

Annual Report

2022



National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol

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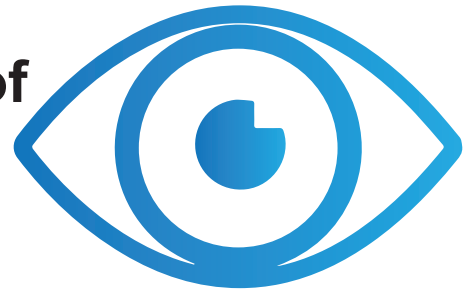
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Vision

A country and people free of tobacco & alcohol use.



Mission



Mobilizing all social sectors to liberate our society from harm caused from tobacco and alcohol.

NAME OF THE ORGANIZATION

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol

LEGAL FORM

Established in 2006 under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol act no. 27 of 2006

REGISTERED OFFICE

11th Floor, Wing A, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa	Chairman
Rev. Elle Gunawansa Thero	Board Member
Dr. Lakshmi Somathunga	Board Member
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Mr. L Kamal Silva	Board Member
Mr.Sunil Shantha Weerasekara	Board Member
Mr. Sumith Abesinghe	Board Member
Mrs. Wijayani Rathnayake	Board Member

AUDITORS

Auditor General, No.306/72, Polduwa Road, Battaramulla

BANK

Bank of Ceylon

Management Committee

Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa	Chairman
Mrs. Anushika Koralage	Accountant
Mr. Viraj Bandaranayaka	Legal officer
Miss. Chanika Ranatunga	Administrative officer

Key objectives are,

- To identify the board and specific policies in relation to tobacco and alcohol (and other narcotics) for protecting public health.
- To eliminate tobacco and alcohol related harm through the assessment and monitoring of the production, marketing, advertising and consumption of tobacco products and alcohol products.
- To make provisions discouraging persons especially children from smoking or consuming alcohol by curtailing their access to tobacco products and alcohol products.
- To promote and adopt and implement clean air laws and restrict the availability spaces to protect the community from tobacco and alcohol.
- To propose and promote all other measures, including cessation tobacco and alcohol programmes necessary to prevent harm from tobacco and alcohol to the populati

The main functions are,

- Advise the Government on the implementation of the National Policy on Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Encourage and assist health promotion through the media sponsorships and community-based projects.
- Recommend measures to minimize the harm arising from the consumption of tobacco products and alcohol products.
- Recommend measures in consultation with the National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, for the elimination or minimization of illicit drug use.
- Recommend legal, taxation, administrative and other measures necessary for the implementation of the National Policy on Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of such policy.
- Evaluate the impact of policy measures and advise the government on such modifications to the Policy as may be necessary.
- Encourage and assist research on issues relating to Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Monitor economic, health and other issues relating to the production, consumption and marketing of tobacco products and alcohol products.
- Conduct, promote and co-ordinate research in relation to the use of Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Secure participation of all necessary governmental or non-governmental agencies and private sector organizations in the implementation of the National Policy on Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Encourage active community participation in the implementation and monitoring of the National Policy on Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Receive communications from the public on issues relating to tobacco and alcohol and to recommend necessary action in relation thereto the implementing agencies.
- Act as the coordinating agency for all activities carried out by the government and nongovernmental agencies and organizations relating to minimizing the harm arising from the production and consumption of tobacco products and alcohol products.
- Monitor the progress of all investigations relating to Tobacco and Alcohol.
- Liaise with local, regional and international organizations on issues relating to Tobacco and Alcohol.



It is with great pleasure that I, on behalf of the Board of Directors present the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statement of Financial Position, Auditor General's report for the year ended 31st December 2022.

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA) was established under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol act, No.27 of 2006. NATA is the focal point of tobacco and alcohol prevention and cessation in Sri Lanka.

PERFORMANCE

Under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act, No. 27 of 2006, authorized officers and the Authority have taken 1101 legal actions. NATA is capable of offering the Certificate course of counseling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol (Second Batch). Sixty-one participants successfully completed the certificate course and obtained the certificates. The certificate course on addiction counselling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol collaboration with Rajarata University of Sri Lanka commenced and 29 candidates participated in the certificate course. Review meeting for certified counselors was occasionally conducted. NATA received a total of 18,422 calls in 2022 through the 1948 Quitline and there were 3,666 counselling calls.

150 field officers attached to the Small Entrepreneurs Division of the Ministry of Youth and Sports were trained on the prevention and cessation of tobacco and alcohol in the Gampaha, Kaluthara, Colombo, and Kurunegala districts.

Scientific information on alcohol and tobacco prevention and cessation is disseminated annually at the National Symposium on Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention (NSTAP). This year conference comprised twenty-one (21) abstracts organized into six themes, including the effects of alcohol and cigarette use on the economy and health, environmental sustainability and alcohol and tobacco control, legal elements of alcohol and tobacco control, social effects of alcohol and tobacco use, and prevention and cessation of alcohol and tobacco use.

NATA was able to establish an Ethics Review Committee (ERC-NATA) in 2022 with the aim to ensure the credibility and quality of research on tobacco and alcohol related aspects and not to allow research to be conducted in line with the objectives of the tobacco and alcohol industries.

Sixty (60) health messages were developed and those were translated into three main languages in 2022. A Health Messages booklet was published with the ISBN

number, 978-624-5719-43-3. Some health messages from the developed message pool were included in the grade 10 Sinhala medium Science textbook and grade 11 Tamil medium Science textbook.

Circular number 20/2020 was issued by the Ministry of Education on July 29, 2020, regarding making the premises of the educational institutions a zone free from the use, promotion, and trade of tobacco-related products, alcohol, and other drugs. The National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA) has also been recognized as a main stakeholder party in this circular. NATA conducted an assessment to assess the level of implementation of this circular by educational institutions.

A workshop conducted to enhance the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of agricultural officers regarding the alternative crops for tobacco cultivation in Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts.

In the year 2022, NATA Facebook page has three thousand nine hundred (3900) followers. Facebook page reach has indicated varied between 676,334 and 150,000 per month. There were One hundred and sixty-seven (167) YouTube subscribers and six video clips have been uploaded to YouTube to aware public. Four press conferences were conducted related to tobacco and alcohol control. 187 articles were published in newspapers regarding alcohol and tobacco prevention. The Chairman participated in 23 radio programs and contributed to the awareness of the public. Social media pages and blogs have published 45 news, blog and tobacco and alcohol related news posts.

22 movies were reviewed, and it was found that 11 of them violated NATA act by including scenes of alcohol and cigarettes. The Public Performance Board has been informed to take the proper steps.

The National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA), the focal point of the prevention of tobacco and alcohol in Sri Lanka, organized an advocacy Programme for Sri Lankan media personnel with the aim of appreciating their contribution towards tobacco and alcohol prevention in the country.

NATA gathered information/inquiries on Media violations via V NATA Media App and has taken legal actions for those inquiries. Over 200 public complaints have been received through this mobile phone software from January to December 2022. The total number of registered officers (Employees) via V NATA authorized officers was 213 and the total number of reports received was 32.

I represented Sri Lanka at the WHO – Conference of Parties (COP) and Member of Parties (MOP) meetings held on 3rd of February 2022 and participated for the second joint meeting of the COP9 and MOP2 elected bureaus, which was held from 21st to 25th of November 2022.

Nine provincial workshops were conducted for the authorized officers for the purpose of re- activate tobacco free zones. Tobacco Free Zones (TFZs) were reactivated and after six months, NATA evaluated the progress of the implementations, and NATA identified nearly, 230 functioning TFZs. Then NATA organized a review meeting to felicitate PHIs who were involved with creating TFZs. Moreover, NATA published a book of case studies about the establishment of TFZs.

NATA held training on enhancing community engagement towards tobacco and alcohol prevention for the Grama Niladharis in the Matara Divisional Secretary area.

The NATA, in collaboration with Kotelawala Defence University (KDU), held a knowledge enhancement program for students in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at the KDU hospital auditorium.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

NATA had 18 employees as at 31.12.2022 including an Accountant, a Legal officer, an Administration Officer, 02 Research Officers, 06 Development Officers including (02 contract basis), 02 counselors, a Management Assistant, 02 Labors and 02 Drivers. NATA continued to provide the basic welfare facilities requested by the employees.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Hon Minister of Health, Dr. Keheliya Rabukwella deserves my deepest gratitude for guidance and for reposing faith in the Board of NATA to provide the leadership for the continuation of the tobacco and alcohol related initiatives in the country. He clearly visualized the relevance and significance of tobacco and alcohol control in the context of non-communicable diseases and within the overall perspective of health.

The Secretary Health and other senior Ministry officials, who has implemented a number of measures to increase the effectiveness of decision-making process, the Director

General of health services who is extremely responsive to our proposals and plans, and the Deputy Director Generals in the Ministry. The work of NATA has been greatly aided by their immediate assistance in the spirit of being true partners. NATA has been able to launch a number of innovative programs in tobacco and alcohol control, the majority of which are highlighted in this report, thanks to the Ministry's unfailing support.

The Authority formed seven sub- committees for the effective discharge of its functions. Those subcommittees were amendments to the NATA act, Develop taxation formula for Tobacco and Alcohol, Cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol, Smokeless tobacco, Development of the curriculum on tobacco alcohol and prevention for medical, Enforcing and strengthening NATA media policy and Introducing alternative crops for tobacco for tobacco cultivation. I was really grateful for the subcommittee members who represent Ministry of Health, Collage of Pulmonologist, Collage of Psychiatrist, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture, Institute of Policy Studies (IPS), University of Colombo, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Cancer Control Program, University of Peradeniya, University of Kelaniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, University of Jaffna, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Sabaragamuwa University, University of Ruhuna, and Wayaba University of Sri Lanka for their commitment.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has been most reliable partner, along with the WHO FCTC Secretariat, and the spontaneous support we receive from the WHO at the Global, Regional and Country levels cannot be overvalued. The resources and the technical advice that NATA received from WHO and the FCTC have made a significant contribution to the achievements in tobacco and alcohol control in our country.

Finally, I must thank the Board of Directors for their valuable contribution and the guidance in steering the Authority towards success.

Prof. Samadhi W Rajapaksa

Chairman

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol

The Board consists of fourteen members including nine ex officials representatives behalf of Ministry of Health, Ministry of Justice, a representative of the Ministry of Education, a representative of the Ministry of Mass Media, a representative of the Ministry of Trade, a representative of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, the Chairman of National Dangerous Drugs Control Board, a representative of Commissioner General of Excise and the five Directors, who are appointed by the Minister of Health.



