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Preface

This Report has been compiled in accordance with the procedures, policy decisions and strategies followed by the office of National Secretariat for elders, established under the ministry of Social service, as spelt out in Act No 09, 2000.

The objective of this Annual Report -2012 is to highlight the level of Performance of the programmes implemented with a view to enhancing wellbeing of the elder community in Sri Lanka, to the honourable members of the Parliament of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

As stated in the Act, numerous programmes were implemented in year 2012 to bring about self dignity, independence, participation, safety and protection for elders. Being able to deliver a fruitful service for the elder community, gives us utmost satisfaction and pleasure.

Further through the policy document ‘Mahinda Chinthanaya’, it was proposed, to offer Rs.1,000 to the elders above 70 years, the every elder considered to be the major contributors for building our glorious past heritage. This noteworthy, praise worthy step was taken towards bringing about a satisfactory life for elder community, a step which too, will make Sri Lanka a miracle.

Executive Report

The office of the National Secretariat for elders implemented diverse programmes and projects throughout Sri Lanka for the wellbeing of elderly population in the country in year 2012. This very reason enabled the said institution to achieve physical and financial progress as planned in 2012.

Among the programmes implemented providence of Rs.1000 for the elders above 70 years as a proposal under the Mahinda Chinthanaya has been the leading one. The assistance and the guidance given by honourable minister, deputy minister and also the staff attached to the ministry to overcome the challenges had been noteworthy.

Further special thanks should go to the secretary of social services, staff members, the staff of the National secretariat of the elders and also the officers in charge for the subject matter, attached to the divisional secretary's division.

The aforesaid achievements and performance targets of year 2012 were achieved with utmost dedication and the detailed description of the same is provided in the inner pages of the report.

Introduction

There has been a visible improvement in the health, nutritional and education sectors in Sri Lanka, the result of continuous social & economic development, the country has witnessed during past several decades. The above factor resulted in the drop in birth rate and an improvement in the life expectancy, increasing the percentage of elder population in the country. There has been a considerable growth in the elder population in Sri Lanka. Accordingly it is expected that the percentage of elder population in the country will grow from present 12.2% to 20% within the next decade.

It is necessary that the welfare facilities to improve the living standards of elder should be upgraded. The rights of elder too, should be protected. The office of the National Secretariat for elders, act with utmost dedication towards achieving the above mentioned goals. Various steps were taken in year 2012 to empower the elder population. The registration of Village Elder Committees, Provincial Elder councils and District Elder councils, Providence of Financial assistance to day care centers, implementation of psychological counselling programmes to improve mental and spiritual development of elders, and also the training of elder caretakers were some of the major steps taken towards achieving the afore mentioned goals.

Our foremost intention is to prevent the elders leading a solitary life and to enhance their participation in the society.

National Secretariat for Elders

National Council for Elders & National Secretariat for Elders have been established under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act No. 09 of 2000

