Annual Report
2019

Buddhasasana Fund

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1.1 Vision

To create a virtuous and pious society that upholds the principles and values of Buddhism.

1.2 Mission

Taking actions for the stability of Buddhasasana by improving the facilities of the temples with contributing to the spiritual and social development of the monks to protect and nurture the Sambuddhasasana.

1.3 Objectives

1. Conducting appropriate programs to protect the Buddhasasana
2. Implementing development programs to nurture the Buddhasasana

1.4 Role of the Fund

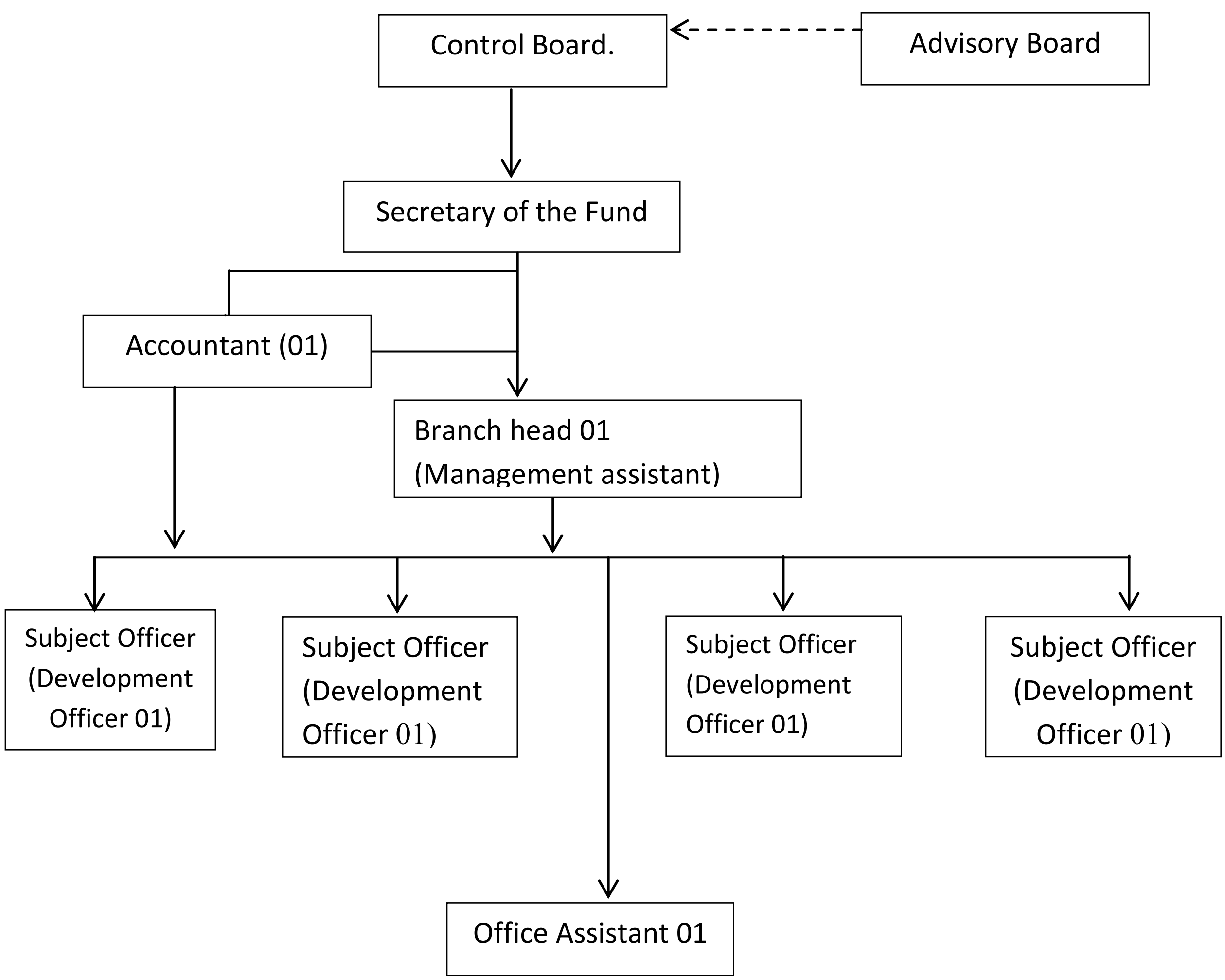
1. Offering monthly financial assistance to novice institutions providing novice bhikku education to more than 5 novice monks
2. Annual evaluation of the Dhamma knowledge and practices of the novice bhikkus in the novice institutions.
3. Providing the sanitary facilities for the temples with less facilities all over the island
4. SambuddhathvaJayanthiSamanera Sponsorship Scheme
5. Implementation of a medical aid scheme for the monks
6. Conducting programs to give knowledge on Dhamma, clergy practices to the monks who entered the clergy in adulthood and young monks.
7. Establishing Institutions of Chinese Language and Cultural Studies.
8. Implementation of Buduputh Suraksha Health Care Program.