Prof. (Dr) Samadhi W. Rajapaksa
Chairman
National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol



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Additional Secretary (Public Health)
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National Dangerous Drug Control Board



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Appointed by Hon. Minister of Health



Mr. Sunil Shantha Weerasekara
Appointed by Hon. Minister of Health

The Directors have pleasure in forwarding their Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activities of the Authority in the year 2022 are,

- Necessary legal measures to counteract and monitor tobacco and alcohol industry interferences
- Identifying measures to monitor economic, health, and other issues relating to the production, consumption, and marketing of tobacco and alcohol products
- Necessary training on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol for relevant parties and strengthens 1948 quit line service.
- Development of educational materials for awareness and advocacy programs
- Establishment of an Ethics Review Committee for NATA to encourage researchers
- Symposium on tobacco and alcohol control (National Symposium on Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention)
- Aware the general public and especially relevant parties about the magnitude of passive smoking and air pollution caused by tobacco smoke

REVIEW OF AUTHORITY

The state of affairs of the Authority as at 31st December 2022 is set out in the Statement of Finance Position on page 60. An assessment of the Authority during the financial year is given in the Chairman's Review on pages 11 & 12.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Future developments of the organization are given in the Chairman's Review on pages 11.

PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

The movements in plant, machinery & equipment during the year are set out in Note 14 in the financial statement on page 60.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principle accounting policies of the Authority are set out in the Statement of Finance Position on pages 64 to 66.

GOING CONCERN

The Financial Statements are prepared based on the going concern concept. The Board of Directors satisfied that the Authority has adequate resources its operations in the foreseeable future.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

In terms of the provision of Finance Act 1971, the Auditor General is the Auditor of the Authority and had carried out his annual audit of the financial activities of the Authority for the year ended 31st December 2022.

Prof. Samadhi W Rajapaksha

Chairman

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – 2022

The Audit Committee (AC) discharged its duties in accordance with the provisions of the Public Enterprise Circular No. PED 55 of 14.12.2010.

As per the above circular, The Audit Committee should assist the Board in the task of overseeing to ensure that financial reporting is done in compliance with relevant Sri Lankan Public Accounting Standards and other applicable legal requirements, to ensure that all relevant rules and regulations and circulars issued by the government have been complied with, continuously reviewing and monitoring, making recommendations to the Board on matters of non-compliance, review the internal/external audit reports, management letters and implementing adequate internal control systems.

The AC comprised three non- Executive Directors of the Authority and was chaired by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Trade during the year. A Treasury representative from the Department of National Planning participated as a member of the AC.

An Audit Superintendent from the National Audit Office & Chief Internal Auditor of the Ministry of Health participated as an observer. The Chairman and the relevant officials of NATA participated in the AC Meetings by invitation.

During the financial year 2022, four (04) AC Meetings were held on 01st June 2022, 15th September 2022, 19th October 2022 and 06th December 2022.

In the Year 2022, the Committee

- Considered certain internal Audit Reports for 2021 which were issued in February 2022, covering the nature of the issues, responses by the management, and corrective actions that were taken to overcome the deficiencies highlighted.
- Reviewed the follow-up actions taken by the respective officials on the recommendations of the Committee.
- Considered whether answers have been submitted for the Audit Queries raised by the Auditor General relevant to the year 2021 and made suitable recommendations.
- Reviewed the Auditor General Reports for the year 2021 and considered the actions taken for rectifying deficiencies, non-compliance with laws, rules, regulations, and management decisions, human resource management, procurement & contract administration mentioned therein.

Audit Committee Members

Chairperson - Ms. B.M.S. Bandara, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Trade
 Board Members - Mr. R.P. Sathkumara, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Information and Mass Media
 - Mr. Sudeera Jayarathne, Director Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs
 Treasury Representative - Mr. K.D.S.R. Perera, Additional Director General, Department of National Planning
 Chief Internal Auditor - Ms. R.S.M. Wasantha
 Superintendent of Audit - Mr. S.U.D. Manawasinghe



Ms. B. M. S. Bandara

Additional Secretary of Ministry of Trade

Chairperson - Audit Committee

2023.02.07.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the Governance of the Authority.

DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors consists of one Executive Director who is the Chairman and four non- Executive Directors. The Board of Directors consists of Chief Executive Officer who is the Chairman, four non- Executive Directors, and nine Ex- officio representatives. During the period under review, twelve board meetings were held in the year 2022.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Authority Management Committee is headed by the Chairman of the Authority. The Committee comprises General Manager, Accountant, Legal officer and Administrative officer.

Management Committee makes decisions on the day-to-day operations of the Authority, implements the policy decisions and strategic objectives as well as makes recommendations as necessary for Board of Directors to take policy decisions.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee is constituted in accordance with the 'Public Enterprises Guideline for Good Governance' and Public Finance Circulars.

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board and comprises three non-executive Directors of the Authority. The director who represents the Ministry of Trade chairs the Committee.

The Audit committee independently examines and evaluates the activities of the. Authority. Internal Audit function carried out in the Internal Audit Unit of Ministry of Health accordance with their "Internal Audit Plan".

During the period under review, four Audit Committee meetings were held.

Audit committee report is set out in page 15.

INVESTOR'S RELATIONSHIP & PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY

Authorities are established, owned and operated by the Government on behalf of the public. Therefore, Board of Directors and Managers of the Authority are responsible for managing the Authorities to the Ministry of Health as line Ministry and the General Treasury of the Finance Ministry.

Annual Report, Annual Accounts, Annual Budgets, Quarterly Performance Report are forwarded to the same authorities, fulfilling the above responsibility.

Throughout the democratic world, Parliament, consisting of elected representatives of the people, has been accepted as the ultimate authority on public Finance.

Annual Report which embodies the performance of the Authority, Financial Statements, and Auditor General's Report is tabled in parliament for review by the Members of Parliament.

Being a Public Enterprise, the Authority is also accountable for the "Committee for Public Enterprises" (COPE) of Parliament.

REMUNERATION POLICY

Authority's remuneration policy is set out on the recommendations of the Management Services Department of the General Treasury. Director's allowances are paid in accordance with the applicable circulars by the General Treasury. Employees' salaries are paid on salary scales issued by the Department of Management Services of the General Treasury.

INTERNAL CONTROL

The Board has a responsibility to ensure that the Authority maintains a system of Internal Control, which is designed to provide reasonable assurance that all transactions entered into by the Authority are properly authorized, recorded & reported.

Functional Organizational Structure is in operation. The staff consists of General Manager, Accountant, a Legal officer, an administrative officer, two research officers, six development officers (Permanent post 04, Contract basis 02), two counselors (Contract basis), a Management Assistant two laborers, and two drivers. Each officer reports to the Chairman and the General Manager. General Manager reports to the Chairman and the Board of Directors.

National Procurement Guidelines are followed by the Authority in order to maintain the transparency of the transactions and thereby giving equal opportunities to interested parties.

The Annual Budget which included the capital budget are approved by the Board and forwarded to the Ministries of the Health & Finance Ministry.

12.1. Legal Actions

12.1.1. Legal actions taken by Authorized officers.

Authorized officers have undertaken prosecutions under NATA act.

Table 1 Prosecutions undertaken by Excise officers under NATA Act

The nature of the offence	No of prosecutions
Offence of selling tobacco products to miners	96
Offence of smoking in public place	240
Total	336

Table 2 Prosecutions undertaken by Police officers under NATA Act

Offenses (According to the NATA Act)	Province									Total
	Western	North Western	North Central	Northern	Eastern	Uva	Central	Southern	Sabaragamuwa	
31. Prohibition of the sale of any tobacco product or alcohol product to persons under twenty one years of age	8	1	1	-	-	-	1	9	-	20
32.Prohibition on installation of vending machines for dispensing tobacco product or alcohol product	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
33.Prohibition of the manufacture or sale of tobacco products which are prescribed	-	3	-	-	-	-	110	56	-	169
34.Prohibition on the sale of tobacco products without health warning and the tar , nicotine content in each tobacco product	-	-	103	-	-	-	223	3	-	329
35.Prohibition of tobacco or alcohol advertisements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
36.Prohibition of sponsorships	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
37.Free distribution and of tobacco product or alcohol product prohibited	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
38.Offences relating to trademarks of tobacco products and alcohol products	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	40	-	42
39.Smoking in an area to which the public have access to be an offence	18	28	-	-	5	-	56	66	-	173
43.Miscellaneous Offence	12	3	1	-	-	-	4	9	-	29

12.1.2 Legal activities taken by the Authority

Dunhill Switch

Numerous legal cases have been filed all over the island regarding “Dunhill Switch” and “Double Switch”, and a government analyst report revealed that the relevant products violate Regulation No. 01 of 2016.

Importing Rolling Papers

The project for importing Rolling Papers to produce Paper Cones which is exactly same as Cigars was stopped by continues objections from NATA.

E Cigarettes

Imported e-cigarettes were seized, and cases were then brought with the assistance of customs and the department of excise.

Smokeless Tobacco

The Ministry of Public Administration was requested to strictly implement Smokeless Tobacco circular.

Films

After taking action for screening alcohol and tobacco scenes in films, NATA was able to get a direction from HE the President that all filmmakers should comply with the NATA Act.

Pictorial Health Warnings on Beedi Packets

Several cases were filed against Beedi manufacturers for not having pictorial health warnings.

Alcohol License for Super Markets

The NATA is a party respondent to the action on giving license to super markets by the Department of Excise.

Regulations

The drafted new set of pictorial health warning regulation and the point of sale regulation were presented to the Hon. Minister of Health.

Action against smoking on enclosed Public Places

Actions were taken against several places including, several malls and five star hotels for violating the section 39 of the NATA Act.

Action against having Boards with trademarks of alcohol manufacturers

In this year, NATA initiated action against alcohol manufacturers, who have displayed their Trade marks in licensed premises.

12.2. Certificate course of counseling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol (Second Batch)

Sixty one certificate holders, who were specially trained in tobacco and alcohol prevention, contribute to the 1948 quit line call service, further strengthening the 24-hour, seven-day free service. The Authorized officers for the NATA act, Health Education Officers, Health staff from Warakapola and Balangoda Hospitals and Officers from National Youth Crops participated in the course. The trained counselling officers conducted tobacco and alcohol cessation and prevention programs all over the country and 2054 participants were aware by the trained counseling officers through the knowledge and experience they gained through the course.

