

Performance Report – 2023

Samurdhi Development Department



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Paragraph - 01 – Corporate Profile / Summary of Implementation

1.1 Introduction

The main task assigned to this Department which was established by the Divineguma Act No. 1 of 2013 as amended by the Samurdhi Act No. 2 of empowers them economically. The Social Security Fund provides allowances 2017 is to provide Samurdhi welfare to 17 Lakhs of poor families and related to the protection of those families in important daily situations. Provision of various microfinance loans required by those poor families and low-income families scattered all over the island is made by 1,093 community-based banks and programs related to the promotion of their livelihoods to empower those families to eradicate poverty in Sri Lanka at the outset. In addition to that, it is aimed to establish and maintain a network of community-based organizations by gathering together poor families and low-income people and to implement various programmes for social development and also aimed to implement various programmes for their social and economic development.

1.2 Vision & Mission

Vision

“To be the Premier Organization in making a Poverty Free, Empowered and Prosperous Sri Lanka by 2030 .”

Mission

To implement efficient and effective programmes through the sustainable methods and with the participation of community for empowering disadvantaged people economically, socially, physically, mentally, legally and environmentally.

Objectives

The objectives of the Department are mentioned below as per Section 4 of the Samurdhi Act No. 01 of 2013 as amended by Divineguma Amendment Act No. 2 of 2017.

- a) To carry out such development activities as may be required to alleviate poverty and to bring about a society guaranteeing social equity.
- b) To promote the individual, family, group and community centered livelihood economic development activities
- c) To ensure food security for each individual and family.
- d) To mobilize and empower people to speed up the national development.

- e) To provide micro - financial facilities for the purpose of promoting the livelihood development
- f) To develop physical and social infrastructure facilities as may be required for the development livelihood of people.
- g) To carry out such studies and research as may be required to the economic and social development of people.
- h) To develop the human capital in order to uplift living standards of people and to create a social security network for those who are in need of social security

1.3 Mainstreams in Function

The Department operates under the following three main streams as per the provisions of Section 4 of the Samurdhi Act No. 01 of 2013 as amended by Divineguma Amendment Act No. 2 of 2017.

1. Departmental Stream with Official Structure
2. Community Based Banking System Stream
3. Community Based Organizational Stream

1.3.1 Departmental Stream with Official Structure

A National Council has been appointed as per the instructions of the Director General in terms of Sections 7(1), (2), (3) of the Samurdhi Act. It has 11 members. The composition of the official structure of the Department consists of an official regime as follows. It is functioned under the official leadership of the Director General, three additional Director Generals and Heads of 17 Major Departments. That is, the Heads of Departments such as Administration, Establishments, Investigations, Legal, Information Technology, Pensions, Human Resource Development, Social Security and Welfare, Livelihood Development, Social Development and Environment, Community Based Organizations, Enterprise Development, Planning and Operations, Microfinance (Banks/ Maha Sangam), Media, Finance and Internal Audits are carrying out the duties of their Departments as covering the Head Office and 25 Districts. The relevant functions are implemented to achieve the objectives of the Samurdhi (Divineguma) Act at District, Divisional Secretariat, Zonal and Grama Niladhari Division Levels by the District Samurdhi Directors and their staff under the direction of District Additional Director Generals / District Secretaries under District Level. Implementation of Community Based Banking activities, building of Community Based Organizations and Development Projects at Village Level are performed by all other Offices and Field Officers including Samurdhi Managers and Samurdhi Development Officers with the direction of the Divisional Secretaries who were the Divisional Officers. The total number of employees are 23,964.

1.3.2 Community Based Banking System Stream

A Board of Management consisting of 8 Members has been appointed to supervise and regulate the affairs of community banks, banking societies and general societies according to Sections 25(1), (2), (3), (4) and 29 (1),(2), (3), (4) and 34 of the Samurdhi Act. The role of this Department is to implement this banking system by the staff administered by the Director of Microfinance at the Head Office and under the Maha Sangamaya and by all the staff related to the 1,093 banks operating at the level of community banks, community bank societies, zonal and Grama Niladhari Divisions related to the 335 Divisional Secretariats all over the island. Distribution of Samurdhi subsidies, maintains compulsory savings deposits of beneficiaries, issuing of Micro Finance loans to beneficiaries and low income earners, invests surplus funds in high return sources and other social welfare activities are implemented by that system.

The total value of loans granted under 18 loan schemes to rural people who needs credit facilities essentially for livelihood development activities during the year 2023 was Rs. 37,358.19 Mn. The number of loans issued related to that was Rs. 336,781 Mn.. The cumulative value of total loans disbursed to beneficiaries from 1999 to the end of the year 2022 was Rs.463,599.06 Mn. The cumulative number of debts issued pertaining to that is 12,309,875. The total number of bank accounts is 14,385,199 the total deposit is Rs. 166.21 Billion. Further, steps have been taken to provide a more efficient and quality service to the people by implementing all the activities of this sector through new Information Technologically methods.

1.3.3 Community Based Organization Stream

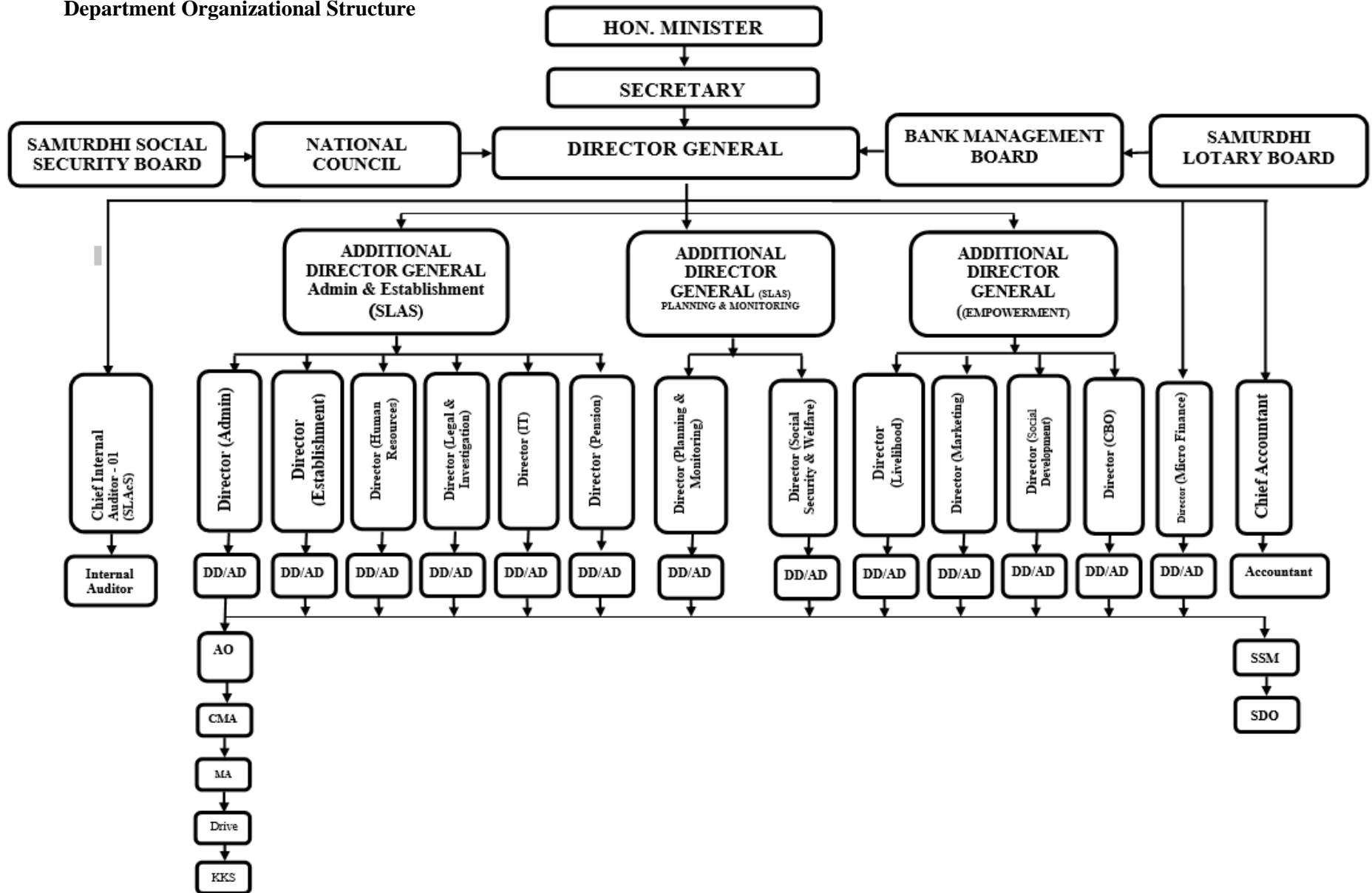
The Extraordinary Gazette No. 2009/08 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 07 March 2017 containing the necessary orders and constitutions (Section 42 of the Samurdhi Act) for the establishment of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations, Regional Organizations and Samurdhi District Organizations was published according to the Samurdhi Act No. 01 of 2013 as amended by Divineguma Amendment Act No. 2 of 2017. Accordingly, establishment of voluntary organized Samurdhi Community Based Organizations covering all Grama Niladhari Divisions (Section 9 of the Samurdhi Act), establishment of Regional Organizations (Section 15 of the Samurdhi Act), Establishment of Samurdhi District Committees (Section 19 of the Samurdhi Act) have been carried out to eradicate poverty and achieve social justice which is the main objective of the Samurdhi Act. A Committee called Samurdhi National Social Development Fund consisting of 18 members meets at the national level to supervise, direct and advise the activities of community based organizations. There are 29,687 Community Based Organizations, 335 Regional Organizations and 25 District Committees in operation by the year 2023 by establishing Community Based Organizations, strengthening them, empowering communities and developing them economically, socially and spiritually with a view to directing Community Based Banks and livelihood programmes.

1.4 The Main Divisions of the Department and their Responsibilities

	Division	Main Responsibilities
1	Administration Division	Recruitment of Human resources, Management of human resources and physical resources
2	Establishment Division	promotion and maintenance of personal files
3	Accounts Division	Controlling of public money and accounting affairs and acquisition and management of assets owned by the Department
4	Livelihood Development Division	Implementation of livelihood development Programmes at District, Regional, Rural and Community Levels
5	Micro Finance Division/ Maha Sangam Division	Issuing of microfinance loans , promotion of savings and investments and supervision of Banks and Banking Societies
6	Entrepreneurship Development Division	Implementation of Regional, Rural and Community projects for entrepreneurship development and marketing development
7	Social Development and Environment Division	Implementation of environmental and social development projects
8	Planning and Monitoring Division	Planning of programs and projects, progress review, follow-up, monitoring and reporting and assisting in research activities.
9	Community Based Organization Division	Establishing and maintaining of Community-Based Organizations, Regional Organizations and District Committees and implementing of Community Based Projects
10	Audit Division	Conducting and managing of audit activities as per the Samurdhi Act and General Instructions
11	Information Technology Division	Implementation of Information Technology functions and development of digital infrastructure facilities
12	Media Division	Implementation of media and publicity programmes
13	Human Resources Development Division	Capacity development of (Human Resources) the Officers
14	Social Welfare and Social Security Division	Implementation of programmes of government subsidy and Social Security Fund
15	Legal Division	Providing legal advices and carrying out legal activities
16	Investigation Division	Conducting employee disciplinary actions and investigations
17	Pension Division	Implementation of works related to employee retirements

1.5 Organizational Structure

Department Organizational Structure



Paragraph 02 - Progress and Outlook

2.1 Progress of Major Programmes Implemented by the Department

2.1.1 Establishment Division

2.1.1.1 Role of Establishment Division

Administration Division of Samurdhi Development Department does the works related to Administration, Institutional, Pensions, Legal and Investigation Divisions. The day-to-day affairs faced in the administration and the implementation of policy decisions are also the main duties performed under this Division.

2.1.1.1.1 Main Objectives

- ❖ Implementation of Recruitment and Promotion Procedure.
- ❖ To maintain the well-being of the staff, to maintain discipline, and to provide necessary facilities for daily activities.
- ❖ Ensuring the well-being of the organization.
- ❖ Preparation of office layout and preparation of Organizational Structure of the office.

2.1.1.1.2 Daily Duties

- ❖ Taking actions on daily mail.
- ❖ Maintaining co-ordination in the divisions and inter-divisions.
- ❖ Responding to public requests.
- ❖ Taking actions on staff requests.
- ❖ Maintenance, keeping, updating of personal files of all the officers in staff.
- ❖ Managing the Transport Unit.
- ❖ Activities related to payment of employee salaries, allowances and travelling expenses and all the bills related payments.
- ❖ Organization of efficiency bar examinations, competitive examinations and promotion examinations.
- ❖ Maintenance of statistical records related to assigning of officers.
- ❖ Inter- district transfer activities.
- ❖ Disciplinary and administrative matters related to officers.

2.1.1.1.3 Special Assignments

- ❖ Providing answers to Parliamentary questions and co-ordination between the Ministry.
- ❖ Duties of Public Petitions Committee.

- ❖ Preparation and co-ordination of responses to audit queries related to Administrative Division.
- ❖ Taking actions with the matters arising from the Parliamentary Advisory Committee meetings and informing the Divisional Heads about it.
- ❖ Conducting Efficiency Bar Examinations and other promotional examinations / fulfilling communication tasks.
- ❖ Recruitment of new officers considering existing vacancies.

Efficiency Bar Examinations have been conducted for the following Departmental Officers in the year 2023.

Efficiency Bar Examinations conducted in the year 2023
Statistic – (I)

Serial No.	Officers to whom the examination should conduct t	Category of Service	Efficiency Bar Examinations conducted
01	Executive Officer	SL-1	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
02	Executive Officer (Internal Auditor)	SL-1	1 st Efficiency Bar Examination
03	Samurdhi Manager	MN-4	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
04	Technical Officer	MT-1	1 st Efficiency Bar Examination
05	Internal Audit Officer	MT-1	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
06	Information Technology Assistance	MT-1	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
07	Computer Analyst	MT-1	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
08	Book Keeper	MT-1	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
09	Accounts Assistant	MT-1	1 st and 2 nd Efficiency Bar Examination
10	Media Assistant	MT-1	1 st Efficiency Bar Examination
11	Management Assistant	MN-2	2 nd and 3 rd Efficiency Bar Examination
12	Samurdhi Development Officer	MN-1	1 st Efficiency Bar Examination

2.1.1.1.4. Staff

Staff approved by Department of Management Services on 01.11.2023 for Department of Samurdhi Development

Department of Samurdhi Development - Progress Report (New Cadre 2023.11.01)

S/N	Description	Services	Salary Code as per Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016	Approved (2023.11.01)							Total	
				Head Office	Districts	Divisional		Bank	Training	Total		
						Head Quarters	Bank Society GN Level					
1	Director General	SLAS	SL 3	1							1	1
2	Additional Director General	SLAS	SL 3	2							2	2
3	Additional Director General	SLPS	SL 3	1							1	1
4	Additional Director General	Departmental	SL 3	1							1	0
5	Chief Financial Accountant	SL Accountancy S.	SL 3	1							1	0
6	Director	SLAS	SL 1	5							5	2
7	Director	SLPS	SL 1	4							4	2
8	Director	Departmental	SL 1	6							6	0
9	Chief Accountant	SL Accountancy	SL 1	1							1	0
10	Chief Internal Auditor	SL Accountancy	SL 1	1							1	1
11	District Director	SLAS	SL 1		18						18	17
12	District Director	SLPS	SL 1		5						5	3
13	District Director	Departmental	SL 1		2						2	0
14	Internal Auditor	Departmental	SL 1	2							2	2
15	Accountant	SL Accountancy S.	SL 1	1	25						26	11
16	Deputy/ Assistant Director	SLAS	SL 1	5							5	0
17	Deputy/ Assistant Director	SLPS	SL 1	4							4	0
18	Deputy/ Assistant Director	Departmental	SL 1	11	28						39	23
19	Deputy/ Assistant Director	Departmental	MM 1	1	1						2	1
20	Deputy/ Assistant Director	SLI&CTS	SL 1	2							2	0
21	Deputy/ Assistant Director	SLES	SL 1	1							1	0
22	Deputy/ Assistant Director	SLAS	SL 1	1							1	0
23	Legal Officer	Departmental	SL 1	1							1	0

S/N	Description	Services	Salary Code as per Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016	Approved (2023.11.01)										
				Head Office	Districts	Divisional		Bank	Training	Total				
						Head Quarters	Bank Society GN Level							
24	Administrative Officer	Departmental	MN 7	1							1	1		
25	Administrative Officer	Combine Service	MN 7	2							2	0		
26	System Analyst	Departmental	MN 7	1							1	1		
27	News Officer	Departmental	MN 7	1							1	1		
28	Finanans Assistant	Departmental	MN 7	1							1	1		
29	Samurdhi Manager (Special)	Departmental	MN 7	40	187	684	340	1089	4	2344	1414			
30	Samurdhi Manager	Departmental	MN 4										0	683
31	Samurdhi Manager	Departmental	MA 3										0	15
32	Samurdhi Manager	Departmental	JM 1-2										0	63
33	Samurdhi Manager (Special)	Departmental	MN 6										0	49
	Samurdhi Manager	Departmental	MA 5-2								0			
34	Internal Audit Officer (Special)	Departmental	MN 7	7							7	8		
35	Internal Audit Officer	Departmental	JM 1-2		3						3	1		
36	Language Translator	Interpreter Service	MN 6	1							1	0		
37	IT Officer	SLI&CTS	MN 6	4	4						8	1		
38	Development Officer	Departmental	MN 4	13	124						137	2361		
39	Internal Audit Officer	Departmental	MT 1	8	64						72	70		
40	Internal Audit Officer	Departmental	MA 2-1		9						9	1		
41	Technical Officer	Departmental	MT 1	3	6						9	6		
42	Technical Officer	Departmental	MA 2-1		1						1	1		
43	Language Translator	Departmental	MT 1	1							1	1		
44	Chief Management Assistant	Departmental	MT 4	7							7	5		
45	Management Service Officer	MSOS	MN2	20	32	101					153	148		
46	Management Assistant	Departmental	MN2	34	30	57			9	4	134	121		
	Management Assistant	Departmental	MN2			1020			1089			0		
47	Management Assistant	Departmental	MA 1-2	2	18	2					22	2		

S/N	Description	Services	Salary Code as per Public Administration Circular No. 03/2016	Approved (2023.11.01)								Total	
				Head Office	Districts	Divisional			Bank	Training	Total		
						Head Quarters	Bank Society	GN Level					
48	IT Assistant	SLI&CTS	MT 1	6								6	1
49	IT Assistant	Departmental	MT 1	1								1	1
50	Account Assistant	Departmental	MT 1	1								1	4
51	Computer Analyst	Departmental	MT 1	1								1	0
52	Samurdhi Development Officer	Departmental	MN 1	51	164	1191	320	13837	4245	4		19812	18248
53	Samurdhi Development Officer	Departmental	MA 1-1	3	6	29		185	102			325	248
54	Driver	Combine Service	PL 3	4	21					4		29	18
55	Driver	Departmental	PL 3	19	42							61	71
56	Driver (EPF)	Departmental	PL 3	2								2	0
57	Circuit Bungalow Incharge Officer	Departmental	PL 2	1								1	1
58	Cook	Departmental	PL 3							1		1	1
59	Office Employ Service	OSS	PL 1	26	35	214				4		279	297
60	Office Employ Service	Departmental	PL 1	10	10	18			1			39	32
61	Driver Assitant	Departmental	PL 1	1	2							3	4
62	Labour	Departmental	PL 1		3					5		8	8
63	Watcher	Departmental	PL 2			2				6		8	8
64	Book Keeper	Departmental	MT 1										1
65		Departmental	MT 1										1
Sub Total						3318	660	14022					
Total				324	840	18000			6535	32	25731	23964	

2.1.1.2 Establishment Division

This Division handles the duties of the Personal Files of all Samurdhi Managers and Samurdhi Development Officers working under the Department. Accordingly,

- Granting Grade Promotions to each officer.
- Confirmation of service.
- Absorption of officers according to the Provisions of the Act.
- Taking actions in respect of local and foreign leave requests as per the requirements of each officer.

2.1.1.3 Investigation Division

2.1.1.3.1 Objective

1. To investigate the misconducts of officers and to make arrangements to take them on the right path by imposing disciplinary punishments.
2. To protect the reputation of the Department and the Public Service.
3. To maintain discipline in departmental employees and ensuring the maintenance of financial discipline .
4. To make necessary suggestions / recommendations to prevent fraud and prevent irregularities.

2.1.1.3.2 Tasks of the Division

- To conduct preliminary investigations according to the complaints received.
- To carry out future disciplinary actions relating to special audit examinations conducted by the Internal Audit Division.
- To enquire the explanations and issuance of charge sheets.
- To conduct formal disciplinary investigations.
- To issue disciplinary orders.
- To submit draft charge sheets related to staff officers to the Public Service Commission.
- To submit reports to Public Service Commission for appeals against disciplinary orders.
- To maintain coordination with institutions such as the Presidential Investigation Division, Bribery or Corruption Investigation Commission, Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission, Attorney General's Department and the Parliamentary Petitions Committee.

2.1.1.3.3 Brief Report of Work Done in 2023

A number of 186 Samurdhi Managers and Samurdhi Development Officers were interviewed to carry out preliminary investigations in the year 2023 and 48 officers were recruited as 17 Samurdhi Managers and 31 Samurdhi Development Officers and a training workshop was conducted for those officers at Balangoda Samanalaweve Training Centre.

• Preliminary Investigation Reports received during the year	- 75
• No. officers appointed to conduct Preliminary Investigations	- 62
• Number of special audit inspection reports received	- 54
• Number of newly opened subject files	- 205
• Number of Compulsory Leave/Transfers / Interdicted	- 67
• No. of requests made for explanations	- 151
• Notification of decisions relating to calling of explanations	- 94
• No. of Charge Sheets issued	- 171
• No. of Draft Charge Sheets sent to Public Service Commission	- 14
• No. of Tribunals appointed	- 56
• No. of Disciplinary Orders/ Warnings issued	- 280
• No. of Draft Disciplinary Orders sent to Public Service Commission	- 10
• No. of Terminated / Dismissed	- 08
• No. of 3 rd appendix sent to Public Service Commission	- 21
• Notification of decisions of appeals	- 11
• No. of files finalized	- 372

2.1.1.4 Pension Division

Granting of pension rights to absorbed officers expressing initial service and new service preference from the officers absorbed in the Samurdhi Development Department is the main function performed by the Pension Unit .