1.5 Legal framework in which the fund is established

According to the Article 9 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, "The Republic of Sri Lanka shall give to Buddhism the foremost place and accordingly it shall be the duty of the State to protect and foster the BuddhaSasana, while assuring to all religions the rights granted by Articles 10 and 14(1)(e)."

In accordance with that role, the Buddhasasana Fund was established by the Act No. 35 of 1990 to raise and compile funds for the protection and nurturing of the Buddhasasana. According to the said act, the Buddhasasana Fund should take actions to assist in the management of institutions that are involved in the protection and nurturing of the Buddhasasana, and also carry out all other constructive and incidental activities and things which facilitate the role of the Fund.

02. Organizational structure



03. Staff

According to the rules laid down by the control board under Sections 7 (f) and 14 of the Buddhasasana Fund Act No. 35 of 1990, there should be a secretary appointed by the control board as the Chief Executive of the Fund. The secretary should also be the Accounting Officer, It is mentioned that, the secretary should be nominated from the Government Staff Officers attached to the Ministry of Buddhasasana whenever possible.

Accordingly, a Grade 1 Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service is acting in this post of Secretary in addition to his regular duties. The Chief Accountant of the ministry is acting as the Accountant of the Fund in addition to his regular duties. Alsothe staff of the ministry support for the activities of the Fund.

04. Performance of the Fund

4.1 Program of providing financial assistance to novice bhikku institutions

The child who leaves the secular life and enters the clergy life will be directed to the Pirivena education after a short period of time. It was customary for a child to stay in a temple for two or three years and voluntarily enter to the clergy life after gaining an understanding of the life of a monk and the Dhamma in the past. But at present, the children entering the clergy life have less opportunities to have an understanding of the clergy life before being a monk.

Understanding this need, this novice Bhikku education program can be identified as a productive project initiated after the establishment of the Buddhasasana Fund. The objective of a novice Bhikku institution is to raise love of Bhikkhuism in little novice monks, to build up good attitudes towards the life of a Bhikkhu, and to create a Bhikkhu who is rich in knowledge of rituals and practices. The novice bhikku institution is engaged in presenting a complete bhikkhu as defined in the DasaDhamma Sutra to the society, making understood that, the life of a Bhikkhu is a life arranged according to the buddhist practices and the difference between a Bhikkhu and a layman and the supremacy of Bhikkhu, teaching the way to live a Bhikkhu life without burdening anyone else.

The requirements for obtaining assistance

1. No educational institution other than the Dhamma School should be held in the temple.
2. There should be the three Bodhis.
3. The novice monks having education should be residents.
4. Must have basic requirements such as lodging, water, electricity, toilets etc. to live as residents.
5. Should be a temple with adequate contributors providing sufficient alms for breakfast and lunch.
6. There should be a learned and virtuous preceptor Bhikku to train the young novice monks.

Institutions that provided financial assistance in the year 2019

Serial number	Institution (Name, Address)	Number of novice monks in the institution
1	Sri Wajirarama Novice Institution, Middeniya	10
2	Sri DhammapalaNovice Institution, Kandy	06
3	Sambuddhaloka Novice Institution, Embulpura	06
4	Vidyadeepa Novice Institution, Galle	05
5	Sri SudhammanandaNoviceInstitution,Katugastota	14
6	SiriAriyawansha Novice Institution, Tangalle	08
7	Sri Jinarathana Novice Institution, Dambulla	14
8	Sri Sarananda Novice Institution, Deniyaya	15
9	Sri Vidyawansha Novice Institution, Hiripitiya	10
10	Saranankara Novice Institution, Siyambalanduwa	15
11	Sri Sumana Novice Institution, Hadapanagala	16
12	SiriSumangala Novice Institution, Ratnapura	11
	Total	**130**

The financial assistance of Rs 765,000/= has been provided for 10 novice institutions in many areas of the country.

4.2 The program of conducting end-of-year examinations of the novice bhikku institutions

This novice bhikku education program can be clearly identified as a productive project initiated after the establishment of the Buddhasasana Fund. The objective of a novice bhikku institution is to raise love of bhikkhuism in little novice monks, to build up good attitudes towards the life of a bhikkhu, and to create a bhikkhu who is rich in knowledge of rituals and practices.

An examination of the knowledge and attitudes of the novice monks who have been trained in these purposes is carried out here. Accordingly, after having a sufficient training, novice monks will be able to sit for the examination conducted by the Buddhasasana Fund at the end of each year. In this evaluation, a written test and also a practical test will be conducted by a board of inquiry consisting nayakatheros. The Buddhasasana Fund conducts a special evaluation of the novice bhikkus who obtain excellent and supreme pass from this examination.

