mrs.I.W.M.I.W.C.Dinelka Ilangakoan	Assistant Youth Services Officer III	2023.11.26
50	3754	Mr.M.Dinesh Karunarathne	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.11.27
51	3630	Mr.L.R.P.M.Lankathilaka	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.11.27
52	3475	Mr.Hewage Nishantha	Driver I	2023.11.30
53	2016	Mr.M.M.S.M.Herath	Instructor I	2023.11.30
54	1768	Mr.D.M.Krishantha Kumara	Senior Youth Services Officer	2023.11.30
55	2566	Mr.Wijerathne	Youth Services Officer I	2023.12.31
56	1625	Mr.A.G.Kariyawasam	Instructor I	2023.12.31

- **Vacation of Post**

Action was taken in respect of below-named officers to consider them as those who had vacated their posts on various grounds during the year 2023.

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Date on which the post was vacated
01	3225	Mr.D.M.D.Nuwan Anuradha Rupasinghe	Driver II	2023.01.31
02	4555	Mr.V.Thayagaraja	Agriculture Field Assistant	2023.03.09
03	4551	Mr.Rumesh Gihan Senevirathne	Agriculture Field Assistant	2023.03.20
04	4556	Mr.G.G.Thushanga Madhushan	Information Technology Officer	2023.03.20
05	4557	Mr.Yasiru Nirmala Herath	Information Technology Officer	2023.03.20
06	3791	Mr. Thilina Lakmal Mudunkothge	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.04.21
07	3573	Mr.S.M.R.Perera	Management Assistant III	2023.04.26
08	3994	Mr.S.Dharshan	Driver III	2023.05.04
09	3815	Mr.Kasun Dananjaya de Silva	Assistant Youth Services Officer	2023.05.16
10	4426	Mr.R.M.C.Harsha Rathnayake	Information Technology Officer	2023.06.02
11	4261	Mr.M.K.T.Sandaruwan	Management Assistant III	2023.07.28
12	4560	Mr.N.K.Rakitha Sampath	Assistant Producer	2023.08.23
13	1733	Mr.G.R.N.Thilak Karunarathne	Youth Services Officer I	2023.10.28

- **Reinstatement in the Service**

The details of the Officers, who had been reinstated in the service, are given below.

S.No .	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Date on which reinstated in the Service
01	2797	Mr.V.Sathyedosan	Guard	2023.01.31

- **Termination of the Service**

The details of the Officers, whose service was terminated, for various reasons during the year 2023 are given below.

S.No .	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Date on which whose service was terminated
01	4548	Mr.D.L.C.N.Madhushanka	Agriculture Field Assistant	2023.03.09
02		Mr.M.P.K.Vidanaarchchi	Deputy Director (Development) Secondment basis	2023.10.31
03		Mr.H.M.C.G.Dayarathne	Deputy Director (Finance) On Actg. basis	2023.11.08

- **Interdiction**

There were no any officers who had been interdicted during the year 2023.

- **Efficiency Bar Examinations**

Since the Efficiency Bar Examinations pertaining to the years 2018,2019,2020,2021 and 2022 had not been held, examinations were held on 05th and 06th of August 2023 at the Buwenakaba Vidyalaya, Maharagama. Results were released on 28.12.2023.

- **Telephone Facilities.**

Telephone facilities had not been provided to the Divisions of the National Youth Services Council during the year 2023.

- **Loan Advances**

All the officers of the Council are provided with distress loan facility. Accordingly, a sum equivalent to Rs. 40,879,425.85 had been provided to officials and employees from January to December 31, 2023 as distress loan.

- **Cases taken up at the Labor Tribunals**

The cases that had been filed by the employees of the Council at the Labour Tribunals against the decisions taken by the Council were taken up for hearing during the year 2023.

- **Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund**

Action had been taken to provide the Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund benefits during the year 2023 to the retired staff members and the staff who had resigned from the Council to secure permanent jobs with pension entitlements.

- **Handing over of the Lands**

During the year 2023, no lands were transferred to the Council.

- **Deaths of the Officers**

The below mentioned officers of the National Youth Services Council were passed away during the year 2023.

S.No.	EPF No.	Name	Designation	Death Date
01	3440	Mr.R.A.Sudath Rupasinghe	Labourer	2023.01.29
02	3538	Mr.P.D.A.J.Gunathilaka	Audit Officer	2023.03.01
03	4232	Mr.K.A.W.Aruna Shantha	Computer Operator	2023.04.02
04	2075	Mrs.U.G.Sandya Upamallika	Chef	2023.06.03
05	2468	Mr.K.Alagurasa	Youth Services Officer I	2023.06.03
06	4429	Mr.K.Jagath Susira Varunathilaka	Computer Graphic Designer	2023.06.16
07	2281	Mr.K.S.P.Kavithilaka	Management Assistant I	2023.07.06

- **Details of the Trainees to whom training was provided**

No. of Trainees to whom training was provided in 2023 - 128

- **Officials who had been attached to other Institutions and came back to the Council**

The officials of the Council were not attached to other Institutions during 2023.