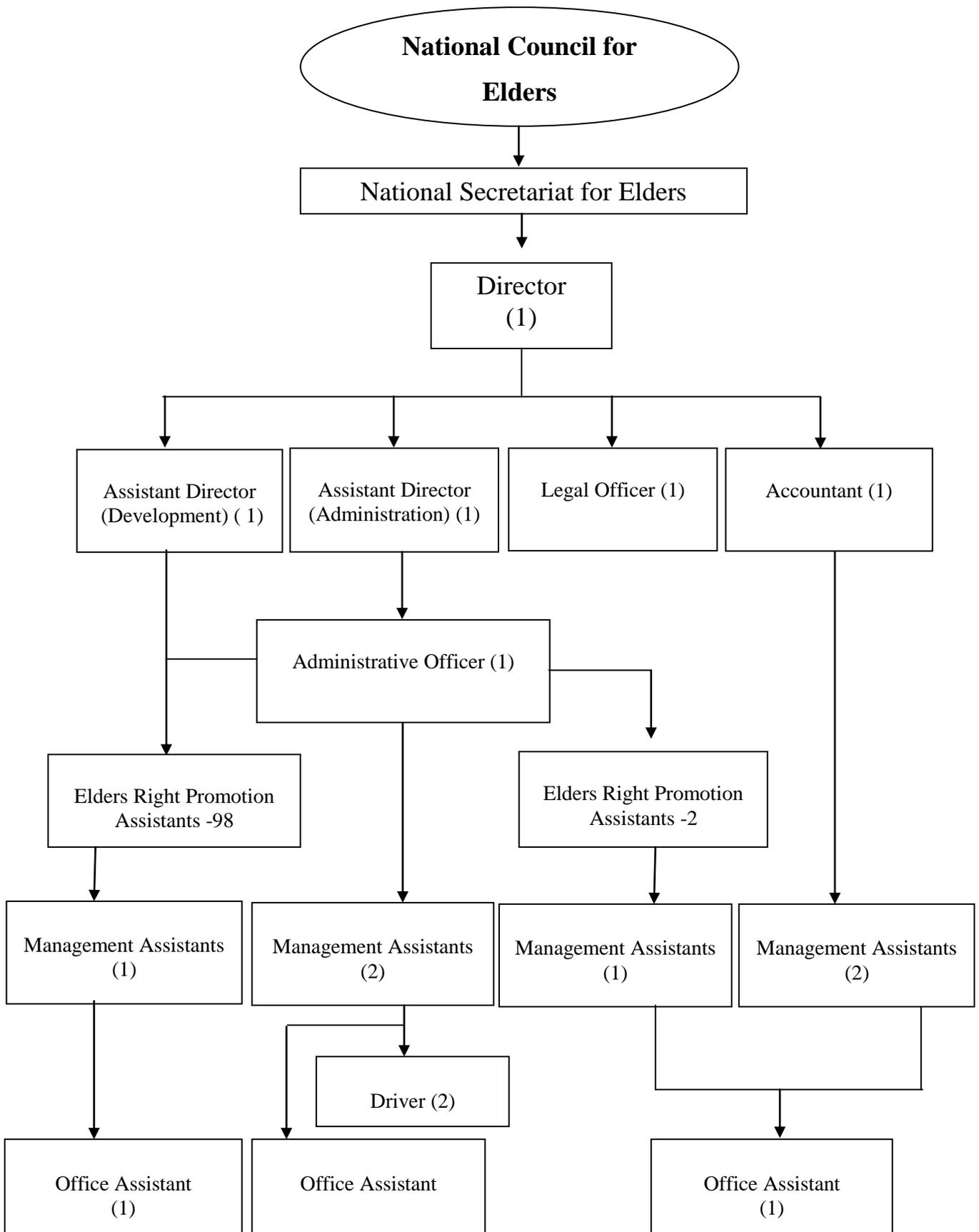
Vision

To take people of Sri Lanka towards an active, productive and dynamic ageing through caring

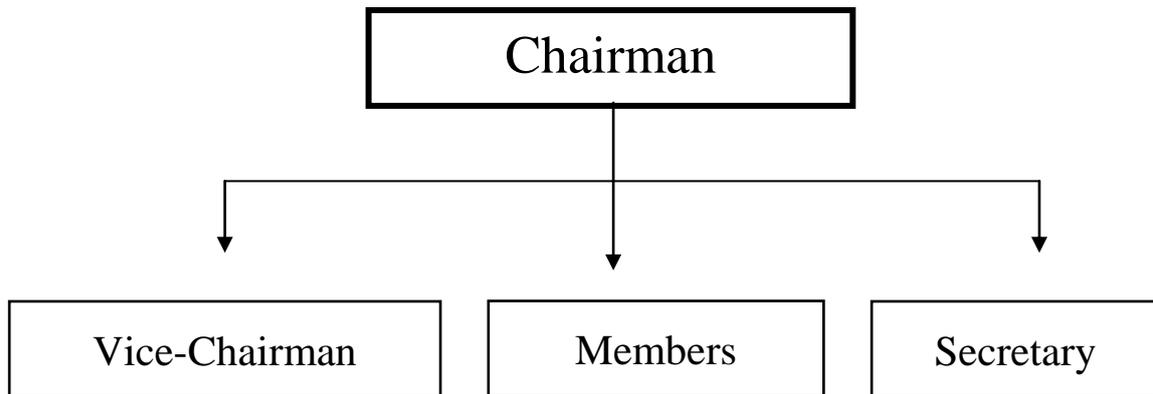
Mission

To encourage participation of older persons on social development and to ensure their independence, care, participation, self-fulfilment, dignity and to protect the rights of elders through awareness programmes.

Organization Chart



National Council for Elders - 2012



Name	Post
1. Mrs. Emelda Sukumar	Chairman
2. Mrs. N. K. Abeyratne	Vice-Chairperson
3. Mrs. J. Krishnamoorthy	Secretary
4. Mrs. V. Jegarasasingham	Member
5. Mr. Dharmasiri Peiris	Member
6. Hon. S. S. Wijerathne	Member
7. Dr. Anil Disanayake	Member
8. Mr. W. B. Kannangara	Member
9. Mr. Thilak de Soysa	Member
10. Miss. Geetha Wimalaweera	Member
11. Mr. P. Bandaranayake	Member
12. Mr. P. W. Thilakarathne Banda	Member
13. Mr. A. Abdon Silva	Member
14. Mr. K. A. Gunadasa Perera	Member
15. Mr. P. H. Siripala	Member

National Council for Elders

Chairman's Report- 2012

Among social and economic problems Sri Lanka is presently encountering, the rapid growth of elderly population has been one of the major problems. Therefore it is visible that the social responsibility entrusted upon the National Council for Elders has been growing by the day. This has made it all the more important for the council to pay extra attention to plan, and implement strategies with a view to bringing about wellbeing and protection for the elders.