The participants who completed the certificate course on counseling on tobacco and alcohol cessation and prevention received a badge. These officers served as volunteer counselors on the 1948 telephone counseling service. The certificate awarding ceremony was held on 10th August 2022 at the BMICH. The chief guest of the certificate awarding ceremony was Dr. Sunil Jayantha Nawarathna, Director General, National Institute of Education.

Also, a proposal was forwarded to University Grant Commission by requesting to upgrade the counseling course to diploma level.



Figure 1,2,3: Highlights of the certificate awarding ceremony

12.3. Certificate course of addiction counselling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol collaborated with Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Certificate course of addiction counselling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol collaborated with Rajarata University of Sri Lanka commenced on 25th September 2022 at the professorial unit, Teaching hospital, Anuradhapura. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and NATA. Authorized officers for the NATA act, Health staff of Anuradhapura Teaching Hospital, University Students and government and non-government officers those who interested in tobacco and alcohol prevention were engaged with the course. Twenty participants participated for the certificate course of addiction counselling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol.

12.4. Certificate course of counselling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol collaborate with Sir John Kotelawala Defense University (KDU)

Initial discussions were conducted with the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences of KDU and suggested curriculum was forwarded to the senate of KDU. University students and other participants who are interested in cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol would be benefited from the course.

12.5. Virtual Training Workshop on Telephone Counselling in Sri Lanka Conducted by WHO

WHO experts conducted the workshop and they were Professor Smitha Deshpande, Professor Sonali Arora, and Dr. Dongbo Fu. Participants included officers from the National Dangerous Drug Control Board, the State Ministries of Samurahi, Household Economy, Micro Finance, Self-Employment, and Business Development, as well as candidates from the second batch of the certificate program in counseling on cessation and prevention. The course was delivered using the Zoom technology from April 6-8, 2022. A certificate was awarded to 65 people in total who completed the program.

12.6. Review meeting for the trained counselling officers of the certificate course of counselling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol

The purpose of the meeting was to review the counseling tasks completed by the certified counseling officers on November 5, 2022. There were 29 certified counseling professionals present at the meeting.



Figure 4, 5: Participants engaged in the activities of the program

12.7. 1948 tobacco and alcohol quit line service

Table 3: Pro call details of 1948

Month	Total Calls	Counseling calls
January	2044	384
February	1300	218
March	1676	239
April	1642	280
May	2019	237
June	1374	330
July	1845	333
August	1694	486
September	1367	333
October	1312	335
November	1147	261
December	1002	230
Total Calls	18,422	3,666

The NATA launched the “1948” quit line to provide users of alcohol and tobacco with a means of quitting their habits. The goal of this counseling program was to help clients quit using tobacco and alcohol as well as provide support for issues associated to these habits. The call information pertinent to the months of January through December in 2022 is shown in the above table.

12.8. Advocacy program for field officers of small enterprises division of the Ministry of Youth and Sports

The advocacy program was held on the 19th of October and the 05th of December with the participation of field officers and entrepreneurs in the Gampaha, Kaluthara, Colombo, and Kurunegala districts.



Figure 6: The program conducted in Colombo District.



Figure 7 & 8 : The program conducted in Kurunegala District.

12.9. Review Meeting on proposed NATA act amendments

A review meeting was held to discuss proposed NATA act amendments and the work done by NATA subcommittees. The meeting was held on 27th December 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Water's Edge, Albert Rose Hall. The NATA board of directors and subcommittee members participated for the meeting. The subcommittee coordinators presented the progress of the subcommittees and obtained the opinions for NATA act amendments.





Figure 9,10,11,12,13,14,15 ,16, 17 & 18 : Subcommittee coordinators presenting the progress of sub-committees

12.10. First and second evaluation of the pilot study on introducing alternative crops for tobacco cultivation Sri Lanka.

The pilot study on introducing alternative crops for tobacco cultivation was conducted in Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts at year 2021. Two evaluations were conducted to assess the project's progress. The first evaluation was done in February (After 6 month) and the second evaluation was done in August (After 12 months) in 2022.

In the initial assessment, it was discovered that in the Monaragala district, 38.6% of farmers totally stopped tobacco cultivation, 29.8% of farmers had partially accomplished it, and 29.8% of farms were willing to stop cultivating tobacco with support of expert. In the Monaragala District, 58% of the land utilized for tobacco cultivation has been taken out of use. The majority of farmers chose pea nuts and cow pea as alternative crops in this district.

According to the results of the first analysis, 67.4% of farmers quit growing tobacco entirely, 10.51 % of farmers stopped growing tobacco partially, and 6.3 % of farms indicated that they would be willing to stop cultivating tobacco with support. In the Anuradhapura district, 92% of the land that was used for cultivating tobacco has been taken out of use. In the Anuradhapura district, the majority of farmers chose vegetables and paddy as alternative crops. In the second evaluation, it was found that 26% of Farmers completely stopped tobacco cultivation, 23% of farmers partially stopped growing tobacco, and 20 % of farms and 9% of Farmers were newly involved in tobacco cultivation.

In the second assessment, it was discovered that 67.4% of farmers in the Anuradhapura district totally stopped cultivating tobacco, 10.51 % of farmers had partially stopped, and 6.3% of farms were willing to stop with support.

According to the farmer's view, most farmers are not willing to stop tobacco cultivation because of various reasons such as they receive the pesticides and fertilizers from the Tobacco Industry, compared to other crops low amount of water needed for tobacco cultivation, the tobacco industry technically supports growing tobacco, and government support for other crops is less, tobacco industry financially supports to tobacco growers.

This project is effective to implement nationally. Government should assist in establishing supply chains for crops that have a strong potential as an alternative crop to tobacco. More research should be done to find economically viable crops that can use as an alternative to tobacco cultivation.

12.11. A workshop to enhance the knowledge, skills and attitudes of agriculture officers regarding the alternative crops for tobacco cultivation in Monaragala and Anuradhapura districts.

The Pilot project on introducing alternative crops for Tobacco cultivation was successfully completed in 2021. At the first evaluation, it was found that tobacco industry continuously support to the tobacco farmers by providing fertilizer, loans and instructions for tobacco cultivation. Without having the support of agriculture officers, sustainability of our project is challengeable. Thus sub-committee decided to conduct a Capacity building workshop for agricultural officers in target areas. The objectives of the program are enhancing the awareness and skills among agricultural officers on alternative crops for tobacco cultivation, enhance the skills and attitudes of officers to build a strong relationship to improve farmer's life and develop a monitoring mechanism through these Agricultural officers.

The Programs was conducted with the technical support of the facility of agriculture, University of Peradeniya. 60 Agricultural Research officers in Anuradhapura and Monaragala districts were participated to the workshop. It was held on 24th of August 2022.



Figure 19 & 20: The resource persons deliver their presentations



Figure 21 : Certificate awarding for participants

12.12. National Symposium on Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention - 2022

National Symposium on Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention was conducted on 2nd December 2022 at the Waters Edge, Nelum hall. Prof. Kamal Perera, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo graced the event as the keynote speaker.

More than 50 delegates were participated for the conference representing Ministry of Health, University of Colombo, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, University of Ruhuna, University of Peradeniya, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University and some Non-Governmental Organizations such as Center for Combating Tobacco. Twenty one (21) abstracts were presented at the conference under six themes such as, Economic impact of tobacco and alcohol consumption, Health impact of tobacco and alcohol consumption, Environmental sustainability and tobacco and alcohol control, Legal aspects of tobacco and alcohol control, social impact of tobacco and alcohol consumption and Cessation and Prevention of tobacco and alcohol.

Abstracts were presented under two categories as oral presentations and poster presentations. There were two panels who evaluated the abstract presentations. Following members contributed to the symposium as panelists,

- Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Chairman- NATA
- Mrs. B.M.S. Bandara, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Trade
- Mrs. Hiranya Perera, Senior Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Justice
- Dr. Janaki Vidhanapathirana, Director-Policy Analysis & Development, Ministry of Health
- Dr. Ranga Perera, Dean/Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University
- Prof. Kusumalatha Lankamulla, Head/Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Colombo
- Dr. Kaumadhi Karunagoda, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo

Dr. H.M.P. Herath from Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University and Ms. Ruwini Wanninayake from the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol were respectively awarded as the Best Oral Presenter and Best poster presenter at the symposium.





Figure 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 27,28 & 29 Candidates presents the oral presentations



Figure ,30,31,32 ,& 33 : Highlights of the event.

12.13. Establishment of the Ethics Review Committee of NATA

Ethics review Committee of NATA (ERC-NATA) was established in the late 2021. It was actively functioned since 2022. ERC-NATA was consisted with 24 members who are experts in various disciplines such as, medicine, social sciences, statistics, legal aspects, cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol, public health etc. Members list is as below,

- Chairperson – Mr. Ruwan Sathkumara, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Mass Media
- Secretary – Mr. Viraj Bandaranayake, Legal Officer, NATA
- Mrs. Vijayani Rathnayake, NATA board member
- Dr. Janaki Vidanapathirana, Director, Ministry of Health
- Mr. Shakya Nanayakkara, Chairperson, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board
- Prof. Dilip De Silva, Chair Professor, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya
- Prof. Kamal Perera, Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo
- Prof. Nadeena Jayasuriya, Faculty of Dental Sciences, University of Peradeniya
- Prof. Manouri Senanayake, Department of Pediatrics, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- Prof. Chandani Liyanage, Professor in Sociology, Faculty of Art, University of Colombo
- Prof. C.S. Weeraratne, Former professor in Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and University of Ruhuna
- Prof. Kusumalatha Lankamulla, Head/Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayawardhanapura
- Dr. R. Haniffa, Head/Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- Dr. Amila Isuru, Head/Department of Psychiatric, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
- Dr. Medhani Hewagama, Consultant Psychiatrist
- Dr. N. Jeyakumaran, Consultant Clinical Oncologist, Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama
- Dr. B. Kumarendran, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna
- Dr. S.M. Hettiarachchi, National Hospital for Respiratory Diseases, Welisara
- Dr. Ranga Perera, Consultant Oncological Surgeon/Senior lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University
- Dr. Shreenika De. Silva Weliana, Community Physician/Medical Statistician/Senior lecturer, Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- Dr. Nishantha Kumarasinghe, Behavioral Scientist/Clinician, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University
- Dr. Seuwandi Subasinghe, Senior Lecturer, Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna
- Ms. Nadee Ama Jayasekara, Senior Educationist (Retired), National Institute of Education
- Ms. Kamani Hettiarachchi, Entrepreneur

The first meeting of the ERC – NATA was successfully held on 11th January 2022. As decisions taken in this meeting, guidelines of the ERC-NATA were developed and published as a booklet (ISBN: 978-955-0645-10-7).