Implemented methodology

1. Calling applications for the examination from registered novice bhikkuinstitutions

2. Organizing examination activities

3. Conducting the examination

4. Awarding scholarships

Information on the examination held in 2019

Location of the examination held	VidyalankaraPirivena, Peliyagoda, Kelaniya.
Date and time of the examination held	25.12.2019 (9.00 am-3.00 pm)
Number of monks who sat for the examination	49
Amount spent	Rs 580,354/=

4.3 Providing assistance for sanitary facilities in the temples with difficulties

There are many temples without basic facilities among the temples all over the island. Therefore, the objective of this project is to give opportunity for the residing monks to improve sanitary and other facilities of those temples without minimum facilities.

One Divisional Secretariat with difficulties get selected per year and the selection of temples is done according to a report prepared in accordance of the priority list regarding that area and the requests made directly to the Buddhasasana Fund are obtained with the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary / Coordinator of Buddhist Affairs and the financial assistance is given with the approval of the control board.

The temples that had been given sanitary financial aids in 2019

Serial number	Name and address of the temple
1	Sri SugathaMahaViharaya, ViharaHalmillakulama, Anuradhapura
2	Sri KawanthissaViharaya, Kowulara, SewanagalaViharaya
3	Maningamuwa Sri Sambuddha Dharma Nikethanaya, Mahawillachchiya
4	Sri PragnasagaraViharaya, Rideegama
5	ElpitiyaPuranaViharaya, Pituwala

6	Sri SambuddhalokaViharaya, Alawwa
7	Sri Pathmaramaya, Wilegoda, Kalutara South
8	ManelGallenaWanaSenasuna, Ayagama, Ratnapura
9	DiddeniyaPuranaViharaya, Palmadulla
10	Ellamulla Sri Ranathungaramaya, Meerigama, Pasyala
11	SenanayakeMudalindaramaMahaViharaya, Meerigama, Pirisyala, Ambepussa

An amount of Rs 299,920/= has been spent for the sanitary facilities in 2019

4.4 SambuddhaJayanthiSamanera Scholarship Sponsoring Scheme

This project is applicable to the SambuddhatvaJayanthi year and a special novice scholarshipsponsoring scheme for novice monks who have entered to the clergy life since 2010 and also for the novice bhikkus who have become monks after September of 2014. It is expected from this project to support the Sasana existence of the monks who have been entered to the clergy life during the aforesaid period of time by making financial contributions for their education or other basic needs.

Only the novice monks with following qualifications will be selected for this novice scholarship sponsoring scheme.

1. Must be a novice bhikku who became a monk during the period from 1st January 2010 to the last day of Vesak week 2013.
2. Must be under 18 years of age.
3. Must have 3 months passed after becoming a monk.
4. Must be registered as a novice monk at the Department of Buddhist Affairs.
5. A maximum of ten novice monks from one temple.

It was approved to pay Rs 1000/= per month to the novice monks newly applied for the Novice Scholarship Sponsoring Scheme by the 82nd control board. Accordingly, the actions were taken to pay a sum of Rs.700/-for the monks who are being paid from August of 2019 and an amount of Rs 1000/- was paid to the new beneficiaries. An amount of Rs.4,083,145/= has been spent in this year for the scholarships. This project also includes a commission for post offices as the payments for this project are made through the post offices.

4.5Bhikku Medical Aid Program

This is implemented as a medical aid method for monks all over Sri Lanka. Providing assistance for medical facilities to the monks who are continuously receiving medical treatment throughout the island on the occasion of the 2559^{th} Vesak Festival is related with this.

A sum of Rs.5000/= or Rs 3000/= per month will be paid as medical aid to the monks on the recommendation of the Divisional Secretary and the Registrar thero of the SasanarakshakaMandalayaand on the medical recommendations for the qualified monks living island wide.

Information regarding the newly registered monks that have been given financial aids in 2019

Serial No	Name of the monk	Disease	Amount paid monthly
1	Ven. Galahitiye Siri PadumaThero	Diabetes	3000/-
2	Ven. DodamwalaDhammarathanaThero	Diabetes	3000/-
3	Ven. WakamulleChandawimalaThero	Diabetes	3000/-
4	Ven. KatuwanaSubhadraSilManiyo	Diabetes	3000/-
5	Ven. GodigamuweSomanandaThero	Paralysis	5000/-
6	Ven. Galle SheelaDhammachariniSilManiyo	Anemia	5000/-
7	Ven. DenagamaDhammasubhaSilManiyo	Arthritis	5000/-
8	Ven. ImbulpitiyeWajiradhammaThero	A blood clot in the brain	5000/-
9	Ven. Madugalle Sri Siddhartha Thero	Kidney disease	5000/-
10	Ven. HirallugamaWijayarathanaThero	Paralysis	5000/-

The financial assistance of Rs.2,645,209 /- has been provided as Rs 5000/= for the lifetime diseases and Rs 3000/= for the diseases such as Diabetes according to the nature of disease for 41 monks including above mentioned 10 monks newly submitted for the payments in this year.