Accordingly the council was able to carry out a broader National service compared to previous years, through the implementation of policy decisions taken to achieve the aforesaid task. This has brought us utmost satisfaction.

Therefore my appreciation and special thanks should go to all members attached to the National Council for Elders, and the director and the staff of National Secretariat for Elders, and also the Elder maintenance board for providing yeoman service with utmost responsibility. Further my special thanks go to the non-government organizations for assisting us in numerous ways to improve wellbeing and protection for elders.

Emelda Sukumar
Secretary
Ministry of Social Services
& Chairperson,
National Council for Elders

National Secretariat for Elders

Director's Report -2012

The brief description of the level of performance achieved in the year 2012, by the office of the National Secretariat for Elders, in accordance with the policy decisions and pre-determined procedures of the National Council for Elders, with a view to bringing about well-being for the elders in Sri Lanka, is stated below.

1. Allowance Rs 1000 for senior citizens

As appeared in the Mahinda Chinthana Idiri Dekma on behalf of the protection and welfare of the elders above 70 years, the government has allocated additional funds from the budget 2012.

During the year 2012 the above allowance has paid to around 174,000 senior citizens above 70 years old. Who are in less income.

2. Establishment of Rural elder committees and provision of financial assistance

Financial assistance worth Rs.2.131 million was provided to 376 Rural Elder Committees, 09 Regional Elder committees and one District Elder committee.

3. Issuance of elder's I.D cards

20500 elders were issued with I.D cards spending Rs. 0.485 million within the year 2012.

4. Providing financial assistance to elder day care centers

During the year 2012 financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 0.425 million was provided to 17 elder day care centers.

5. Training and awareness programmes

04, two day elder counselling skill development training workshops at national level and 2 awareness programmes for elders at regional level were conducted. Rs. 1.98 million was spent on the said programmes.

Rs. 0.785 million was spent to conduct 785 awareness programmes on elder care for the children attending Sunday schools. These programmes were conducted centering 157 Divisional Secretariat Divisions

Spending Rs. 0.237 million, three pre-retirement awareness programmes were conducted.

6. Provision of eye lenses and hearing aids, free of charge

According to medical advices, 1064 elders were provided with eye lenses and 26 persons were given hearing aids in the year 2012. Rs.5.212 million was spent on these projects.

7. Commemoration of International Elders Day

Under the theme “Good health Adds More Years to Life” a function to commemorate the elders day was held on 01.10.2012. It was held under the distinguish patronage of the Honourable Prime Minister and also with the participation of large number of elders from all over the Island. For this function Rs. 1.013 million was spent.

8. Provision of Financial Assistance for “Homes for the Elders”

Rs. 1.319 million was spent on developing the elders home and the holiday bungalow at Kataragama. Both are managed by the administrative council functioning under the National Secretariat for Elders. 35 elders have been provided with the residential protection at this centre.

9. Elder Cover sponsorship scheme (Vedihiti Awarana sponsorship scheme)

In the year 2012, 162 elders were continuously provided with financial assistance of Rs. 250/= per month, through the contribution from philanthropists.

10. Publications

150,000 Elders ID cards have printed during the year 2012. Total expenditure made for that Rs. 0.570 million.

11. Maintenance Board of the Elders

The board met 48 times within the year 2012. Out of 150 complaints received from the elders, 69 cases were solved completely. Accordingly Rs.0.474 million was spent on the activities of the maintenance Board in the year 2012.

12. National Council for Elders

National Council for elders had 11 meeting sessions in the year 2012. The expenditure on this was Rs.0.733 million.

In spite of allocating Rs. 78.190 million for capital and recurrent expenditure in the year 2012, only Rs. 65.790 million had been received. As a result, there had been difficulties in reaching the targeted level of performance in accordance with the activity schedule of the year 2012.

In spite of all these difficulties, out of Rs. 56.290 million received for recurrent expenditure, Rs. 14.57 million was directly spent on elder welfare.