5.2 Procurement Activities

Any purchases were not made during the year since all office purchasing activities had been restricted by the Circular No. 2022-04.

5.3 Transport Activities

Being one of the main supporting services, the Transport Division extends its support to implement the programmes by various other Divisions of the Council by way of providing transport service towards accomplishment of main objectives of the National Youth Services Council.

5.4 Internal Audit Activities

Audit activities are performed through an annual audit plan which covers finance, administration and development activities, being the decentralized activities of the National Youth Services Council via 23 Divisions in the Head Office, 10 Provincial Offices, 26 District Offices, 61 Training Centres and Farms. In addition, Sri Lanka Youth Services (Pvt) Limited, Sri Lanka National Youth Services Co- operative Society affiliated to the National Youth Services Council and 26 Cooperative Societies of the Sri Lanka National Youth Services Co- operative Society located island wide and the Sri Lanka Youth Club Federation are also audited by the Internal Audit Division. Accordingly, 67 audit and investigation reports have been submitted during the year.

In addition, following activities are also performed by this Division.

- Examination of financial and physical activities of the projects and various programmes implemented with the funding facilities from international funding organizations (**Skill Sector Development Project/Child Fund/UNFPA/World Bank/ADB Etc.**)
- Preparation and forwarding of the answers with respect to the Auditor General's Report (Draft) issued in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 on the Financial Statements of the Council for the year ended on 31.12.2022 and the Detailed Audit Report in terms of Section 13(7) (h) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 on the Financial Statements for the year ended on 31.12.2022.
- Preparing answers and progress in respect of the recommendations and observations given pertaining to the matters arisen at the Committee on Public Enterprises and Public Enterprises Sub Committees of Parliament of Sri Lanka.
- Conducting the Audit and Management Committee Meetings and Reporting the same.
- Special investigation activities on the directives given by the Director General of the Council.
- Submitting information to the Audit and Management Committee Meetings of the relevant line Ministry.
- Submitting quarterly progress of the internal audit reports to the Line Ministry and the Auditor General.

Conducting the Audit and Management Committee Meetings and Reporting the same.

In terms of the Circulars issued in respect of holding the Audit and Management Committee Meetings, it has been specified to hold 04 Committee Meetings per annum, and 03 meetings were held in 2023. Even though all the arrangements were made to hold the 4th quarter meeting of 2023 on 12.12.2023, the Board of the Council was dissolved due to the change of the Minister holding the subject.

Subsequent to holding of the Committee Meetings, relevant reports with committee decisions were submitted to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Council. The summary of the decisions taken by the Committee is given below.

- To take action to minimize the shortcomings pointed out in government audit queries.
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5.5 Secretariat Office and its related Activities

Organizing and conducting the meetings of Board Members of the National Youth Services Council, disseminating the decisions taken by the Board Members of the Council at such meetings to the respective Divisions, Directors and Deputy Directors are carried out by the Secretariat Division. In addition, they also undertake other duties assigned to the Division with respect to other programmes of the Council as and when it is required.

5.6 Legal Investigation Activities

The Legal Investigation Division involves in representing the Council or the Chairman/Director General and providing required facts pertaining to the cases having regard to cases brought by or against the National Youth Services Council and to coordinate with the Attorney General's Department as required.

5.7 Construction and Maintenance Activities

Infrastructure development of all Provincial Offices, District Offices and Youth Centres, construction and modernization of buildings for vocational training are carried out by the Construction/ Maintenance Division. In addition, maintenance work of sewage system of the Head Office, Maharagama, and daily maintenance of the main theatre, landscaping activities and daily maintenance and repairs of youth Centres are being carried out by this Division.

A Treasury allocation of Rs.95 million was received for the year 2023, and following constructions and modernization projects spanned over previous years had successfully been completed and utilized for the relevant purposes..

- Completed the work of Nuwaraeliya Bungalow.
- Completed construction of 04 class rooms of the partially completed Monaragala Training Centre.
- Completed construction of 04 class rooms of the partially completed Dambulla Training Centre.
- Completed construction of 04 class rooms of the partially completed Lovelane Training Centre, Trincomalee.
- Recommenced the modernization work of sewage system of the Maharagama Training Centre and its maintenance and attending to the daily maintenance work of the Youth Centre.
- Renovation and modernization work of Training Centres, District Offices and Farm Centres were completed during 2023 at a cost of Rs. 153 million.