Accordingly, this Division was established under the Administrative Division of the Department from 01 August 2019 . Offering of pension benefits to Samurdhi Department officers have been implemented in compliance with the Pension Circulars issued by the Pension Department and the instructions given in addition from then until now.

Working in an authority here, accordingly, in the institutional process of maintaining personal files, the general 53 of Code of Conduct etc. is systematically entering and noting was problematic at times, from the date of initial appointment to the date of retirement / death of the officer was in a problematic situation in some cases and having to work hard to resolve these issues was a challenge faced by all the officers.

Files related to 2269 officers out of 3101 retired and deceased officers as at 31.12.2023 have been sent to the Department of Pensions, by this unit, which was started in 2019, aligning all these matters with the pension circulars, acts and Minutes of Pension and out of them, 2022 officers are currently receiving pension benefits.

Regular progress reviews and programmes conducted through Zoom technology were also helpful to carry out this work efficient and up-to-date.

2.1.1.4.1 Progress of Payment of Pensions as at 31.12.2023

Statistic – (II)

Serial No.	Matter	No. of Retired	No. of Deceased	Total
1	No. of Retired	2,596	505	3101
2	Number of files which could not be processed due to non-provision of required information by officials	17	33	50
3	Total number of pension payable	2,579	472	3,051
*4	Number sent to Pension Department	1,999	270	2,269
5	Balance of further number in Samurdhi Department for payment of pension	580	202	782
*4	Number sent to Pension Department	1999	270	2,269
Total of entire payments as at 31.12.2022		1,796	226	2,022
Balance to be paid in Pension Department		203	44	247

2.1.1.5 Legal Division

The role of the Legal Division is to provide advice and legal assistance regarding the legal matters required in the implementation of development programmes related to all the Divisions of the Samurdhi Development Department, providing legal assistance, increase the effectiveness for the legally empowerment of the officers of the Department and Samurdhi Community Based Bank and Samurdi Prajamula Bank Society and by coordinating properly with the Attorney General's Department in the affairs of the Department and in the matters against the Department.

The Legal Department has implemented the Legal Empowerment Programme for the Managers of Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Bank Societies, the awareness programme for Bank Governing Board and Executive Committee Members of Bank Societies. These programmes were conducted in Monaragala and Badulla Districts and an expenditure of Rs. 159,250.00 was incurred for that.

2.1.2 Social Security and Welfare Division

2.1.2.1 Introduction

The Samurdhi Social Security Fund has been established and maintained under the Commissioner General Department of Samurdhi by Trust Deed No. 8 with effect from 01.01.1997 . The Social Security Fund has been established on a non-profit basis with a view of welfare in mind. The Samurdhi Social Security Fund has been formed from the voluntary monthly contributions of Samurdhi beneficiaries, bank investments and income from institutions like the Nilaveli Samurdhi Training Center run by the Social Security Fund.

In the establishment of the Divineguma Development Department in accordance with the Divineguma Development Act No. 01 of 2013, it has been attached to this to carry out the affairs of the Department of Samurdhi Commissioner General in the same manner. Accordingly, the Divineguma Social Security Fund was operated under the Divineguma Development Department and this Fund is operating under the name of Samurdhi Social Security Fund with the revision of the name of the Department in the year 2017 as the Samurdhi Development Department. The Social Security Trustee Board consisting of 11 members takes decisions related to the management and administration of the fund.

2.1.2.2 Objectives -;

- Minimize unexpected and expected financial difficulties faced by Samurdhi beneficiaries and socially disadvantaged individuals and groups and securing their social and living conditions and implementing a social security system.
- To raise the social and economic status of the beneficiary community by improving the nutritional level and creating a healthy environment.
- Boost the Fund by investing the surplus money in state banks at high interest rates and increasing the income of the Nilaveli Training Centre.

2.1.2.3 Introduction to the Project or Functions

This Fund has been formed by the monthly contribution amount voluntarily given by the Samurdhi beneficiaries and the remaining money after making the beneficiary payments from that contribution amount and the investment in the state banks and the interest income earned thereby.

Benefits are provided through this Fund as an insurance method to the Samurdhi Beneficiaries, low income earners and disadvantaged individuals and groups mainly for expected and unexpected events such as births, twin births, marriages, hospitalizations, deaths and Sipdora scholarships.

With the implementation of the “Aswasuma” programme from June 2023, the Samurdhi subsidy programme is abolished and the monthly contribution to the Social Security Fund by the beneficiaries of Samurdhi subsidy has also been lost. Similarly, due to the contribution made by

Samurdhi Subsidy, there has been a big change also through Samurdhi subsidies contributed and the information plan related in the beneficiary social security data system belonging to our Department had has been disabled.

For the reasons like these, the insurance facilities provided so far to about 1,640,000 families who were with the Samurdhi Subsidy Social Security Programme have been canceled with the cessation of contribution to the Social Security Fund by the Samrudhi subsidized families who are not included in the Aswasuma” welfare programme as well as the families included in it. Further, although it has been applied for Aswesuma welfare benefits according to notification of Decisions of Cabinet of Ministers No. 25/1417/601/047 dated 2023.08.02 , instructions have been given to carry out the Samurdhi Subsidy Programme from the Samurdhi Department as before until the completion of the review process of the appeals and objections under the Aswesum Programme for Samurdhi Subsidy Beneficiary Families which have not been selected yet.

Accordingly, with the implementation of the Aswesuma beneficiary payment system, arrangements have been made to provide Samurdhi subsidies to 393,094 Samurdhi beneficiaries through the Samurdhi Department as before until the completion of the review of the existing appeals and objections. Accordingly, social security payments have been made in respect of beneficiaries from July to 31 November 2023.

In addition, financial and material assistance will be provided to disadvantaged individuals, groups, institutions in the society with the approval of Samurdhi Social Security Trustee Board.

Similarly, the Nilaveli Samurdhi Training Center , Pothuvil Circuit Bungalow which is a fixed asset belonging to the Fund have provided residential facilities, trainings, lectures and workshops to internal and other external institutions.

2.1.2.4 Targetted Group

- I. Members of Samurdhi Beneficiary Families
- II. Disadvantaged individuals, groups and institutions in society

2.1.2.5 Methodology in Operation:-

Social Security benefits are provided for births, twin births, deaths, hospitalizations, and Sipdora Scholarships using voluntary monthly contributions of Samurdhi beneficiaries as Rs. 200/= Rs.150/=, Rs.130/= respectively according to the subsidy values of Rs.4,500, Rs.3,200, Rs.1,900. After making those beneficiary payments, the balance is invested in state banks at high interest rates. Out of these events, the only event that can be quantified is the Sipdora Scholarship. That is, Sipdora scholarships are given for a year to all students who have passed G.E.C. (O/L) and studying for Advanced Level. Although an exact calculation cannot be given in respect of all other events, payments will be made in

accordance with circulars for beneficiary claims applied for. The benefit payment process for the above events is as follows.

Payment Process

Division → Zonal Office (Samurdhi Community Based Bank) → Divisional Secretariat (Samurdhi Head Quarters) → District Secretariat → Samurdhi Social Security Fund at Head Office

Accordingly, the corresponding amount is released by Samurdhi Social Security Division of Head Office as an advance amount to all Divisional Secretariats and District Secretariats at the beginning of the year. The benefits should be paid using that advance and then the related expenses should be reimbursed.

The Development Officer in charge of the division should hand over the duly completed social security beneficiary applications along with the relevant documents to the Zonal Manager or Community Based Bank Manager for the relevant events. Those applications with his recommendation should be handed over to the Headquarters Manager of the Divisional Secretariat and it is submitted by the Officer-in-Charge of the Divisional Secretariat submits the prepared list of scholarship winners to the Divisional Secretary for approval. After that, after certifying the expenses by the Accountant of the Divisional Secretariat, payments are made to the relevant beneficiaries through Samurdhi Community Based Banks. Further, the Pilot Project of crediting money to Samurdhi Beneficiaries has been commenced in 25 Banks selected in 25 Districts, through the Samurdhi Benefits Online System in 2022.

Arrangements should be made to reimburse the benefit payments made in relation to all the Divisions belonging to the Divisional Secretariat by the District Secretariat. After that, all the benefit payments of the Divisional Secretariat Divisions should be reimbursed from the Samurdhi Social Security Fund by the District Secretariat. If the advance given in this manner is not enough, additional advance can be requested by the Social Security Fund.

In addition to these main functions, samurdhi beneficiaries, low-income earners and disadvantaged individuals, groups and institutions are given financial and material assistance upon the approval of the Board of Trustees for various needs arising from time to time.

Similarly, Nilaveli Samurdhi Training Center can be booked to internal and external parties for residential facilities, training lectures and workshops etc. on the due charges. Due to the location of this training center near the main tourist attractions, actions are being taken to renovate and accommodate local and foreign tourists and thus earns more income.

2.1.2.6 Social Security Fund - Expenditure Estimate 2023

According to the Action Plan of 2023, the amount of approved allocation is Rs. 2,247.94 million.

Statistic – (III)

Description	Head Office	District Secretariats	Nilaveli Training Centre	Total
Recurrent Expenditures (Rs. Mn.)	2,208.47	15.4	2.68	2226.55
Capital Expenditures (Rs. Mn.)	1.71	10.8	8.88	21.39
Total (Rs . Mn.)	2210.18	26.2	11.56	2247.94

Expenditure Report:- Expenditure from 01.01.2023 to 30.11.2023 (Beneficiary Payments)

Statistic – (IV)

Expenditure Classification	Number	Amount (Rs.)
Births	7,336	73,360,000.00
Marriage	21,523	215,230,000.00
Hospitalized	94,994	187,146,050.00
deceased	32,156	643,1250.000.00
Scholarships	645,526	968,289,000.00
Twin Births	763	3,815,000.00
Total	802,298	2,090,960,050.00

2.1.2.7. Project Output:-

Making payments in accordance with the circulars and carrying out activities related to the approved staff papers of the Social Security Trustee Board for beneficiaries applied from 01.01.2023 to 30.11.2023. Accordingly, details of contributions for subsidies issued in 2023 under the subsidy programme have been presented in Annexure 01. Provision of relevant facilities by the Nilaveli Samurdhi Training Center for residential facilities, training workshops, lectures, etc. requested by internal and external parties during the year. Investments made during the year have been re-invested in state banks at higher interest rates.

2.1.2.8 Socio-Economic Outcomes Achieved:-

- To protect the families of the Beneficiaries by providing financial and other assistance in case of decline in their living conditions.

- To encourage the successful higher education of Samurdhi Beneficiaries' children who have passed G.C.E (O/L) and bring up G.C.E (A/L) without allowing to collapse the secondary education.
- To contribute to a healthy social security environment by raising the level of nutrition by providing financial benefits for births and twin births and illnesses.
- To drop the population poverty index by contributing towards the main social safety net for Samurdhi Beneficiaries.
- To maintain the financial position of the Fund at an optimal level by investing at high interest rates.

2.1.2.9 Functions Currently Perform by the Fund :-

Payment of Social Security Benefits

- Payment for Births – Paymnet of Rs. 10,000 for first, second and third child births in Samurdhi Families
 - In addition to above payment of Rs. 10,000/=, for twin births as follows
 - Monthly Rs. 5,000/= per annum for two children
 - Monthly Rs. 10,000/= per annum in case of more than three children
- Marital Allowances
 - Payment of Rs. 10,000/= for marriages of 02 children of Samurdhi Beneficiary Families.
- Payments in case of Hospitalization
 - Making benefit payments of Rs. 10,500/= as Rs.350/= per day for 30 days in a year for Beneficiary or spouse and unmarried children of the family in case of hospitalization in Samurdhi Families
- Payment for a Death
 - Payment of Rs. 20,000/= for a death in Samurdhi Families
- Sipedora Scholarships
 - Implementation of Sipedora Scholarship Programme for children who are studying for G.C.E (A/L) in Samurdhi families.
 - All the students from benefitted families scattered all over the island who are studying G.E.C. Advance Level are received Rs. 1,500/= each for a period of two years of study.
- Other social development projects such as construction of sanitary toilets targeted at low income earners are also implemented on occasion as approved by the Samurdhi Social Security Trustee Board.

**Payment of Social Security Benefits
From 2022.01.01 To 2022.12.31**

No	District	Birth		Merrages		Disease		Death		Scholarship		Twins Birth		Total	
		No	Amount (Rs.)	No	Amount (Rs.)	No	Amount (Rs.)	No	Amount (Rs.)	No	Amount (Rs.)	No	Amount (Rs.)	No	Amount (Rs.)
1	Colombo	59	590,000	528	5,280,000	1,346	5,149,550	1,235	24,700,000	12,860	19,290,000	9	45,000	16,037	55,054,550
2	Gampaha	300	3,000,000	1,671	16,710,000	4,340	15,925,700	2,950	59,000,000	47,762	71,643,000	6	30,000	57,029	166,308,700
3	Kalutara	90	900,000	654	6,540,000	1,757	6,135,500	1,603	32,060,000	19,376	29,064,000	0	-	23,480	74,699,500
4	Kandy	183	1,830,000	1,089	10,890,000	3,244	12,572,000	2,335	46,700,000	34,203	51,304,500	35	175,000	41,089	123,471,500
5	Matale	192	1,920,000	547	5,470,000	1,437	5,277,300	1,058	21,160,000	17,929	26,893,500	16	80,000	21,179	60,800,800
6	Nuwaraeliya	149	1,490,000	373	3,730,000	1,183	4,652,550	918	18,360,000	19,707	29,560,500	40	200,000	22,370	57,993,050
7	Galle	157	1,570,000	898	8,980,000	1,996	7,276,150	1,663	33,260,000	26,891	40,336,500	14	70,000	31,619	91,492,650
8	Matara	233	2,330,000	881	8,810,000	2,069	7,721,000	1,475	29,500,000	27,307	40,960,500	19	95,000	31,984	89,416,500
9	Hambantota	394	3,940,000	899	8,990,000	2,309	8,379,350	1,037	20,740,000	31,898	47,847,000	40	200,000	36,577	90,096,350
10	Jaffna	505	5,050,000	1,049	10,490,000	2,366	8,088,850	970	19,400,000	30,547	45,820,500	63	315,000	35,500	89,164,350
11	Mannar	304	3,040,000	468	4,680,000	802	2,928,500	315	6,300,000	17,601	26,401,500	18	90,000	19,508	43,440,000
12	Vavniya	282	2,820,000	415	4,150,000	4,025	2,245,950	313	6,260,000	10,622	15,933,000	27	135,000	15,684	31,543,950
13	Mulative	203	2,030,000	347	3,470,000	6,530	2,427,600	275	5,500,000	23,250	34,875,000	8	40,000	30,613	48,342,600
14	Killinochchi	151	1,510,000	306	3,060,000	5,748	2,134,650	272	5,440,000	12,363	18,544,500	6	30,000	18,846	30,719,150
15	Batticalo	861	8,610,000	1,846	18,460,000	3,346	11,272,800	1,313	26,260,000	43,792	65,688,000	108	540,000	51,266	130,830,800
16	Ampara	638	6,380,000	1,372	13,720,000	3,702	11,925,550	1,167	23,340,000	34,823	52,234,500	33	165,000	41,735	107,765,050
17	Trincomalee	581	5,810,000	866	8,660,000	1,149	4,379,550	770	15,400,000	21,481	32,221,500	42	210,000	24,889	66,681,050
18	Kurunegala	485	4,850,000	2,041	20,410,000	5,629	19,088,650	3,918	78,360,000	65,683	98,524,500	35	175,000	77,791	221,408,150
19	Puttalama	283	2,830,000	748	7,480,000	1,537	5,584,250	1,177	23,540,000	15,796	23,694,000	57	285,000	19,598	63,413,250
20	Anuradapua	241	2,410,000	687	6,870,000	1,495	6,111,300	1,131	22,620,000	17,872	26,808,000	46	230,000	21,472	65,049,300
21	Polonnaruwa	221	2,210,000	395	3,950,000	893	3,605,000	420	8,400,000	13,246	19,869,000	25	125,000	15,200	38,159,000
22	Badulla	262	2,620,000	764	7,640,000	2,207	8,120,700	1,362	27,240,000	18,717	28,075,500	36	180,000	23,348	73,876,200
23	Moneragala	245	2,450,000	748	7,480,000	1,985	7,757,750	875	17,500,000	24,039	36,058,500	55	275,000	27,947	71,521,250
24	Ratnapura	231	2,310,000	1,324	13,240,000	32,078	11,439,400	2,119	42,380,000	39,156	58,734,000	20	100,000	74,928	128,203,400
25	Kegalle	86	860,000	607	6,070,000	1,821	6,946,450	1,485	29,700,000	18,605	27,907,500	5	25,000	22,609	71,508,950
	එකතුව	7,336	73,360,000	21,523	215,230,000	94,994	187,146,050	32,356	643,120,000	645,526	968,289,000	763	3,815,000	802,298	2,090,960,050

2.2.10 Samurdhi Subsidy Programme

The number of subsidy benefits issued under the Samurdhi Subsidy Programme from January 2023 to June 2023 (30.6.2023), is 1,637,672. The total subsidy cost for that is Rs. 31,291,519,000.00. The number of welfare beneficiary families which were issued subsidies from July 2023 to December 2023 is 363,214. The total subsidy cost for that is Rs. 7,673,663,900.00.

Accordingly, the details of Samurdhi Subsidies issued from July 2023 to December 2023 under the Samurdhi Subsidy Program are presented in Annexure 02.

Number of Samurdhi Beneficiary Families who have been paid under the Aswesuma programme

(July - December 2023)

Statistic – (VI)

Serial No.	Month	Number of Beneficiary Families	Amount (Rs.)
1	July - 2023	368,310	1,289,588,600
2	Aug - 2023	365,303	1,280,679,900
3	Sept - 2023	364,498	1,278,350,900
4	Oct - 2023	364,389	1,277,506,800
5	Nov - 2023	363,385	1,274,424,000
6	Dec - 2023	363,214	1,273,113,700
Total			7,673,663,900

2.1.3 Samurdhi Micro Finance and Maha Sangam Programme

2.1.3.1 Introduction

Samurdhi Bank Associations were established in 1996 to implement the Samurdhi National Program in terms of the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority Act No. 30 of 1995 and the Micro Finance Division of the Head Office / Maha Sangamaya , 335 Samurdhi Community Based Bank Societies at the Regional Level and 1,093 Samurdhi Community Based Banks at the Zonal Level are being implemented to increase the savings of low income earners and thereby increase their investment power, to provide the capital (credit facilities) required for the development of products and services and to reduce informal credit transactions with a view of to creating a profitable corporate model by freeing them from debt.

A Management Board consisting of 8 members has been established for the supervision and regulation of Banks and Banking Societies as per Sections 33 (1), 33 (2), 33 (9) of the Divineguma Act No. 1 of 2013. The Management Board issues orders to Banks and Banking Societies from time to time.

2.1.3.2 Objectives

1. Introduction of new loan schemes for the banking system and issuance of necessary circulars and operating orders required for that.
2. Issuing of Guidance, instructions required for other operations.
3. Introducing deposit promotion programmes and issuing of necessary guidelines and instructions.
4. Investing bank funds and issuing instructions at the local level.
5. Carrying out microfinance insurance activities.
6. Conducting National Level investigations in all banks and issuing instructions in this regard.
7. Certifying final accounts and issuing orders for profit disbursement according to the audit reports provided for the final accounts of Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Bank Societies.
8. Providing re-financing credit facilities to banks and conducting credit analysis activities.
9. Acquisition/ Purchasing activities of lands for Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Banking Societies and providing funds for the construction of bank buildings and Asset Management.
10. Assisting to convene the Samurdhi Community Based Management Board, submitting Management Board Papers and implementing those orders.
11. Monitoring, progress control and conducting follow-up actions on all community based banks and banking associations.
12. Coordinating with Samurdhi Beneficiaries, projects launched by recognized institutions and organizations through Community Based Bank Societies.
13. Taking actions to make creative contributions of community based banking societies for the programmes implemented by the Livelihood and Marketing Divisions.
14. Assisting in the affairs of the Samurdhi Bank Maha Sangamaya as per the Samurdhi Act (Section 34).
15. Assisting in computer networking of Samurdhi Banks, Samurdhi Bank Societies, Maha Sangam and Microfinance Sector.
16. Taking steps to train officers and community leaders of Samurdhi Banks, Samurdhi Bank Societies.

2.1.3.3 Bank Membership and Progress of Share Capital

Samurdhi Beneficiaries become members of the Samurdhi Community Based Bank by purchasing a share of Rs.500 / -. They are becoming shareholders of the bank by that.