4.6 Providing practical training to monks who have entered to the clergy life at the old age.

There is a growing trend of monks entering the clergy life as they age, and there are times when such monks are frustrated and criticized by lay buddhists for behaving without a proper understanding of the clergy life. Also, there are instances of people being subjected to the philosophy of social error due to the temptation to do many things that are detrimental to the Sasana. Accordingly, these workshops are conducted to give knowledge to such monks about the supremacy of the clergy life and the difference between the clergy and the laity, as well as the basic rituals and theological dhamma knowledge.

Information on monks who have entered to the clergy life beyond their childhood is called by the divisional secretariats through district secretaries in relevant division. Based on the information received, three-day programsare expected to be held. The above program get to be organized in the relevant district with the assistance of the Buddhist Affairs Coordinator of the District Secretariat and a minimum of 10 monks are expected for each program.

Details of programs conducted in 2019

<u>First program</u>

District	Matara
Location	AkuressaDasa Bodhi Senasuna
Coordination	District secretariat of Matara and Divisional secretariat of Akuressa
Manipulation	Ven. DiddenipothaNandarathanaThero, Buddhist Affairs Coordinator
Dates held	26.02.2019, 27.02.2019, 28.02.2019
Number of days	03
Number of monks participated	18

<u>Second program</u>

District	Monaragala
Location	Thelulla Sri Bodhirajaramaya, Wellawaya

Coordination	Districtsecretariat office of Monaragala and Divisional secretariats of Wellawaya, Thanamalwila, Sewanagala, Badalkumbura
Manipulation	Ven. ModharawaneSudhammaThero and officers of the Buddhasasana Fund
Dates held	04.07.2019, 05.07.2019, 06.07.2019
Number of days	03
Number of monks participated	19

An amount of Rs. 256, 555 /= spent on the two programs in the year.

4.7 Establishment of Institutes of Chinese Language and Cultural Studies

The study of the linguistic knowledge and cultural identities of Sri Lankan monks is very important. Among the various languages and cultures, the Chinese language and culture has a prominent place at the present. Accordingly the aim of this institution is to encourage Sri Lankan monks to learn Chinese language and culture and to provide an opportunity for higher education in Chinese to do a balanced study of Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism.

Calling applications from those who have passed the Pirivenfinal exam, conducting selection tests, recruitment and administration and management of the institutions are done by a governing council.The institutions are registered by the Buddhasasana Fund after a report being observed and submitted by a special representative appointed by the Buddhasasana Fund and coordinating officer of Buddhist Affairs. The financial grants for courses will be made on the recommendation of the control board as an incentive to continue considering the number of students and administrative costs.

The 81st control board held in 2019 has cancelled the two-stage course system and approved the development of it as an advanced diploma course and the extension of the study period to one year.

The amount spent for the Chinese language advanced diploma course in 2019

Location – PeliyagodaVidyalankaraPiriwena, Kelaniya

Serial No	Paid item
1	Related to printing student hand book required for the Institute of Chinese Language Studies
2	Paying monthly allowance of January 2019 for the first group
3	Paying monthly allowance of February and March 2019 for the first group
4	Paying monthly allowance of June, July and August 2019 for the first group

5	Paying monthly allowance of September 2019 for the first group
6	Paying monthly allowance of October 2019 for the first group
7	For the first month of second group (October)
8	For developing CD relevant for the Chinese scholarship program
9	For the second month of second group (November)
10	For the third month of second group (December)

An amount of Rs 352,210/= spent on this course in this year.

4.8 BuduputhSuraksha Health Care Program

A medical assistance program called "BuduputhSuraksha" has been started as a health care program for the monks who are engaged in large religious missions and entitlements will be issued after registration. This project has been initiated with an amount of Rs M 90 including Rs M 40 from Buddhasasana Fund andRs M50 from the treasury and in addition it is planned to receive donations from local and foreign donors.

The cabinet papers have been submitted from time to time on implementing this and the approval has been received by the cabinet decision taken on 20th March 2019. The control board of the Buddhasasana Fund is the control board of this project and the management and control of the activities of this are carried by 7 officers appointed by the control board of the Buddhasasana Fund.

In order to get registered in this program, an application should be obtained by the coordinating officers of Buddhist Affairs attached to the divisional secretariats and completed application should be sent to the ministry through the coordinating officer of Buddhist Affairs and divisional secretary. Then entitlements are issued after checking qualifications to the appropriate monks.