5.8 Performance of the Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Goal/ Objective	Targets	Indicators of the Achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0%- 49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
Ensuring healthy lives and building up physical fitness in respect of every age category.	To reduce the sudden deaths from non-communicable diseases by one third by 2030 through treatment and prevention methods and promotion of mental health and well-being.	Number of participants for the sports programmes			√
Ensuring comprehensive, fair and qualitative education and providing learning opportunities for all throughout their lives.	To increase the number of youths and elders who have acquired relevant competencies including technical and vocational qualifications for decent works and entrepreneurship in considerable proportions by 2030.	No. of youths who received vocational and entrepreneurial training in 2023.		√	

5.9 Achievements and Challenges - 2023

Achievements

- Implemented leadership skills development programmes for youths in coordination with external institutions.
- Implemented many programmes with voluntarily involvement of youths in line with the International Youth Day.
- Implemented voluntarily programmes in each district island wide with voluntarily contribution of youths.

Challenges

- To position the youths, who have been away from Youth Clubs, again to the Youth Clubs.
- Insufficient number of employees to render the required services island wide.

06. Performance Report – 2023

6.1 Performance of the Institution

i. Provisioning of allocations

Of the total receipts of the National Youth Services Council during the year 2023, the government contribution (recurrent) was stood at Rs. 1,325,050,000 and government contribution (development) was Rs. 411,788,000. It received Rs. 78,155,494.72 as revenue from National Youth Centres, Rs. 229,930,344.07 as revenue from Training Centres, Rs. 12,320,346.48 as miscellaneous income and Rs. 2,273,740.00 as concert revenue and all these sums were accounted as internally generated income.

Networking the youths and creating a generation of youths who are well suited to the future

ii. Development Programmes

The National Youth Services Council has implemented youth development activities under following areas during the year 2023. Accordingly,

- Networking the youths and creating a generation of youths who are well suited to the future To this effect, 14,907 programmes were conducted and 616,872 youths were participated in these programmes. Rs. 245.53 million was incurred in this regard.
- Development of Vocational Skills of Youth To this effect, 2,035 programmes were conducted and 115,251 youths were participated in these programmes. Rs. 139.14 million was incurred in this regard.
- Youth Enterprise Development To this effect, 35 programmes were conducted and 1,774 youths were participated in these programmes. Rs. 92.75 million was incurred in this regard.
- Internal Capacity Development To this effect, 48 programmes were conducted for the Staff and 1,569 officers were participated. Rs. 21.66 million was incurred in this regard.
- Empowerment of Sri Lankan Youth in the Global Context To this effect, 53 programmes were conducted and 3,126 youths were participated in these programmes. Rs. 11.62 million was incurred in this regard.

6.2 Short-term and Long –term Measures

Short-term Measures

- Identification of timely needs of youths.
- Conducting various awareness programmes towards build up physical and mental health of youths and to implement career guidance programmes.
- Introducing courses targeting local and foreign job markets.
- Enhancing the qualitative aspects of training courses.
- Increasing number of international language courses depending on the foreign job opportunities.
- Creating youth entrepreneurs by providing knowledge and facilities.
- Collaboration with local and foreign youth organizations.
- Providing facilities and opportunities for youths in the decision making process.

Medium Term Measures

- Formulation and implementation of strategic methods in line with institutional Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives.
- Improving the qualitative aspects of the Institute and increasing social attraction for the youth development activities.
- Directing youths towards agricultural economy and agro-entrepreneurship
- Obtaining opportunities available at foreign markets for youths in collaboration with the Diplomatic Missions in abroad.
- Minimizing mental imbalances and uncertainties and motivating the staff through evaluations and training towards efficiency of the staff.
- Creating/establishing technological methods within the institute in line with timely needs.

07. Report on the action that had been taken to rectify the matters pointed out in the Audit Queries pertaining to the year 2023.

S.No.	Audit Query No.	Matters pointed out in the Audit Query	Action already taken and action expected to be taken
01	SYA/B/NYSC/2022/AQ/19	Examining the activities of the NYSCO Video Division	Reply was sent on 17.02.2023.
02	SYA/B/NYSC/2022/AQ/20	Examination on Global Leaders Programme 2022	Reply was sent on 01.02.2023.
03	SYA/B/NYSC/2022/AQ/18	SL Volunteer Programme implemented under the National Youth Services Council	Reply was sent on 31.01.2023.
04	SYA/B/NYSC/2022/AQ/21	Examination into Community and Capacity Development Programmes	Reply was sent on 27.03.2023.
05	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/22	Purchasing of 200 computers for the requirements of Training Centres	Reply was sent on 27.02.2023.
06	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/23	Examination into buying poultry feed for laying hens	Reply was sent on 09.05.2023.
07	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/24	Audit examination of Uva Provincial Office, District Offices and Training Centres at Lewwegoda and Orubandiwewa of the National youth Services Council	Reply was sent on 15.05.2023. Pursuant to the request made to the line Ministry by a letter dated 25.10.2024 requesting to make the District Secretary, Badulla aware on settling the plot of land, a request regarding the matter was made by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports on 25.11.2024.
08	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/25	Audit examination of the National Youth Awards Division	Reply was sent on 04.05.2023. The programme was implemented upon the instructions given by the Duke of Edinburgh International Awards Foundation.