NATA requested from the Ministry of Health, National Science Foundation and World Health Organization to recognize the ERC-NATA as a recognized committee to grant ethical review for the research projects. As a result, the Ministry of Health has recognized the ERC-NATA as such a committee.

12.14. Developing tobacco and alcohol prevention related health messages to include in school textbooks

This programme was initiated in 2021 by appointing an expert committee to develop tobacco and alcohol prevention related health messages. Sixty (60) health messages were developed and those were translated into three main languages in 2022. A booklet was published including developed health messages with the ISBN number, 978-624-5719-43-3.

Series of meetings were held with the commissioner General, Education Publications Department, Ministry of Education and Director General, National Institute of Education to include those messages in school textbooks. As a result, few health messages from the developed message pool were included in grade 10 Sinhala medium science textbook and grade 11 Tamil medium science textbook.

12.15. Assessing the implementation of circular number 20/2020 issued by the Ministry of Education

Circular number 20/2020 was issued by the Ministry of Education on July 29, 2020, regarding making the premises of the educational institutions a zone free from the use, promotion and trade of tobacco-related products, alcohol, and other drugs. The National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol (NATA) has also recognized as a main stakeholder party in this circular.

Thus, the NATA was decided to conduct an assessment to assess the level of implementation of this circular by educational institutions. Assessment questionnaire was developed as a Google form and converted it into three main languages. Developed Google forms were submitted to the Ministry of Education to contact the educational institutions behalf of NATA and conduct the assessment.

12.16. Upgrading the certificate course of counseling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol in to diploma level

Discussions were carried out with the Director General of National Institute of Education (NIE) on this regard and a proposal was submitted to the NIE to upgrade the certificate course of counseling on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol in to diploma level.

12.17. Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS)-2020

GATS 2020 report was finalized by NATA side and submitted to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for clearance through World Health Organization.

12.18. The workshop on Data to Policy

Data to policy workshop was organized by the Ministry of Health with the support of Bloomberg Philanthropies, Data for Health Initiative. Director, Policy Analysis and Development, Ministry of Health requested two officers from NATA to participate for this workshop as one of the objectives of this workshop was to develop the National Tobacco Control Policy.

Workshop was held from 28th November 2022 to 9th December 2022 at Hilton Colombo Residencies, Colombo 02. Two Research officers from NATA (Ms. Hansamali Wickramasooriya and Mr. Bimsara Malshan) were participated for the workshop representing NATA.

12.19. Update Community Awareness Program on Tobacco & Alcohol (Acute Inpatient unit for each district / Rehabilitation Center / An active public & Fitness unit)

The first meeting was held on June 17, 2022, over Zoom, and director Dr. Rohan Rathnayake (Director of Mental Health, Ministry of Health) provided information about alcohol rehabilitation facilities. Members of the College of Psychiatrists, Prof. Naradha Warnasuriya, (Chair of the Expert Committee on Tobacco, Alcohol, and Illicit Substances of Ministry of Health) and representatives of the Alcohol and Drug Information Center (ADIC) participated for the discussion.

12.20. Media activities

The following public awareness campaigns were undertaken through the NATA YouTube channel, radio stations, and television networks:

- Radio program on V- FM regarding katha Ministry on 5th of January 2022.
- TV program on Suvarnawahini regarding Ayubovan Sri Lanka on 6th of January 2022.
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 8th of January 2022
- Awareness campaigns for the Public were carried out via NATA YouTube e channel by the Chairman and NATA staff regarding, Introduction of alternative crops to tobacco cultivation – Jan 13,2022
- Radio program on V- FM , Katha Ministry on 2nd of February 2022.
- TV program on Suvarnawahini , Ayubovan Sri Lanka on 1st of February 2022.
- Radio program on V- FM , Katha Ministry on 15th of February 2022
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 4th of February 2022
- TV program on Siyatha TV on 04th of February 2022
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 8th of January 2022
- Awareness campaigns for the Public were carried out via NATA YouTube e channel by the Chairman and NATA staff regarding, How can telephone counseling help with tobacco and alcohol abuse and Details on 1948-12th March 2022.
- TV program on Suvarnawahini , Ayubovan Sri Lanka on 01st of April 2022.
- Radio program on Sri Lanka Guvanviduliya , Subarathaya on 01st of April 2022
- TV program on Suvarnawahini , Ayubovan Sri Lanka on 31st of May 2022.
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 27th of May 2022.
- TV program on Rupavahini, Ayubovan on 28th of May 2022.
- TV program on ITN , 7 veni peya on 30th of May 2022
- Awareness campaigns for the Public were carried out via NATA YouTube e channel by the Chairman and NATA staff regarding, World Tobacco Day 2022- Chairman message – May 31,2022
- Awareness campaigns for the Public were carried out via NATA YouTube e channel by the Chairman and NATA staff regarding, Tobacco and Alcohol Prevention Curriculum for Undergraduate Media Students – May 15,2022
- TV program on Suvarnawahini, Ayubovan Sri Lanka on 03th of June 2022.
- TV program on Rupavahini , Ayubovan on 02nd of June 2022
- TV program on Sirasa(TV1) , Sithijaya on 04th of June 2022.
- TV program on Suvarnawahini , Ayubovan Sri Lanka on 06th of June 2022.
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 06th of June 2022.
- TV program on Siyatha TV on 10th of June 2022.

- TV program on Sirasa , The People on 13th of June 2022.
- TV program on Suvarnawahini , Ayubowan Sri Lanka on 14th of June 2022.
- Radio program on V- FM , Katha Ministry on 24th of June 2022
- Participated to the TV program on Suvarnawahini , Ayubowan Sri Lanka on 21st of July 2022.
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 22nd of July 2022.
- Awareness campaigns for the Public were carried out via NATA YouTube channel by the Chairman and NATA staff regarding, Harmful Effects of alcohol and tobacco on the human body- 22nd of August 2022
- Awareness campaigns for the Public were carried out via NATA YouTube channel by the Chairman and NATA staff regarding the main cause of oral cancer in Sri Lanka is betel nut and tobacco- Professor Nadina Jayasuriya- October 5 and Oral cancer caused by tobacco use- October 14.
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 08th of October 2022
- Radio program on V- FM , Katha Ministry on 10th of October 2022
- TV program on Siyatha TV on 14th of October 2022
- Radio program in VFM on 1st of November 2022
- Radio program on Lakhada , wedilla on 04th of November 2022
- TV program in Aksharaya TV 02nd of November 2022
- Radio program on V- FM , Katha Ministry on 01st of November 2022
- TV program on Siyatha TV on 03th of November 2022.

The official NATA Facebook page has 3727 followers, the NATA YouTube channel has 167 subscribers, and NATA Instagram profile has 26 followers. According to official Facebook reach, NATA Facebook page has reached to users around 676,334 to 150,000 per month in 2022.

Apart from that, 185 newspaper articles were published on measures taken by the NATA to mitigate tobacco and alcohol related issues.

12.21. Film Preview Report Summary

NATA has been evaluating and recommending films that have been broadcast in Sri Lanka since 2020.

Table 4 An overview of the film reviews

Language	Reviewed Films
Sinhala	17
Tamil	03
English	02
Total	22

12.22. Media Awarding Ceremony – 2022

NATA organized an advocacy programme for Sri Lankan media personnel with the aim of appreciating their contribution towards tobacco and alcohol prevention in the country. Programme was held on 02nd December 2022 at 6.00PM to 8.00PM at “Waters Edge”, Battaramulla.

In digital media category, eight digital media channels (Siyatha Tv, Sirasa Tv, Tv Derana, Rupavahini, Swarnawahini, Hiru Tv, ITN, Government Information Department) were awarded and a special award was presented to “Sithijaya” programme from Sirasa Tv”. In printed media category, three journalists (Ms. Vennessa Anthony for The Morning English paper, Mr. Indika Polkotuwa for Dinamina News paper and Mr. R. Raam Kumar for Veerakesari Tamil Epaper) were awarded. Three radio channels (SLBC, V Fm and Lakhada radio) also were awarded and a special award was presented to Lak Fm for their “Vedilla Program”. Especially social media networks also appreciated in this year in terms of their contribution to the tobacco and alcohol control. Thus, Dasatha Lanka Facebook page was appreciated in this regard. Higher officials of the Ministry of Health, representatives of WHOs and other stakeholders participated to the event.





Figure 34 ,35, 36,37, 38 & 39: Highlights of the event.

12.23. V NATA Media Violation Mobile App

NATA has developed a mobile application named “V NATA Media App”. General public can report media violations of the NATA act to the NATA via this application. The primary objective of introducing this mobile application is to stop the informal advertising of tobacco and alcohol products using digital media.

NATA have gathered information of Media violations reported through this mobile application and taken legal actions for public complaints about illegal tobacco and alcohol advertisements through all communication media. Over 200 public complaints have been received through V NATA Media App from January to November 2022.

A total of 199 complaints from the public have reported through the app as of 27th December 2022. Out of this 199 complaints, 148 were on social media related violations, 09 were newspaper related violations, 08 were TV channels related violations, 19 were photographs published violating the NATA act and 15 were informal tobacco and alcohol advertisements.

According to the above data, the highest number of complaints has been reported in relation to social media. Accordingly, legal actions have been taken for all the complaints reported. Also, the police department, excise department and NDDCB also involved in the legal process.

12.24. V NATA Authorized officers Mobile App

NATA introduced this mobile application to authorized officers of NATA act (Public Health Inspectors, Excise Officers, Food & drug inspectors and Police Officers). This app was launched in 2021 with the purpose of strengthening the connection between NATA and authorized officers.

NATA aims to identify and evaluate cases filed by authorized officers under the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006 periodically through this app. Details of information received through the mobile application are as follows.

Table 5 Total number of registered officers for VNATA app

Type of registered officers	Number
Police officers	12
Excise officers	10
Public Health Inspectors	188
Food and Drug Inspectors	03
TOTAL	213

Table 6 Total number of reports received from each category of registered officers

Type of registered officers	Number
Police officers	01
Excise officers	01
Public Health Inspectors	30
Food and Drug Inspector	0
TOTAL	32

Table 7 Number of inquiry reports received to each section of the NATA act

Section Number	Number of inquiries received
Section 31	08
Section 32	0
Section 33	01
Section 34	01
Section 35	0
Section 36	0
Section 37	0
Section 38	0
Section 39	22
Section 41	0
TOTAL	32

12.25. International conferences

The chairman of NATA represented Sri Lanka as the focal point in the WHO – Conference of Parties (COP) and Member of Parties (MOP) meetings on 3rd February 2022 and contributed to the second joint meeting of the COP9 and MOP2 elected bureaus, which was held from 21th to 25th November 2022.