P. K. S. Subodhini
Director
National Secretariat for Elders

Development Progress

Refurbishment of Elders Homes

Province	Name of the home	Proposed improvements	Released Financial Assistance (Rs.)
Western	Sethsewana State Elders Home, Meerigama	Attach tiles in the floor	550,000.00
Sabaragamuwa	Wallalgoda Sarana Sewana Elders Home	Construction of sick room	998,000.00
North Central	Nallanchiya Elders Day care centre, Galnewa	Construction of toilet system	508,369.58
Southern	Katuwana Liyanapathirana Elders Home	Renovation of toilet system	306,626.91
	Sarana Anda Elders Home, Kirinda Puhulwella	Renovation of parapet wall	345,721.86
Central	Rangiri Dambulu Elders Home	Construction of security wall	300,000.00
	Sarana Elders Home, Gurulupotha	Construction of remaining part of the parapet wall	700,000.00
Uva	Kataragama Elders Home	Renovation of kitchen	48,692.83
	Kataragama Elders Home	Construction of office building	134,134.90
	Pilisarana Elders Home, Monaragala	Completion of fence around the Elders home.	487,351.92
Northern	Kaithadi Elders Home, Jaffna	Construction of Meditation Centre	1,311,000.00
Eastern	Muslim Elders Home, Kathankudi	Construction of parapet wall	200,000.00
	Uthtalapura Sarana Elders Home, Dehiathakandiya	Construction of kitchen	899,800.00
North Western	D. M. De Silva Elders Home	Construction of Well	670,000.00
	Neel Hemantha Elders Home, Udubaddawa	Construction of arms giving hall	330,000.00
Grand Total			7,789,637.14

Mobile Services for Issuing of Elders ID Cards

Province	District	Divisional Secretariat Division	No. of I. D. Cards	No. of mobile services
Western	Colombo	Colombo	55	Rs.1,375/-
		Kolonnawa	78	Rs.1,950/-
		Homagama	107	Rs. 2,675/-
		Padukka	218	Rs. 6,540/-
		Maharagama	23	Rs. 575/-
		Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte	52	Rs. 1,300/-
		Thimbirigasyaya	202	Rs.5,050/-
		Dehiwala – Mount Laviniya	103	Rs.2,575/-
		Rathmalana	43	Rs. 1,075/-
	Kaluthara	Ingiriya	153	Rs. 3,825/-
		Kaluthara	444	Rs. 11,100/-
	Gampaha	Negombo	223	Rs. 5,575/-
		Diwlapitiya	495	Rs. 12,375/-
		Meerigama	39	Rs. 975/-
		Gampaha	143	Rs. 3,575/-
		Dompe	328	Rs. 8,200/-
		Biyagama	31	Rs. 775/-
	Central	Kandy	Pujapitiya	288
Akurana			145	Rs. 3,725/-
Medadumbara			564	Rs. 14,100/-
Kundasale			223	Rs. 5,575/-
Hatharaliyedda			101	Rs. 2,525/-
Udunuwara			107	Rs. 4,280/-
Udawalatha			79	Rs. 1,975/-
Nuwara Eliya		Kothmale	372	Rs. 9,300/-
		Hanguranketha	278	Rs. 6,950/-

		Ambagamuwa Korale	1228	Rs. 30,700/-
Southern	Galle	Baddegama	28	Rs. 700/-
		Imaduwa	241	Rs. 6,025/-
		Habaraduwa	116	Rs. 2,900/-
	Matara	Mulatiyana	235	Rs. 5,875/-
		Welipitiya	369	Rs. 9,225/-
		Hakmana	215	Rs. 5,375/-
		Kirinda - Puhulwella	230	Rs. 5,750/-
	Hambanthota	Beliaththa	179	Rs. 4,475/-
Northern	Mannar	Nanattan	273	Rs. 8,190/-
Eastern	Batticaloa	Koraleipattu Central	105	Rs. 2,725/-
	Ampara	mahaoya	131	Rs. 3,275/-
		Ampara	262	Rs. 6,550/-
		Ninthavur	20	Rs. 500/-
		Lahugala	355	Rs. 8,875/-
North Western	Kurunegala	Ibbagamuwa	361	Rs. 9,025/-
		Kurunegala	165	Rs. 4,125/-
		Mawathagama	47	Rs. 1,175/-
		Narammala	413	Rs. 10,325/-
	Puttalam	Mundalama	193	Rs. 4,825/-
		Anamaduwa	109	Rs. 2,725/-
		Dankotuwa	82	Rs. 2,050/-
	Polonnaruwa	Medirigiriya	124	Rs.3,100/-
North Central	Anradhapura	Galenbidunuwewa	197	Rs. 4,925/-
		Mihinthale	307	Rs. 7,675/-
		Nachchaduwa	841	Rs. 21,025/-
		Nochchiyagama	59	Rs. 1,475/-
		Thambuttegama	356	Rs. 8,900/-