09	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/27	Cadre Management	Reply was sent on 15.05.2023. The subject clerks were made aware on the matters disclosed and three training sessions were held on 16th, 23rd and 28th of February 2023 to the Clerks assigned with the subject of personal files.
10	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/28	Examination into the Motor Mechanic Course conducted by the National Youth Services Council	Reply was sent on 05.07.2023. When conducting practical modules of the Motor Mechanic Courses, if there are no facilities available in the respective Training Centre, then arrangements have been put in place to conduct such practical sessions in Public or Private sector Institutions after reaching agreements with them. The trainees are referred to these practical sessions during the course period.
11	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/29	Examination into performance of the Jinarathne Training Centre	Reply was sent on 14.07.2023.
12	SYA/D/NYSC//2022AQ/30	Examination into Kalugaloya Farm	Reply was sent on 27.09.2023.
13	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/01	Audit examination of the Training Centre and Farm at Batangala	Reply was sent on 01.11.2023. The duties has been currently assigned to another Management Assistant and instructions were given to rectify the deficiencies.

14	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/02	Audit examination into conducting examinations by the Examination Division	Reply was sent on 20.09.2023. Necessary payments relating to all the pending vouchers had been paid.
15	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/03//1	eAudit examination on the Memorandum of Understanding entered into by the National Youth Services Council and Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council on the Dehiwala Training Centre.	Reply was sent on 19.12.2023. Action was taken to revise the relevant agreement.
16	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/06	Installation and use of Finger Scanner Machines to mark in and out to office.	Reply was sent on 01.03.2023. All the officers were made aware on the matter through the Circular No. 02/2023 dated 08.12.2024.
17	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/03//111	Audit examination on the conducting courses at the Dehiwala Training Centre.	Re 2024.02.07ply was sent on 07.02.2024. Instructions were given to take immediate action after considering the matters disclosed from the investigation report.
18	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/04	Digitalization of the activities of the National Youth Services Council	Reply was sent on 19.01.2024.
19	SYA/D/NYSC//2023AQ/07	Obtaining a building for the Galle District Office on lease basis	Reply was sent on 05.02.2024.

08. References

- Annual Report 2022, National Youth Services Council
- Financial Report 2023, National Youth Services Council
- Action Plan 2023, National Youth Services Council
- District Vise Progress Reports, National Youth Services Council
- Divisional Vise Progress Reports of the Head Office, National Youth Services Council
- Treasury/Ministry Development Expenditure Report – 2023, National Youth Services Council

09. Annexure 01 - Audit Committee Report

Conducting the Audit and Management Committee Meetings and Reporting the same

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10. Annexure 02 - Financial Audit Statement

National Youth Services Council Statement of Financial Position as at 31.12.2023

(Rs. 000)			
Description	Notes	As @31-12-2023	As @31-12-2022
Assets			
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	01	80,243	105,974
Receivables	02	144,546	155,516
Inventories	03	8,588	6,193
Other Current Assets	04	382	525
		233,759	268,208
Other Financial Assets			
Investments	05	1,799	1,799
		1,799	577,773
Non-Current Assets			
Plant and Equipment	06	394,186	357,203
Land and Buildings	07	2,503,899	2,315,448
Work in Progress	08	307,830	558,787
Balance Stock (Livestock)	09	14,658	5,225
		3,320,574	3,236,663
Total Assets		3,456,132	3,506,670
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Payables	10	118,811	191,935
Other Liabilities	11	23,823	53,260
		142,635	245,195
Non-Current Liabilities			
Reserve for Gratuity Payments	12	484,246	507,364
Total Liabilities		626,880	752,559
Net Assets		2,829,251	2,754,111
Net Assets/Equity			
Capital contribution by other Public Entities	13	6,554,420	6,408,645
Reserves	14	582,857	582,857
Accrued Excess/ (Deficit)		(4,308,026)	(4,237,391)
Total Net Assets/Equity		2,829,251	2,754,111

Sgd. K.A.D.Wasantha Kumara
Director (Finance)
National Youth Services Council

Sgd. Pasindu Gunarathne
Chairman/Director General
National Youth Services Council

The Board of Management of the Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements which includes Accounting Policies in Page No. 01-02 and Notes to the Financial Statements in Page No. 05-14. This is hereby approved and signed for and on behalf of the Board of Management and presented herewith.