12.26. Free zone reactivation program for public health inspectors.

Nine provincial workshops were conducted for the authorized officers to cover all nine provinces. Each program was mainly divided into two parts. The first part was to create awareness and motivation to initiate tobacco-free zones and plan the tobacco-free zones. The second part was the enactment of the NATA act and it mainly focused on training on how to proceed with legal actions against the NATA act violations and training on newly initiated reporting system. For the legislation training, NATA conducted raids to practice the enactment procedure against NATA act violations. A newly developed V-NATA mobile application for the Authorized officers (as a monitoring system) was introduced for all participants. Additionally, NATA has designated Anuradhapura and Mihinthale as tobacco-free zones. It had a significant impact on the Poson poya celebration, which was mainly set up near the sacred sites in Anuradhapura. IEC materials which were important for the initiation process of tobacco free zones were distributed among enthusiastic authorized officers. Programs have been conducted as follows.

Table 8 Program details of tobacco free zone reactivation program

Date & Time	Program	No of Participants
20th April 2022	North Western province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training)	34
20th April 2022	Central province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training)	33
3rd May 2022	Northern province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training)	39
4th May 2022	Training on NATA act enforcement and introducing VNATA applications - Northern province	39
4th May 2022	Training on NATA act enforcement and introducing VNATA applications - North Central province	31
5th May 2022	North Central province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training)	39
17th May 2022	Southern province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training)	45
18th May 2022	Training on NATA act enforcement and introducing VNATA applications (knowledge enhancement session cont.) - Southern province	56
22nd May 2022	Training on NATA act enforcement and introducing VNATA applications - Eastern province	61
23rd May 2022	Eastern province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training)	60
25th May 2022	Sabaragamuwa province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training) and law enforcement session	46
26th May 2022	Uva province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training) and law enforcement session	56
30th May 2022	Western province knowledge enhancement session on establishment on tobacco free zones for PHIs (training) and law enforcement session	59
9th June 2022	Technical session to all PHIs in Polonnaruwa district to initiate tobacco free zones specially around the sacred places	50
10th June 2022	Inauguration ceremony of the initiation tobacco free zones in Anuradhapura and Mihinthale sacred sites	72



Figure 40 : PHI program held in Kurunegala.



Figure 41, 42 & 43 : PHI program held in Matara.

12.27. Appreciation of Public Health Inspectors' Contribution toward the Establishment of Tobacco Free Zones

NATA launched a WHO-funded project to reactivate Tobacco Free Zones (TFZ). NATA evaluated the progress of the implementation after six months of the project, and it was indicated that nearly 230 TFZ were established all over the country. Then NATA organized a review meeting to felicitate PHIs who were involved with creating TFZs. Moreover, NATA was able to publish a storybook regarding the initiation of TFZs. The event was held at Jasmine Hall, Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall, on 30th December 2022.



Figure 44, 45, 46 & 47, : Public Health Inspectors are awarded at the event

12.28. Advocating health professionals in western province

One of the important personnel in tobacco and alcohol prevention and cessation is medical professionals. The goal of this program was to raise health professionals' knowledge on importance of enacting an appropriate tobacco taxation formula as well as tobacco and alcohol prevention and cessation. The event took place on September 28th at the Gampaha District Secretariat Auditorium. The program includes participation from 80 health professionals, including doctors, nursing officers, PHMs, and PHIs.



Figure 48, 49 & 50 : The Program for health professionals

12.29. The curriculum development on tobacco and alcohol prevention for medical undergraduates

The curriculum development on tobacco and alcohol prevention for medical undergraduates – sub-committee was appointed in 2021 with the approval of NATA board. The main objective of this sub-committee is to streamline and strengthening the training in tobacco, alcohol, and substance use prevention within existing medical undergraduate programs.

Committee successfully developed the curriculum with the approval from the University Grants Commission (UGC). Accordingly the NATA had a meeting with Jaffna University in February 2022, regarding implementation of the developed curriculum. Further, the NATA received positive feedbacks from universities regarding the implementation of developed curriculum and the NATA decided to develop virtual learning portal / online course for developed curriculum. Therefore, in 4th sub-committee meeting which was held on June 2022, the sub-committee decided to appoint a separate committee with six members including chairperson with the purpose of development of virtual learning portal / online course for developed curriculum.

Further, NATA conducted a meeting with Center for Combating Tobacco (CCT) in September 2022, regarding the development of virtual learning portal / online course. According to the first meeting, NATA held the second meeting with the CCT in October 2022, to discuss the budget estimate for development of the virtual learning portal / online course.

Consequently, NATA decided to integrate this developed curriculum with the indigenous medical faculties in Sri Lanka. Therefore, NATA held a meeting with four indigenous medical faculties in late November 2022. Such as,

- Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo
- Faculty of Siddha Medicine, University of Jaffna
- Unit of Siddha Medicine Eastern University, Sri Lanka
- Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine

According to the meeting discussion, the NATA decided to appoint four members from the Indigenous Medical Faculties to the sub-committee.

12.30. Advocacy programme for regional journalists in Matara district.

NATA held an advocacy programme for local journalists in Matara district attached to the Ministry of Mass Media on conducting media programs without glamorizing tobacco and alcohol use. This programme was held on 15th December 2022 at the Institute of Palliative Medicine, Nupe, Matara. This was carried out as part of the Ministerial training programs initiated by NATA and was graced by Mr. Y. Wickramasiri, Attorney at Law, Governor of Matara district and Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Chairman of NATA.



Figure 51 & 52: Highlights of the event.

12.31. Capacity building training on tobacco & alcohol prevention for the University Students (General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University)

On 8th November 2022, the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol, in collaboration with Kotelawala Defense University, held a knowledge enhancement program for students in the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences at the KDU hospital auditorium. Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Chairman of NATA, and Dr. Ranga Perera, Dean of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, KDU graced the event.



Figure 53, 54 & 55: The Program for University Students

12.32. Capacity Building Training on Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention for the University Students (Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo)

The Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM), University of Colombo, hosted a session on 3rd of November 2022, to improve awareness of the laws that affect alcohol and tobacco control in the country. Prof. Kamal Perera represented the IIM, and Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Chairman of NATA, conducted the training program.



Figure 56,57 & 58 : Capacity Building Training on Tobacco & Alcohol Prevention for the University Students (Institute of Indigenous Medicine)

12.33. Strengthening the ground-level tobacco and alcohol prevention activities in the Matara Divisional Secretariat through empowering the Grama Niladharies

NATA held a training on enhancing community engagement towards tobacco and alcohol prevention for the Grama Niladharis in Matara Divisional Secretary area on 12th December 2022, at the Institute of Palliative Medicine, Nupe, Matara, as part of the Ministerial training program. The program was graced by Mrs. Kaushalya Kumari, Divisional Secretary for Matara, and Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Chairman of NATA.



Figure 59 & 60 : Program conducted for Grama Niladhari in Matara Divisional Secretariat

12.34. Authorized Officers Training on Implementation of the NATA Act

The Authorized Officers Training Program for expertise on the implementation of the NATA Act was held on 11th September 2022, at Waters Edge Battaramulla. Fifty public health inspectors, twenty police officers, twenty excise officers, and five food and drug inspectors participated in the occasion. Hon. Magistrate Mr. Manjula Karunaratne graced the event alongside Prof. Samadhi Rajapaksa, Chairman of NATA. This program was funded by the WHO.

12.35. Workshop for Bus conductors and drivers with collaboration of National Transport Commission

NATA conducted an awareness program for about 700 interprovincial conductors and drivers from March to September 2022 at the National Transport Commission. The prime objective of this program was to make awareness on the cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol products. In addition to that NATA has conducted surveys to identify the knowledge attitudes and practices among inter-provincial transport workers on tobacco and alcohol.

NATA was able to display the stickers presenting 1948 psychological counseling number of NATA in inter-provincial private buses with the support of National Transport Commission at Bastian Road to aware the public regarding the 1948 Quitline service on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol on the 13th of September 2022.



Figure 61 & 62: Pasting 1948 quit line stickers in buses



Figure 63 & 64: Program conducted for bus drivers and conductors in National Transport Corporation 12.36. Workshop on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol- Ministry of Buddhasasana , Religious and cultural Affairs

12.36. Workshop on cessation and prevention of tobacco and alcohol- Ministry of Buddhasasana , Religious and cultural Affairs

The Workshop on cessation and prevention of tobacco & alcohol has been conducted by NATA for officers in the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious, and Cultural Affairs. There were about 25 participants in this workshop. Mr. Bimal Rajakaruna (Senior Manager, Sanasa Development Bank) and Mr. Viraj Bandaranaike (legal officer at NATA, Attorney at Law) provided their contribution as resource persons to the programme.



Figure 65 & 66: Tobacco and alcohol prevention program for field officers of Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and cultural affairs

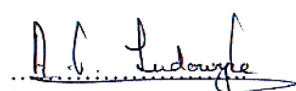
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

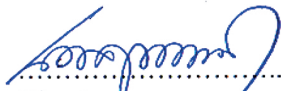
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 (Rs.)	2021 (Rs.)
Assets			
Non Current Assets			
Infrastructure, Plant and Equipment	16	9,610,137.66	11,901,780.33
Intangible Assets	18	8,069,635.10	8,567,995.49
Current Assets			
Inventories	19	65,894.14	46,638.92
Receivables	26	-	-
Prepayments	28	125,000.00	50,000.00
Cash & Cash Equivalent	20	1,820,811.92	1,198,009.00
Total Assets		19,691,478.82	21,764,423.74
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accrued Expenses	21	574,899.05	500,892.01
Provision for Audit Fees	22	3,708,000.00	4,368,000.00
Payables	34	125.00	-
Non Current Liabilities			
Provision for Gratuity	22	946,400.00	687,157.50
Total Liabilities		5,229,424.05	5,556,049.51
Total Net Assets		14,462,054.77	16,208,374.23
Net Assets/ Equity			
Capital	24	6,560,893.26	6,560,893.26
Government Grant - Capital	25	16,416,564.15	19,206,567.21
Accumulated Surpluses / (Deficit)	29	(9,001,971.81)	(9,961,479.56)
Prior year Adjustments	27	-	-
Capital Gain	33	486,569.17	402,393.32
		14,462,054.77	16,208,374.23

The Board of Directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAs). These Financial Statements were approved by the Board of Directors and signed on their behalf.