		Ipalogama	196	Rs. 4,900/-
		Galnewa	101	Rs. 2,525/-
Uva	Badulla	Soranathota	124	Rs. 3,100/-
		Badulla	245	Rs. 6,225/-
		Welimada	55	Rs. 1,375/-
	Monaragala	Medagama	265	Rs. 6,625/-
		Badalkumbura	446	Rs. 11,150/-
Sabaragamuwa	Kegalle	Aranayaka	452	Rs 11,300/-
		Yatiantota	249	Rs. 6,225/-
		Dehiovita	371	Rs. 9,275/-
		Deraniyagala	645	Rs. 16,110/-
	Rathnapura	Imbulpe	312	Rs. 7,800/-
		pelmadulla	61	Rs. 1,525/-
		Weligepola	722	Rs. 18,050/-
		Embilipitiya	80	Rs. 2,000/-
		Kolonna	318	Rs. 7,950/-
	Total			16730

Establishment of Elders Village Level Committees & Granting Rs. 5,000

Province	District	No. of Committees Financially Assisted
Western	Kalutara	22
	Colombo	22
	Gampaha	11
Central	Kandy	43
	Mathale	16
Southern	Galle	36
	Matara	13
	Hambanthota	03
Northern	Jaffna	04
	Vavuniya	05
	Kilinochchi	15
Eastern	Batticaloa	12
	Ampara	25
	Trincomalee	08
North Western	Puttalam	25
	Kurunegala	65
Sabaragamuwa	Rathnapura	12
	Kegalle	22
Uwa	Monaragala	06
	Badulla	13
Total		378

Financially Assisted (Rs. 7,500) Divisional Level Elders Committees

Province	District	Divisional Secretariat Division
Colombo	Kalutara	01
Southern	Galle	02
	Matara	01
	Hambanthota	01
Sabaragamuwa	Rathnapura	01
North Central	Anuradhapura	01
Central	Kandy	01
Eastern	Ampara	01
Total		09

Financially Assisted (Rs. 15,000) District Level Elders Committees

Province	District
Western	Colombo
For a programme	

Granting Funds for Day Centres - 2012

Province	District	Divisional Secretariat Division	Funds for buying Equipment	
			No. of Centres	Payment Rs.
Western	Kaluthara	Horana	02	50,000.00
Southern	Matara	Beliaththa	01	25,000.00
North Western	Kurunegala	Kuliyapitiya East	03	75,000.00
		Udubaddawa	01	25,000.00
Sabaragamuwa	Kegalle	Kegalle	01	25,000.00
	Rathnapura	Rathnapura	01	25,000.00
		Eheliyagoda	01	25,000.00
Central	Nuwara Eliya	Ambagamuwa Korale	02	50,000.00
		Nuwara Eliya	01	25,000.00
Uwa	Badulla	Soranathota	01	25,000.00
Northern	Vavuniya	Vavuniya	01	25,000.00
	Mannar	Nanattan	01	25,000.00
Eastern	Ampara	Mihinthale	01	25,000.00
Total			17	425,000

Pre-Retirement Programme - 2012

Place	No. of Programmes	No of Beneficiaries	Amount Rs.
Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Institute	01	280	308,337.00
Total	01	280	308,337.00

Care Givers - Training Programme

National Secretariat for Elders has initiated a programme to train and employ elder care voluntary workers with the intention of providing care and nursing services needed for elders. Accordingly, a group of 135 selected persons were given a systematic training for three weeks, on looking after and providing health services for elders by now, precious opportunity has emerged especially for those elders living in Western province with the requirement of such a service, to obtain the services of these trained personal. To provide this service, for an eight hour shift during the day time, only a fee of Rs. 600/= will be charged.

This service is provided under the complete supervision of the National Secretariat for Elders and depending on the nature of the required service of receivers, services of a female or a male service provider can be obtained. Also, the elder care givers that are employed will work according to a code of ethics.

The training programme has been planned and operated jointly by the Ministry of Social Services and the Ministry of Health. A proper certificate and an identity card are issued for those who have completed the training successfully. Therefore obtaining the services of elder protection voluntary workers with more confidence has become possible.

As a result of this programme not only the elders and their families, but also those who have been trained as elder protection voluntary workers have been benefited. They can now own a government recognized valuable certificate after going through a training and earn an income by working as an independent caretaker.

Although the functioning of this elder protection voluntary service is presently centered around the Western province, by spreading this service to the other provinces in the future it is hoped to provide a broader service to the elders who require such a service.

The details pertaining to the training of Domestic elder hospitality workers in the year 2012 stated below.

Group	No of Beneficiaries	Amount Rs. Million
6 th Group	30	0.239

“Wedihiti Awarana Kepakaru” - Sponsorship Scheme

The NSE has started a programme called Sponsorship Scheme for Elders which helps needy elders above 70 years according to the suggestion made by the NSE.

Any person can contribute their money for this programme and the money collected through this programme will be paid to needy elders selected from AGA divisions and each elder is paid Rs. 250/- per month. The recipient is paid Rs. 1,000/- for 4 months period and it is done by the Divisional secretariat.