Progress of Samurdhi Community Based Bank Membership (2019-2023)

Statistic – (VII)

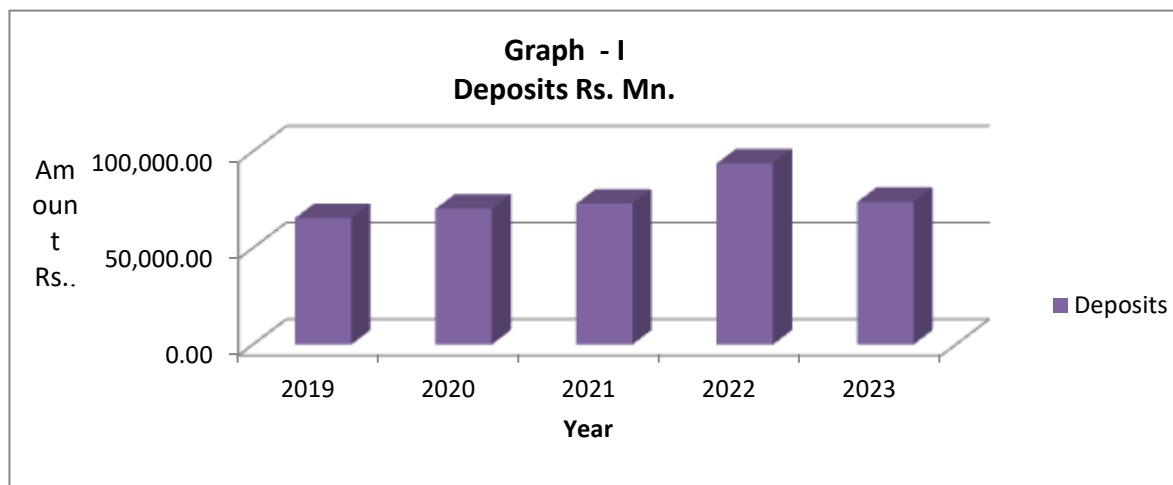
Year	Female	Male	Total	Growth as compared to the Preceding Year	Growth Rate%
2019	2,913,912	1,399,106	4,313,018	356,124	9
2020	2,751,341	1,341,176	4,092,517	-220,501	-5.1
2021	2,791,244	1,300,942	4,092,186	-331	-0.008
2022	2,811,900	1,303,200	4,115,100	22,914	0.56
2023	2,854,351	1,312,790	4,167,141	52,041	1.25

2.1.3.4 Bank Societies Deposits Programme

Deposits (Members, Non-members, Group, Children and Diriya Maatha) (2019 – 2023)

Statistic - (VIII)

Year	No. of Accounts	Growth in No.of Accounts	Amount) Rs. Mn.	Growth in Money (Rs. Mn.)
2019	8,892,916	715,700	65,498.00	9871.00
2020	8,715,703	(177,213)	70,338.00	4,840.00
2021	8,538,191	(177,512)	72,835.00	2,497.00
2022	9,463,470	925,279	93,765.53	20,930.53
2023	7,531,371	1,932,099	95,508.55	-18,256.98



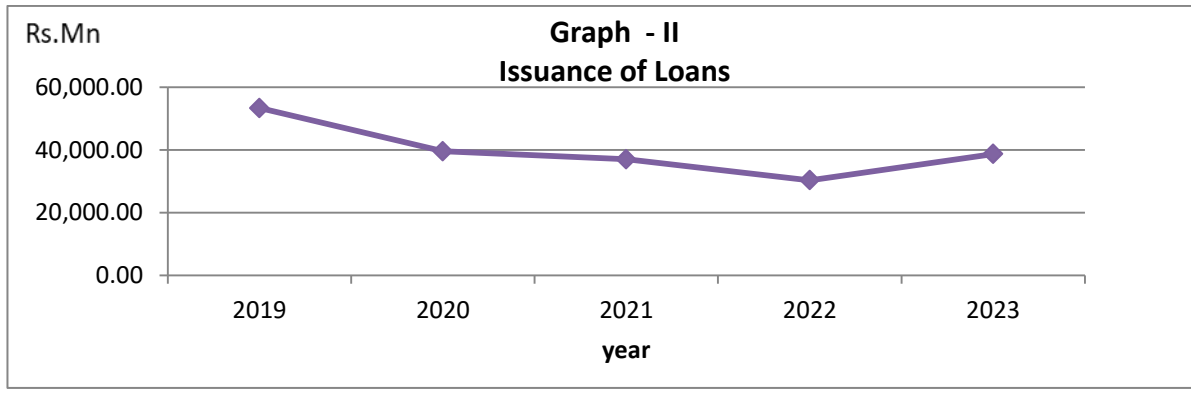
2.1.3.5 Community Based Bank Loan Programme

- Identifying the entrepreneurial capabilities of low income earners including Samurdhi beneficiaries and providing minor financing facilities to build the environment needed to overcome poverty through self-reliance are done under Community Based Debt Scheme.
- Several special loan schemes have been introduced and launched to meet the capital funds and immediate financial needs of the members.
- Loans ranging from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 1,000,000 are issued by Samurdhi Banks under various Debt Schemes for income generating projects. Accordingly, loans are also issued for immediate loan requirements for the fields such as livelihood development, cultivation and vocational training.
- Bank loan facilities are implemented for the requirements such as housing, consumer, disaster etc.. Maximum loan amount from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 500,000 are issued.
- Loans ranging from Rs. 500,000 to Rs. 2,000,000 are issued by Samurdhi Community Based Bank Societies under the “Isura” and New Samurdhi Entrepreneurship Loan Scheme to meet the capital and financial needs of entrepreneurs who had succeeded through the Samurdhi Bank Loan Programme.
- A relief has been provided for Members to get rid of the lenders with high interest to easily meet the cash requirements through consumer, disaster, Swashkthi, Samurdhi Arunalu, Samurdhi Mithura Loan Schemes in case of immediate financial needs.
- An amount of Rs. 463,599.06 have been given to 12,309,875 Members as Samurdhi Bank loans by the end of the year 2023 .

Issuing of Loans (2019 -2023)

Statistic – (IX)

Year	Number (Cumulative)	Cumulative Loan Amount Released (Rs. Mn.)	Issuing of Debts during the year (Rs. Mn.)
2019	9,562,062	317,915.26	53,396.13
2020	11,790,396	357,496.70	39,581.44
2021	11,669,343	394,546.41	37,049.71
2022	11,959,271	424,906.45	30,360.24
2023	12,309,875	463,599.06	38,692.41

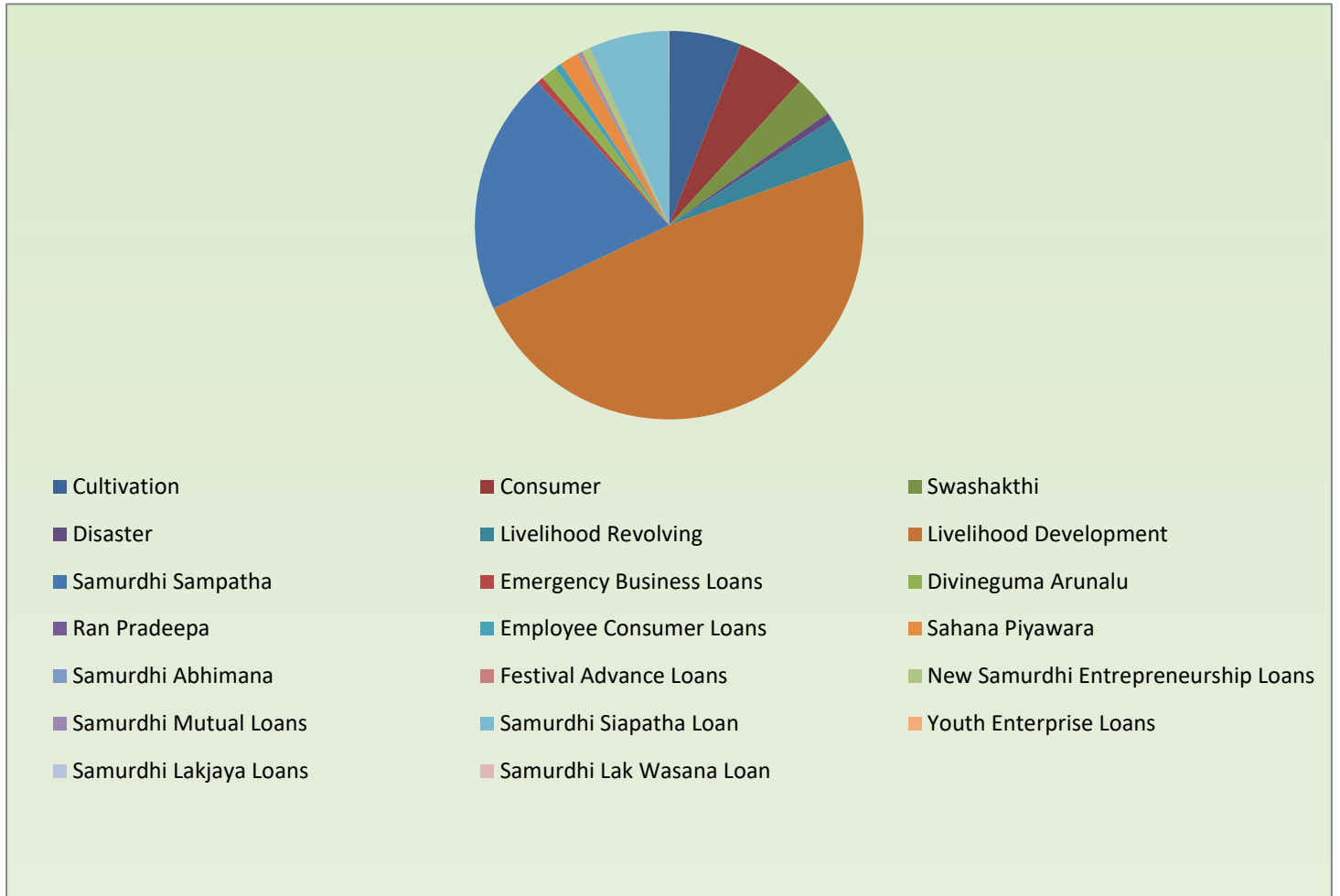


Cumulative Debt Classification Released as at 31.12.2023

Statistic – (X)

Classification of Debts	Amount (Rs. Mn.)
Cultivation	20,426.73
Consumer	19,589.56
Swashakthi	11,766.82
Disaster	2,148.54
Livelihood Revolving	12,480.87
Livelihood Development	164,681.42
Samurdhi Sampatha	68,731.58
Emergency Business Loans	1,899.19
Divineguma Arunalu	4,467.37
Ran Pradeepa	17.37
Employee Consumer Loans	1,917.84
Sahana Piyawara	5,471.55
Samurdhi Abhimana	716.36
Festival Advance Loans	665.59
New Samurdhi Entrepreneurship Loans	2,410.24
Samurdhi Mutual Loans	183.36
Samurdhi Siapatha Loan	22349
Youth Enterprise Loans	25.15
Samurdhi Lakjaya Loans	140.76
Samurdhi Lak Wasana Loan	35.34
Total	340,124.64

Graph III - Classification of Loans

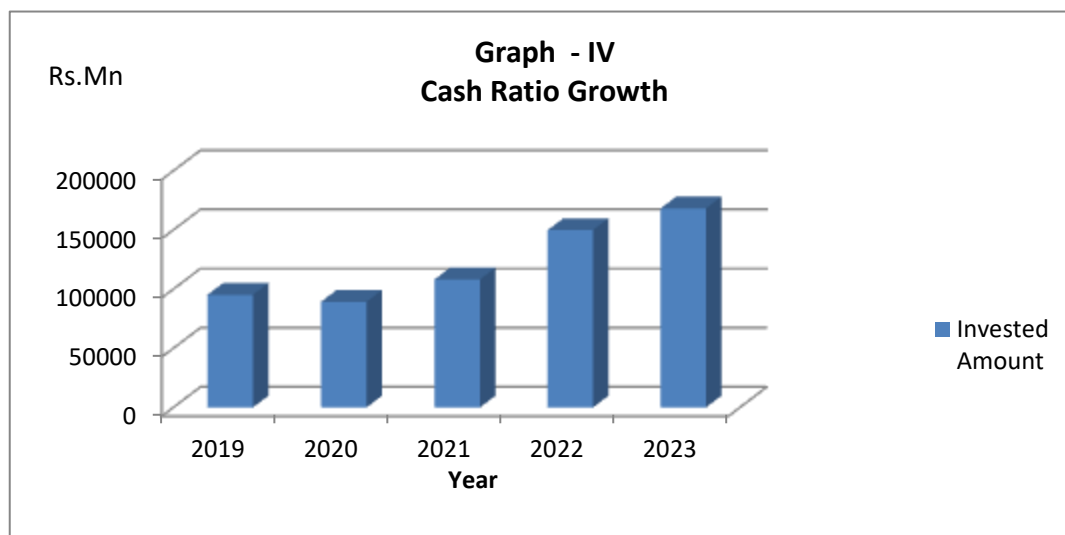


2.1.3.6 Investment of Surplus Funds of Community Based Banks (Fixed Deposits and Treasury Bills)

The permission has been given to invest surplus funds through Community Banking Societies only in State Banks as per Treasury Circulars after releasing the loan to the loan applicants in order to get maximum returns from the assets of the banks. This also aims to strengthen community banking societies financially.

Investing Surplus Money in Samurdhi Community Based Bank (2019 – 2023)
Statistic – (XI)

Year	Amount (Rs.Mn.)	Growth (Rs.Mn.)	Growth Percentage (%)
2019	95173	9231	10%
2020	89,314	(5859)	6.2%
2021	108,233	18,919	21.18%
2022	149,882	41,649	27.79%
2023	168,260	18,378	10.92%



2.1.3.7 Promotional Programmes Implemented through the Microfinance Sector

Since the year 2000 as a self-financed unit, the main objective of the microfinance sector is to carry out various development programmes targeting the low-income community through Samurdhi Prajamula banking system through the interest income earned by the sector. For this purpose, the programmes implemented in the Department are as follows.

- **New Year Savings Promotion Programme**

Actions were taken to convey a message to the public about the name and services of Samurdhi Bank operating of 1093 Samurdhi Banks in a single day successfully giving priority to savings promotion programmes and a New Year's celebration and traditional games for account holders and other people who have engaged with the banks in conjunction with the Sinhala/Hindu New Year celebrations. Customers were rewarded with useful and highly valuable gifts for the money they deposited during that time. This was an opportunity for the people to gather in the respective areas and to nurture the cultural feelings of the community. Further, it is expected to strengthen the

activities and to raise trust on Samurdhi Banks and promote the name of Samurdhi Bank in the community including low income earners by promoting them economically / socially.

- **“Ran Pradeepa” Gold Pawning Service**

This facilitates to meet the urgent cash requirements on subsidized interest rates by avoiding the difficulties in getting money from pawning the gold items in his possession of Samurdhi Bank members.

- **"Arunalu Instant Loan" Programme in relation with Samurdhi Community Based Banks**

Introducing of Arunalu Instant Loan Programme by Samurdhi Community Based Organization. Functions for the Members through all community based organizations island wide. Facilitating to access to concessional and short-term loans are done by this as an alternative to loans obtained by Members of Community Based Organizations for their urgent cash needs from informal microfinance institutions / individuals at high interest rates and on various bonds.

- **Training Activities**

The trainings on Banking and other subjects for the staff working in 1093 Community Based Banking Network and 335 Community Banking Societies are coordinated by the Training Division of the Department with the Community Based Bank Funds.

The role of this unit is to develop the knowledge, skills and positive attitudes of the bank staff in order to provide a more efficient and effective service to the customer community.

Accordingly, actions are being taken to provide basic training that gives insight into the activities of the Bank on banking and accounting process to every Bank Officer. In addition to that, steps have been taken to train the untrained staff of Community Banks / Bank Societies on Community Banking activities and Community Banking accounting activities.

Management Information Unit

Information Management of 1093 Samurdhi Community Based Banks is managed by the Management Information Unit of the Micro Finance Division. Accordingly, all Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Samurdhi Community Based Bank Societies are required to report their banking progress to the Information Management Unit on a monthly basis through the Forms provided and it has been planned to compile the data and analyze the current situation exists in Samurdhi Community Based Banks and submit information, build the required ratio analysis to evaluate the progress of Samurdhi Community Based Banks and conduct evaluations on Samurdhi Community Based Banks accordingly. Further, actions have been taken to transmit the information on Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Banking Societies to the Micro Finance Division using computer technology.

With the successful computerization of Samurdhi Community Based Banks, arrangements are being made to analyze and evaluate the current situation of Community Based Banks in a more effective

and efficient manner. Arrangements have been made to implement a bank rating and an evaluation programme with the objective of transforming the entire banking system into sustainable financial units as well as employee motivation. The programme has been planned to be implemented with improving in every year.

2.1.3.8 Major Outcomes Achieved in 2023

1. Increasing the share amount by Rs. 1,617,593.52 Mn.
2. Increasing the No. of Members of Samurdhi Banks by 52,041.
3. Ability to provide loans of Rs.38,692.41 only in the year 2023.
4. Ability to increase the number of profitable banks in Samurdhi Banks from 969 to 1073 as compared to the previous year.
5. Ability to achieve a profitability of Samurdhi Banks up to Rs. 22.5 Billion (Subject to Audit)
6. “Arunalu” instant loan system was introduced to Members of community based organizations through community based organizations.
7. Ability to pay 6% interest on compulsory savings.
8. Ability to re-introduce the Refinancing Loan Programme
9. Ability to re-establish the Banking Supervision Unit.
10. Completion of Registration of Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Banking Societies.
11. Making arrangements to carry out computer networking of all bank societies.
12. Submission of amendments to the methodologies of bank evaluation.
13. To give targets according to Samurdhi Act and evaluation of the officers and beneficiaries accordingly.
14. Introducing two types of loans called Lak Jaya and Lak Vasana
15. Promotion of savings through introducing of Dhanashakti, Dhanhojana Accounts.

2.1.4 Livelihood Development Programme

2.1.4.1 Introduction

The Samurdhi Development Department, which has made the national mission to eradicate poverty in Sri Lanka its foremost task, has aligned its activities in the wide range of economic, social, psychological, political, cultural, legal and environmental to fully empower the community. For that, the main division established for economic empowerment in departmental organizational structure is the Livelihood Development Division .

The primary responsibility of this department is to provide necessary technical and financial facilities to improve the quality of life of the Samurdhi and low-income families who are surrounded by the Samurdhi programme by identifying and implementing new projects or livelihood projects in which they are currently engaged. Plans had been prepared to improve the living conditions of poor and low-income families, by spending Rs. 54 million of Treasury allocations in the year 2023 in order to achieve that goal.

But due to the financial and economic crises the country has been facing, the prospective allocations have not been received and few programmes have been implemented based on the limited allocations received.

Similarly, some preliminary works have been carried out by “Food Security and Livelihood Recovery Emergency Assistance Project” which is proposed to be implemented to improve the living conditions of the beneficiary families based on the financial assistance of the Asian Development Bank.

Further, arrangements have been made 19.7 to carry out the programme implemented by spending Rs. 19.7 million also through social security funds owned by the department continuously in the year 2023. Similarly, actions have been taken to provide Rs. 9.7 million financial assistance from the Agri Innovation Project to improve the Wanathavilluwa Cashew Project.

2.1.4.2 Programmes Implemented through Treasury Allocations

Although the Treasury allocation of Rs. 54 million has been planned to be spent in the year 2023 and implement income generating projects involving 1080 beneficiaries, the expected allocations were not received due to the economic and financial crisis faced by the country and therefore, the programmes could not be executed. But, instead of the economic empowerment programme that has been implemented so far targeting samurdhi and low-income families, the Social Welfare Benefit Board has directly assigned the responsibility of empowering 12 lakh families identified as Aswesuma Beneficiaries to the Samurdhi Development Department, several preliminary activities related to that were carried out within the limited allocation.

Public officers and community awareness programs have been held in the Districts of Kalutara, Polonnaruwa, Gampaha, Jaffna, Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu under that and the amount spent for that was Rs. 308,224 /-

2.1.4.3 The programme proposed to be implemented with the financial contribution of the Asian Development Bank

It is proposed to spend Rs. 1,000 million for project which is proposed to be implemented under the name of "Food Security and Livelihood Restoration Emergency Assistance Project under the Asian Development Bank for this project and 10,000 families are expected to be economically empowered under that.

In this programme, the target group is the Aswesuma beneficiaries and the necessary preliminary work was prepared in the last quarter of the year 2023. Under that, 3 programs have been conducted with the aim of raising awareness among the institutions affiliated to the Ministry of Women, Children Affairs and Social Empowerment, raising awareness among other Mministries, Departments, Corporations and institutional support institutions and raising

awareness among local and international non-governmental organizations operating at the National Level. The amount spent for that was Rs.130,150 /- .

2.1.4.4 Cultivation of grains and Additional Crops to Promote Food Security, Nutrition and Income Implemented through Social Security Funds

The food security of the community collapsed due to the economic crisis in the country in the year 2022. As a remedy, projects were implemented at a cost of Rs. 19.7 million targeting 1,488 families in 05 selected Districts with the aim of income generation by ensuring the food security of the community. These projects were started in the last quarter of 2022 and the community will received its benefits in the first quarter of 2023. The total harvest value of this project is about Rs.100 million.

Money was spent for the following 05 Districts for the cultivation of grains and additional crops, and the programme will be continued to move forward in relation to improve food security and monthly income.

Statistic – (XII)

Programme	Project	Amount Allocated (Rs. Mn.)		Amount Spent (Rs. Mn.)	Cultivated Items	Extent acres	Number of Beneficiaries
Promotion of Food security, nutrition and income promotion	Cultivation of cereals and supplementary crops	Polonnaruwa	2.86	2.85	Green gram, maize, udar and peanuts	100	237
		Jaffna	1.25	1.17	Udar, cow-pea, Kurakkan	42	114
		Ampara	9.19	9.19	Chili, Maize, Kurakkan	381	441
		Matale	2.27	0.84	Kurakkan, banana	19	50
		Monaragala	6.93	6.81	Maize, Vanni Chilies	184	184
		Total	22.49	20.86		726	1026

2.1.4.5 Programmes implemented in coordination with Supportive Institutions

A cashew production village has been established in Wanathavilluwa Divisional Secretariat of Puttalam District in the year 2018. The project is running at a very successful level at present and the Minor Export Crop Department has provided financial assistance of Rs. 9.7 million for the

Agricultural Modernization Project under World Bank assistance to improve the quality of cashew production for the export market. Thus, 54 shelled cashew collection centers have been constructed for 54 people at a cost of Rs. 8.91 million. A sum of Rs. 8 lakhs have been spent for the repairs of cashew processing machines. This project has been registered as a company called Organic Cashew Limited and is running as a successful project.

2.1.5 Enterprise Development Division

The Enterprise Development Programme has been implemented by the Samurdhi Development Department in 25 Districts to improve the economic development process while maintaining the quality of life of the low income earners at a high level.

2.1.5.1 Objective

Direct contribution to national economic growth through economic and social empowerment by developing the knowledge and skills of successful entrepreneurs, making the products of the entrepreneurs with high quality and finish, creating a stable market, selling and advertising the products throughout the island, building a satisfied customer community, getting a fair price for the product and creating environment-friendly green job opportunities.

2.1.5.2 Programmes Implemented in the Year 2023

1. Establishment of Samurdhi Mini Food City chain.
2. Establishment of Samurdhi Suva Bojun Stalls and Sales Centers.
3. Development of Samurdhi Suva Bojun Stall and Sales Center.
4. Conducting Saubhagya sales Exhibition.
5. Special Entrepreneurship Development Programme.
6. Making the products and services of Samurdhi entrepreneurs accessible to the online market
7. Establishment of Samurdhi business societies.
8. Training of women on toxic free food preparation
9. Language Skills Development Programme.
10. Obtaining standards and quality certificates for Samurdhi products and services.
11. Career Guidance and carrier fair Programme
12. Market Analysis Programme.

2.1.5.3 Summary of Overall Progress

Although the amount of allocation made for the year 2023 for the Samurdhi Marketing Development Programme is Rs. 30 million, it was difficult to implement all the expected programmes because the Treasury did not provide that amount of allocation for the implementation of the programmes.