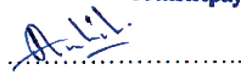
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NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON TOBACCO & ALCOHOL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021
		Rs.	Rs.
<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
Government Grant - Recurrent	9	30,390,000.00	22,883,000.00
Revenue - Capital Reimbursement	31	9,027,325.20	8,218,725.00
Other Income (Non refundable money received from Suppliers' registration /sold old assets)	23	39,875.00	-
Capital Grant Amortization	30	2,825,753.06	2,583,951.20
Total Revenue		42,282,953.26	33,685,676.20
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Personnel Emoluments	10	16,301,086.24	13,478,536.51
Supplies & Consumables used	11	605,033.33	423,987.49
Maintenance	12	478,375.64	506,886.06
Contractual Services	13	11,860,031.43	11,056,849.53
Depreciation & amortisations	14	2,825,753.06	2,583,951.19
Expenditure on programs	32	9,162,479.96	7,152,584.64
Total Operating Expenses		41,232,759.66	35,202,795.42
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operating Activities		1,050,193.60	(1,517,119.22)
<u>Finance Cost</u>			
Bank Charges	15	6,510.00	6,300.00
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operating Activities		1,043,683.60	(1,523,419.22)

NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON TOBACCO & ALCOHOL
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022	2021	
		Rs.	Rs.	
Cash flow from Operating Activities			Published	Restate
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operating Activities		1,043,683.60	(1,523,419.22)	(1,523,419.22)
Adjustment for:				
Accrued expenses adjustment		-	(2,960,000.00)	(2,960,000.00)
Depreciations adjustment	29	-	1,155,241.16	-
Non-Financial donation		-	-	(540,000.00)
Operating profit before working Capital charges		1,043,683.60	(3,328,178.06)	(5,023,419.22)
Increase / (Decrease) in Depreciation	14	2,825,753.06	2,583,951.19	2,583,951.19
Amortization of Government Capital Grant	30	(2,825,753.06)	(2,583,951.19)	(2,583,951.19)
(Increase) / Decrease in Inventories	19	(19,255.22)	(14,944.91)	(14,944.91)
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	26	-	-	-
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments	28	(75,000.00)	-	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	34	125.00	-	-
Increase / (Decrease) in Accruals	21	74,007.04	229,307.82	229,307.82
Increase / (Decrease) in provisions(Gratuity & Audit fees)	22	(400,757.50)	853,992.50	277,992.50
Cash Generated from Operations		622,802.92	(2,259,822.64)	(4,531,063.81)
Net cash flows from Operating Activities		622,802.92	(2,259,822.64)	(4,531,063.81)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities				
Acquisition of Plant & Equipment	16.1	(35,750.00)	(103,960.00)	(103,960.00)
Acquisition of Intangible assets	18.1	-	(4,314,980.00)	(4,314,980.00)
Removeble of fixed assets	33	-	(84,175.85)	18,300.00
Capital Re-imbursment (government/foriegn grant)	25	35,750.00	2,525,290.00	4,418,940.00
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		-	(1,977,825.85)	18,300.00
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents		622,802.92	(4,237,648.50)	(4,512,763.81)
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year (GOSL)		1,192,609.34	1,712,497.48	1,987,612.80
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year (Foreign funds)	20	5,399.66	3,723,160.02	3,723,160.02
Cash & Cash Equivalents at the end of the year		1,820,811.92	1,198,009.00	1,198,009.00

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022
	Rs.
NATA Fund as at 01.01.2022	16,208,374.23
Adjustments in respect of the previous years	-
Capital Grant Amortization for the previous years	-
Adjusted Balance as at 01.01.2022	16,208,374.23
Capital Reimbursement	35,750.00
Capital Grant Amortization	(2,825,753.06)
Capital Gain	-
Adjustment for the period	-
Excess/(Deficit) for the Year	1,043,683.60
Balance as at 31.12.2022	14,462,054.77

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

1.1 Statement of Compliance

The financial statements of National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol comprise the Statement of Financial position, Statement of Financial performance, Cash flow Statement, Statement of change in equity and notes to the financial statements. These statements are prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAs) laid down by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (ICASL).

1.2 Functional and presentation Currency

The Financial Statements of the Board are prepared under the historical cost convention and used in Sri Lanka Rupees (Rs.)

1.3 Government Grants

Board receives two types of Government grants namely,

- Capital Grant
- Recurrent Grant

The capital grant is accounted as per the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting standards. The method sets up the capital grant as deferred income which is recognized as income on basically the useful life of the assets (eg. Annually depreciated value of the assets is accounted as income for the years.)

Recurrent grant has been recognized income of the period and credited to the statement of financial performance.

2. ASSETS & BASES OF THEIR VALUATION

2.1 Property, Plant and Equipment

The cost of Property, Plant and Equipment is the cost of acquisition or construction together with any expenses incurred in bringing the assets to its working condition for its intended use.

Depreciation has been provided from the date the assets are available for use up to the date of disposal. Plant and Equipment are depreciated on straight line method as mentioned below, further, that the plant and equipment have been accounted at cost method as prescribed in the SLPSAS7 – Property plant and Equipment.

The principle annual rates are used as follows:

Building & Fittings	25 Years (4%)
Machinery and Equipment	10 Years (10%)
Furniture & Fittings	10 Years (10%)
Computers	5 Years (20%)
Vehicles	10 Years (10%)
Others	10 Years (10%)

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life of residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectation.

Expenditure incurred on repairs or maintenance of property, plant and equipment in the order to restore or maintain the future economic benefit expected from originally assessed standard of performance is recognized as an expense when incurred.

2.2 Intangible Assets

Expenditure incurred for purchasing software is recognized as an intangible asset and these assets are amortized over their useful lives. The principle annual rate is used as follows:

Intangible Assets	20 Years (5%)
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3. INVENTORIES

The inventories have been valued at cost.

4. CASH & CASH EQUIVALENT

Cash and Cash Equivalent comprise cash in hand, cash at bank.

5. LIABILITIES

Liabilities are recognized in the balance sheet when there is a present obligation as a result of past events. Obligation payable at the demand of the creditors or within one year of the balance sheet date is treated as current liabilities in the balance sheet.

6. REVENUE RECOGNITION

The capital grant and the foreign grant have identified as deferred income. Recurrent Grant has been recognized as income of the period and credited to the Statement of Income. All income has been recognized on an accrual basis.

7. CONTRIBUTION PLANS

The company contributes 12% and 3% of gross emoluments of employees as Provident Fund and Trust Fund contribution respectively.

8. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Cash Flow Statement has been prepared using the indirect method.

National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol
Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31.12.2022

Note: 9	2022	2021
Recurrent Reimbursement	Rs.	Rs.
Recurrent Reimbursement (9.1)	30,390,000.00	22,883,000.00
Total	30,390,000.00	22,883,000.00

Note: 10	2022	2021
Personnel Emoluments	Rs.	Rs.
Staff Salaries	14,282,987.90	11,594,640.25
EPF Contribution	1,337,257.72	1,173,602.14
ETF Contribution	334,314.42	293,400.54
Overtime	82,843.70	198,321.69
Gratuity expenses	259,242.50	193,992.50
Expenditure for new Recruitments	4,440.00	24,575.00
Expenditure occurred on festival loan	-	4.39
Total	16,301,086.24	13,478,536.51

Note: 11	2022	2021
Supplies & Consumables Items	Rs.	Rs.
Stationery and office requisites	103,147.22	159,748.49
Fuel	393,314.00	215,668.00
Food / Refreshments	108,572.11	48,571.00
Total	605,033.33	423,987.49

Note: 12	2022	2021
Maintenance	Rs.	Rs.
Vehicle maintenance	241,462.02	331,363.97
Office equipments maintenance (Computers & Machinery)	236,913.62	175,522.09
Total	478,375.64	506,886.06

Note: 13	2022	2021
Contractual Services	Rs.	Rs.
Postal charges	31,465.00	14,885.00
Telephone / Internet charges	174,342.79	154,553.66
Building Rent / Cleaning service	8,965,470.35	8,611,188.03
Electricity charges	717,573.29	602,320.84
Administrative board member fee & Refreshments	955,044.00	848,913.00
Advertisement / other expenses	82,301.00	164,989.00
Audit Fees	660,000.00	660,000.00
EB Exams Exp	273,835.00	-
Total	11,860,031.43	11,056,849.53

Note: 14	2022	2021
Depreciation - Plant Machinery and Equipment	Rs.	Rs.
Building & Fittings	99,290.00	99,290.00
Machinery & Equipments	158,666.16	158,288.22
Furniture & Fittings	183,714.75	180,960.95
Computers	442,567.83	399,897.72
Vehicles	1,414,350.00	1,414,350.00
Audio & video visual	-	-
Other	28,803.93	28,428.38
Depreciation - Intangible Assets		
Intangible Assets	498,360.39	302,735.92
Total	2,825,753.06	2,583,951.19

Note: 15	2022	2021
Finance cost	Rs.	Rs.
Bank Charges	6,510.00	6,300.00
Total	6,510.00	6,300.00

National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol
Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31.12.2022

Note: 16	2022	2021
Plant & Equipment (16.1)	Rs.	Rs.
Building & Fittings	1,934,782.34	2,004,422.34
Machinery & Equipments	621,249.72	779,915.88
Furniture & Fittings	783,221.05	966,935.80
Computers	1,171,067.78	1,608,685.61
Vehicles	4,922,208.08	6,336,558.08
Other	177,608.68	205,262.61
Total	9,610,137.66	11,901,780.33

Note: 18	2022	2021
Intangible Assets	Rs.	Rs.
Intangible Assets (18.1)	8,069,635.10	8,567,995.49
Total	8,069,635.10	8,567,995.49

Note: 19	2022	2021
Inventories (19.1)	Rs.	Rs.
Stationery items	65,894.14	46,638.92
Office equipment maintenance	-	-
Total	65,894.14	46,638.92

Note: 20	2022	2021
Cash & Cash Equivalents	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Ceylon, Battaramulla A/C 0077769376 balance as at 31.12.2022	1,815,412.26	1,192,609.34
Bank of Ceylon, Taprobane A/C 008724393 balance as at 31.12.2022	5,399.66	5,399.66
Cash in Hand	-	-
Total	1,820,811.92	1,198,009.00