An officer attached to the secretariat by the NSE will inform the donor about the date the financial grant is made and he also looks for the status of the recipient.

A donor can select an elder or number of elders from the list prepared by the Secretariat or otherwise they are selected by the Secretariat.

Information about the elder will be provided to the donor.

A donor can contribute for this programme through forwarding the donation to the account number 5234881 in BOC Nugegoda in favour of sponsorship scheme for Elders; otherwise they can make contribution to the Secretariat.

It is expected to expand the programme since this is a great service for needy elders.

Accordingly list of donors as well as beneficiaries and divisional secretariats in the year 2012 is given below.

No	Donor's name	No of Beneficiaries	Beneficiary's Name	Divisional Secretariat
1	Miss. W. Yamuna Chitranganie	11	Mrs. Agilis Fernando	Ibbagamuwa
			Mrs. R. Y. G. Gunawathi	Galagedara
			Mrs. H. Jayawathi	Bulathsinghala
			Mrs. A. C. Kamalawathi	Bulathsinghala
			Mrs. W. P. Leelawathi	Thissamaharama
			Mrs. D. B. Jean Nona	Rideegama
			Mr. vini Fernando	Panadura
			Mr. A. G. Dharmawardhana	Deraniyagala
			Mrs. A. W. Magilin Rodrigo	Maspotha
			Mrs. G. Theresa Dilex	Kelaniya
			Mrs. M. G. Dingiri Amma	Kundasale - Menikhinna
2	Mr. Ananda Thilakasiri	10	Mrs. M. A. Ghanawathi	Sewanagala
			Mrs. R. M. Dingina	Sewanagala
			Mrs. M. P. Anagi	Minuwangoda
			Mrs. U. G. Dingirimenike	Udugampola
			Mrs. A. W. P. Babynona	Devinuwara
			Mr. M. V. Piyasena	Devinuwara
			Mrs. A. W. P. Kusumawathi	Devinuwara
			Mr. Thambimuththu Ilethambi	Samanthurai
			Mr. Aburan Mudiappu	Delft
			Mrs. M. P. Lili	Kelaniya
3	Mr. Edwrad Perera	08	Mrs. D. G. P. M. Rando hami	Paduwasnuwara West
			Mrs. K. M. Rando hami	Paduwasnuwara West
			Mrs. J. A. Winiprida Perera	Kaluthara
			Mr.P. A. Piyasena	Come to office and get money
			Mr. D. B. Danoris	Sewanagala
			Mr. Delim Singho	Sewanagala
			Mrs. S. Hurathalee	Kolonna
			Mrs. E. M. Bandara Menike	Mawathagama
4	Mr. A. B. Perera	1	Mr. M. A. Sethan Singho	Nittabuwa
5	Mr. J. A. D. Lenard Rohana	1	Mrs. J. A.D. Emalin Nona	Biyagama
6	Mrs. Soma Kulathunga	3	Mr. A. Anthoni	Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte

No	Donator's name	No of Beneficiaries	Beneficiary's Name	Divisional Secretariat
			Mrs. E. Wayalat Nona	Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte
			Mrs. K. A. Podihamine	Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte
7	Mr. Jayantha Pinchihewa	1	Mrs. K. Mary Nona	Kesbewa
8	Mrs. Lalani Perera	2	Mrs. K. M. Bandara Menile	Pathana Hewa Seta
			Mrs. W. Dinuhami	Polpithigama
9	Mrs. S. Prasangika Silva	1	Mr. M. M. Abeyrathne	Thambuththegama
10	Mrs. M. S. A. Hinted	8	Mrs. G. R. Sadinona	Warakapola
			Mrs. I. G. Soida	Warakapola
			Mrs. H. P. Podinona	Warakapola
			Mrs. W. H. Liliya	Warakapola
			Mrs. J. P. Laisa	Warakapola
			Mr. A. Simion	Negambo
			Mr. A. Amarasiri de Silva	Negambo
			Mr. J. M. Adman	Negambo
11	Mrs. N. A. Fernando	6	Mr. M. Peter Perera	Negambo
			Mrs. R. A. Kusumawathi	Negambo
			Mr. A. Hemapala Perera	Negambo
			Mr. W. D. Dharmadasa	Negambo
			Mr. A. Victor	Negambo
			Mrs. K. B. Asilin Nona	Negambo
12	Mr. T. Thamithegama	4	Mrs. M. D. Leelawathi	Mahakumbukkadawala
			Mrs. R. D. Pinie	Giribawa
			Mrs. H. M. Haminona	Giribawa
			Mrs. R. M. Gnanalatha	Polgahawela
13	Mrs. R. M. Kusuma Kumarihami	1	Mrs. A. Sumanawathi	Mihinthale
14	Mrs. W. M. Wathsala	1	Mr. G. Aspathiyegedara	Waththegama
15	Mrs. A. M. R. A. Jayasundara	1	Mrs. R. Aginona	Kaduwela
16	Mrs. Nanda Karunasena	1	Mrs. L. A. Heenhami	Kelaniya
17	Mrs. Sunila Perera	1	Mrs. I. Dona Agnes	Kelaniya
18	Mrs. Tharanga Karunasena	1	Mrs. I. Ansinona	Kelaniya
19	Mrs. M. P. Gunadasa & Miss. M. D. I. U. Gunaddasa	2	Mrs. A. Soma Gunawardhana	Minuwangoda