**Financial and Physical Progress of Marketing Development Programme
Statistic – (XIII)**

	Programme	Allocated amount (Rs. Mn)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	Source of Funds	Number of Project / programmes	No. of Beneficiaries
01	Establishment of Samurdhi Mini Food City chain	5.00	9.7	World Food Programme	01	2,294(25 Shop Owners and 2,269 low income Beneficiaries)
02	Establishment of Samurdhi Suva Bojun Stalls and Sales Centers	5.00	-	-	-	-
03	Development of Samurdhi Suva Bojun Stall and Sales Center	9.00	0.5	Treasury Provisions	01	150
04	Conducting Saubhagya sales Exhibition	1.00	1.0	Regional Organizations Funds	606	22,850
05	Special Entrepreneurship Development Programme	5.00	18.97	You Lead Project	278	11,155
06	Making the products and services of Samurdhi entrepreneurs accessible to the online market	1.00	1.8	World Food Programme	01	-
07	Establishment of Samurdhi business societies	1.00	-	-	25	5,000
08	Training of women on toxic free food preparation	1.00	0.98	UNDP Fund/ Samurdhi Suva Bojun Fund	01	20
09	Language Skills Development Programme	1.50	4.73	Regional Organizations Funds and Contribution of Beneficiaries	19	835
10	Obtaining standards and quality certificates for Samurdhi products and services.	0.50	-	-	03	415
11	Obtaining standards and quality certificates for Samurdhi products and services.	-	7.00	YouLead Project	25	8,000
12	Market Analysis Programme.	-	9.5	Asian Development Bank	25	341,700
Total		30.00	54.18		985	392,419

2.1.6. Samurdhi Social Development and Environment Division

2.1.6.1 Social Development Programme

The Role of Social Development Division is to empower economic, social, cultural, mental and physical condition of specially selected samurdhi benefited and low income families out of the entire Sri Lankan community and similarly, to further develop the positive thoughts and knowledge, skills and attitudes in all other communities and thereby encourage the entire Sri Lankan community to be among the developed countries of the world and to work to create an environment where children, youth, elders as well as widows, disabled and scattered family members can live happily.

Objectives -

- Construction of houses to homeless families selected mainly from homeless samurdhi and low income community.
- Implementing programmes to empower families with members addicted to drugs and smoking and make arrangements to release them from addiction and create welfare.
- To identify children in the age range of 7-18 years scattered all over the island and grouping them to raise their cultural and literary abilities, develop leadership skills, enjoy victory and defeat as well and ensure safeguard.
- To encourage of children who are away from the use of books to read books due to education competition and various tools (computers, telephones) that have arisen in the development of modern technology and establishing libraries to develop their imagination and providing opportunities to present cultural programmes, competitions, dramas etc.
- To implement the appropriate programmes at the Divisional Secretariat Level to identify and mitigate the psychosocial problems of the community and ensuring the effectiveness of their social life.
- To train the community for the development of the attitude and respect for the other which is disappearing in the society. Respecting the elders, raising awareness for the participation of all members in the family to take responsibility for their safety and their parents.
- To motivate people to use participatory development methodology.
- To implement the above programme with a target at proper time and evaluation of results
- Provision of sanitary facilities to the low income community.
- Implementation of scholarship rehearsal programmes for low-income 5-year scholarship children and programmes for mental development of children

- To promote children's literacy.

2.1.6.1.1 Implemented Programmes

- **Physical Mental Health and Economic Empowerment Programme to uplift the Samurdhi and Low Income Families**

The Samurdhi and low-income community in Sri Lanka has fallen down physically, mentally, health and economically in the face of the Covid-19 epidemic that has spread all over the world, natural disasters, political conflict ideologies and war situations in the whole world. The objective of this programme is to create happy families and provide them with proper education according to their age, manage their lives in a healthy way, manage their time, create economic growth, and develop knowledge and skills to build a people who are aware of household management and empowered in the society, and keep away from the mentality of subsidies, and encouraging the whole community as a society to generate people who are inspired with their potential.

- **International Days Ceremony - March 08 - International Women's Day**

Various programmes were implemented to empower women in conjunction with the International Women's Day. Various programmes through various awareness such as were implemented to develop the personality of women by conducting health clinics for pregnant women, implementation of attitude development programmes on how women should be aware to free their husbands from cigarettes, conducting training, awareness, field trips and knowledge, attitude, skill development workshops to develop women's entrepreneurship skills and creating awareness about household management, kitchen management, children's safety, role of wife in a happy family.

- **International Day Against Tobacco and Drug Abuse – 31 May**

International Anti-Tobacco and Drug Day, flags, stickers, posters, and labels have been printed and distributed across the island based on the 31 May 2023. The primary objective of this is to implement special programmes at the local level to rid the community of smoking and drug abuse. The total amount obtained in the year 2023 under the flag wearing programme which was held simultaneously is Rs.230.5 million and Rs.6,912 million was spent for the printing and distribution of flags, stickers, posters and labels. Various programmes were implemented to free the community from smoking at Local and District Levels with the money collected through this flag programme.

- **International Literacy Day 08 September**

It is carried out by Samurdhi Social Development Division at the Divisional Secretariat level based on the above international days to cover the various programmes entire island to raise the mental level of the community living in today's society and to create social morals and to uplift the physically weak, low-income social group in a healthy way. Various programmes such as Various programmes such as taking school-age children to school, providing green porridge to pre-school children, providing exercise books to school children, 5-year scholarship rehearsal programmes have been implemented under the International Literacy Day in order to develop the reading and writing skills of children from low-income families.

- **World Children's and Elders' Day 01 October**

In this, various programmes such as improving the health of the elder community by keeping them happy through activities like cultural programmes, healthy food donations, providing clothes, pilgrimages for the elder, various religious programmes, referrals to medical clinics, conducting welfare programs for the elders and providing equipment schools for children, conducting various entertainment programmes, educational programmes as well as providing opportunities to visit various places, exchanging of experiences have been conducted in relation to this day. Conducting the Samurdhi Kekulu Children's Social Cultural and Literary Competition at zonal, regional and district levels, giving prizes and certificates to the children who won the regional and district competitions mainly have been a great help to conduct these programmes to provide physical and mental health of children and this will bring out their hidden talents and appreciate them through that.

- **Grade 5 Scholarship Rehearsal Programme**

As nowadays children are suffering from mental weakness, Samurdhi Social Development Division started a special program for this purpose. A rehearsal program for the children appearing for the 5th year scholarship examination was successfully conducted by all the members of the social development family together with the contribution of the community covering the entire island.

- **OUR FATHERS, OUR HEROSE EMPOWERING OUR MEN PROGRAMME**

The purpose of this programme is, to indicate that, at a time when the role of fathers in our society is disappearing from their families, they are responsible for coordinating them back to the family as the most faithful protector and beloved in the family, the primary necessity to maintain trust in the family, to create understanding for the safety of the family, support in the family in sharing love among family members, due to these facts the father is socialized as the head of the family as well as the hero, that is the protector of all.

- **Pivithuru Sayurak Programme**

The programme launched in the Negombo Divisional Secretariat of Gampaha District under the Pivithuru Sayurak Programme to control the environmental damage caused by MV PERL X-PRES was a great help to prevent environmental damage. About 18 Samurdhi beneficiaries have participated in Colombo, Gampaha, Galle, Kalutara, Jaffna Districts and allowances were also given to the participants through Samurdhi banks based on the financial contribution of private institutions found under the auspices of the Maritime Safety Authority.

- **World Food Programme**

This program was implemented for high-impact families with 4 or more members in samurdhi families and giving priority to pregnant mothers, lactating mothers, disabled families. Selected Districts: Galle, Monaragala, Mullaitivu, Nuwara Eliya, Ampara, Jaffna, Mannar, Badulla

A sum of Rs.106,087,500/= was given to 4,715 families Rs.22,500/= each.

- **District Progress Review Meetings**

As the Samurdhi Social Development Programme is a program that covers the entire island, it is basically fulfilling the economic and welfare needs of low-income earners and these progress review programmes make all officers understand how the programmes are implemented for them.

- ❖ Treasury allocations were not received in the year 2023 for the implementation of the entire programme and the entire programme has been implemented using funds from various non-governmental organizations, donors and community-based organizations, local organizations, and its financial and physical progress is shown in Annexure 01.

Progress of Non-Treasury Provisions and Other Funds Social Development Programme Overall Progress from 01.01.2023 to
31.12.2023
Statistic – (X IV)

No	District	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			Total Amount				
		Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.	Number of Programme	Number of Beneficiary	Spent Amount Rs.		
1	Colombo	31	979	0	31	1266	0.36	19	605	0.32	12	430	0.94	27	1400		3	220	0.005	3	220	0.005	13	650	0.32					114	4590	0.69	
2	Campaha	137	12970	1.21	258	133760	2	279	43727	1	1	5	0.007	63	3211	0.25	2	160	0	103	4096	5	13	524	0	811	193,100	11	42	1511	21.22		
3	Kalutara	985	42675	4.2601	410	15160	2.02	92	5375	0.4065	57	1871	0.275	49	1221	0.014	3	120	0	33	494	0.1	2	132	0					1631	67048	7.07	
4	Kandy	391	16618	0.30	255	9965	0.58	333	11034	0.41	23	1054	0.04	52	3909	0.21	24	2195	0.01	26	661	0.6	3	160	0.21					1107	0.04	2.36	
5	Matale	101	6473	0.06	91	3398	0.27	191	10247	0.15	32	1934	0.002	50	1130	0.04	16	6240	0.012	21	1005	0.34	5	166	0	507	30601	0.46	64	3068	1.33		
6	Nuwaraeliya	35	1697	0.3835	22	4226	0.51	218	17370	0.8479				3	23	0.004	1	80	0.005	11	581	0.78	3	25	0					295	12277	2.53	
7	Galle	866	50947	1.68	465	25367	2.93	258	22897	6.73	0	0	0	51	1614	0.11	28	2462	0.18	39	2346	3.22	4	156	0.007	483	42063	4.2	2194	147852	19.06		
8	Matara	123	6800	0.5114	129	5343	0.76	152	5929	0.4057	2	9	0.018	23	1259	0.097	3	110	0.0095	84	956	0.957	4	156	0.081					540	20963	2.84	
9	Hambantota	484	19827	0.20	189	9057	1.78	271	17835	0.66	150	8996	0.1	19	549	0.01	6	1012	0.06	8	298	0.009	71	8790	0.07					1198	66364	2.89	
10	Jaffna	2	140		20	1291	0.01	1	81	0.005	32	824								4	126	0.24								-	-	0.26	
11	Mannar	26	1544	0.018	38	1493	0.06	85	4912	0.15	25	1657	0	26	611	0.018	14	6010	0.01	7	335	0.052	0	0	0					219	331712	0.31	
12	Vavniya																																0.00
13	Mulative																														8	397	0
14	Killinochchi				4	202	0.05																							4	202	0.05	
15	Batticalo	24	1017		4	133					246	8103		1	75					1	120	0.01								276	9448	0.01	
16	Ampara	1160	65721	0.83	2141	46956	2.32	1112	22056	5.02	458	44677	0.26	288	5346	0.25	68	1530	1.14	162	8154	4.47	167	3573	0.09					5556	198013	14.38	
17	Trincomalee	647	34.685		420	14.324		218	9414		38	3158		13	326					2249	2249		16	229						3601	64385	0.00	
18	Kurunegala	56	1582	0.001	32	974	0	38	70	0.0001	0	0	0	4	434	0	0	0	0	2	24	0	52	0	1.52					70	1856	1.52	
19	Puttalam	434	23658	1.14	292	18119	4.02	725	29898	2.56	12	634	0.001	112	3414	0.25	0	0	0	71	7681	5.82	29	1278	0.23					1673	81082	14.02	
20	Anuradapua	213	12139	0.20	115	10315	0.4	92	12130	5.93	6	454	0.495	17	541	0.06	101	569	0.06	50	624	1.09	17	442	0.06					497	19288	8.29	
21	Polonnaruwa	98	16225	0	106	14821	0	359	19032	0	4	4	0	70	4912	0	17	135	0	22	1987	0	7	265	0					683	57674	0	
22	Badulla	40	2003	0.01	55020	787	0.12	71	5015	0.058	2	160	0	13	598	0.04	6	503	0.03	14	382	0.18	18	1621	0					99	4740	0.434	
23	Moneragala	177	5151	0.083	119	3885	0.92	29	2009	0.174	4	284	0	15	470	0.02	1	50	0	11	1980	3	11	75	0.065					367	13904	4.27	
24	Ratnapura	236	12047	2.8	292	20774	3.49	281	23820	1.77	25	961	0.02	16	551	0.01	1	107	0	27	198	0.4	2	10	0.01					187	13193	8.50	
25	Kegalle	223	6718	0.00	144	10971	0.43	44	1186											39	2778	5.2	0	0	0					450	21653	5.63	
	Total	6489	306966	13.69	60566	337011	23	4570	220310	27	1129	75215	2.158	822	26983	1.38	289	21123	1.5245	2987	37295	31.75	411	17078	2.80	1,801	265,764	15.34	20875	1141220	117.66		

1 drug and Tobacco predention ,House holder management and happy family

4 programme of providind sanitory facilities

7 programme of giving exercise books for grade 1-5 school children

2 Samurdhi,Kekulu lama samaja ,cultural and literature programme

5 Skill development training programme

8 conducting progress meeting

3 Implementing , Samurdhi programme in conjunction international days programme

6 creating 25 model villeges

9 other

2.1.6.2 Housing Lottery Programme

2.1.6.2.1 Introduction

The Social Development Division implemented 02 main programmes in 2022.

1. Samurdhi Housing Lottery Programme
2. Samurdhi Special Housing Programme

1. Samurdhi Housing Lottery Programme

The Housing Development Lottery Fund is implemented under the Sri Lanka Samurdhi Authority Act No. 30 of 95 by the provisions made by Section 45 of the Divineguma Act No. 01 of 2013 which operates and maintains the Housing Development Lottery Draw as per the following regulations.

The Samurdhi Housing Development Lottery Trust Fund is maintained with the aim of providing permanent home ownership to every Samurdhi beneficiary family.

This Fund has been generated from the subsidy amount given to the Samurdhi Beneficiary Families monthly by crediting Rs. 100/- to the Fund. The Samurdhi Housing Lottery Trust Fund is governed by a Board of Trustees approved by a Cabinet Circular dated 07.03.2002 in accordance with a set of regulations.

The officers are as follows.

- Secretary of the Line Ministry
- One more representative from the Line Ministry
- Director General in-charge of the Department
- A representative of the Ministry of Finance
- Director in-charge of subsidies of the Department
- A Representative of the Association of Samurdhi Managers
- A Representative of Samurdhi Development Officers' Association

(I) Samurdhi Housing Lottery Draw

Goals

- 01.** Contribution of every Samurdhi Beneficiary family in the Samurdhi Housing Development Lottery Draw Programme.
- 02.** To provide a sustainable solution to the permanent housing problem of the 335 beneficiary families by providing 335 housing gifts of Rs. 2 lakhs each in every month Samurdhi Lottery draws and solving the housing problem of 4,020 families annually.
- 03.** If there is any balance remaining after giving the 335 housing loans offered monthly, using them in such a way as to fulfill the objectives of this Fund, to provide special houses and using the income from the investment in the local currency market in a more effective way to fulfill the objectives of this Fund.

Objectives

01. To increase the welfare of Samurdhi Beneficiary Families and provide a permanent solution to their temporary housing problem.
02. To maintain the database system containing the information of Samurdhi Beneficiary Families up-to-date.
03. To strengthen Samurdhi beneficiary families economically, socially, educationally and culturally and to develop their spiritual virtue cultivation by solving their permanent housing problem.
04. To direct the successful beneficiary to suitable projects to uplift the economic status of the beneficiary in cases where the beneficiary is entitled to a permanent home.
05. Implementation of Special Housing Programme for helpless homeless beneficiaries.

A number of 335 beneficiaries were selected every month for the construction of houses at the District Level in the year 2023 through the implementation of monthly draws. Accordingly, due to implementation of Aswesuma Programme, 2010 beneficiaries were selected from January to June for the construction of houses and a sum of Rs. 200,000/- was given for a house.

(According to the table given below, money has been released for the construction of houses for each District.)

Information of Number of Winners from January to June 2023 Statistic – (XV)

Serial No	District	No. of Divisional Secretariat	No. of Winning Lotteries	Amount Rs.
1	Ampara	20	120	24,000,000.00
2	Anuradhapura	22	132	26,400,000.00
3	Badulla	15	90	18,000,000.00
4	Batticaloa	14	84	16,800,000.00
5	Colombo	13	78	15,600,000.00
6	Galle	22	132	26,400,000.00
7	Gampaha	13	78	15,600,000.00
8	Hambantota	12	72	14,400,000.00
9	Kalutara	14	84	16,800,000.00
10	Kandy	20	120	24,000,000.00
11	Kegalle	11	66	13,200,000.00
12	Kurunegala	30	180	36,000,000.00
13	Matale	11	66	13,200,000.00
14	Matara	16	96	19,200,000.00
15	Monaragala	11	66	13,200,000.00
16	Nuwaraeliya	5	30	6,000,000.00
17	Polonnaruwa	7	42	8,400,000.00

Serial No	District	No. of Divisional Secretariat	No. of Winning Lotteries	Amount Rs.
18	Puttalam	16	96	19,200,000.00
19	Ratnapura	18	108	21,600,000.00
20	Trincomalee	11	66	13,200,000.00
21	Vavuniya	4	24	4,800,000.00
22	Jafna	15	90	18,000,000.00
23	Kilinochchi	4	24	4,800,000.00
24	Mulativu	6	36	7,200,000.00
25	Mannar	5	30	6,000,000.00
Total		335	2010	402,000,000.00

02. Samurdhi Special Housing Programme

If there is any balance left in the Fund after giving house gifts, the Samurdhi Housing Development Lottery Trust Fund Board is empowered to further utilize them in a way that fulfills the objectives of this Fund.

Accordingly, the following programmes have been implemented in the year 2023.

- 1 Housing programme provides Rs. 250,000/- each
- 2 Housing programme provides Rs. 750,000/- each
3. Programme for providing houses for submissions through audio-visual media and appeals.

1. Housing Programme Provides Rs. 250,000/- each

Three houses are given to each Divisional Secretariat and a detailed information file should be maintained for the families of these beneficiaries. In addition to Rs. 250,000/- given during the construction of these houses, actions should be taken to develop the remainder of a house that has been built whole or half bringing together elite and community contributions.

2. Housing programme provides Rs. 750,000/- each

One must permanently own land in order to build houses. It is mandatory to have at least 03 members in the family and being a widowed family or having a disabled person in the family is considered as a qualification. In selecting these families, it is advisable to choose families with low economic level of poverty.

In giving money for this, actions will be taken to provide Rs. 250,000 each under 03 stages to the beneficiaries. Samurdhi Development Officer in charge of Division will take responsibility in this.

3. Programme of Providing Houses for the Submissions through Audio-visual Media and Appeals.

After checking the housing proposals for Rs. 250,000/- and Rs. 750,000/- and getting the approval of the Housing Lottery Board of Trustees, the eligibility for these housing proposals will be given for the housing needs of the Samurdhi Beneficiaries and low-income earners that are advertised through newspapers and electronic media and the appeals of the community presented through the President, Prime Minister, Ministerial Secretary and Deputy Ministers, Director General and other officials.

Accordingly, the progress of the housing development programs implemented in the year 2023 is given below.

Statistic – (XV)

	program	Number of houses constructed	Housing Assistance Value (Rs.M)
1	Rs. 200,000 /= Housing Assistance Program (Under housing lottery draw)	3,810	402.00
2	Rs . 125,000/= Housing Assistance Program	-	-
3	Rs . 225,000 /= Housing Assistance Program	-	-
4	රු. 250,000 /= Housing Assistance Program	1,005	270.50
5	රු. 650,000 /= Housing Assistance Program	-	-
6	රු. 750,000 /= Housing Assistance Program	1,005	745.85
	Total	5,820	1767.00

2.1.7 Community Based Organizing Division

2. 1.7.1 Introduction

The primary base in connection with the community to launch development tasks under Samurdhi Development Department is the Community Based Organization. A Samurdhi Community Based Organization is a village level organization that involves the community in the operational process proposed by the Samurdhi Act. Based on this unit, the entire organizational structure has been formed as Samurdhi Regional Organizations, Samurdhi District Committees and Samurdhi National Federation.

All development works to be done by the Department of Samurdhi Development will be carried out with the full participation of the Community Based Organizations of the community which is the lowest organizational unit involved in the community as per the Samurdhi Act. Establishment of Community Based Organizations and Regional Committees and District Committees are made and maintained simultaneously with the establishment of community-based organizations. A

number of 29,687 community-based organizations have been established. A number of 335 Samurdhi Regional Organizations have been established with the participation of the Presidents of Community Based Organizations for the task of monitoring, checking and evaluating the tasks of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations at the Regional Level.

Samurdhi District Committees are established representing the Chairman and Secretary of all Samurdhi Divisional Organizations operating within a District. These District Committees shall convene and hold meetings every three months.

Samurdhi National Federation is established consisting of representatives of all Samurdhi Community Based Organizations. The Minister should chair over every meeting of the Samurdhi National Federation.

The objective of the Samurdhi National Federation is to review the proposals and opinions required to formulate a National Policy for coordinating Samurdhi Development Programmes at the National Level and to provide leadership for the implementation of Samurdhi Development Programmes.

Setting up all these organizations and updating, maintaining and managing, as well as overseeing all the activities of those organizations are being done by the Community Based Organizations Division.

2.1.7.2 Activities Carrying Out by the Community Based Division

- ❖ Establishment of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations and Regional Organizations.
- ❖ Registration of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations and Regional Organizations.
- ❖ Renewal of registration of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations and Regional Organizations.
- ❖ Conducting the Samurdhi National Conference annually.
- ❖ Conducting awareness programmes for community leaders.
- ❖ “Samurdhi Uththama Pooja” Appreciation of Community Leaders.
- ❖ Setting of accounting activities of Community Based Organizations and local organizations methodically.
- ❖ Establishment of Economic Organizations.
- ❖ Introducing of the various measures required to increase the funds of the organization
- ❖ Implementation of interventional projects as a solution to the current economic crisis.
- ❖ Implementation of special projects for revenue generation.

- ❖ “Samurdhi Pre-school Children Empowerment” identifying nutritional needs of pre-school children.
- ❖ “Samurdhi Sisubala Social Care” providing exercise books for school children
- ❖ “Samurdhi Janabhimani” Appreciation of Entrepreneurs.
- ❖ “Samrudhi Haritha Warna Asvedduma Matrubhumi” National Plantation Day Environment Programme.
- ❖ Implementation of the Samurdhi Arunalu concessional loan program as a solution to the microfinance problem.
- ❖ "Tharunyata Soduru Amathumak" Providing sports development assistance to children who show sports skills of Samurdhi beneficiary families at National and International Level.