Note: 21	2022	2021
Accrued Expenses	Rs.	Rs.
Balance B/F 30/12	150.01	-
Over Time	-	59,396.08
Fuel expenses	105,400.00	22,903.00
Electricity	152,836.46	72,422.80
Staff Salaries	280,367.22	254,121.25
Telephone / Internet chargers	14,665.37	14,218.43
Other expenses (Supplying of newspapers)	2,730.00	1,320.00
Food expenses (Drinking water supplying)	18,900.00	3,000.00
Expenditure on program of introducing alternative crops for tobacco cultivation	-	73,510.45
Electricity chgs of 2021 (Over estimation on Electricity bill Dec 2021)	(150.01)	-
Total	574,899.05	500,892.01

Note: 22	2022	2021
Provisions	Rs.	Rs.
Provision for Gratuity	946,400.00	687,157.50
Provisions for Audit fees	3,708,000.00	4,368,000.00
Total	4,654,400.00	5,055,157.50

Note: 23	2022	2021
Other Income	Rs.	Rs.
Revenue other / Non-Refundable deposit	39,875.00	-
Total	39,875.00	-

National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol
Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31.12.2022

Note: 24	2022	2021
Capital & Reserves	Rs.	Rs.
NATA Fund	6,560,893.26	6,560,893.26
Total	6,560,893.26	6,560,893.26

Note: 25	2022	2021
Government Grant - Capital	Rs.	Rs.
Balance B/F	19,206,567.21	17,371,578.41
Capital Reimbursement (25.1)	2,000,000.00	5,357,000.00
Foreign Grant Reimbursement (25.2)	7,063,075.20	7,147,165.00
Capital Grant Amortization (Depreciation on Plant & equipments,Intellectual property,Intangible Assets)	(2,825,753.06)	(2,583,951.20)
Revenue for the year	(9,027,325.20)	(8,085,225.00)
Total	16,416,564.15	19,206,567.21

Note: 26	2022	2021
Receivables	Rs.	Rs.
Festival Loan	-	-
Total	-	-

Note: 27	2022	2021
Prior years Adjustments	Rs.	Rs.
B/F Balance	-	-
Total	-	-

Note: 28	2022	2021
Prepayments	Rs.	Rs.
Advances for programmes (Refundable deposit to BMICH on PHI appreciation ceremony)	75,000.00	-
Deposit for the fuel supplier	50,000.00	50,000.00
PAYE Tax prepayment	-	-
Total	125,000.00	50,000.00

Note: 29	2022	2021
Accumulated Surpluses / Deficit (Income & Expenditure A/C)	Rs.	Rs.
B/F Balance	(9,961,479.56)	(6,633,301.51)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the period	1,043,683.60	(1,523,419.22)
Provisions for the audit fees	-	576,000.00
Provisions for the payments on GATS survey	-	(3,536,000.00)
Accumulated Depreciation - Intangible assets (Accumulated Depreciation from 2016 to 2018)	-	1,155,241.16
Removeble of Fixed Assets in year 2021	(84,175.85)	-
Total	(9,001,971.81)	(9,961,479.56)

National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol
Notes to the Financial Statement for the year ended 31.12.2022

Note: 30	2022	2021
Capital Grant Amortization	Rs.	Rs.
Government Grant - Capital	2,825,753.06	2,583,951.20
Total	2,825,753.06	2,583,951.20

Note : 31	2022	2021
Revenue	Rs.	Rs.
Capital Reimbursement (25.1)	1,969,200.00	4,026,060.00
Money received from WHO	7,058,125.20	4,059,165.00
Other income	-	133,500.00
Total	9,027,325.20	8,218,725.00

Note : 32	2022	2021
Expenses	Rs.	Rs.
Expenditure on programs (funds received from Treasury)	2,177,865.21	3,378,148.83
Expenditure on programs (funds received from WHO/Bloomberg)	6,984,614.75	3,774,435.81
Total	9,162,479.96	7,152,584.64

Note : 33	2022	2021
Capital Gain	Rs.	Rs.
B/F Balance	402,393.32	-
Revaluation - Computer & Computer equipments	-	486,569.17
Remove ble of Fixed Assets in year 2021	84,175.85	(84,175.85)
Total	486,569.17	402,393.32

Note : 34	2022	2021
Payables	Rs.	Rs.
B/F Balance	-	-
Stamp duty payable	(125.00)	-
Total	(125.00)	-

Note : 35

Disclosures by restating the comparative amounts for prior period presented in which the error occurred (SLPSAs 03)

- The overallocation in the amount of **Rs. 576,000.00** on the provision of audit fees of the year 2020 has been adjusted to the profit of the Financial Statement of the year 2021. Therefore the operating deficit of the financial year 2021 has been overstated by that amount.

- The generated loss in the amount **Rs. 84,175.85** on the disposal of assets in the year 2021 had not been accounted to the operating deficit of the year. In this circumstance, the shortfall in the year under review was understated by that amount in the financial statements. This was corrected on the Financial Statement of the year 2022.

- The sum of non-refundable deposits and asset sale proceeds of **Rs. 133,500.00** was recognized as capital reimbursement income under Note No:31 in the Financial Statement of the year 2021. Other income received in the year of 2022 was correctly identified under Note No:23 on the Financial Statement.

- The Authority recognized that the value of stocks of stickers, leaflets and posters printed in previous years were not impacted the financial statements comparatively.

National Authority on Tobacco & Alcohol

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31.12.2022

Note: 36

THE TRANSACTION MADE BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE RELATED PARTIES

Member of Board Director	Other Institutions that are members of the Board Director	Position Held	Date of Appointment	Period
Dr. Samadhi Rajapaksa Chairman, National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol	-	-	-	-
Rev. Elle Gunawansa Thero Appointed by Hon. Minister of Health	-	-	-	-
Dr. Lakshmi Somathunga Additional Secretary (Public Health Service), Ministry of Health	Home Victoria	Member of the Board	January 2020	Regular Member
	National Council for Persons with Disabilities	Member	October 2021	-
	Environmental Council of the Central Environmental Authority	Member	April 2021	-
Mr. Sumith Abesinghe Appointed by Hon. Minister of Health	Finance Commission of Sri Lanka	Chairperson	2020.12.03	03 years
	Institution of Development Administration Sri Lanka	Member	March 2020	03 years
Mr. Sudheera Jayarathne Director – Small Enterprises Development Division	National Crafts Council	Member of the Board	2020.01.05	02 year
Mr. L. Kamal Silva Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police	Victim Protection Authority	Member of the Board	2022 August	Till he holds the Office
Mr. M.J Gunasiri Commissioner General of Excise	-	-	-	-
Mr. S.R.W.M.R.P.Sathkumara Additional Secretary – Ministry of Information and Mass Media	Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation	Representative of the Ministry	2021.07.12	-
	Selacine Television Institute	Member of the Board	2021.02.23	-

Mr. Shakya Nanayakkara Chairman, National Dangerous Drugs Control Board	-	-	-	-
Mrs. Hiranya Perera Ministry of Justice- Senior Assistant Secretary	Legal Aid Commission of Sri Lanka	Commissioner	2019.02.18	03 Years
Mrs. B.M.S Bandara Additional Secretary, Ministry of Trade	-	-	-	-
Mr. Sunil Shantha Weerasekara Appointed by Hon. Minister of Health	Provincial Public Service Commission, Sabaragamuwa Province	Member	2022	03 Years
	University of Sabaragamuwa	Member of Admin Board	2022	03 Years
	Social Security Administration	Member of Director Board	2022	03 Years
Ms. G. Kamani Gunaratne Director, School Health and Nutrition, The Ministry of Education	-	-	-	-
Mrs. Wijayani Rathnayake Appointed by Hon. Minister of Health	-	-	-	-



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Chairman

National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol

Auditor General's report in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018 on the financial statements and other legal and regulatory requirements for the year ended 31 December 2022 of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol for the year ended 31 December 2022 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, 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 provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Finance Act No. 38 of 1971. In terms of Article 154(6) of the Constitution, my report will be tabled in the Parliament in due course.

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

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

Though, in terms of paragraph 49 of Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standard 7, the entire class of assets should be revalued at the same time, but contrary to this, out of computers and equipment belonging to the Authority, only the computers and equipment with a net value of Rs. 257,180 purchased before the year 2017 had been revalued at Rs. 743,750 on 28 February 2022 and a revaluation profit of Rs. 486,570 has been identified in the financial statements of previous years and on the basis of that revaluation amount depreciation has been calculated annually at Rs. 148,750 each for the previous year and the year under review and brought into accounts. Further, since the valuation has been done by a committee that did not include a qualified member of the valuation profession, the auditors cannot be satisfied with the accuracy of valuation amounts as well as the effective date of the valuation had not been identified and disclosed in the financial statements and as such the accuracy of applying valuation amounts for the financial statements of previous years and the accuracy of the adjustment of depreciation of Rs. 297,500 done in respect of the year under review.

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. 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 contained in the Annual Report 2022 of the Authority

Other information means information, though included in the draft Annual Report 2022 of the Authority which is expected to be handed over to me after the date of this audit but not included in the financial statements and in my audit report thereon. Those charged with management shall be responsible for other information.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover other information and I do not provide an assurance of any manner or express an opinion on it.

My responsibility in relation to my audit regarding financial statements is to read other information whenever available and in doing so, consider whether there are material inconsistencies between other information and the financial statements or my knowledge gained at the audit or otherwise.

If I concluded that there are material misstatements, on the basis of other information that I obtained prior to the date of this audit report and on the basis of activities carried out by me, I am required to report such matters. I have nothing to report in this regard.

1.4 Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the Authority or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Authority's financial reporting process.

As per the Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Authority is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Authority.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibilities 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 an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement 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, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Authority's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and

related disclosures made by the management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Authority to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I have communicated with those charged with governance regarding the significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I have identified during the audit.

2. Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

2.1 Special provisions are included in respect of the following requirements in the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.

2.1.1 In terms of the requirements of section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except for the effects of the matters described in the section on the 'Basis for the Audit Opinion' of this report, I obtained all information and explanations required for the audit and as far as it appears from my inspection, the Authority had maintained proper financial reports.

2.1.2 In terms of the requirement indicated in Section 6 (1)(d) (iii) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the financial statements of the Authority presented are consistent with the preceding year.