No	Donator's name	No of Beneficiaries	Beneficiary's Name	Divisional Secretariat
			Mr. M. P. Vipulasena	Minuwangoda
20	Mr. K. P. Nishantha	1	Mrs. M. P. Asilinnona	Dompe
21	Mr. M. S. M. Ashrof	1	Mr. Abdul Raswan	Kalutara
22	Mrs. Seela Piyasingha	1	Mrs. H. M. Herath Menike	Ibbagamuwa
23	Mrs. Indrani Senavirathne	1	Mrs. Yasawathi Weththasinghe	Maharagama
24	Mrs. Dilupa Senawirathne	1	Mr. Norbat Wimalarathne	Piliyandala
25	Mrs. Vinitha Mallika	1	Mrs. Sumana Perera	Thimbirigasyaya
26	Mrs. D. P. Wichramarachchi	1	Mr. M. Thysitha Rathne Silva	Balapitiya
27	Mr. Haweendra Kaldera	2	Mrs. H. B. Pithsohami	Malimbada
			Mrss. W. P. Gunawathi	Kundasale

Katharagama Circuit Bungalow - Income and Expenditure Statements in 2012

Year	Month	No of rooms reserved	Income Rs.	Expenses			
				Water Bill Rs.	Current Bill Rs.	Cleaning Chargers Rs	
2012	January	21	15,900.00	18,088.00	2,619.00	6,700.00	
		12	13,400.00				
	February	29	21,000.00	8,181.60	1,260.23	7,500.00	
		11	10,000.00				
	March	13	10,200.00	7,963.20	2,385.00	15,500.00	
		2	2,800.00				
	April	35 (With F.H.)	38,700.00	5,234.90	3,750.00	15,500.00	
		7	6,700.00				
	May	28	26,400.00	5,931.00	2,214.38	15,500.00	
		4	2,400.00				
	June	16 (With F.H.))	20,100.00	9,273.60	2,775.00	15,500.00	
		2	2,000.00				
		July	17	12,900.00	8,108.80	922.50	15,500.00
		August	41 (With F.H.)	42,400.00	6,944.00	4,700.00	15,500.00
			7	6,400.00			
		September	27	26,000.00	14,968.80	1,970.63	15,500.00
		October	26(With F.H.)	31,300.00	7,526.40	2,701.88	15,500.00
		November	12(With F.H.)	12,800.00	8,550.00	2,043.75	15,500.00
	1		700.00				
	December	40(With F.H.)	34,800.00	12,980.80	2,701.88	15,500.00	
	Total		336,900.00	113,751.20	30,044.88	169,200.00	

Senior Citizens Pension Scheme

This Pension Scheme was started in the year 2007 in line with the International Day for Elders under the supervision of Ministry of Social Services & Social Welfare. The National Secretariat for Elders jointly with the Sri Lanka Social Security Board launched the programme with effect from 01/01/2008.

Accordingly needy elders who are above their 70's and not getting any financial assistance from the Government are selected from divisional level are considered for this scheme and priorities are given to elders with disabilities and non-communicable diseases.

Rs. Million 03 granted by the National Lotteries Board through "Supiri Wasana" lottery has been deposited in the bank by the Sri Lanka Social Security Board and monthly pensions are made out of the interest generated through the investment.

At present, 89 suitable elders are receiving monthly allowances of Rs. 500/- each through this scheme.

Maintenance Board for Elders

The Maintenance Board for Elders was established to protect the Rights of Elders under the Protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000. It consists of five members, including the Chairman, who are appointed by the Judicial Services Commission. The present Chairman is a retired High Court Judge.

The role of the Board is to assist needy elders (over 60 years of age) claim maintenance funds from their own children who have neglected them.

Once a maintenance claim is received by the Board from parents, the two parties concerned are summoned, questioned and examined. The children are then ordered to make reasonable monthly maintenance payments for their parents on which the parents can survive on with their basis requirements, according to the Act.

Parents are eligible to claim maintenance from their adopted children in addition to their biological children. Moreover, parents who are below 60 years of age and who are mentally or physically disabled can claim maintenance according to provision 25(iv) of the Act.