01. sgd. by Asanka Nirmala Alahakoan, Board Director, National Youth Services Council
02. sgd. by Chamika Amarasingne, Board Director, National Youth Services Council

National Youth Services Council
Statement of Financial Performance
for the year ended 31-12-2023

Description	Note	(Rs.000) 2023.12.31	(Rs.000) 2022.12.31
Revenue			
Government Contribution (Recurrent)		1,325,050	1,174,969
Government Contribution (Development)		411,788	76,552
		1,736,838	1,251,521
External Contribution (Recurrent)			
Provincial Councils		300	-
Ministries and Public Institutions (Recurrent)		43,330	44,080
Foreign Organizations		14,033	553
Other External Organizations		4,768	52,267
		1,799,269	1,348,421
Internally Generated Income			
National Youth Centre Income Maharagama	15	78,155	25,869
Training Centre Income	16	229,930	174,961
Miscellaneous Income	17	12,320	33,105
Income from Shows		2,274	-
Profit from Disposal of Fixed Assets		677	2,750
Over Allocation for Doubtful Loans		-	35
Farm Account	18	23,431	10,726
		346,788	247,447
		2,146,058	1,595,867
Operational Expenditure			
Less :-			
Institutional and Administration Expenses	19	1,329,493	1,240,223
Depreciation of Fixed Assets		240,447	274,308
		(1,569,940)	(1,514,532)
		576,118	81,336
Youth Development Expenditure	19		
Aesthetic Skills Development Division	2-1	61,648	21,002
Media Division	2-2	3,430	1,326
Research and Planning Division	2-3	4,688	556
Career Guidance and Counseling Division	2-4	4,116	309
Technical and Vocational Training Division	2-6	61,223	40,722
National Youth Centres Maintenance Division	2-7	5,900	4,518
International Youth Relations Division	2-8	11,429	6,357
Youth Awards Authority Division	2-9	1,206	2,794
Sports Development Division	2-10	157,494	30,599
Youth Organizations and Development Division	2-11	40,121	143
Income Promotion and Farm Development Division	2-12	35,265	21,835
Youth Cooperatives and Enterprise Development Division	2-13	19,510	943
NYSCO Video Division	2-14	2,736	1,303
Evaluation Division	2-15	6,665	80
Information Technology Division	2-17	4,824	1,005
Special Projects Division	2-18	24,320	56,675
Land Division	2-19	-	252
National Youth Centre-Maharagama	2-6-1	30,120	14,593
Training Centre	2-6-1-2	169,695	132,036
		(644,389)	(337,046)
Excess/(Deficit) in the Year		(68,272)	(255,710)
Add:-			
Excess/Deficit of Expenditure (01.01.2023)		(4,237,391)	(3,929,675)
Adjustment of Prior Year Expenditure		(2,363)	(52,005)
Balance Brought Forward		(4,308,026)	(4,237,390)

11. **Annexure 03 - Auditor General's Report - The Auditor General's Report on the Financial Statements and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the National Youth Services Council for the year ended 31st of December 2023 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No 19 of 2018**

English Translation

Letter No. එස්වයිඑල්/ඩී/එන්වයිඑස්සී/1/23/133 dated September 30, 2024 pertaining to the Auditor General's Report

Director General
National Youth Services Council

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the National Youth Services Council for the year ended 31 December 2023 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the National Youth Services Council ("Council") for the year ended 31 December 2023 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the statement of financial performance, the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including material accounting policy information was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with the provisions in the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 and the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971. My Report in pursuance of the provisions of Article 154(6) of the Constitution will be tabled in Parliament in due course.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Section on Basis for the Qualified Opinion in my report, the financial statements of the Council give true and fair view of the financial position as at 31 December 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for the Qualified Opinion

- (a) A sum of Rs. 5.92 million was paid in the year 2024 as per the verdict of a case filed by a contractor against the Council. However, the said contingent liability had not been recognized as a liability in the financial statements in terms of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 08.
- (b) The value of 04 lands being used by the Council and the fair value of which could be recognized, had not been revalued and shown in the financial statements in terms of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 07.
- (c) The policy for evaluating stocks had not been specifically recognized in terms of the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 09. The required adjustments relating to 97 unusable items worth Rs. 1.29 million existed in the stock of consumables as at 31 December 2023, had not been made in the financial statements.
- (d) The audit fee of Rs. 2.17 million paid for the year 2022 had been brought to accounts as audit fees of the year under review rather than being adjusted to the allocations for audit fees account. Hence, deficit of the year under review and the balance in the allocations for audit fees account had been overstated by that amount.
- (e) Even though the assets worth Rs. 15.46 million purchased by 12 District Offices using the provisions from the Line Ministry in the preceding year had been given to the Council in the year under review, the said assets had not been recorded in the Assets Register of the Head Office or the financial statements. Furthermore, the provision amounting to Rs. 6.64 million given to the Council as capital grants by the Line Ministry in the year under review, had been released to the District Secretary of Ampara rather than being transferred to the Council. As such, a difference of Rs. 6.64 million was observed between the capital grants of the Council and the capital grants received from the Treasury.
- (f) The sum of 12.66 million being the value of smart classroom equipment and Rs. 63.90 million being the value of 10 vehicles received by the Council in the years 2023 and 2015 from the women empowerment project implemented by the Asian Development Bank (SSDP) and the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies respectively, had not been brought to the accounts by including the in the Register of Fixed Assets.
- (g) An expenditure amounting Rs. 3.68 million for the ensuing year incurred during the year under review, had been brought to accounts as an expenditure of the year under review. As such, deficit of the year had been overstated by that amount.