➤ The number of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations established	29,687
➤ The Number of Samurdhi Regional Organizations established	335
➤ The Number of quarterly meetings of District Committees	25
➤ The total Membership of Community Based Organizations	Rs.3.7 Mn..

2.1.7.3 Conducting Awareness Workshops for Community Leaders and Officials

The community needs to be made aware to achieve the objectives mentioned in Section 04 (g) and (h) of the Samurdhi Act No. 01 of 2013 to be functioned in accordance with the powers referred to in Section 05 (l) in accordance with the functions referred to in Article 06 (d) and (j)

Seven awareness workshops were conducted from July to September 2023 through Samurdhi Training Centers with the aim of achieving the desired goals positively by informing community leaders and Samurdhi officials about the programs implemented by the community organization division in the year 2023.

Arrangements were made to make aware about the following topics.

- Make aware of the Samurdhi Act, Regulations and powers of local organizations.
- Leadership, responsibilities and decision making of a community leader
- Preparation of a simple project report and take decisions based on the report presented.
- Responsibilities and roles of a community leader in community based, regional organizations.

- Special income generation programme implemented to bring economic benefits to national production
- Haritha Warna Mathrubhumi Environment Programme in conjunction with National Plantation Day
- National sports programme aimed at improving the sports skills of community based organization members, children and youth community.
- International Day Celebration Programme including International Anti-Smoking Samurdhi Flag Programme proposed to be implemented jointly with Social Development and Environment Sector
- “Samrudhi Janabhimani” National Program for Appreciation of Entrepreneurs
- “Samrudhi Uththama Pooja” National Programme for Appreciation of Public Leaders
- Discuss the progress of the Arunalu Loan Programme introduced as a solution to the microfinance problem and find solutions to achieve the goals.
- Make aware the community leaders on the need to act as auditors.
- To discuss the progress of establishment, registration and assigned activities of Community Based Organizations.

Seven workshops could be held with the participation of 522 people covering the whole island under this and a sum of Rs.1.54 million was spent for that, from the National Social Development Fund.

2.1.7.4 Conducting District Committee Meetings

Supervision, regulating and evaluating of the programmes of Samurdhi Community Based Organizations and Regional Organizations. Submission of proposals related to the implementation of development programmes in the District, coordinating the Programmes.

Venue - District Secretariat
 Participation - Chairmen, Secretaries of Regional Organizations, Senior Managers of Community Based Banking Societies, Departmental Officer in charge of the District, three persons engaged in development activities in the District

Meetings are held every three months and there are 04 meetings held in a year.

Consideration of suggestions and opinions for the effective implementation of Samurdhi Development Programmes in the District and submitting them to the Department. Coordinating is being done with state, non-government and private institutions at the District Level.

2.1.7.5 Samurdhi Flags Programme

One of the objectives of Community Based Organizations is to promote the self-confidence of Samurdhi Beneficiaries, collective responsibility to society, and the development of good qualities and values as per the Paragraph 10 (j) of the Samurdhi Act No. 01 of 2013 and improving the human personality, collective activities, and spiritual qualities of Samurdhi Beneficiaries in Samurdhi Regional Organizations is another objective according to the Paragraph 16 (e) of the Act.

The Samurdhi Flag Programme is implemented through the Samurdhi Community Based Organizations and Samurdhi Regional Organizations simultaneously with the International Tobacco and Anti-Drug Day in order to achieve these objectives. It aims to raise funds by providing flags and stickers by Samurdhi Beneficiaries, along with the Executive Council and members, including the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other Community Based Organizations belonging their area, giving the message of being avoided using of cigarettes and drugs to the public.

These funds are used for the social welfare activities of Samurdhi Beneficiaries and low income earners. This is implemented in all District Secretariats for all communities. Conducting drug prevention programmes and using the funds raised through the Flag Programme for the welfare of the beneficiaries and their families' children, drug prevention programmes, housing construction, home renovation, scholarships for school children, book equipment for school children, sanitation programme, health & nutrition programmes, disability welfare, Women's and Elders' Day programmes are implemented in parallel with Anti-Tobacco Day.

2.1.7.6 "Samrudhi Sisubala Social Care" Providing exercise books for school children

Education can simply be defined as the “formal teaching and learning of a set of skills”. The main objective of the project is to provide free and fair opportunities to primary education for all children.

Being a strength to the education of the children of samurdhi and low-income families as members of community-based organizations and to prepare them for the task of empowering families through a comprehensive and formal education.

By providing basic facilities to children who do not go to school due to economic difficulties, make aware the value of education and provide them a formal education.

- ❖ Funding
 1. Contributions from donors and sponsors of Community-based Organizations
 2. Samurdhi National Social Development Fund
 3. Banks and Banking Unions General Welfare Fund
- ❖ Target - To provide 100,000 exercise book sets to 100,000 children
- ❖ The amount invested in the project is Rs. 100 Mn.
- ❖ Market value of a set of books is Rs.3,600/-
- ❖ The current market value of a set of books is Rs. 1,776.33

2.1.7.7 “Samrudhi Uththama Pooja” Appreciation of Community Leaders

- ❖ The community organizing is the process by which a group of people organizes for requirements, common goals, policies, and influence to culture.
- ❖ If rural community who are real stakeholders in rural development to make the rural community its rightful heirs, they should have developed their own system of institutions.

As pointed out by the National Council of the National Social Development Fund, community leaders should be appreciated for strengthening the network of rural organizations for this purpose.

- ❖ Evaluating the work done by community leaders in the proper manner.
 - Getting an efficient service.
 - Creating an environment to work with mental satisfaction.
 - Creating motivation.
 - Creating enthusiasm among community based organizations.
 - Providing motivation to those who are not connected to the network of community-based organizations to join.
 - Evaluating Community Based Organizations and local organizations with the objective of adding value to the Community Based Organizations network.

Accordingly, this year, 150 presidents of 6 per District were evaluated as community leaders, 3 x 25 Community Based Organizations, and 3 x 25 Regional Organization Presidents.

2.1.7.8 "Samurdhi Jana Abhimani" Evaluation of Entrepreneurs

Empowered through the Samurdhi program, those who have moved away from the mentality of Samurdhi subsidies and become entrepreneurs who have a fixed income.

To identify those who have started a business by utilizing the resources of the area and who have the ability to provide employment to several beneficiaries of Samurdhi and evaluate at the District Level.

- Minimizing the number of families in poverty.
- Freeing beneficiaries from dependency mentality.
- Lead to a permanent source of income,
- Directing to be an entrepreneur.
- Becoming a job provider.
- Directing to export trade.
- Adding some contribution to the national product.

To evaluate those who have reached the level of entrepreneur with the above objectives. Under this, 150 entrepreneurs were evaluated three per District.

2.1.7.9 “Tharunyata Soduru Amathumak” Samurdhi National Sports Programme

To empower community organization members and their children through sports and to empower those families economically and socially by holding sports competitions at village, zone and regional organization level and identifying teams at district level and evaluating that team nationally this year.

Also, it is expected to make aware the community about the habit of smoking and get rid of it, to get a high flag income, to produce healthy people with mental balance and to improve the sports skills of the community by using time meaningfully and effectively through this tournament.

Accordingly, conducting District Level competitions in 17 Districts and evaluating leaders of identified teams at National Level.

2.1.7.10 Samurdhi National Conference

The National Conference aiming to review the proposals and opinions required for designing a national policy for coordinating the samurdhi programme at the National Level and to provide leadership to implement samurdhi development programmes in terms of Section 24 of Part V of the Samurdhi Act.

Accordingly, Samurdhi National Conference was held on 25 of October this year at Maharagama National Youth Service Council with the participation of Honourable Presidents of Community Based Organizations and Regional Organizations.

2.1.7.11 Implementation of the Samurdhi Arunalu Concessionary Loan Scheme as a solution to the high interest charge Microfinance problem.

- The main objective of this loan programme is to meet the small-scale business capital needs of Samurdhi and low-income earners as well as the short-term financial needs that have arisen in their villages, and to free the low-income earners from indebtedness.

Facilities available to Beneficiaries

- Ability to obtain loan in own village area.
- Being able to get loans in a very short period of time.
- Providing loans at a concessional rate of interest.
- Ability to repay under a simple and convenient system.

It has been able to issue loans amounting to Rs.2,541 million to 200,253 beneficiaries in a 872 number of Community Based Banks .

2.1.7.12 Progress of Ongoing Programmes

Statistic - (XVI)

Serial No.	Programme	Allocated provision of Rs.	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Amount
01	“Samurdhi Sisubala Social Care” providing exercise books for school children	20	17.59	9905 Children
02	Training Samurdhi community leaders and officers.	2.50	1.57	Community Trainers - 1501
03	Conducting District Committee Meetings	1.88	1.48	Committee Meetings 51
04	Tharunyata Soduru Amathumak National Sports Programme	3.00	1.48	Sport Teams 17
05	Appreciation of Samurdhi Uththama Pooja Community Leaders	2.50	7.38	150
06	Evaluating Jana Abhimani Entrepreneurs	2.50		150
07	Conducting of National Conference	4.00		1320
Total		36.38	29.5	

* Since Treasury allocations were not received this year, all allocations were borne by Samurdhi National Social Development Fund.

2.1.8 Information Technology Division

2.1.8.1 Introduction

The main objective of this Division is to provide a more efficient service by linking the activities carried out in the Department of Samurdhi Development with the information technology.

2.1.8.2 Activities

- Updating and maintaining the Beneficiary Management Module (CRM) so that the Samurdhi Beneficiary lists can be updated through online.
- Introducing a new software to carry out bank stationary warehouse operation efficiently.
- Taking actions to computerize all the banks with one software for 06 provinces and the other software for 03 provinces selecting two software companies to computerize 1,093 Samurdhi Banks and 335 Societies scattered island wide.
- Strengthening more the Calling Circle Telephone Network established to reduce the cost of telephone calls of the Department.
- Maintaining the official website of the Samurdhi Development Department by updating all the circulars, instructions and notices issued by the Departments. www.samurdhi.gov.lk
- Providing internet facilities to 335 Samurdhi Headquarters Offices and 25 District Offices scattered island wide, making arrangements to pay the bills.
- Providing computers and computer accessories as required for 335 Samurdhi Headquarters Offices and 25 District Offices.
- Providing necessary Information Technology training to the officers.
- Maintaining the official e-mail service of the Samurdhi Development Department.
- Creation of project management and family development plan in CRM module related to Low Income Family Empowerment Programme

2.1.8.3 Implementation of CRM Module

The CRM module has mainly targeted information management related to family empowerment in the year 2024. After starting the project, empowerment information family details and information from start to finish of projects and its performance will also be tested in the next 3 years.

2.1.8.4 Socio-economic outcome obtained through the CRM Project

Obtaining information management related to family empowerment from the beginning to the end of the project and continuous progress of empowerment after the end of the project. Check the empowerment properly.

2.1.8.5 Updating and Maintaining of the Official Website of the Department

Updating and maintaining the website, issuing circulars, notices, letters etc. issued to make the activities of the Department more efficient to the officers expeditiously are done by this.

2.1.8.6 Computerization of Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Bank Societies

This programme is implemented by the Samurdhi Head Offices and the main objective of this programme is to enter into service agreements with computer software manufacturers to provide continuous service to banks, identify all errors in the software and rectify them and deliver to all banks. The Microfinance Division bear the cost and 1,425 banks and Headquarters have been computerized by 31.12.2023. The following activities are performed in this.

- i.** Registration of Customers
- ii.** Entry of Accounts
- iii.** Initiation of transactions
- iv.** Inclusion of loan types and deposit types
- v.** Printing of Passbooks
- vi.** Banking activities such as daily accounting activities, calculation of interests, trial balance etc. and preparation of reports required by the bank.
- vii.** Implementation of Mobile App for receiving cash deposits in the field and receiving money at home for subsidized beneficiaries.

- viii. Providing facilities in the computer software for the use of ATM Machine.
- ix. Assisting in making social security payments.

Socio-economic results obtained from this

- The efficiency of operational Pilot Samurdhi Banks is high at present.
- Ability to be accurate and convenient and save the time when the process which was carried out using labour of the officers is done by the computer software.
- Facilitate the Beneficiaries to carry out their transactions on time without any delay.
- Assisting to save huge cost.

2.1.8.7 Implementation of HRM Module

- Entering personal and duty information of over 25,000 employees of the Department of Samurdhi Development.
- Collecting the necessary information to issue an official identity card for those employees through the system.
- Scan the documents in the personal file of the Departmental Officers and upload them to the system.
- Prepare a retirement letter file for the Departmental Officers from the uploaded documents through the system and include a report on the home page containing the information of the officers who complete 60 years of age and retire in the respective year.
- This is implemented at the Head Office, all District Development Divisions and Headquarters Offices.
- Through the programme implementation,
- Being able to resolve employee issues without delay
- Increasing the efficiency of office work
- Preparation of proper file with necessary documents with retirement file at the retirement of officers
- It is expected the ability of obtaining accurate and up-to-date data easily.

2.1.9 Media Division

2.1.9.1 Introduction

The vision of the Department of Samurdhi Development is to become a pioneering institution to create a poverty free and prosperous Sri Lanka by the year 2030 and the main objective of the Media Division is to bring the programmes implemented by each Division of the Department to the notice of the people. The print media as well as the electronic media are used for this and the following major programmes were implemented in the year 2023.

1. Publishing “Samurdhi E ” Newspaper

Allocations made - Rs. 3.60

Amount spent - Rs. 0.84

- Samurdhi E newspaper was prepared in different languages (Sinhala/Tamil/English) and merged online in January and February 2023 .
- This E-newspaper can be accessed through the Samrudhi E-paper app. The app and the website have been created so that all the issues published so far can be read again and again.
- It is also possible to consult the official website of the Department.
- Any officer of the Department has the ability to submit article features and creations for this.

2. "Samurdhi Udanaya" TV programme

• Allocations - Rs. 16.40 Mn.

• Amount spent - Rs. 6.092 Mn.

A pictorial magazine containing news of courageous people in the name of "Samrudhi Udanaya" is being telecast on National Television every Sunday from 5.30 pm to 6.00 pm for ½ hour. A Samurdhi news commentary has also been included in this programme. The next Sunday's programme is compiled by recording and photographing the important events that take place throughout the island every week.

- The number of programmes advertised in the year 2023 is 20.

Progress of Key Programmes Implemented in the year 2022

Statistic – (XVII)

S. No.	Programme	No.of Programmes	Allocated amount Rs. Mn.	Amount spent Rs. Mn.
1	Samurdhi E newspaper	Sinhala 04 English 04 Tamil 04	3.60	0.84
2	Television Programme	20	16.4	6.092
Total			20.0	6.932

Even though an amount of Rs. 20 Mn. has been allocated for media programmes in the media sector for the year 2023 an amount of Rs. 6.932 Mn. has been spent because of restrictions on media and advertising expenses due to the economic situation in the country.

2.1.10. Performance of Internal Audit Division

2.1.10.1 Introduction

The Internal Audit Division of the Samurdhi Development Department has been established in accordance with Financial Regulations 133, 134, and operates on the advice and prior guidance of the Audit and Management Department.

2.1.10.2 Purpose and Role

In addition to the audit works of the Department, the Internal Audit Division carry out audits of 1096 Samurdhi Community Based Banks and 335 Banking Societies, 331 Divisional Secretariats, 25 District Secretariats and part of Community Based Organizations through out the island. With the aim of increasing the efficiency of the programmes carried out by the Department and its affiliated institutions, financial audits, performance audits, management audits, environmental audits, system control audits and risk-based audits are carried out as relevant.

Accordingly, it was able to achieve the following objectives during the year as per the Annual Audit Plan 2023 .

- i. Ability of achieving 80% progress of the Audit Plan.
- ii. Conducting 04 Audit and Management Committee Meetings during the year.
- iii. Revealing several large financial frauds during the year, conducting special audits and directing them for disciplinary actions

In addition to the above, conducting a special audit regarding the social benefits paid in 2022, 2023 was carried out and the accuracy of the related expense reports was checked and reported to the Management.

2.1.11 Planning and Monitoring Programme.

2.1.11.1 Introduction

Out of the institutions under the State Ministry of Ministry of Women, Child Affairs and Social Empowerment the Department of Samurdhi Development is the foremost institution working towards the objective of alleviating the poverty of the people.

Our division is carrying out the preparation of strategic plans on behalf of the Samurdhi Development Department, preparation of annual plans, obtaining necessary approvals, and conducting follow up actions on the projects implemented in accordance with those plans, providing effective data and information for organizational decision making and observing whether the appropriate results have been achieved within the annual expenditure limit, conducting research on corporate future potential and the Mission to make it the foremost institution that supports the national mission of eradicating poverty in this country.

2.1.11.2 Programmes Implemented by Planning and Monitoring Division

(I) Conducting National Level Progress Review Meetings.

These meetings are organized by the Head Office and it is held once in every month under the Chairmanship of the Director General. As per the Annual Plan of the Department, the progress of the projects as well as all other administrative matters are discussed and District Directors, Deputy/Assistant Directors and Department Heads of the Head Office will participate in this, representing the 25 Districts. Under this, 08

progress review meetings have been held for the year 2023, and the amount spent was Rs. 0.55 Mn.

(II) Conducting Progress Review Meetings at District Level.

Progress review meetings for every month are held at the District Offices under the Chairmanship of the District Director with the participation of the Head Quarters Managers. The progress of each Divisional Secretariat of the District is discussed here. A number of 210 meetings have been held for the year 2023 and the amount spent was Rs. 0.59 Mn.

(III) Preparation of Annual Performance Report.

The Annual Performance Report is prepared based on the overall performance of the Department implemented by the respective Divisions in relation to the previous year. It is prepared as a book and submitted to the Parliament through the Ministry every year. Accordingly, the Performance Report of the Department for the year 2022 was prepared and submitted to the Parliament of Sri Lanka.

2.1.12 Assets Management Division

Settling the assets of the institutions absorbed into the Samurdhi Development Department in accordance with the Samadhi Act No. 01 of 2013 and identification of land and buildings which are the basic factors required for the effective use of those assets and the programmes implemented by other Divisions of the Department, transferring, purchasing, leasing, settlement of land issues, coordination with all institutions related to this subject and effective use of all assets taken over in the name of the Department, assessment of assets are carried out under this Division.

Accordingly, the lands under the custody of this Department can be listed as follows.

1.	Government owned land	885	
2.	Lands owned by Land Reforms Commission	80	
3.	Lands owned by Mahaweli Development Authority	41	
4.	Lands owned by local authorities	58	
5.	Lands owned by local authorities	46	
6.	Lands owned by other institutions/ Departments/ Authorities	99	
7.	Lands acquired in the name of Samadhi Development Department	196	By the end of the year 2023

		1405	
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In addition to this, 03 new banking societies and 17 banks have been established. Similarly, this Division has started taking over the lands related to 31 Suva Bojun Stalls . The number of acquisitions is 03. All acquisition activities are being functioned at different levels. A number of 55 assets have been assessed and reported to the Comptroller General of the Ministry of Finance by the end of the year 2023 . Also, policy decisions regarding the way of handing over the assets of the absorbed Authorities to the Government and how to acquire them back to the Department have been taken in coordination with the relevant institutions.

Goals of Samurdhi Programme 2024

1. Empowerment of 03 lakh “Aswesuma” welfare beneficiary families .

It is planned to empower 12 lakh families receiving welfare benefits under the “Aswesuma” social welfare benefit scheme during the period from 2024 to 2026. Accordingly, it is expected to empower 300,000 families in the year 2024, and those families will be selected out of the 04 family groups namely Transitional, Vulnerable, Poor and Severely Poor.

2. Implementation of the pilot project for the implementation of the “Aswesuma” Scheme for Empowerment of Social Welfare Beneficiary Families.

This pilot projects are expected to be implemented under 03 foreign funded programmes. Accordingly, it is expected to empower 10,000 families under Asian Development Bank financing, 6,000 families under World Bank financing and 42,000 families under financing under Japan Social Development Fund (JSDF) .

3. Providing microfinance credit facilities to 450,000 poor and low-income families through the Samurdhi Community Based Banking System under microfinance loan programmes.

4. Providing scholarship assistance to 43,000 children from samurdhi families who are pursuing higher education under the "Sipdora" Scholarship Programme.

5. Providing 1,410 houses under the Special Housing Programme for poor and low-income families and 4,020 houses under the Lottery Draw as housing assistance.

6. It is expected to provide social security benefits to 100,000 poor and low income earners. (Provide financial assistance in case of birth, illness, marriage and death.)

7. Completing the process of computerization of Samurdhi Bank and conducting all banking transactions through the computer system according to modern technology.

8. Introducing a new loan scheme called "Liya Saviya" for low-income women entrepreneurs.

9. Implementation of a new loan scheme for government employees through Samurdhi Banks.

10. Entering the information about the empowered families in the CRM System and through it to investigate the progress of the families.

11. Implementation of 200 production villages.

12. To introduce family oriented projects / programmes to bring about economic and social development of 747,000 samurdhi families who do not get the benefit of “Aswesuma”

13. Taking actions to livelihood development of 1,488 low income families.

14. Implementation of career guidance programmes for 6,500 youths who have dropped out from the schools.
15. Providing vocational training for 500 youths.
16. Providing foreign language training to 500 young people for the purpose of employment abroad.
17. Providing NVQ certificates to 200 youths under RPL Scheme.
18. Implementation of cultural and literacy improvement programmes for children 25 programs at the district level and 335 programs at the divisional secretariat level.
19. Tobacco and drug prevention programs Implementation of 25 programs at the district level and 335 programs at the divisional secretariat level.
20. To enter the information of all employees of the department into the HRM computer information system and use it for management purposes.
21. To solve the unresolved professional problems of the officers of the department, in consultation with the relevant institutions including the Pay Commission, the Public Service Commission, the Ministry of Public Administration, the Department of Pensions and the Department of Management Services, and take steps to solve those problems.
22. Introduction of social security program to bank members.
23. Conducting new year celebrations in every Samurdhi Bank in conjunction with Sinhala and Hindu new year celebrations.
24. To introduce a loan program to Compulsory Savings Account holders for financial needs arising out of income generation/children's higher education/consumer needs by pledging their Compulsory Savings Deposit amount.