After receiving the entitlement, the application should be filled and submitted to the ministry along with the prescribed bills through the coordinating officer of Buddhist Affairs and divisional secretary to reimburse the money incurred for hospital fees, medical fees, medical examination fees and medicine fees incurred during hospitalization for various diseases. The payments will be made from 1st September 2019.

Payment details

Registered number in 2019	8521
Paid number of entitlement requests	07
Paid amount	රු132,000/- (from donors)

05. Future targets

Programs expected to be implemented in 2020

Serial number	Program	Expected targets according to the Action Plan of 2020
1	Providing financial assistance for the maintenance of novice institutions.	It is aimed to establish novice institutions at the temples of all sects due to non-existence of novice institutions in some districts and insufficiency of number of novice institutions. register 10 novice institutions it is expected in 2020 and give financial aid of Rs 240,000/=
2	SambuddhathvaJayanthi Scholarship Sponsoring Scheme	It is aimed to grant scholarships of Rs 13,800,000 for 1500 novice monks.
3	Providing medical assistance to monks living island wide.	Providing medical assistance as Rs 3000/= for the short term diseases according to the nature of the disease and Rs 5000/= for the surgeries and incurable diseases.
4	Providing practical training in regard of the bhikku life for the monks who entered clergy at their old age	Conducting 3 programs

06. Financial Management

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6.1 Revenue Expenditure Account

For the year ending at 31.12.2019

	Note	2019	2018
Revenue		Rs	Rs
Investment income	5	10,093,417.00	55,063,137.07
Profit from the sale of Dhamma books	6	275,592.60	298,277.00
Donations and other income	4	25,500.00	5,500.00
Total Revenue		**57,550,090.85**	**55,366,914.07**
Deduction - Project expenditures			
Assistance for the Novice Bhikku Institutions		1,292,500.00	1,090,000.00
Novice Bhikku Institutions - Supervision Expenditure		52,681.00	80,597.00
Novice Sponsorship Contribution Premiums		4,083,145.00	5,937,659.00
Bhikku Medical Aid		2,645,206.00	2,219,000.00
Financial assistance for sanitation activities		299,920.00	3,000,000.00
Novice Bhikku Institutional Examinations		580,354.00	506,535.00
Expenses of the Elder Bhikku Attitude Promotion Program		256,555.00	170,499.00
Expenses of Chinese Language Program		352,210.00	257,975.00
Administrative expenses			
Stationery and office requirements		23,100.00	500.00
Allowances for the control board and salaries of the staff		58,151.00	89,163.00
Travel expenses		18,810.00	13,630.00

Computer training allowances	166,608.00	214,560.00
Overtime	54,536.00	5136.00
Hospitality expenses	24,056.00	6,085.00
Other expenses	9,454.71	18,672.75
Bhikku training program	-	43,634.75
Various depreciation reservations		
Safe	4,310.00	4,310.00
Building construction	87,500.00	87,500.00
Furniture equipment decay	5,775.00	5,775.00
Loudspeaker	5735.00	5,735.00
Equipment and fixing	16,294.00	16,294.00
Total of the expenses	**10,036,900.71**	**13,773,259.75**
Net Excess for the year / (Deficit)	**47,513,190.14**	**41,593,654.32**

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6.2 Balance check as at 31.12.2019

		Debit	Credit
		Rs C	Rs C
Safe		57,456.00	
Office furniture		57,750.00	
Fittings and office equipment		162,940.00	
Fixed Deposits in National Savings Bank		187,920,040.00	
Bank of Ceylon Investment		37,558,984.00	
Deposits under the sponsorship scheme of the National Savings Bank		42,436,493.50	
Deposits under the National Savings Bank Novice Institution Project		35,955,701.26	
Treasury bill Investment (Bank of Ceylon)		87,686,361.42	
People's Bank fixed deposits		138,181,200.15	
Deposits under the Medical Aid Project of the National Savings Bank		15,000,000.00	
No. 01125 Savings Account of the National Savings Bank		13,470,814.59	
Loudspeaker		45,885.00	
Lands		7,000,000.00	
Buildings and other constructions in Anuradhapura		3,500,000.00	
Buddha Jayanthi coin stock		317,400.00	
Various Buddhist books		1,094,626.49	
PaliTeeka Sinhala Translations		375,736.03	
'2600 Years of Buddhism' Book		5,483,520.00	
Cost of book sales		1,698,623.35	
Book sales from Nedimala Buddhist Cultural Center		7,988,635.88	
Advance paid to Nedimala Buddhist Cultural Center for thePaliTeeka English Translation		1,080,165.00	
Books for sale at the Buddhist Cultural Center		3,955,745.00	
Treasury Bills Interest to be received		2,959,115.77	
National Savings Bank Interest to be received		14,140,336.15	
SamaneraKapakaru project interest			4,175,456.75
Interest to be received of novice institutions		5,000,405.88	
National Savings Bank - Medical Aids Fixed Deposit interest to be received		428,210.96	
People's Bank Fixed Deposit Interest to be received		12,191,543.64	
SamaneraAyathana project interest received			3,905127.18
Royal Asiatic Society		7,282.00	
Payment of tax on retained earnings on interest		1,650,003.26	