- (h) An unidentified credits amounting to Rs. 2.54 million was existed in the Bank Reconciliation Statement of a current account maintained by the Head Office as at December 31, 2023. As action had not been taken even by April 2024 to identify such credits and make necessary adjustments, the said value had increased to Rs. 12.52 million.
- (i) Even though sum equivalent to Rs. 0.87 million had been allocated for doubtful debts in the financial statements, but the policy relating to it, had not been disclosed in the financial statements.
- (j) The balance of the Saving Account amounting to Rs. 11.61 million, the balance of the Current Account amounting to Rs. 20,000/- and the balance of Rs. 16.25 million in the fixed deposits as at the end of the year under review under the sports clubs, which are being maintained by utilizing the physical and human resources of the Council and engaged in revenue collection without proper approvals and opening of current and savings accounts, had not been shown in the financial statements. Even a statement in respect of receipt of income to a sum of Rs. 8.15 million and expenses to a sum of Rs. 7.93 during the year had not been prepared. Further, bank reconciliation statements for the current accounts had also not prepared. Thereby, it had not been able to determine the revenue collected by these sports clubs and expenses incurred and accuracy of the remaining balances of bank accounts as at the end of the year and the fact that possibilities of financial misappropriations could not be disposed from the Audit.
- (k) The advance of Rs. 2.95 million paid to the Divisional Secretary, Meerigama for purchasing curtains to be used at the Training Center in Meerigma, had not been use for the intended purpose even by September 20, 2024. However, the said sum had been brought to the accounts as an expenditure of the year under review, and hence, deficit of the year and advances had been overstated and understated respectively by that amount.
- (l) In terms of the statement of financial position of the Council, the balance amount payable to the Subsidiary Company stood at Rs. 1.18 million. However, the amount confirmed by the Subsidiary Company stood at Rs.110.94 million. As such, a non-adjusted difference of Rs. 109.76 million was existed.
- (m)The Schedules, particulars for computation of profit and details of the purchased sport equipment relating to a sum equivalent to Rs. 383.13 million depicted in the Financial Statements as youth development expenses, profit of the Training Center in Dehiwala, and purchase of sports equipment respectively had not been submitted to the Audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuS). My responsibilities on the financial statements are further described in the section on Auditor's Responsibilities on the Audit of the Financial Statements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

1.3 Other information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the Institute

Other information consists of the information included in the Annual Report 2023 of the National Youth Services Council, which is expected to give to me after the date of this Auditor's Report, however not included in the financial statements and my audit report on the same. The management is responsible for the said other information.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not either make assurance whatsoever or express any opinion having regard to it.

My responsibility with respect to my audit on the financial statements is to read the other information in order to consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or with my knowledge obtained in the audit or by other means.

Upon reading the Annual Report -2023 of the Institute, if I conclude that there are material misstatements in the other information, I am required to communicate the said matters to those charged with governance for corrective action. If there are any uncorrected misstatements any further, such misstatements should be included in the report to be present by me to Parliament in due course in pursuance of the provisions of Article 154(6) of the Constitution.

1.4 Responsibilities of the Management and Those Charged with Governance on the Financial Statements

The management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and presented in a fair manner and to determine the internal control that is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, it is the responsibility of the management to assess the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern and it is also the responsibility of the management to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis and to disclose the matters related to going concern, unless it either intends to liquidate the Institute or to cease the operational activities when there is no other alternative.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the financial reporting process of the Institute.

In terms of Sub Section 16 (1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Institute shall require to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable preparation of annual and periodic financial statements of the Institute.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue the auditor's report that includes my opinion. Although reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee to the effect that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect material misstatement when they exists. Misstatements can be arisen to a quantitative extent due to the effects of fraud and error on individual or aggregate basis, and it is expected to influence on the economic decisions taken by the users on the basis of these financial statements.

I undertook the audit in terms of Sri Lanka Auditing Standards with professional judgment and professional skepticism. I also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of the accounting policies adopted, reasonableness of the accounting estimates and the related disclosures made by the management.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of going concern basis of accounting based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Institute's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. However, future events or conditions may cause the Institute to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate whether the underlying transactions and events relevant to the structure and content of the financial statements are included appropriately and reasonably and evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements with disclosures.

I will made aware those charged with governance regarding the significant audit findings, major internal control deficiencies and other matters that have been identified during my audit.