C.D. Kaluarachchi,
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Department of Samurdhi Development

Overall Financial Progress for the end of 31 December 2023

ACA -F				
Statement of Financial Performance				
for the period ended 31st December 2023				
Revised Budget Allocations 2023	Note	Actual		
Rs.		2023 Rs.	2022 Rs.	
-	Revenue Receipts	-	-	
-	Income Tax	1	-	
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2	-	ACA-1
-	Taxes on International Trade	3	-	
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4	-	
-	Total Revenue Receipts (A)	-	-	
-	Non Revenue Receipts	-	-	
132,511,453,999.46	Treasury Imprests	132,511,453,999	59,898,610,040	ACA-3
4,548,345,751.00	Deposits	4,548,345,751	46,363,226,746	ACA-4
420,704,999.00	Advance Accounts	420,704,999	222,888,468	ACA-5
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts	-	-	
137,480,504,749.46	Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)	137,480,504,749	106,484,725,254	
137,480,504,749.46	Total Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)	137,480,504,749	106,484,725,254	
-	Remittance to the Treasury (D)	1,460,199,454	-	
-	Net Revenue Receipts & Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)	136,020,305,295	106,484,725,254	
-	Less: Expenditure	-	-	
-	Recurrent Expenditure	-	-	
19,857,000,000.00	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5	16,944,449,748	16,470,680,394
498,600,000.00	Other Goods & Services	6	448,724,239	370,806,839
110,708,344,506.00	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7	100,186,608,556	37,080,483,053
-	Interest Payments	8	-	-
100,000.00	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9	-	-
131,064,044,506.00	Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)	117,579,782,544	53,921,970,286	
-	Capital Expenditure	-	-	
12,500,000.00	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10	3,093,811	2,734,980
-	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	-	958,103
-	Capital Transfers	12	-	-
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-
3,500,000.00	Capacity Building	14	2,750,321	1,236,096
150,000,000.00	Other Capital Expenditure	15	16,236,809	94,618,476
166,000,000.00	Total Capital Expenditure (G)	22,080,940	99,547,655	
4,856,273,808.00	Deposit Payments	4,856,273,808	46,441,966,904	ACA-4
412,602,298.28	Advance Payments	412,602,298	306,462,087	ACA-5
-	Other Main Ledger Payments	-	-	
5,268,876,106.28	Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)	5,268,876,106	46,748,428,991	
-	Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)	122,870,739,590	100,769,946,932	
-	Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)	13,149,565,705	5,714,778,322	
-	Balance as per the Imprest Adjustment Statement	13,149,565,705	5,714,778,322	ACA-7
-	Imprest Balance as at 31st December	180,076,069	-	ACA-3
-		(2,559,868)	-	

**Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2023**

	Note	Actual	
		2023 Rs	2022 Rs
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	2,013,533,829.78	1,679,988,852.00
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	122,927,138	131,029,838
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	122,927,138	-
Total Assets		2,136,460,967.43	1,811,018,690
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		(2,331,523,937)	(2,631,349,292)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		2,013,533,830	1,679,988,852
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)	-	-
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	2,454,451,074	2,762,379,130
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
Total Liabilities		2,136,460,967	1,811,018,690

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 01 to 32 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 33 to 48 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

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Date : 2024.02.26

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Period ended 31st December 2023

	ACA-C	
	Actual	
	2023 Rs.	2022 Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	-	-
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	1,221,041,490	849,936,347
* Imprest Received	132,694,083,936	78,714,274,286
Recoveries from Advance	428,030,099	216,687,068
Deposit Received	4,548,345,751	12,989,691,125
Total Cash generated from Operations (A)	138,891,501,276	92,770,588,826
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	17,332,127,444	15,841,482,225
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	100,186,608,556	63,081,203,584
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	14,621,475,946	85,517,520
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	1,460,199,454	316,134,657
Advance Payments	412,847,127	215,931,357
Deposit Payments	4,856,273,808	12,714,847,116
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (B)	138,869,532,335	92,255,116,459
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES(C)=(A)-(B)	21,968,941	515,472,367
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (D)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Capital Expenditure	21,968,940	515,472,367
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (E)	21,968,940	515,472,367
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES(F)=(D)-(E)	(21,968,940)	(515,472,367)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (G)=(C) + (F)	0	-
<u>Cash Flows from Fiancing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) + (J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	-	-
* The transfer slip has been submitted to the Treasury to correct the advance adjustment relating to the Treasury Advance Receipts balance in the Cigas		

3.5 Notes to the Financial Statements

3.6 Performance on Revenue Collection

Statistic – (XVIII)

Revenue Code	Description on Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Revenue Collected	
		Initial Estimate	Final Estimate		As a % of the final revenue estimate
	Not applicable				

3.7 Performance of Utilizing Allocated Funds

Statistic – (XIX)

Type of provision	Provisions Made Available		Actual Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Allocations utilized as a % of finalized allocations
	Initial Provision (Rs. Mn.)	Final Provision (Rs. Mn.)		
Recurrent	106,684,000	131,067,244	117,579,782	89.7
Capital	166,000	166,000	22,080	13.3

3.8 Allocations made to this Department / District Secretariat / Provincial Council as a representative of other Ministries / Departments in terms of F.R. 208

Statistic – (XX)

S. No.	Allocated Ministry / Department	Purpose of the provision	Provision		Actual Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Utilized Provisions as a % of the Final Provision Made
			Initial Provision (Rs. Mn.)	Final Provision (Rs. Mn.)		
01	Partnership secretariat for cooperation of World Food program	Empowerment of small businessmen Mulative District	229,011	229,011	229,011	100
02	Department of Public Accounts	ITMIS Training program,	.355	.355	.355	100
	Ministry of	Payment of salaries to	.083	.083	.083	100

S. No.	Allocated Ministry / Department	Purpose of the provision	Provision		Actual Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Utilized Provisions as a % of the Final Provision Made
			Initial Provision (Rs. Mn.)	Final Provision (Rs. Mn.)		
03.	Women, Child Affair and Social Empowerment	the transferred development officers				
04	National Elderly Secretariat	Payment of senior allowance from January to June	10,585,708	10,585,708	10,585,708	100
05	National Secretariat for Persons with Disabilities	Payment of Disability and Kidney Allowances from January to June	3,696,506	3,696,506	3,696,506	100
06	Department of Pensions	Settlement of balances	106,474	106,474	106,474	100
07	Department of Multi -purpose Development	Electricity bill payment of Matara training centre Payment of office assistance allowance	5,382	5,382	5,382	100

3.9 Performance on Non-financial Asset Reporting

Statistic – (XXI)

Asset code	Description of Code	Balance as per Board of Survey Report as at 31.12.2021	Balance as per Goods Financial Status Report as at 31.12.2021	To be accounted for in future	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Buildings and Structures	376,359,900	376,359,900	-	100
9152	Machinery	856,506,879	856,506,879	-	100
9153	Lands	780,668,050	780,668,050	-	100
9154	Intangible assets	-	-	-	-
9155	Biological assets	-	-	-	-
9160	Work - in progress	-	-	-	-
9180	Assets Leased Out	-	-	-	-

3.10 Auditor General’s Report

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Accounting Officer

Department of Samurdhi Development.

Head 331- Summary Audit Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the year ended 31 December 2023 in terms of Section 11(I) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

Head 331-The audit of the financial statements of the Department of Samurdhi Development for the year ended 31 December comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended, 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 . My comments and observations which I consider on the Financial Statements of the Department of Samurdhi Development in terms of Section 11(I) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 appear in this report. The audit report forwarded in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of Section 10 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 will be tabled in parliament in due course.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Department of Samurdhi Development as at 31 December 2023 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibility for the financial statements is further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities Section. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of the Chief Accounting Officer and Accounting Officer for the Financial Statements

Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and provisions in Section 38 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018 and for such internal control as Accounting Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Sub-section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, the Department 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.

As per Sub-section 38 (1) (c) of the National Audit Act, the Accounting Officer shall ensure that effective internal control system for the financial control of the Department exists and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.4 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 the summary report of the Auditor General 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 skepticism 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 Department’s internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- 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 communicate with the Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

1.5 Report on Other Legal Requirements

I express the following matters in accordance with Section 6 (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

- (a) The financial statements presented for the year under review were consistent with the preceding year.
- (b) My recommendations on the following financial statements for the preceding year had not been executed.

Reference to the Paragraph	Audit Observation	Recommendation
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2.3 (a)	<p>The Accounting Officer should made the ensures relating to the following matters according to the provisions of Section 38 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018. However, action had not been taken accordingly.</p> <p>Ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Department and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively</p>	<p>Action should be taken in accordance with the National Audit Act</p>

carried out; the same review should be done in writing and a copy of the same document should be presented to the Auditor General. However, the statements whether carried out such review, had not been presented to the audit.

- 2.4 a (i)** In terms of Financial Regulation 135 and 381(i) of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, all the functions of the training centers were carried out by the attached staff without being delegation of authorities and, bank current accounts had been maintained in 03 training centers without obtaining the approval of the Treasury. Action should be taken in accordance with the Financial Regulations
- 2.5 a** Action had not been taken to settle the sum amounting to Rs.2,374 million which was obtained from the Samurdhi Authority by then Samurdhi Commissioner General Department for payment of Samurdhi subsidies in months of August, September and October in 2013, even passed more than 8 years period. Action should be taken to settle the balances
- 2.6** A sum of Rs.53,594.67 million had been given from the money remained in compulsory savings accounts of Samurdhi beneficiaries and fund accounts in the department which were established for various Action should be taken to recover the balance amount

objectives , for the various requirements of the government contrary to the same objectives. A sum of Rs.53,294.97 million (with interest) from this amount had been remained for further recovery at the end of the year under review.

2.7(b) Action in terms of Financial Regulations had not been taken relevant to 84 cheques valued at Rs.2,668,654 deposited within the period of 4 to 8 years but unrealized in the bank reconciliation check in December 2022 relevant to Employee Revolving Fund Account .

Action should be taken in accordance with Financial Regulations.

3.5 It had been revealed by the audit reports 2018 and 2019 on 135 frauds at a value of Rs.115,723,619 occurred during the period of 2014-2018 in Samurdhi Banks and Societies. According to the information presented to the audit on 21 April 2023, a sum of Rs.63,817,207 for 15 frauds for the period of 2014-2018 , a sum of Rs.172,189,227 for 92 frauds for the period from 2019 to 2023 had been identified. Even though connecting all Samurdhi Banks and Bank Societies to the computer system, it was expected to provide most efficiency service to the customers and minimize the errors and financial frauds done willfully in manual operations,

Action should be taken to minimize the financial frauds

the financial frauds and irregularities reported were at a considerable value.

- 3.6.1 (c)** Two software as Soft Watch and SLTS had been introduced for carry out the transactions of Samurdhi Prajamula Banks efficiently . This software is used by 1026 Samurdhi Bank branches and 12 branches which are not connected with the Head Office are used a software older than 10 years. The following deficiencies were observed at the audit test check carried out in 9 Prajamula Banks relevant to operation of the system.
- Action should be taken to minimize the defects existed in the bank system.

Slow activities in the system due to only a limited payments can be operated, no regularity in recovery of loans, account balances are not accurate, unable to check prior transactions, failure in the computer system time to time, existence of made changes in data due to the software institution has an ability to enter the live data of the Bank, subsidies amounting to Rs.3,857,777 credited to the accounts of 173 beneficiaries belonging to 05 Prajamula Banks had been charged as loan installments due to providing the facility of recovery of loans automatically through the money credited to the beneficiaries by the computer system , were observed in audit test checks.

- 3.6.2 (a)** Divineguma Development Fund should be established in accordance with the paragraph 36 of Divineguma Act No. 01 of 2013 and all grants, rewards by Banks ,Bank societies established by Rewards Act , other contributions , money determined by the Minister from the profit of banks as a percentage, all receipts should credited to the Consolidated Fund. Even though after that, credited to the Divineguma Fund with the approval of the Parliament, Divineguma Fund had not been established up to date .
- Action should be taken in accordance with the Divineguma Act.
- 3.6.2(b)** The Department had maintained 6 Funds in terms of Section 45 of the aforesaid Act, Samurdhi Fund and Employee Loans Revolving Fund was at a non-operational condition by now.
- Action should be taken in terms of the Circular.
- 4(d)** According to Section 25 (3) of the Divineguma Act , the Attorney General had informed that it was contrary to the law, appointing of government servants with pensions on a permanent basis for Community Based Bank staff as per the letter of Director General of the Department of Management Services dated 05 July 2019 and officers who had attached to the Department under 44 (e) i and ii of the Divineguma Act and already working in the Community Based Bank Societies should be considered as released to the institutions on a temporary basis and although
- A separate staff should be appointed for the bank system

it had been informed that the separate posts for the bank cadre should be approved in future and after that arrangements should be made to recruit accordingly for the vacant posts, actions had not been taken up to date in respect of that matter and the Department had paid salaries from the Expenditure Head of the Department for 7605 number of bank cadre. The amount paid for the year 2022 was Rs.4,295.25 million.

1.6 Comments on Financial Statements

1.6.1 Recurrent Expenditure

The following observations are made.

- (a) Even though, the value of transferring by FR 66 and 69 to the annual budget and provisions after adjustment of supplementary provisions should be used to the revised budget column (ACA-F) in the statement of financial performance, transferring of Rs.1,500,000 under FR 66 under recurrent expenditure note 5 of the statement of financial performance, had not been adjusted.
- (b) Even though under note 7 of the statement of Financial Performance , the Object of programme 02 had been shown as 1501,1502 and total expenditure of 1506 as the actual expenditure of subsidiary awarding and transfers and expenditure of Object of 1501 of programme 01 is shown as 100,186,608,556 , it had been shown as 110,708,344,506 in the revised budget column .Accordingly, net provision amounting to Rs.1,800,000 under the Object 1506 had not been shown.

1.6.2 Payment of Advances

The following matters were observed.

- (a) Even though control account should be immediately compared with the treasury computer printouts according to the paragraph 5 of Guideline No.03/2023 of Public Accounts Guideline dated 07 November 2023 and in accordance with the instructions mentioned in guideline 02, there is a different of Rs.20,487,625 in the balance of Advance B account with treasury books .A sum of Rs.716,896 out of that had not been identified .
- (b) Loan balances totaling Rs.1,654,710 to be recovered from 67 employees as at 31 December 2023 were remained in arrears from 01 year to more than 05 years. Within this loan balances there were out- standing from 3 to 5 years amounting to Rs.563,344 , out- standing from 1 to 3

years amounting to Rs.85,595 .Action in terms of guideline 01 of Public Finance Guideline No.01/2020 dated 28 August 2020 in this connection had not been taken.

1.6.3 **Non-financial Assets**

The following observations are made.

- (a) Even though the total value of property, plant and equipment under Note ACA-6 of the statement of financial position had been shown as Rs.2,013,533,830 , the same closing balance and total value of property, plant and equipment had been over stated by the same amount, due to the disposal value amounted to Rs.110,838 of the other machinery had not entered under disposal.
- (b) According to Paragraph 3.9 of Public Finance Guideline No.04/2023 dated 01 November 2023 and Public Accounts Guideline No.2023/02 dated 03 October 2023 , in the preparation of annual financial statements , chief financial officers, chief accountants, and accountants should pay their special attention to the accounting accuracy of the non-financial assets. However, there was a difference of Rs.964,500 observed between the closing balance of the previous year with the opening balance of the year under review due to non financial assets had not been brought to accounts properly by taking actions accordingly.

2. Financial Review

2.1 Management of Expenditure

The following matters were observed

- (a) The total provision of 7.1 million of 4 Objects had been saved due to proper estimates had not been prepared for expenditure.
- (b) Saving of provision of three Objects ranged between 37 per cent to 75 per cent due to the reasons of non-incurring of expected expenditure, non- utilization of provisions.
- (c) Even though the amount provided for the livelihood development project under Object No.331-2-2-3-2509 in the year under review was Rs.150,000,000, the amount spent was only Rs.16,236,809. Accordingly, the saving was 89 per cent. Even though it was mentioned that the reasons for savings are releasing petty cash only for liabilities, it had been failure to fulfill expected 8 programmes mentioned in the Action Plan, due to action not taken in accordance with paragraph 4 of the Budget Circular No.2022/9 dated 17 December 2022 that before incurring commitments in relation to expenditure , confirm the ability of obtaining petty cash so as to availability of adequate budget provisions .

2.2 Ensures Made by the Accounting Officer

The Accounting Officer should made the ensures relating to the following matters according to the provisions of Section 38 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018. However, action had not been taken accordingly.

- (a) Ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Department and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out; the same review should be done in writing and a copy the same document should be presented to the Auditor General. However, it had not been presented that the statements whether carried out such review, to the audit.
- (b) Even though the chief accounting officer and the accounting officer should made the ensures so as to existence of a fruitful method for the implementation of the internal audit procedure properly, the same requirement had not been fulfilled according to the observations mentioned in paragraph 4.1.

2.3 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Reference to Laws, Rules and Regulations

Non-compliance

(a) Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
(i) F.R.135 and 381(i)

All the functions of the training centers were carried out by the attached staff without being delegation of authorities and, bank current accounts had been maintained in 03 training centers without obtaining the approval of the Treasury.

(ii) F.R.396

I. Actions in terms of Financial Regulations had not been taken relevant to 139 cheques total amounted to Rs.7,090,372 of 6 months elapsed from the issuance as at 31 December 2023, in the checking of bank reconciliations in the district offices. Within this value, it had not been confirmed whether 26 cheques valued at Rs.3,888,099 from February 2015 to July 2016 belonging to the District office Kandy, has been issued to whom.

- II Action in terms of the Financial Regulation had not been taken in relation to 67 cheques total valued at Rs.1,559,536 deposited but not realized during the period ranged from 5 years to 9 years and the cheques which were elapsed 6 years and issued but not forwarded to pay valued at Rs.180,000 in the reconciliation of bank accounts relevant to the Employee Loans Revolving Fund

(b) Assets Management Circular
No.05/2020 02(a) dated 02
October 2020

Three vehicles which were in the condition of suitable to dispose valued at Rs.5,180,000 and 7 vehicles valued at Rs.20,992,500 which were parked in garages subject to mechanical errors during a long period in the vehicle yard premises at Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha had been identified as to be repaired. Even though repairing is not fruitful, action had not been in terms of the circulars in the year 2023 relevant to those vehicles.

2.4 Irregular Transactions

(a) Un approved Funds owned by the Department

- I. There are 15 non-statutory funds including insurance funds owned by the bank finance section of the department and out of that , 9 funds are not functioning by now and only 6 funds are functioning. The monies in all those funds had been invested by the bank finance section and the total investment fund including the interest had been Rs.49.5 billion as at 31 December 2023.
- ii It was mentioned that all the movable and immovable properties belonging to the Samurdhi Development Authority, Southern Development Authority, Up Country Development Authority which were established under the Acts which were removed in terms of Section 44 (b) of the Divineguma Act, should be vested to the government. Fixed assets of the above institutions had been vested to the Samurdhi Department and the balances of the above mentioned funds also had been vested to the Department and remained under bank finance sector as fixed deposits up to now. It is unable to include those funds in the annual financial statement of the department and annual financial statements had not been prepared for any of these funds and not furnished to the Auditor General.
- iii. Even though 10 years has been elapse from the establishment of the Samurdhi Development Department, it was failure to transfer the balance of monies which were to be paid from the funds completed in terms of Paragraph 15 (2) (c) of the Public Finance Circular No.2020/1 dated 28 August 2020 and the aforesaid Section of the non

functioning fund Act, and the balance of monies after settling of other accountabilities to the consolidated fund and to transfer the investments done in the external institutions as immediate as matured , to the consolidated fund or subject to the audit of the Auditor General by making statutory of the funds functioning. Accordingly, it could not be examined whether the government money is misused and the same monies have been excluded from the public finance control as well.

- iv General insurance cover can be obtained by calling competitive bidding from the insurance service providers who registered under Sri Lanka Insurance Regulatory Commission in government institutions as per Paragraph 3.1 or Section 01/2020II of the Public Finance Circular or their agents//brokers under procurement guidelines .When obtaining insurance service, the matters such as relevant cost, nature of the risk conditions covered, and quality of the service as well as easement of obtaining the same service to the institution should be considered by the heads of the departments among the other matters. However, insurance methods had been approved in various occasion by the board of management and payment of compensations had been also made by implementing those insurance methods contrary to the circulars issued by the government and without transparency and non compliance with the insurance principles . Even though fund accounts also had been maintained for that purpose, those accounts had not been presented to the audit. Fixed deposits amounted to Rs.548.6 million had been invested from the insurance fund by the bank finance division of the department as fixed deposit in a state bank.
- v. Approval had been granted for a physical accident insurance scheme by the decision No.21/88/03 dated 01 June 2021 to the payment of a compensation of 01 million for an officer deceased from COVOD disease .by collecting Rs. 40,000 from each Prajamula Bank and Rs.25,000 from each Praja Mula Bank Society , by the board of management. Accordingly, a compensation of Rs.21.79 million had been paid irregularly from this fund for the officers deceased within the year 2022 .
- vi Estimate of expenditure of the year 2023 of the bank finance division amounted to rs.2496 and the total expenditure had been amounted to Rs.3443 million. A separate expenditure estimate had been prepared by the bank finance division and the financial statement is being also prepared annually. As such, a separate budget ,preparation of financial statements and incurring expenditure had been done in an illegal manner by a single division of the same department which is attached the officers who are paid salaries from the expenditure head of the department .
- vii Compulsory savings amounting to Rs.33,335,147,589 are remained in the bank finance sector retained as compulsory savings from the subsidies of the Samurdhi beneficiaries as at 31 December 2023 and a sum of Rs.29,511,452 out of that was an amount of un identified compulsory saving .All those monies had been deposited as investments the same amount was Rs.43,472,014,278. Investment interest as at 31 December 2023 amounted to Rs.2,819,900,095.Even though bank finance sector had invested compulsory saving monies under the interest rate from 11 per cent to 26 per cent during the year 2023, lower interest rate such as 5 percent had been given to the banks. However, the

interest to be paid to the Samurdhi beneficiaries by banks for compulsory savings is 4 per cent in terms of the management decision No.2022/108/01 .Accordingly, the profit share granted to the banks is about 1 per cent. Due to investing compulsory savings money remaining in bank finance section without remitting directly to the bank, un favorable condition had been arisen such as receiving of less interest than the interest income could be received by investing by the Prajamula Bank itself and minimizing of giving loan facility for the livelihood development activities of people

viii In addition to that, a fund independent to the general society under the department had been maintained and the investment owned by the same fund as at 31 December 2023 amounting to Rs.8 million.

(a) Granting loan facilities for the employees from the funds owned by the bank finance section had been done as follows.