Central Bank		51,145,413.22	
Bank of Ceylon		932,412.20	
Petty cash		-	
Novice Institutional Allowances to be paid			407,500.00
To the Nedimala Buddhist Cultural Center for PaliTeeka			544,409.50
Payment to be made to the foreign authors for supplying articles to the book of '2600 Years of Buddhism'			1,168,025.00
Tsunami aid			1,348,796.00
Buddhasasana Fund			621,776,891.11
National Savings Account No. 100011259873 Interest			31,611.36
National Savings Bank Account No. 100010101125 Interest			472,009.43
National Savings Bank Account No. 100011259873		806,645.97	
Novice Sponsor Scholarship Payments		4,083,145.00	
Novice Institution Payments		1,292,500.00	
Payment of Bhikku Medical Aid		2,645,206.00	
Expenses of Chinese language		352,210.00	
Novice Institution Examination Account		580,354.00	
Elder Bhikku Promotion Program		256,555.00	
Financial assistance for sanitary facilities		299,920.00	
Cumulative decay of buildings			525,000.00
Reservation of cumulative depreciation of the safe			38,790.00
Cumulative decay of furniture and office equipment			34,650.00
Cumulative decay of loudspeakers			34,410.00
Reservation of fixtures and office equipment depreciation			97,764.00
Building decay		87,500.00	
The decay of safe		4,310.00	
Decay of furniture and office equipment		5,775.00	
Depreciation of loudspeakers		5,735.00	
Depreciation of fixtures and office equipment		16,294.00	
N.S.B. Direct deposit interest			19,647,221.97
B.O.C. Treasury bill interest			7,687,636.07
Bank of Ceylon Interest			3,742,652.59
People's Bank Interest			16,041,469.20
Medical Aid			1,545,813.70
Book sales revenue			1,974,215.95
Donations			6,472,266.18

Receipt of donations			1,025,500.00
Allowances of the Novice Institutions Supervisory Board		52,681.00	
Cost of hospitality		24,056.00	
Other expenses		9,454.71	
Travel expenses		18,810.00	
Stationery purchases		23,100.00	
Computer allowances		166,608.00	
Overtime		54,536.00	
Expenses of control board		58,151.00	
Bhikku training program		-	
Interest to be received by the National Savings Bank Guardian Sponsorship		768,111.64	
Bank of Ceylon Interest to be received		1,602,755.86	
Total		692,697,215.99	692,697,215.99

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6.3 Balance Sheet to the date of 31.12.2019

	Note	2019	2018
Assets		**Rs**	
Fixed assets	1	10,093,417.00	10,213,031.00
Investment	2	559,016,241.62	531,760,164.17
Net current assets	3	109,001,484.81	87,624,758.12
		678,111,143.43	629,597,953,29
This represents			
Buddhasasana Fund		669,290,081.25	621,776,891.11
Various donations		7,472,266.18	6,472,266.18
Tsunami aid		1,348,796.00	1,348,796.00
		678,111,143.43	629,597,953.29

These Financial Statements, prepared in accordance with the Accounting Standards of the Public Sector of Sri Lanka, are submitted to the first control board that will be gathered in future of the Buddhasasana Fund for approval.

The control board of the Buddhasasana Fund is responsible for the balance sheet and statements of accounts submitted to the date of 31.12.2019 of the Buddhasasana Fund.

W.M.T. KavithGunawardhana
Accountant
Buddhasasana Fund

W.T.H. RuchiraWithana
Secretary
Buddhasasana Fund

SomarathnaWidanapathirana
Secretary
Ministry of Buddhasasana
Member of the control board of the Buddhasasana Fund

Ganesh Dharmawardhana
Public Trustee
Member of the control board of the Buddhasasana Fund

6.4 Audit Report

Secretary,

Buddhasasana Fund

Auditor General's Detailed Report in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 submitting to the chairman regarding activities of the Buddhasasana Fund including financial statements for the year ended at 31st December 2019

The above mentioned audit report is attached herewith.

02. Pursuant to the provisions of sub-section 39 (1) of the National Audit Act, the remedial measures proposed or the measures considered shall be reported to me, the secretary to the Treasury and to the relevant minister within 3 months from the date of this report.

03. I kindly inform to inform me if there are any reasons for the implementation or impossibility of any action or matter that I have indicated in this report inaccordance with sub-section 39(2) of the act.