2.0 Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- 2.1 The National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 includes specific provisions in respect of the following requirements.
 - 2.1.1 I have obtained all the information and explanations that required for the audit and as far as appears from my examination, proper financial records have been kept by the Institute as per the requirement of Section 12(a) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 except for the matters described in the Section on Basis for the Qualified Opinion in my report.
 - 2.1.2 The financial statements presented are consistent with the preceding year as per the requirement of Section 6(1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
 - 2.1.3 The recommendations made by me on the financial statements had been included in financial statements as per the requirement of Section 6(1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.2 Based on the procedures which had been adopted and the evidence obtained and subject to limiting the matters that are material, nothing has come into my consideration to express following statements.
 - 2.2.1 Pursuant to the requirement of Section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, to state that the any member of the Governing Council of the Institute has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Institute beyond the normal course of business.
 - 2.2.2 Except for the below mentioned observations, to state that the Institute has not compiled with any applicable written law or other general or special directions issued by the Institute as per the requirement of Section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

<u>Reference to laws, rules and regulations</u>		<u>Observations</u>
(a)	Section 16(2) of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 and Section 6.6 of the Public Enterprises Circular No.1/2021 dated 16 November 2021	Even though the financial statements should be presented to the Auditor General within 60 days after closure of the financial year, the financial statements of Council had been submitted to the Audit on 21 May 2024.
(b)	Section 08 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971	Only the expenditure was predicted without predicting the sources of funds in the Budget Document prepared by the Council.
(c)	Section 3.5 of the Operational Handbook introduced through the Public Enterprises Circular, No. 01/2021 dated November 16, 2021	Contrary to the Circular, two officers had been released to other Ministries without any approval.
(d)	Public Enterprises Circular, No. 01/2015 (2), dated January 14, 2022	The Director General and 02 Directors of the Council had used fuel worth Rs. 2.48 million in excess of the limit that they had been entitled to as per the Circular.
(e)	the Public Administration Circular No. 09/2009 dated April 16, 2009	Finger scanner machines had not been installed at the Provincial Offices, District Offices, Training Centres and Farms of the Council.
(f)	Establishments Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	
	(i) Section 10 of Chapter XV	Even though approval of the Prime Minister should be obtained prior to leaving the country, a Director employed on contract basis, had participated in a foreign tour spending an amount equivalent to Rs. 0.19 million subject to approval of the Line Minister only.

	(ii) Section 11.1 of Paragraph XV	Rather than using an economy class air ticket worth Rs. 39.40 million for the foreign tour, a business class ticket had been purchased for the Director General incurring an expenditure of Rs. 2.77 million on 12 September 2023
(g)	Recommendation No. 10 of the recommendations on employee issues and irregularities issued by the Committee appointed by the Ministry	Contrary to the recommendation, 03 posts had been given to a Youth Services Officer including a post of Assistant Director (covering up duties).
(h)	Decision No. 13/2023 of the Board of Directors dated March 31, 2023	Even though it was decided to fill 06 vacancies existing in the post of Financial Officer through internal promotions, the said vacancies have not been filled up to now. As such, one officer was discharging duties in the post of Financial Officer for 02 provinces.

2.2.3 As per the requirement of Section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, to state that the Institute has not performed according to its powers, functions and duties.

- (a) In terms of Sections 4(f), 5(2)(g) and 5(2)(h) of the National Youth Services Act, No.69 of 1979, the objective of commencement of the farms is to inclining the youth to the agricultural sector. However, no action had been taken to conduct training courses in 09 farms of the Council.
- (b) A sum equivalent to Rs.1.19 million had been incurred for a programme on prevention of climate change conducted in a private hotel via online mode without approval of the Board of Directors and which was not related to the objectives of the Council.
- (c) A lease rental of Rs. 3.80 million had been deprived by the Council due to renting out the buildings to the private institutions free of charge and with discounts even though there had been no approval of the Board of Directors for providing the buildings of the Council free of charge and with discounts for the officers and various external institutions at the discretion of Chairman.

- (d) Even though one of the objectives of the Council is to launch the new creations with the contribution of the youths of the youth societies, an amount of Rs.4.83 million had been incurred for the production of a teledrama with the participation of actors and actresses and even the said teledrama had not been completed so far.

2.2.4 As per the requirement of Section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, to state that the resources of the Institute has not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the with the applicable laws and rules.

The purchase of food, water bottles and T-shirts worth of Rs. 9,696,450 for 34th National Youth Sports Festival held from November 16-19, 2023 had been carried out by a Pricing Committee without calling competitive prices. Due to this reason, a loss of Rs. 0.82 million had been encountered to the government with respect to purchasing the water bottles at a cost of Rs.70 per bottle, despite 20, 600 number of 500 ml capacity water bottles could have been bought at Rs.30 per bottle as per the wholesale price prevalent in the market.

2.3 Other Matters

- (a) Even though Rs.10.29 million had been incurred by the Council for a musical program conducted in Nelum Kuluna premises on 31st December 2023 without approval of the Board of Directors, no action had been taken to obtain the tickets income amounting to Rs.6.86 million received by conducting the said program.
- (b) Even though the finger scanner machines worth of Rs.4.7 million had been purchased in 2023 and in the previous years by the Council, those machines had been under-utilized owing to improper utilization of the said machines.
- (c) An officer of the Sri Lanka Accountancy Service, who was released by the line ministry to serve as the Accountant of the Sri Lanka Youth Services (Pvt) Ltd which is a subsidiary of the Council, was further appointed to serve in the post of Director (Finance) while he was discharging duties as the Chief Internal Auditor of the Council. Therefore, internal control system of the council had become weak.