- I. A sum of Rs.14.2 billion (outstanding balance) had to be recovered as at 31 December 2023 given from the employee loan schemes such as employee consumer loans, employee housing loans, special employee loans and special distress loans contrary to the paragraph XXIV of the Establishments Code for the officers of the Prajamula banks, district offices and bank finance division staff under the department . A sum of Rs.290.6 million out of the same employee loans had been separated as bad debts without taking actions to recover those money due to defaulting to recover those loans.
- II. Even though in the examination of loan files of the officers who obtained loans under loan scheme, all legal documents and other documents including mortgage bond kept as mortgage for the property loans should be kept in a safe under the custody of a staff officer in terms of paragraph 11.14 of Chapter XXIV of the Establishments Code, those documents had been kept in the loan file of the officer and the same loan files had been kept in un protected cupboards without padlocks. Out of the 59 files examined by the audit, 31 files had been misplaced.
- III. The balance recoverable as at 30 June 2023 of the Employee revolving Loans Fund existed under the finance division of the department amounting toRs.30,449,227 and the same Employee revolving Loans Fund had been suspended from the year 2020.A sum of Rs.186 million which was collected from the employees had been remitted to the treasury. The financial statement from the year 2014 to the year 2023 of the same fund, which is coming from the period of Samurdhi Authority existed, had not been prepared and furnished to the audit.
- IV. Consumer loan scheme had been introduced subject to a maximum of Rs.100,000 for the urgent financial requirements of the employees of the Samurdhi Development Department. In terms of paragraph 3.7 of the Circular No.2019/3 dated 15 October 2019, action should be taken to send the interest monthly relevant to the loan by the institute which is preparing annual salaries according to the notification made by the manager of the bank of which the loan is applied, to the bank which is the loan is granted. However, loan interests of 14 officers in 3 banks in Kandy district are not recovered continuously and although the maximum time period of recovery of loans is 36 months in terms of paragraph 2 (a) 3.3 of the above circular, the maximum limit of the settlement of loans

had been elapsed in 14 officers of 4 Prjamula Banks , the amount further recoverable was Rs.465,353.

(c) **Un settled Balances**

- I. A sum of Rs.53.6 billion had been provided for various requirements of the government from the monies remaining in the compulsory savings accounts of the Samurdhi beneficiaries and fund accounts of the departments which were established for various objectives .The amount further recovered from the treasury as at 31 December 2023 is Rs.35.5 billion.
- II Even though 03 years had been elapsed as at 31 December 2023 by obtaining an amount of Rs.32,418 million from the banks for granting an allowance of Rs.5,000 to the low income families with a view to maintain the life condition properly in the year 2020 within the above value, necessary actions had not been taken to reimburse the same money to the Samurdhi Prajamula banks.

(d) **Purchasing of shares of a private company from the funds**

Even though, the funds of the general society can be deposited in a bank approved by the Director General, contrary to that, a sum of Rs.80,579,226 had been spent to purchase of 555,788 shares of Rs.10 of a private bank at a rate of Rs.14.50 in the year 2023 by the bank financial section . Bonus shares of Rs.55,571,188 had also been gained for the same shares.

2.5 Issuance and Settlement of Advances

- (a) As per matter (iii) of the Paragraph 5 of the Public Accounts Guidelines No.2023/02 dated 23 October 2023, due to issuance of ad-hoc imprests without proper estimation for specific and non essential activities., the amount given in 16 instances which was not utilized in a considerable amount of the relevant money amounted to Rs.770,630 and a sum of Rs.517,319 out of the advances had not been settled.
- (b) As per (iv) of paragraph 5 of the above circular and FR 371(5) amended by the Public Finance Circular No.01/2022 dated 28 August 2020 , ad-hoc imprest should be settled within 10 days of the completion of the relevant duty. However, a time period from 25 days to 5 months had been taken to settle the ad-hoc imprest which were obtained in 5 instances.

2.6 Deposits

The following matters were observed

- (a) According to the time analysis reports of the general deposit accounts, the unsettled total balance more than 2 years in 4 types of deposits which are being brought forwarded without being settled, in the head office and district offices as at 31 December 2023 amounting to Rs.2,378,777,131. Out of that, the balance between 2-5 years amounted to Rs.3,079,925 and the balance more than 5 years amounted to Rs.2,375,697,206.
- (b) The deposits to be re-paid which were kept as sureties for the procurements for various supplies and services from the year 2019 amounted to Rs.804,722 had been remained in the general deposit account without being settled.

2.7 Operating of Bank Accounts

Without the supervision of the accountant of the department, 11 current accounts under bank finance division and 2 current accounts and a savings account in the name of general society, had been maintained. The balance as at 31 December 2023 of this accounts is 42 million. Approval of the treasury had not been obtained for any of these current accounts, in terms of FR 381.

3. Operating Review

3.1 Performance

3.2 Weaknesses in implementing projects

A sum of Rs.3,708,710 had been spent for lively hood special projects by 11 divisional secretary's division in the year 2021 in Matale district. In the physical examination carried out in this connection, equipment amounting to Rs.2,094,825 were remained idle and equipment amounting to Rs.275,662 had been broken. Equipment amounting to Rs.184,350 had been sold and mortgaged and equipment amounting to Rs.134,273 were not physically observed in audit. Provided by spending a sum of Rs.866,485,661 chicks out of 786, 6 goats out of 10 and 3 cows out of 4, for the implementation of animal husbandry projects, had been died.

3.1.2 Although money had been released, projects which were not obtained a progress.

The following observations are made.

- (a) A sum of Rs.171,370,352 had been spent from the year 2019 to the year 2021 for the establishing of 31 Suwa Bojunhal in Island wide for uplift the local food security and for creating a firm and rich market to sale the productions of the small scale entrepreneurs who are produced local foods free from poisonous ingredients as well as Samurdhi and low income people who are engaged in the production of other various products and with a view to develop the expected income and uplift the living condition. Among those, business activities of two Suwa Bojunhal in Akmeemana and Habaraduwa which has been constructed by spending Rs.8,969,457 in the year 2021, had not been commenced up to 31 December 2023.
- (b) At the field inspection carried out in relation to Suwa Bojunhal and Samurdhi Trade Centre.,
 - i A sum of Rs.3,930,000 had been spent for the construction of the Samurdi Trade Centre at Kahengama, Kuruwita. Nine rooms had been constructed in the ground floor by creating a slab so as to develop the construction of trade stalls further more and un completed 2 rooms had been given for two persons. Due to un proper construction of the same trade stalls, owners of the trade stalls had to face the problems such as disposal of waste, lack of adequate infrastructure facilities.
 - ii Suwa Bojunhala at Puttalam-Karuwalagaswewa had been constructed in the year 2018 by spending a sum of Rs.1,065,600. Even though trade activities are being carried out by 5 persons, the centre had been become a jungle by disconnecting water and electricity connections.

iii Manaweriya district sales center situated in Arachchikattuwa divisional secretariat division, had been constructed by spending a sum of Rs.12,193,773 and commenced on 10th July 2019. Even though trade activities had been carried out by 15 entrepreneurs from 2019 time to time, only two persons are engaged in sales activities at present. No any rental fees charged from them from the beginning of the year 2019. It was observed at the field inspection carried out on 12 January 2024 , that the walls of the same building had been breached and attending to the sink as this center has been constructed by filling a marshy land. Water facilities also had not been supplied for this center since the beginning.

3.1.3 Annual Performance Report

Annual Performance Report which should be presented with the annual financial statement according to the Paragraph 10.2 of the Public Finance Circular No.02/2020 dated 28 August 2020 in terms of Section 16(2) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018, had not been prepared by including Chapters as per mentioned in annexure 1 of Guideline No.14 of the Department of Public Finance.

3.2 Transactions of Financial Irregularities Nature

The following matters were observed.

- (a) 165 financial frauds valued at Rs.234,961,395 have been reported to the investigation division of the Department relevant to the time period from the year 2019 to 31 March 2023. The money recovered back from the financial frauds after completion of disciplinary actions of 79 officers relevant to 67 frauds therein, only amounted to Rs.16,478,448. Further more disciplinary actions of 98 financial frauds amounted to Rs.218,482,947 are being carried out and actions relevant to 15 irregularities of Rs.263,817,207 occurred in banks and bank societies from 03 January 2014 up to 31 August 2018 , had not been completed. The increasing of frauds caused to carry out frauds by the officers continuously due to non correction of the deficiencies in the bank system and lenient punishment are imposed through disciplinary orders.
- (b) Even though preliminary investigations should be completed in 2 months period in accordance with Public Administration Circular No.30/2019 dated 30 September 2019 relevant to paragraph 13.2 of the Chapter XLV III of the Part II of the Establishments Code, delaying of giving disciplinary orders by conducting preliminary investigations in relation to corruptions and irregularities, was ranged from 2 years to 10 years period.
- (c) A sum of Rs.4,733,099 had been paid for investigation activities and travelling expenses relevant to the year 2023 from the Expenditure Heads of the Department annually for the investigation activities, disciplinary activities in relation to the financial frauds occurred in the bank system and a sum of Rs.1,980,421 had been paid from other expenses Expenditure Head . However, the same money which was defrauded , had been credited back to the bank system. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.35,715,777 had been obtained to the bank system as recoveries from 209 corruptions and frauds in the year 2023.As operating of the control of the bank system is administrated by a non statutory fund of financial activities , the aforesaid allowances paid to the officers had been paid by the Expenditure Heads of the Department without being incurred by the bank funds.

3.3 Losses and Damages

The following matters were observed

- (a) In the examination of the information mentioned in the statement of losses and abandonments, annexure (i) submitted with the financial statements with the register of losses and damages of the department, the following matters were observed.
 - (i) Even though totaling of 2 incidents more than Rs.25,000 under the recovery of losses during the year shown as Rs.78,646 according to the financial statements , the value of one incident less than Rs.25,000 according to the Register of Losses and Damages , had been shown as Rs.60,450.
 - (ii) The value of 3 incidents of vehicle accidents under classification of incidents according to the nature of the damage under programme 02 , annexure (i) had been shown as Rs.7,273,765 and according to the register of losses and damages, the damage occurred to a cab vehicle which was met with an accident on 31 December 2022 had been decided as Rs.640,446 on 19 May 2023 , as Rs.12,650 on 02 June 2023 , and Rs.74,289 on 06 September 2023 and the total value amounted to Rs.727,376. Accordingly, vehicle accident loss had been over stated by Rs.6,546,388 in the statement of losses and damages.
 - (iii) In the statement of losses and damages mentioned in annexure 1 of the financial statements of the department in the year 2023, had been shown on 166 financial frauds amounted to Rs.188,284,255 in the Praja Mula Bank system. In terms of Section 25(3) of the Divineguma Act, Prajamula bank system is an independent incorporated board Therefore , as the defrauded money credited back to the bank system , it is erroneous to present the information on those financial frauds in financial statement of the department.

3.4 Management Weaknesses

The following matters were observed.

- (a) Divineguma Development Fund should be established in accordance with the paragraph 36 of Divineguma Act No. 01 of 2013 and all grants, Banks ,Bank societies established by Rewards Act , other contributions , money determined by the Minister from the profit of banks as a percentage, all receipts should credited to the Consolidated Fund and after that, credited to the Divineguma Fund with the approval of the Parliament. However, Divineguma Fund had not been established up to date .It had been informed on 03 May 2021 , that no any objection by the Treasury to establish the Divineguma Development Fund.
- (b) I. Two software as Soft Watch and SLTS had been introduced for carrying out the transactions of Samurdhi Prajamula Banks efficiently .Soft watch software had been given for 326 banks, 104 bank societies and SLTS software had been given for 756 banks and 229 bank societies. The following deficiencies were observed at the audit test check carried out relevant to operation of the system such as regular disconnection of internet, loan pass books not updated by the computer system, Slow activities in the

system due to only a limited payments can be operated per day, no regularity in recovery of loans, account balances are not accurate, unable to check prior transactions, failure in the computer system time to time, existence of made changes in data due to the software institution has an ability to enter the live data of the Bank. Due to this reason, an action plan had been prepared in the year 2023 for making efficiency the Prajamula bank computer system . However, 6 errors mentioned there had not been completed as at 31 December 2023 .

- II. Even though daily supervision should be done on the bank computer system by the information technology division of the bank finance division of the department, supervision activities are being carried out only by the information provided by e-mails through district Samurdhi offices. Accordingly, instances of non matching of the deficiencies existed in the bank computer system, with district reports are not examined. Even though those services obtained by the banks by paying monthly service fees and payments of Rs.7000 each had been made to the relevant institution by 1092 banks monthly by a bank completed the software, successfulness therein had not been examined.

(c) **Human Resources Management Module**

- I. Collecting of necessary information to issue the official identity card for the employees of the department through the human resources module, has been done only for 9194 employees out of total employees of 24,083. Collecting information for the above activity was in a minimum level in the head office and the training centres and 3 other districts.
- II. Out of the number of total files 24,083, only number of files 3155 had been uploaded to the system by scanning the documents in the personal files of the departmental officers. No any document had been uploaded in 3 districts.
- III. Even though, it had been informed that preparation of pensions file for the departmental officers through the documents uploaded through the system and included a report including the information of the officers retired with the completion of 60 years in each year, to the cover page and it will be implemented by in the head office and all district Samurdhi divisions and main offices , according to the information presented, no any pensions file had been completed.

(d) **Granting Loans to the Samurdhi Beneficiaries through Samurdhi Prajamula Bank System**

- I. Granting loans for 12,309,875 beneficiaries under 34 types of loans through the Samurdhi Prajamula Bank System had been done and the total amount of loans granted from the beginning of the Samurdhi banks up to the year 2023 had been 463 billion. Loans had been granted for 350,604 beneficiaries in the year 2023 and the loan balance in arrears as at 31 December 2023 amounted to Rs.73,8billion Out of the loan balance in arrears as at 31 December 2023, 8 per cent had been separated as bad debts. It is a growth by 1 per cent compared to the year 2022. Even though the total bank investment belonging to the whole bank system amounting to Rs.242 billion, the loans granted for the beneficiaries amounting to Rs.73.8 billion. It is only 30 per cent of the total investment.

- II. The Samurdhi Development Officer of the in charge of the division who is with the responsibility to the recovery of loans, had not been properly done the same task. However, mobile apps had been introduced for the Samurdhi development officers for formalizing the recovery of loans and minimize the frauds an irregularities, only 5927 Samurdhi Development officers had been used the same mobile app from the Samurdhi Development officers in charges of the divisions.
- III A sum of Rs.100 million had been given to the Samurdhi Authority in the year 2013 by the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment in keeping with take actions in a manner to distribute if any loss or expenditure caused to the Samurdhi Authority because of non recovery of loans by the foreign employees to whom implemented a housing loan scheme or any other activity .Accordingly, a sum of Rs.3,547,133,064 had been issued as loans for 11,929 migrant workers by Samurdhi banks. A Memorandum of Understanding had been signed by the migrant workers with the Samurdhi Authority and Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment for the housing scheme for the period of 5 years on 07 March 2012 and it had been ended from 06 March 2018. Even though instructions had been given to sign new Memorandum of Understanding immediately and further implementation of the loan scheme, the two parties had not been entered into new Memorandum of Understanding even as at 30 October 2023. Accordingly, the loan balance to be recovered further more amounted to Rs.193,078,303.

(e) **Auditing of the financial statements of Prajamula bank Societies.**

- I. Opportunity had been provided to act as the external auditor by the internal audit division of the department by the departmental circular No.22020/13 and dated 27 September 2020. Accordingly, a sum of Rs.12,885,672 had been paid by the bank finance division for the auditing of reports relevant to 1007 banks and bank societies per Rs.3000 for each audit report for the officers of the internal audit division of the department for the conducting of external audit relevant to the years 2016,2017, 2018 and 2019. Even though approval had been granted for this purpose by the decision of the B2oard of Management No.2020/75/05 dated 15 October 2020, it was observed that this is not compliance with the basic auditing principles.
- II. Presenting of audit opinion by auditing the financial statements of 197 Praja Mula Banks and bank societies relevant to years 2020 and 2021 belonging to 12 districts had not been carried out even as at 28 March 2024 and , among the financial statements of 1455 Praja Mula banks and bank societies as 33 Praja Mula banks out of 1074 and one bank society out of 331,only 34 financial statements had been presented opinions by carrying out the auditing in the year 2022.
- III According to the Sri Lanka Auditing Standard 700, when the scope has been limited so as to unable to express the audit opinion in relevant to financial statements or an instance of severe uncertainty on the accuracy of financial data, the audit opinion on the financial statements have to be disclaimed. Accordingly, as per the progress report on the audit opinion presented on final accounts of Samurdhi Prajamula banks and societies as at 31 December 2023, opinion has been disclaimed in 2492 financial statements out of 6710 of 5 yeas from 2015 to 2019 and true and fair positions have been presented only in 782 financial statements. Audit opinion on financial statements presented in relation to the three years 2019,2020 and 2021 of 297 banks

relevant to 21 districts had been disclaimed. Accordingly, a maximum contribution had not been paid on proper supervision of the Samurdhi banks by Samurdhi managers, accurate investigations carried out by investigation officers, making accuracy of the weakness of the internal control of the Samurdhi banks identifying by audit officers, to preparation of financial statement accurately and to uplift the efficiency and productivity of the bank system.

- IV Out of 782 financial statements which were presented true and fair opinions at the auditing of the financial statement of Prajamula banks from 2025 to 2019, permission had not been allowed for profit appropriation due to increasing of bad debt rates in 49 financial statements and permission had been allowed for profit appropriation only for 1735 financial statements. Out of 6710 financial statements audited and received to the micro finance division as at 31 December 2023. As a result of that, it was unable to pay Rs.6,344,018,728 of dividends which are to be paid to the stakeholders as at 31 December 2023.

4. Good Governance

4.1 Internal Audit

According to the revised audit plan presented relevant to the Head Office, which was presented by the internal audit division within the year 2023, there were 130 audit fields identified on risk evaluation. Number of audit reports expected to be presented relevant to that, were 187. However, only 7 reports had been issued by auditing 07 fields in 4 divisions in the Head Office according to the information presented by the internal audit and query register. Accordingly, adequate independent evaluation and continues survey had not been carried out on the formality and adequacy of the internal inspections used to disclose the internal controls ,to avoid frauds and errors existed on the financial activities of the department expect from the internal audit according to Financial Regulations 133.

5. Human Resource Management

The following matters were observed.

- (a) Within the approved and actual cadre, 1771 vacancies had been existed in senior, tertiary and secondary aspects and excess of 9 were existed in the cadre of primary aspect as at 31 December 2023 .
- (b) In terms of Section 97 of the Procedural Rules of the Public Service Commission, the bona fide of the certificates relevant to the appointment should be confirmed by the appointing authority within the one year period. However, action should be taken to recover all the monies from the relevant officers which were paid by the government as salaries and allowances by that time ,by cancelling the appointment immediately and making it null and void when it was revealed that erroneous information or false (forge) documents had been presented to the appointing authority by such person, to any post in the government service according to Section 59 .However, it had been confirmed that the educational certificates submitted to the personal file to obtain their appointments by 363 officers were false. Out of that, 77 persons had been dismissed from the service and 20 persons had been removed from the service on the agreement of obtaining compensations in terms of the Act. The officers who were served in Hambantota district and terminated the service without the pension salary and 30 officers who are engaged in the service at present who were subject to the audit test check, a sum of Rs.195,215,660

from the date of appointment, a sum of Rs.40,383,176 from the year 1999 for 4 officers in 4 divisional secretariats in Monaragala district , a sum of Rs.8,732,204 only for the year 2023 for 17 officers in Colombo and Matara districts had been paid for salaries and allowances. However, necessary actions had not been taken by the officers responsible in this connection .

- (c) According to the letter of the Department of Management Services dated 05 July 2019 and Section 25(3) of the Divineguma Act, No.1 of 2013, the honorable Attorney General had informed that appointing government employees with pension salary on permanent basis is contrary to the law and , it should be considered that the officers who were joined to the department under 44(e) and ii of the Divineguma Act and are being served in Prajamula bank societies by now , have been released to the same institutions on temporary basis. It had been mentioned that separate positions should be approved for the bank staff in the future and subsequently action should be taken to recruit for the vacant positions accordingly. As such, 6535 officers had been approved for 4 positions under 11 salary codes for the bank system in terms of paragraph 6.1 of the letter No.DMS/1284/VOL vii and dated 01.11.2023. Even though it had been informed by the same letter, that to present a proposal including the supervision of banks, auditing and other legal and administrative matters to the Department of management Services, for the approval of the salaries for the staff properly in the implementation of the banks as incorporated board , the same information had not been presented to the treasury even as at the date of this report.
- (d) Paying salaries for 9894 officers of the bank staff from the expenditure head of the department is being carried out and the money paid for the year 2023 was amounted to Rs.853 million. Allocation from the annual profit for the same salary expenditure had been done by the Prajamula banks and societies. Accordingly, allocation of money as the salaries payable to the government from the beginning of banks up to date amounted to Rs.43.4 billion. However, no any action taken up to date in relation to pay back those monies to the government. In addition to that, the lands and buildings owned by the Samurdhi department had been utilized for the establishment of Prajamula banks and bank societies.