H.M. Ranasinghe Banda

Senior Assistant Auditor General

For the Auditor General

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1 Hon. Minister of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

2 Hon. Minister of the Ministry of Finance

Secretary,

Buddhasasana Fund

Auditor General's Detailed Report in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 submitting to the chairman regarding activities of the Buddhasasana Fund including financial statements for the year ended at 31st December 2019

The Audit has been conducted regarding the implementation including financial statements for the year ended at 31st December 2019 of the Buddhasasana Fund under my order in accordance with provisions indicated in Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which should be read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971. The results of the audit conducted according to Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 are issued herewith this report.

1.2 Responsibility of the management and controlling parties connected to it regarding the financial statements

It is the responsibility of the management to prepare these financial statements in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and to make reasonable submissions and to determine the internal control required to enable the preparation of financial statements free from quantitative erroneous statements that may arise due to frauds or misrepresentations.

It is the responsibility of the management to decide the ability of continuing fund in preparing financial statements. Also discovering the matters related to the continuous existence of the fund and making accounts on the basis of continuous existence unless the actions are taken to terminate operations due to not having other options or it is not intended to liquidate the fund by the management. The parties related to control are responsible of considering as whole in regard of supervision of financial reporting process of the fund

It is required to maintain books and records regarding revenue, expenditure, assets and liabilities appropriately as the financial statements of the fund can be prepared timely and annually according to Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018

It is required to inform me about the proposed steps to be taken regarding the matters mentioned in this report according to section 39 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 within 3 months from the date of this report by the control board of the fund.

1.3 Responsibility of the Auditor regarding the financial statements

It is my objective to issue the audit report that includes my opinion and to provide a fair confirmation that there are no quantitative misrepresentations due to any frauds and errors in the financial statements as a whole. Fair certification is a high level of certification, but it is not always a guarantee that quantitative misrepresentations will be detected when conducting an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Audit Standards. Fraud and error can result in quantitative misrepresentations, either individually or collectively, and its adequacy depends on the impact on the economic decisions made by users based on these financial statements. As part of the audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards, I acted with professional judgment and professional skepticism during the audit. I further,

Planned and implemented the appropriate audit procedures to identify and assess the risk of quantitative misrepresentations resulting from fraud or errors in financial statements in order to form basis for a published audit opinion. The impact of fraud is far stronger than the impact of quantitative misrepresentations due to the reasons such as collusion, forgery, Intentional avoidance, misrepresentation and the avoidance of internal control.

Although an understanding of internal control was gained in order to plan appropriate audit procedures for the opportunities, it is not intended to express an opinion regarding the effectiveness of internal control.

The audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies adopted by management and the fairness of the accounting estimates used, as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Evaluating the reasonableness of accounting estimates used related to disclosures and appropriateness of accounting policies followed by the management.

Using the relevance of basis regarding continuous existence of the institution for accounting was determined based on the audit evidence obtained regarding the existence of uncertainty of the continuous existence of the institution due to events or circumstances. If I conclude that there is sufficient uncertainty, attention should be directed to the related disclosures in the financial statements and if the disclosure is inadequate, my opinion should be modified. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, the continuous existence may be terminated upon future events or circumstances.

Evaluating inclusiveness of transactions and events provided a basis for the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including disclosures appropriately and fairly.

The scope of audit has also been widened to examine the following as far as possible and whenever necessary

Whether the organization, systems, procedures, books, reports and other documents of the fund are planned formally and quantitatively as possible to continuously evaluate the activities of the fund in relation to the submission of information and whether the said systems, procedures, books, reports and other documents are effectively maintained.

The actions of Fund were taken in accordance with any applicable written law or other general or special order given by the control board of the fund

That it has acted in accordance with its powers, duties and functions

The resources have been utilized in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and procurement procedure within a time frame efficiently and effectively

1.4 Financial Statements.

1.4.1 Lack of evidence for the audit

Subject	Amount Rs	Not provided audit evidence	New observation/existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
Payments	4,260,906	Receipts/coupons obtained from payee	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing system	From the vouchers relevant for the payments of Rs 4,360,906, Actions are taken to settle the advances A confirmation of overtime and travelling expenses can be obtained and submitted Receipts are received for a majority of medical aid payments and they are filed in a separate file. Instructions are given to confirm	The actions should be taken to attach receipts/ coupons obtained from payee to relevant voucher to confirm the payment was received

					the payments under sanitary project and to submit for the audit Copies of the receipts relevant for the payments of Chinese language project are submitted herewith Necessary instructions are given to the officers to obtain receipts for all the payments in future	
Buddhist Dhamma books	6, 953, 882	Survey board records	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing system	It is planned to appoint a book survey board and conduct a book survey relevant for the 2022	A survey should be conducted and records should be submitted.
Tsunami aids	1, 348, 796	Detailed informatio n	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing system	The balance of Rs 1,348, 796 mentioned as Tsunami aids is remaining from 2007	The information with ability of confirming should be submitted