- (e) Even though the offices of Sri Lanka National Youth Services Co-operative Societies Association had been established in the Head Office and the District Offices, no action had been taken to charge any lease rental for the same
- (f) No activity pertaining to the Agricultural Entrepreneurship Programme and Programme for the Establishment of Youth Agricultural Products Companies which had been developed for implementation in 2022-2025 under an allocation of Rs.250 million intended towards adopting new agricultural technology among youths in an expeditious manner had not been implemented even in the year under review.
- (g) 37 items to a sum of Rs. 3.5 million kept in the main stores of the Council had been provided to various persons and institutions on temporary basis and no action had been taken to obtain those to main stores again or recover the said value from the responsible officials
- (h) The certificates with National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission had been awarded to 341 students who had not been registered for the courses with a fee at Dehiwela Training Centre in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Further, despite the fact that the training center has no power of issuing certificates, in contrary to that 791 certificates which had not been verified by Examination and Evaluation Division of Council had been issued by the Training Centre.
- (i) Even though Rs.2.16 million had been paid to 02 private institutions for survey activities of 11 farm centres by using drone technology, action had not been taken up to now to obtain the legal survey plans prepared accordingly.
- (i) The Director General and Director (Technical and Vocational Training) of the Council and another woman had participated for the foreign tours by utilizing the provision of Rs.4.89 million that had been allocated for participation youth for regional international conferences and workshops.

- (j) Even though Rs. 4.65 million, Rs.1.93 million and Rs.5.0 million had been allocated to the Youth Club Federation during the year under review as donations, grants, and loans respectively, any follow-up action had not been undertaken on the utilization of the said monies. Further, Rs.1.4 million, being the unspent amount from the allocation granted by the National Sports Fund had been given to the Pollonnaruwa District Youth Regional Board without being sent back to the Fund.
- (k) 768 T-shirts worth of Rs. 0.73 Million had been issued from the Stores on several occasions which had been purchased for 34th National Youth Sports Festival after concluding the said sports festival. Of the said T-shirts, 337 T-shirts worth of Rs. 0.32 million had been issued from the stores mentioning as Director General's Office without indicating whom had obtained the said T-shirts. Furthermore, 100 footballs worth of Rs. 0.80 million which had been purchased for distribution for the schools and youth clubs levels had been issued in the name of Director General's Office.
- (l) A surcharge of Rs. 0.21 million had to be paid in the year under review on non-remittance of the contributions properly to Employees' Provident Fund.
- (m) The equipment worth of Rs. 17.42 million had been purchased with an objective of commencing a Robotic Training Course at Sapugaskande Training Centre by the Western Province Director during the year 2021 without a decision of the Board of Directors in this respect. Since the said Course had not been commenced, the equipment along with 31 trophies worth of Rs.7.70 million and chairs and air conditioners purchased in the year under review without proper forecasting of the requirement had not been utilized and kept idle up to now.
- (n) Even though the Sri Lanka Youth Services (Pvt) Limited has been established with 98 per cent of its shares being owned by the National Youth Services Council in the year 1981, the Consolidated Financial Statements had not been prepared and the company had not prepared and presented the Financial Statements to the Audit since the year 2020.
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- (p) The balance receivable as at December 31, 2023 stood at Rs. 144.55 million, and action had not been taken to recover a sum of Rs. 8.75 million continued to exist therein for more than 05 years.
- (q) From the year 2014 to beginning of the year 2023, 04 vehicles which had been removed from running had been parked in the Council and the Training Centres without taking action for disposal or usage again after repair. Moreover, other 10 vehicles had been kept idle without being used for running throughout the year.
- (r) Without appointing a Committee comprised of the retired officers as per the Cabinet Decision No.CP/005/734/0186/17 dated 02 February 2017 for providing the relief for the persons who had been face the political victimization during 1994 - 2014, the relief had been given to 40 officers by obtaining the recommendations from the Committees appointed contrary to the said Cabinet Decision.
- (s) The appointments to key staff grade positions in the Council, namely the posts of Director (Finance), Director (Development) and Director (Training) had been made on secondment and contract basis for several years without making appointment on permanent basis. As per the decision of the Board of Directors dated August 19, 2023 in this regard, even though it had been approved to recruit qualified officers on permanent basis, it had not been implemented up to now.
- (t) An individual had been recruited to a volunteer post at the discretion of the Chairman which is not available in the cadre of the Council and it paved the way to misuse of public resources as he was provided with accommodation in the hostel and given him the vehicle assigned to the Director General and provided fuel also.

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