2.1.3 In terms of the requirement indicated in Section 6(1)(d) (iv) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, other than the observations made in paragraphs 1.2 (b), the recommendations made by me in the previous year have been included in the submitted financial statements.

2.2 On the basis of the procedures followed and evidence obtained and being restricted within the material matters, nothing that warrants the making of the following statements did not come to my attention.

2.2.1 In terms of the requirement of section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, whether the Authority has not complied with any applicable written law, or other general or special directions issued by the governing body of the Authority;

2.2.2 In terms of the requirement of section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, except for the following observations, whether the scheme has not complied with any applicable written law, or other general or special directions issued by the governing body of the Authority;

Reference to laws, rules, regulations or directives issued by the Governing Council	Non-compliance
(a) Treasury Circular No. 842 of 1978 & paragraph 02 of circular No: DMA/2009(2) dated 01 September 2009 of the Department of Management Audit.	A proper fixed assets register had not been maintained so as to include the cost and revaluation amounts of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets valued at Rs. 32,524,756 as at 31 December 2022 and instead only the inventory book showing the number of asset items had been maintained.
(b) President's Office Circular No. SP/SB/07/15 dated 25 September 2015	Though the circular has stated that foreign aid/loans are granted to the country for the development of the country and not to be used for programmes costing exorbitant amounts and that essential programmes should be organized and conducted at a minimal cost and that the institutions facilitated by the government should be used for such purposes, contrary to this, 02 programmes and 02 events had been held at high cost private hotels and the Authority had spent a sum of Rs. 1,057,385 thereon.
(c) Paragraph 6.6 of Public Enterprises Circular 01/2021 dated 16 November 2021	Though the financial statements should be submitted to the Auditor General within 60 days of the conclusion of the financial year, the Authority had submitted financial statements for the year under review with a delay of 22 days.
(d) Letter of the Inland Revenue Department CGIR/2021/02-02 dated 09 April 2021	Though the details of Value Added Tax paid to suppliers by the government institutions and institutions owned by the government should be sent to the Department of Inland Revenue at the end of the each quarter in the prescribed forms before the 15th of next month, the Authority had not done so throughout the entire year.

2.2.3 In terms of the requirement of Section 12(f) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, whether the Authority has not performed according to its powers, functions and duties, except for the following observations.

(a) As per the reports of the Authority, it was observed that the taxation structure in Sri Lanka for tobacco products at present was irregular and complex and it consists of a combination of several types of taxes and that 51 percent of the advantage of taxes charged through existing taxation belongs to the tobacco industry and even though the excise revenue on cigarettes in the year 2016 was 7.3 percent of the overall income of the government that it had declined to 3.1 percent in the year 2020. Accordingly, the Authority had introduced a new taxation formula using grants received in the years 2020 and 2021 from the World Health Organization and local funds amounting to Rs. 994,148 and it was expected that the excise revenue on cigarettes could be increased up to Rs. 124.6 billion from Rs. 91.6 billion as at the year 2021 and that it would contribute to reduce tobacco consumption by 1.1 percent and increase state revenue by 6 percent. However, even by the date of this report, the new taxation formula for tobacco had not become a law.

(b) Though permission has been granted in terms of section 35(2) (c) of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Act No. 27 of 2006 to display inside a place where tobacco and alcohol products are available for sale to the public, a notice of the prescribed dimensions, identifying the tobacco products or alcohol products that are available for sale in that place and indicating their respective prices, regulations relevant to the above section had not been formulated for the approval of Parliament. Accordingly, it was observed that the the authorized officers under the Act could not regulate the notices displayed inside a place where tobacco and alcohol products are available for sale to the public'

(c) Though, 10 health warnings have been identified in terms of paragraph 10 of Gazette Extraordinary No. 1770/15 dated 08th August 2012 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Section 34 a(5) of the NATA Act No. 27 of 2006 as amended by the NATA Act No.3 of 2015 expanding the pool of 08 health warnings to be changed once in every six months the health warnings displayed on the packets, packages or cartons of cigarettes and other tobacco products, they had not been categorized. Further, those new health warnings have not been published in government gazette even by the date of this report. By using a pool of only 08 health warnings during the 08 year period from the year 2015 up to the date of this report, the Authority had failed to maximize the effectiveness of changing health warnings.

2.2.4 In terms of the requirement of Section 12(f) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, other than the following observation, whether the resources of the Authority had not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws.

2.3 Other Matters

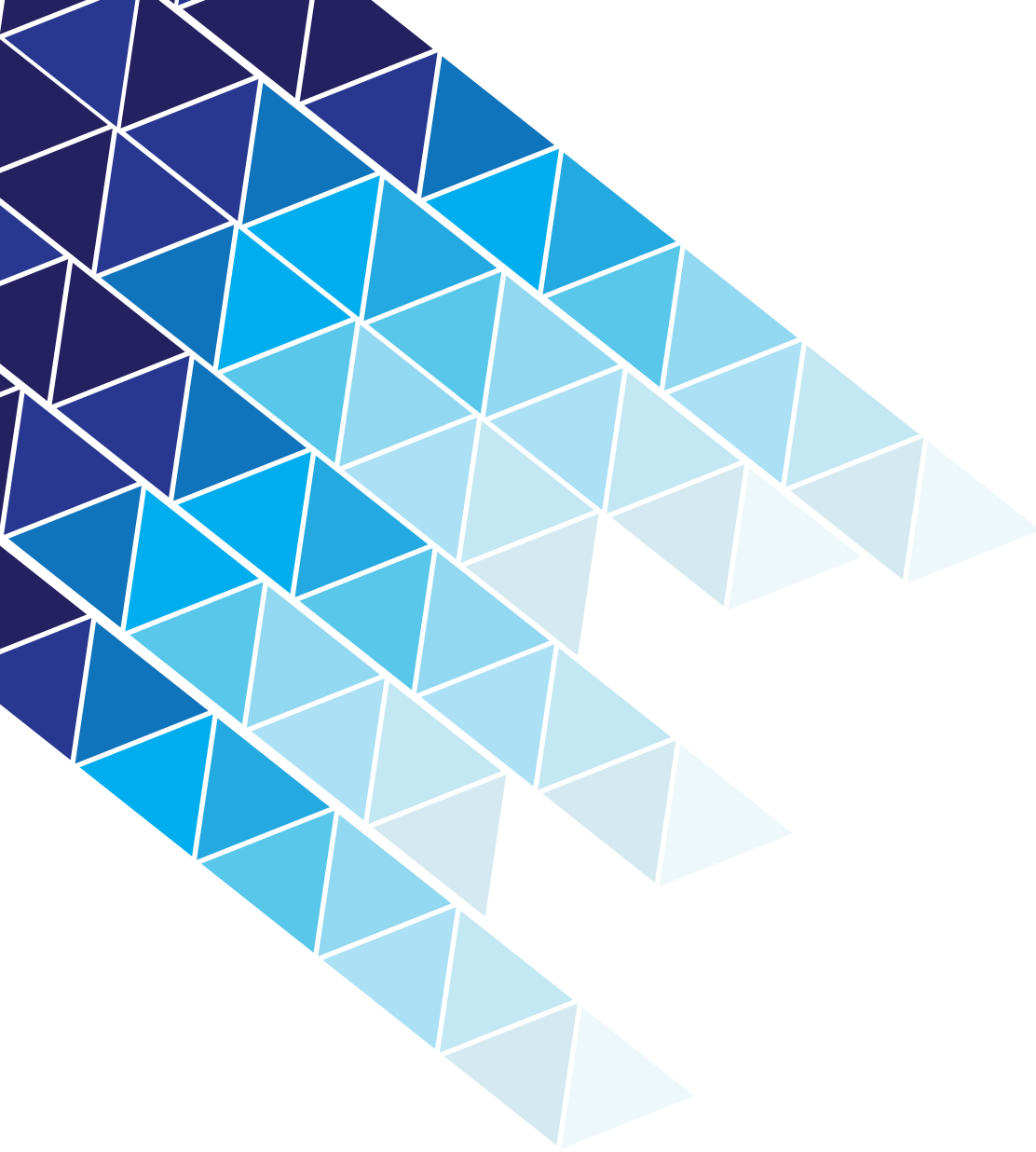
(a) Despite not fulfilling the minimum qualifications set out under chapter 4.1 of the scheme of recruitment of the Authority, the applicant (female officer) who was recruited and appointed to the post of General Manager of the Authority in May 2021 had been paid Rs. 1,991,574 as salary and allowances up to June 2022, but due to her inefficiency in discharging duties coming under of the scope of the post of General Manager, her service had been terminated in July, 2022. By appointing a person who had not even fulfilled the basic qualifications as per the scheme of recruitment of the Authority to the post of General Manager, the Authority had failed to achieve the expected performance for the post and it was observed that the expenditure of Rs. 1,991,574 was an uneconomical transaction.

(b) The Authority had incurred an expenditure of Rs. 1,191,547 for the promotion of '1948' psychological counseling service in the year 2022 and two Psychological Counseling Officers had served on contract basis throughout the year for providing counseling services. Further, the Authority had conducted psychological counseling courses on three occasions in the years 2021 and 2022 at a cost of Rs. 1,307,282 and issued certificates for 108 persons and opportunities had been accorded to 83 of them to provide counseling services on voluntary basis after office hours without paying salaries or allowances. Accordingly, the number of calls for which counseling services were provided in the year 2022 was 3,666 and of them counseling services had been offered to 2085 by voluntary psychological councilors. However these officers had not reported to the Authority about the number of psychological counseling provided in 143 days. Similarly, though the number of calls for which voluntary officers provided counseling services had been reported, written evidence to the effect that the Authority had conducted an evaluation on the quality of the service provided by them was not presented to the Audit. Accordingly, the supervision of the Authority in regard to the counseling offered by voluntary psychological councilors was at a poor level.

(c) Action had not been taken to recover the interim allowance amounting to Rs. 609,648 paid to 13 officers of the Authority contrary to the Public Administration Circular 09/2019 dated 22nd April 2019 and the special allowance amounting to Rs. 262,375 paid to 12 officers of the Authority in violation of Cabinet decision No. 21/Misc (032) dated 15 June 2021 and letter No. MIN/add/See/Admin/16/2 dated 16 June 2021 from the relevant officers or from the parties responsible thereto even by the date of this report.

(d) An internal audit had not been conducted for the Authority for the year under review in terms of Section 4.4 of Public Enterprise Circular No. 01/2021 dated 16 November 2021.

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