1.5 Accounts receivable and payable

1.5.1 Amounts receivable

Audit observation	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
It was observed that advances of Rs 13,031,828 that age analysis was not	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing	Instructions are given to recover the balance in 2023	Actions should be taken to recover the balances remaining for a

submitted and other balances of Rs 1,087, 447 to be received are older than 6 years and a balance of Rs 11,944,381 is older than 3 years according to the financial statements of previous years. The attention was not given to recover those balances.		system		long time

1.5.2 Amounts payable

Audit observation	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
From the current liabilities balance of Rs 1,712,435 that age analysis was not submitted, Rs 544, 409 is older than 4 years and Rs 1,168, 025 is older than 3 years and actions were not taken to settle those balances till now.	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing system	The actions are taken to settle the balance in 2023 or credit to the accumulated fund	The actions should be taken to settle the balances remaining for a long time

1.5.2 Advances

Audit observation	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
Although the interim imprests that taken for a certain purpose should be settled as soon as the relevant	New observation	The existing system should be improved	Instructions are given to rectify these defects and ensure that such defects are not	The actions should be taken according to the financial regulations in regard of making

task is completed according to the Financial Regulation 371 (2), actions were not taken accordingly. There were 10 cases of delaying than 14 days to settle the advances in the year under review. It was observed that balance was retaining until the settlements were made. Furthermore, it was observed from examining vouchers, that actions were not taken to obtain signatures of receivers to confirm the money was paid.			occurred in future	payments and settlements of advances.

1.6 Non-compliance with rules, regulations and management decisions

Reference to the rules and regulations etc.	Non-compliance	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
Financial Regulation 396 of the Financial Regulation Code of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	The steps were not taken to take actions according to the Financial Regulations to the date of this report in regard of 7 checks issued by the fund during the time period from 2013 to 2017	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing system	As the 7 checks can be credited to the state revenue, the actions will be taken to make them credited to the state revenue	The actions should be taken according to the Financial Regulations.

2. Financial Review

2.1. Financial results

The operational result of the year under review was a surplus of Rs 47, 513, 190 and the surplus of previous year was Rs 41, 593, 654. Accordingly, an increase of Rs 5, 919, 536 in financial result was observed. This has happened due to the improvement of investment revenue of the year under review and decrease of the providing aids for sanitary facilities and SamaneraKepakaru contribution.

3. Operational review

3.1 Operational inefficiencies

Audit observation	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
Although the payments should be confirmed by a receipt (with stamps when necessary) from payee as the requirement mentioned in Financial Regulation 264, many payment vouchers were attached with receipts relevant for other payments irresponsibly without checking.	Existing observation	The existing system should be improved	This inquiry was submitted regarding novice institution payments and the payments are made after receiving a receipt for the previous payment. Accordingly, the receipt is attached to the new payment voucher as it can be confirmed that relevant receipt is received. A copy of the receipt relevant for the current payment is attached to the relevant payment voucher. The instructions are given to the officers to rectify relevant	The actions should be taken to attach receipts/ coupons obtained from payee to relevant voucher to confirm the relevant payment was received according to the Financial Regulations

			vouchers for 2022, 2021, 2020.	

3.2 Operational inefficiencies

Audit observation	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
Although an amount of Rs 57, 550,091 was received as revenue of the fund in the year under review according to the financial statements, only Rs 10, 036, 901 out of it which means 17% was spent for the objectives of the fund. Furthermore, surplus money was invested annually and the total investment value to the date of December 31st of the year under review was Rs 559, 016, 242. Although, the role of the fund is providing funds for most appropriate activities for the protection and nourishment of the Buddhasasana, it had not been able to implement programs suitable for the annual revenue of the fund.	Existing observation	The existing system should be improved	The appropriate programs suitable for revenue of the fund are proposed to be implemented.	The actions should be taken to implement appropriate programs suitable for revenue of the fund.

4. Accountability and good governance

4.1 Presenting financial statements

Audit observation	New observation/ existing observation	Disclosure of control risks	Comments of the management	Recommendation
Although the financial statements should be submitted within 2 months from end of the year according to the Financial Regulation 877 (2) (d) included from the Paragraph 15 of Public Finance Circular No 01/2020 and dated 28.08.2020 and State Accounts Circular No PF/423 and dated 22.12.2006, the financial statements were submitted to the Auditor General with a delay of 2 years and 9 months.	Existing observation	Should be compliant with the existing system	No comments were submitted.	The actions should be taken to submit financial statements to the due date according to the circulars and financial regulations.

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