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Chapter – 04 - Performance Indicator

4.1 Performance Indicators of the Institution

Paragraph – 04 - Performance Indicators

4.1 Performance Indicators of the Institution

S. No.	Programme	Special Indicators		Quality output as a percentage (%) of expected output		
				100% -90%	75% -89%	50% - 74%
01	Social Welfare Programme	1	Provision of samurdhi subsidy to 1,637,672 existing samurdhi families.		85%	
		2	Providing financial assistance to 693,564 Samurdhi families on the waiting list.		75%	
		3	Providing financial assistance to 363,241 poor Samurdhi beneficiary families.			50%
02	Social Security Programme	1	Providing social security benefits to 156,772 Samurdhi subsidized families.			65%
		2	Providing Sipdora scholarships to 90,000 children who are studying for advance level from Samurdhi beneficiary families.	90%		
03	Livelihood Development Programme	1	To assist to 1488 beneficiaries in 755 acres under supplementary food cropping programme for green gram, peanuts, kurakkan, udar dhal, cowpea, and chilli plantations by upgrading 21 Samrudhi Suva Bojun Stalls.			45%
04	Enterprise Development Programme	1	To raise the standard of living of 420 Samurdhi entrepreneur families			60%
		2	Conducting 606 trade fairs		80%	
		3	Conducting 275 entrepreneurship development programmes for samurdhi entrepreneurs.		85%	

S. No.	Programme	Special Indicators		Quality output as a percentage (%) of expected output		
				100% -90%	75% -89%	50% - 74%
		4	Providing vocational guidance training under tertiary education to 8,000 children from samurdhi and low income families.		80%	
		5	Providing Japanese language training for 474 young men and women.		80%	
05	Housing Development Programme	1	Providing financial assistance for the development of 4,145 housing units of beneficiary families under the housing development programme.			68%
08	Information Technology Programme	1	Development of digital infrastructure in 335 Samurdhi offices			60%
		2	Computerization of 1,093 Samurdhi Community Based Banks and 335 Community Based Bank Societies.		75%	
		3	Providing Information Technology training to 16,502 officers.			60%
09	Human Resource Development Programme	1	Implementation of capacity development programmes for 1,350 employees of the Department			55%
10	Microfinance Programme	1	Providing microfinance credit facilities to 256,929 Samurdhi beneficiaries.			55%
11	Media and Publicity Programme	1	Publicity of 20 TV programs “Samrudhi Udanaya”.			67%
12	Planning and operational programme	1	Conducting 210 District Progress Review Meetings			70%
		2	Submission of the Performance Report 2022 of the Department to Parliament.	100%		

Chapter -05-Performance in achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

5.1 Identified Sustainable Development Goals

Goal/ Objective		Goal	Achievement Indicators	Percentage of Achievements so far (%)		
				0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
01	Eradicate Poverty	To eradicate extreme poverty for all people everywhere in the world by 2030.	Providing a monthly subsidy to meet the consumable needs of 2,694,450 Samurdhi beneficiaries		60%	
			Providing microfinance credit facilities to 256,929 families to improve the income generation methods of samurdhi and low-income families.		55%	
		Implementation of nationally appropriate social security measures for all persons, including those of lower income levels.	Providing social security benefits to enhance the social security of 156,772 Samurdhi subsidized families.		52%	
			Raising the educational level by providing monthly scholarship money through the Sipdora Scholarship Programme for 90,000 children from subsidized families who are studying advanced level.			80%
02	Economic growth, promotion of perfect, productive and better employment	Establishment of small and medium scale enterprises and encouraging the development	Developing 21 Samurdhi Suva Bojun Stalls and increasing the income level of Samurdhi entrepreneurs.	45%		
			Implementation of 275 entrepreneurship development programmes to encourage samurdhi entrepreneurs	40%		
			Conducting 606 samurdhi fairs to create market opportunities for the products of samurdhi and low income producers.		70%	

Goal/ Objective	Goal	Achievement Indicators	Percentage of Achievements so far (%)			
			0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%	
03	Making cities and settlements comprehensive, safe, robust and sustainable.	Ensure access to adequate safe and affordable housing and basic services for all and improving slum housing.	Improvement of 4,145 houses of Samurdhi beneficiary families and raising the standard of living of those families	45%		

5.2. Achievement of Sustainable Development Goals and Challenges

- i. To provide samurdhi subsidy to 2,694,450 poor families and meet their consumption needs. There, 1,637,672 families receiving Samurdhi existing allowance, 693,564 families on Samurdhi waiting list and 363,214 Samurdhi benefitted families who do not receive Aswesuma are given financial assistance, and the total value of subsidies provided is Rs. 90,092,060.
- ii. Under the Sipdora Scholarship Programme, which is implemented with the aim of raising level of the children of Samurdhi Beneficiary Families studying advanced level, the financial assistance of Rs.1,500/= per month was given for a period of 24 months totalled to Rs.36,000 and a number of 90,000 Samurdhi students have been given Sipdora scholarships in the year 2022 and the total value of the scholarships awarded was Rs. 968.29 million accordingly.
- iii. Providing social security benefits to a total of 8,099 families to enhance the social security of Samurdhi beneficiary families for 21,523 child births (including twin births), 21,523 marriages, 94,994 beneficiaries affected by diseases, and 32,156 deaths of those families to increase the social security of Samurdhi beneficiary families. Under this, the financial value of the social security benefits provided was Rs. 1,127.66 million.
- iv. To provide assistance to 1488 beneficiaries under the supplementary food cropping programme for green pea, peanuts maize, urad dhal and chillies plantations. The amount spent was Rs.19.70 million.
- v. The Housing Lottery Draw amounting to Rs.200,000/- was provided to 3,810 housing assistance beneficiaries, Rs.750,000/- to 1,005 housing assistance beneficiaries and Rs.250,000/- to 1,005 housing assistance beneficiaries under the Housing Lottery Programme. The total value of the financial aid awarded was Rs. 1,766 million.

- vi. Being able to raise the standard of living of 150 Samurdhi entrepreneurial families by upgrading 21 Samrudhi Suva Bojun stalls under the improvement of sales facilities. The amount spent was Rs. 0.15 Mn. .
- vii. Providing of microfinance credit facilities valued at Rs. 37,358.19 for 336,781 beneficiaries, for business development, livelihood development, self-employment and consumer needs of samurdhi under subsidized interest rates by 1,093 Samurdhi Prajamula Banks located throughout the Island. A loan of Rs. 2,541 has been given for 200,253 beneficiaries under the Arunalu Loan Programme implemented through community-based organizations.
- viii. Conducting 606 sales fairs in 25 Districts with the aim of providing sales facilities for selling the products of Samurdhi beneficiaries by holding trade fairs.
- ix. Conducting 275 entrepreneurship development programmes and providing entrepreneurship training to 11,155 entrepreneurs to encourage samurdhi entrepreneurs.
- x. A number of 131 children have successfully completed Japanese language training under the program to develop the language skills of children from samurdhi and low-income families.
- xi. To computerize 1093 Samurdhi Community Based Banks and 335 Samurdhi Community Based Bank Societies for the efficiency of beneficiary transaction.
- xii. Implementation of 335 World Poverty Eradication Day celebrations and World Children's Day celebration programmes at local level under social development.

Chapter - 06 - Human Resource Profile

1 .Staff Management

Statistic - (XXII)

Number of approved staff (as per approved cadre on 01.11.2023)		Actual Staff As at 2023.12.31	Vacancies
Senior	131	66	65
Tertiary	2,369	1,541	828
Secondary	22,800	21,915	885
Primary	431	442	-11
Total	25,731	23,964	1,767

6.2 How the shortage or excess of human resources has affected the performance of the organization

The optimal staff composition required to manage the Samurdhi Banking System and other Funds in this Department has been prepared and forwarded to the Department of Management Services in October 2021. The approval for that has been received on 01.11.2023. Accordingly formal recruitment is expected to be done for vacant posts. The staff has had to face many challenges due to existing vacancies.

6.3 Human Resources Management

6.3.1. Introduction.

Department of Samurdhi Development which is actively contribute to the development programmes implemented throughout the island and carry out the programmes efficiently and accurately based on the primary objective of poverty alleviation needs knowledge and training for that for the internal staff of the Department. The Human Resource Development Division is responsible for the implementation of training programmess so that all the staff of the Department are represented in view of the provision of subject specific training by developing knowledge and attitudes of officers to make those development programmes successful by getting closer to public service.

Objectives :

- Creating a perfect resource group in the Department and turning all the staff into a human resource with exceptional talent.
- To create a talented workforce to achieve the mission of the department.

- To create perfect human resource with positive attitude through proper management.
- Making the officers who work as mediators with the beneficiary community directly related to the Samurdhi Scheme into a staff with effective and efficient characteristics.
- Assist in achieving goals of the Department for the year 2023 .

Projects implemented in the year 2023

01. Implementation of subject-specific training programs

- Conduct a training programme on file preparation and office management techniques.
- Conduct a training programme on accounting methods and computer literacy.
- Training on land acquisition.
- Training related to accounting and payroll subjects.
- Providing training for multi-tasking development task assistants on institutional affairs and duties related to their position.
- Conducting a residential training workshop on Public Procurement Process.
- Conducting capacity development programmes for Development Officers (Audit) .

02. Directing officers to follow higher education and professional courses

Course fees were paid to the relevant institutions for the courses that the officers personally selected to study higher education courses and professional training courses in order to develop the professional skills of the department officers.

03. Directing officers to foreign education training programmes for higher education / professional education

Officers were sent to study abroad training programmes to gain knowledge and experience in regional countries .

04. Diploma Course in Social Work

Officers have been sent for training by paying 50% of the course fee for the Diploma Course in Social Work conducted by the National Institute of Social Development.

05. Certificate Course in Social Work.

Certificate Course in Social Work is being conducted jointly with National Institute of Social Development (NISD) for Grade II and III Samurdhi Development Officers of the Department with the aim of developing skills in Social Work. Accordingly, the course was conducted using ZOOM technology and additional knowledge was given to the officials working in District 25.

06. Maintenance and running of Samurdhi Training Centres.

The essential repair work was carried out at the training centers located in Matara, Samanala Lake and Nillamba, which are used for the staff training of the Samurdhi Department. Further, necessary equipment were purchased for carrying out the activities of the center.

07. Directing Development Managers to follow Post Graduate Diploma Courses in Community Development and Planning.

The officers of our Department have been directed to study the above mentioned postgraduate diploma course conducted by the University of Peradeniya. The contents mentioned here are prepared in relation to the development programs and strategies implemented for the community to overcome poverty. That knowledge helps in making the development plans implemented to eradicate poverty more accurate.

08. Microfinance Bank Staff Training Programmes

- i. Make aware the staff of Samurdhi Banks and Samurdhi Banks Societies about the software systems introduced for the duties of the Department of Samurdhi Development
- ii. Officers of Samurdhi Banks and Societies were have been sent to University of Colombo to follow Advanced Diploma Course in Service Management.
- iii. Officers of Samurdhi Banks and Societies were sent to University of Colombo to follow Diploma Course in Service Management.
- iv. Certificate Course in Accounting and Business Studies

The above training programme has been conducted for Samurdhi Managers and Development Officers working in Samurdhi Micro Finance Banks and Banking Societies jointly with Sri Lanka Institute of Chartered Accountancy and Business Studies. Actions were taken to provide the necessary knowledge by conducting the above training programme residentially for 06 days under domestic and internationally recognized syllabus with the aim of making our banking system more efficient and effective by imparting knowledge and training on management, accounting, banking and other standard accounting methods followed in public and private banks.

Physical and Financial Progress of Ongoing Projects - 2023
Statistics XXIII

S. No .	Training Programme	Number of Employees Trained	Total Investment (Rs.000)			Nature of Program (Domestic / Foreign)	Output / Knowledge Gained
			Duration of the programme	Domestic	Foreign		
	Officer Training Programmes organized by District Offices						
1	Training on File Preparation and Office Management System- Ratnapura District	50	01 Day	3,000.00		Domestic	Providing the necessary knowledge to improve the quality and strengthening of officer employment.
2	Accounting Methods and Computer Literacy - Ratnapura District	48	01 Day	5,000.00		Domestic	
3	Land Acquisition Training - Ratnapura District	88	01 Day	8,800.00		Domestic	Providing the necessary knowledge to improve the quality and strengthening of officer employment .
4	Accounts and Payroll related training - Hambantota District	15	01 Day	24,450.00		Domestic	
	Officers training programmes organized by Head Office					Domestic	
5	Conducting of Efficiency Bar Examinations			1,857,517.94		Domestic	Conducting capacity development programs and giving results and Conducting of Efficiency Bar Examinations employee motivation and.

S. No .	Training Programme	Number of Employees Trained	Total Investment (Rs.000)			Nature of Program (Domestic / Foreign)	Output / Knowledge Gained
			Duration of the programme	Domestic	Foreign		
6	Providing training for multi-task development assistants on institutional affairs and duties related to their position.			253,580.00		Domestic	They were made aware on essential facts to know about scope of duties
7	Conducting a residential training workshop on Public Procurement Process			226,640.00		Domestic	Providing the necessary knowledge to strengthen the duties of officers.
8	Conducting capacity development programmes for Development Officers (Audit) .	212		1,761,882.00		Domestic	They were made aware on essential matters regarding Scope of Duties
9	Directing officers to follow higher education and professional courses.	17	1 year	1,093,975.00		Domestic	Course fees were paid for 17 officers. Providing extra knowledge needed to carry out departmental activities.
10.	Referring of Samurdhi Managers to study Post Graduate Diploma (Community Development) at University of Peradeniya.	31	12 Months			Domestic	Providing knowledge to managers on new strategies for poverty alleviation. This enables them to acquire extra knowledge for works.

S. No .	Training Programme	Number of Employees Trained	Total Investment (Rs.000)			Nature of Program (Domestic / Foreign)	Output / Knowledge Gained
			Duration of the programme	Domestic	Foreign		
11	Payment of 50% course fees to follow Diploma in Social Work conducted by NISD for Samurdhi Development Officers.	22	06 Months			Domestic	Providing the necessary knowledge to strengthen the work activities of Samrudhi Development Officers.
12.	330,000.00						
13	Payment of fees for Certificate in Social Work courses conducted by NISD for Samurdhi Development Officers.	700	06 Months				Officers had to be given extra knowledge needed to carry out parliamentary activities.
14	Referring of suitable officers for foreign training opportunities conducted by the Department of External Resources	5				Foreign	Implementation of the exchange of experience of poverty alleviation programmes in regional countries in the development programmes of the Department of
	Maintenance and Purchase of Samurdhi Training Centers						
15	i. Maintenance and Purchase of Samurdhi Training Centers			157,159.90			Employee/officer motivation by providing quality service delivery
16	ii. Nillamba Training Center *Purchase of equipment.			72,790.00			

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			Duration of the programme	Domestic	Foreign		
17	iii. Matara Training Center *Repair of electrical system			814,500.00			
	* Payment of lift service charges			109,928.20			
	Programmes implemented under Microfinance Bank Provisions.						
18	The training course on accounting and business studies conducted by the CMA Institute for the banking staff	620	06x12 Days	16,002,200		Local	To provide knowledge to carry out banking activities of Samurdhi Micro Finance Banking System as per standard
19	Making aware the staff of Samurdhi Banks and Samurdhi Bank Societies about the software systems introduced for the duties of the Samurdhi Department.	16502		24,255,652.04			Increase employee skills and efficiency.
20	Referring of Samurdhi Bank and Society officers to Colombo University to study Service Management Diploma course. Course fee is 50%-paid by the officer and the respective bank. (19 x 90,000 x 50)	19					Emergence of an efficient staff with educated and intelligent skills.

S. No .	Training Programme	Number of Employees Trained	Total Investment (Rs.000)			Nature of Program (Domestic / Foreign)	Output / Knowledge Gained
			Duration of the programme	Domestic	Foreign		
21	Samurdhi Bank and Society Officers have borne 50% to send the officers to Colombo University to study the Higher Diploma Course in Service Management. (18 x 125,000 x 50 %)	18					
Grand Total				46,647,075.10			

Chapter 07 – Compliance Report

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non- compliance in the future
1	The following financial statements / accounts have been submitted on the due date			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Complied.		
1.2	Advances to Public Officers' Account	Complied.		
1.3	Business and Product Advance Account (Commercial Advance Account)	Not applicable	Commercial Advance Accounts are not maintained.	
1.4	Stores Advance Account	Not applicable.	Stores Advance Accounts are not maintained.	
1.5	Special Advance Account	Not applicable	Special Advance Accounts are not maintained.	
1.6	Other	Not applicable	Other Advance Accounts are not maintained.	
2	Maintenance of Books and Documents. (Rs. (445			
2.1	Updating and maintaining the Register of Fixed Assets as per Public Administration Circulars 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Updating and maintaining personal payroll documents / personal payroll cards	Complied.		
2.3	Updating and maintaining the audit query list	Complied.		

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2.4	Updating and maintaining the internal audit record	Complied.		
2.5	Prepare all monthly account summaries (CIGAS) and submit to the Treasury on the due date	Complied.		
2.6	Update and maintain cheques and Money Order Register	Complied.		
2.7	Update and maintain Inventory	Complied.		
2.8	Update and maintain Stock Register	Complied.		
2.9	Update and maintain the Register of Losses and Damages	Complied.		
2.10	Update and maintain the Register of Liabilities	Complied.		
2.11	Updating and maintaining the Receipt Book Register (GA-N(20	Complied.		
03	Representation of functions for financial control (Rs. (135			
3.1	Financial Powers should be delegated within the institution	Complied.		
3.2	It should be informed within the institution about the delegation of financial powers	Complied.		
3.3	Delegation of powers so that each transaction is approved by two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	When using Government Payroll Software Package, taking actions as per the control of the Accountants as per State Accounts Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non- compliance in the future
04	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	Preparation of Annual Action Plan	Complied		
4.2	Preparation of Annual Procurement Plan	Complied		
4.3	Preparation of Annual Internal Audit Plan	Complied		
4.4	Prepare the Annual Estimate and submit it to the National Budget Department (NBD) on the due date.	Complied		
4.5	Presentation of the Annual Cash Flow Statement to the Treasury Operations Department on the due date	Complied		
5	Audit Queries			
5.1	All the audit queries should be answered by the date fixed by the Auditor General	Complied		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	Preparation of Internal Audit Plan - after discussing with the Auditor General at the beginning of 2019, F.R134 . (2) DMA /1	Complied		
6.2	Reply to all Internal Audit Reports within one month.	Non-compliance	There are instances where answers to audit queries are delayed due to the spread to District and Regional Levels.	Arrangements have been made to obtain answers through the District Audit Unit.
6.3	Submission of copies of all internal audit reports to the Department of Management Audit in terms of sub-	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non- compliance in the future
	section 40 (4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.			
6.4	Copies of all Internal Audit Reports submitted to the Auditor General in accordance with Financial Regulation (3) 134 .	Complied		
7	Audit and Management Committees			
7.1	It should have maintained at least 04 Audit and Management Committees during the relevant year according to DMA Circulars 1-2019 .	Complied		
8	Assets Mangement			
8.1	Submitting information on purchases and misappropriation of assets to the Comptroller General's Office according to the Chapter 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017 .	Complied		
8.2	Appointing a suitable Liaison Officer to coordinate the execution of the provisions of that Circular in Chapter 13 of the above Circular and reporting the information about that officer to the Comptroller General's Office	Complied		
8.3	Conducting Board of Surveys and submit the relevant reports to the Auditor General on the due date as per Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016 .	Complied		
8.4	The excesses , shortages and other recommendations revealed in the Annual Board of Survey should be made within the period specified in the Circular	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non- compliance in the future
8.5	Disposal of Disposable Goods in accordance with F.R. 772	Complied		
9	Vehicle Mangement			
9.1	Preparation of daily running charts and monthly summary reports for pool vehicles and submit to the Auditor General on the due date.	Complied		
9.2	Disposing of vehicles within a period less than 6months	Complied		
9.3	Maintaining log books in an updated manner	Complied		
9.4	Taking actions in accordance with F.R. 103, 104, 109, 110 in respect of every vehicle accident.	Complied		
9.5	Re-checking of combustion of fuel of the vehicles in terms of Paragraph 3.1 of Public Administration No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016	Complied		
9.6	Taking over the entire ownership of leased vehicles in the vehicle log books after the completion of lease period.	Complied		
10	Bank Account Management			
10.1	Preparation of bank reconciliation as at the stipulated date and certify them and submit to audit	Complied		
10.2	Settlement of inactive bank accounts brought forward in the year under review or the years before that.	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non- compliance in the future
10.3	Taking actions in accordance with Financial Regulations with regard to the balances which were revealed from bank reconciliation and which should be adjusted.	Complied		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	Spending so that the provisions made do not exceed their limits	Complied		
11.2	Enter into liabilities at the end of the year after utilizing the provision made so as not to exceed the remaining provision limit in accordance with F.R. 94 (1) .	Complied		
12	Advances to public Officers' Account			
12.1	Compliance with the limits	Complied		
12.2	Having a time analysis of outstanding loan balances.	Complied		
12.3	Settling of arrears of debt remaining for more than one year	Not complied	There are loan balances that need to be settled further in the special circumstances of the Department of Samurdhi Development.	Arrangements have been made to settle the debt balances.
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	Taking actions in respect of lapsed deposits in terms of F.R. 571	Complied		
13.2	Update and maintain the control account for general deposits	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status (Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non-compliance in the future
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	Remittance of cash book balance to the Treasury Operations Department at the end of the year under review	Complied		
14.2	Settling of issued ad hoc sub-impressts that the task has been completed within a month in terms of F.R. 371 .	Complied		
14.3	Issuance of ad hoc sub-impressts not exceeding the approved limit as per F.R. 371	Complied		
14.4	Reconcile the imprest account balance with Treasury Books monthly.	Complied		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	Repayments made from the collected income in accordance with the relevant Regulations	Not applicable.	There is no allocated Revenue Head	
15.2	Crediting of the collected income to the revenue directly without crediting to the deposit account.	Not applicable	There is no allocated Revenue Head	
15.3	Submission of arrears revenue reports to the Auditor General according to F.R. 176	Not applicable	There is no allocated Revenue Head	
16	Human Resources Management			
16.1	Maintaining staff within the approved staff limit	Complied		
16.2	Providing duty lists in writing to all staff members	Complied		
16.3	All reports should be submitted to the Management Services Department in terms of MSD Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status Compliance / Non- compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non- compliance in the future
16.3	All reports should be submitted to the Management Services Department in terms of MSD Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	Complied		
17	Provision Of Information to the Public			
17.1	Appointing an Information Officer in accordance with the Information Act and Regulations and updating and maintaining a Register of Providing Information .	Complied		
17.2	Information about the Institution is available through its website and facilitate the public to express praises / accuses about the institution through the website or through alternative channels.	Complied		
17.3	Submission of reports twice a year or once a year as per Sections 08and 10of the Information Act	Complied		
18	Implementation of Citizen Charter			
18.1	Formulating a Citizen / Client Charter as per the Ministry of Public Administration and Management Circulars No. 05/2008 and (1) 05/2018 and having been activated	Complied		
18.2	Establishment of a system by the institutions to monitor and evaluate the implementation and implementation of the Citizen / Client Charter according to Paragraph 2.3 of that Circular,	Complied		

PS. No.	Requirement Need to be Applied	Compliance status (Compliance / Non-compliance)	If not, give a brief explanation	Accurate decision - making measures that are proposed to prevent non-compliance in the future
19	Formulating Human Resources Plan			
19.1	Having prepared a Human Resources Plan based on Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	Complied		
19.2	Ensuring of a minimum of 12 hours of training per year for each staff member in the above Human Resources Plan	Complied		
19.3	Signing of Annual Performance Agreements for the entire staff based on the format given in Annexure 01 of the above Circular.	Complied		
19.4	Preparation of Human Resource Development Plan, Development of capacity development programmes, appointing a senior officer responsible assigning Skills Development Programmes in accordance with Paragraph 6.5 of the above Circular.	Complied		
20	Responding to Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	Correction of the deficiencies pointed out in the Audit Paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years	Complied		

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