Applications for claiming maintenance have been made available in Divisional Secretariats or Grama Niladhari Offices by the National Secretariat for Elders.

This Board has no legal power to settle family disputes or property related family matters.

When a particular child violates a maintenance order given by the board, there is the possibility of getting the maintenance order enforced by the Magistrate Court. There, the Magistrate has the power to enforce the maintenance order as it has been made under maintenance ordinance.

Maintenance Board for Elders

Applications received during the year 2012	-	289	
Insufficient Details	-	86	
No. of applications that do not come under the scope of the Board (Land matters & Family Disputes)	-	33	
No. of cases taken up for determination	-	218	
No. of cases settled	-	62	} 218
No. of cases disallowed	-	21	
No. of cases withdrawn	-	08	
No. of cases pending inquiry	-	127	

Members of the Maintenance Board for Elders

Chairman	-	Mr. Dudley Karunaratne
Secretary	-	Mr. S. Amarakoon

Members of the Board

1. Prof. Y. Rasanayagam
2. Mr. T. Perinpanayagam
3. Mr. A. C. M. M. Faalil
4. Mr. H. S. L. Rajapaksha

Accounting Policies of the National Secretariat for Elders

General Accounting Policies:

- (a). The financial statements of the organization are prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and Sri Lanka Accounting standards.
- (b). **Government Grants**

The National Secretariat for Elders is mainly funded by the General Treasury and treated as non-trading organization. The grant given by the Treasury for recurrent expenditure is credited to the income and expenditure Account while the amount granted for capital expenditure being capitalized and reflected as Government Capital Grant.

Fixed Assets and Depreciation

(a). Depreciation Policy

- I. Full year depreciation for the purchasing year and no depreciation for disposing year.
 - II. Depreciation rates on straight line are as follow.
 - (1) Vehicle - 10% p.c
 - (2) Building partitions - 15% p.c
 - (3) Plant & Machinery - 20% p.c
 - III. Expenditure of rehabilitation and improvements for Elders Homes is not debited as Rs. 11,414,732.70 capital expenditure, since these assets are not belonging to the National Council for Elders.
- (b) Capital & Recurrent imprest are included in the statement of financial Performance.
 - (c) The Department of Social Services had paid a sum of Rs. 1,626,420 as salaries for the eleven officers who have been employed in this institution.
 - (d) A certain part of fixed assets (Furniture & office equipment) is under the control of Divisional Secretariat.

National Council for Elders

Statement of Financial Position as at 31st December 2012

2011	Description	Note	Cost 2012	Provision for Depreciation 2012	W. D. V. 2012
Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>				
2,896,159.52	Furniture & Office Equipment		7,644,348.47	5,639,445.53	2,004,902.94
6,700,000.00	Vehicle		16,550,000.00	2,405,000.00	14,145,000.00
653,907.00	Plant & Machinery		2,441,309.00	1,863,904.20	577,404.80
10,250,066.52			26,635,657.47	9,908,349.73	16,727,307.74
4,810,482.93	Investment - Fixed Deposits				5,219,373.90
	<u>Current Assets</u>				
486,682.50	Stocks		442,107.84		
1,000.00	Unsettled Advanced	10	1,000.00		
50,800.00	Unsettled Festival Advanced	11	62,500.00		
130,389.96	Unsettled Flood Advance	12	32,597.48		
3,368,579.00	Staff Loan		3,257,884.00		
743,515.76	Cash & Cash Equivalents	8	943,849.56	4,739,938.88	
19,841,516.67	Total Current Assets				
	<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
	<u>Current Liabilities</u>				
40,000.00	Provision for Audit Fees		50,000		
5,432,276.00	Provision for Gratuity	16	5,854,110.50		
130,455.72	Staff Loan Fund	15	130,455.72		
1,370,041.46	Miscellaneous Deposit		1,519,310.53		
616,543.37	Accrued Expenses	9	9,527,771.61		
(7,982,654.31)	Net Current Assets			17,081,648.36	(12,341,709.48)
11,858,862.56	Total Net Assets				9,604,972.16
	<u>NET ASSETS / EQUITY</u>				
17,829,936.06	Accumulated Fund			16,175,474.46	
(4,316,611.90)	Add: Previous Year Adjustments			4,403,098.82	
13,513,324.16	Add/Less: Net Surplus/Deficit			11,772,375.64	(404,150.58)
(1,654,641.60)				(12,176,526.82)	
393,337.76	Government Grants - (Capital)				444,471.46
	Treasuary Grant - (Vehical)				9,100,000.00
	WHO Fund				104,613.52
	"Vedihiti Awarana"				360,037.76
393,337.76	Sponsorship Scheme	13			
11,858,862.56	Total Net Assets / Equity				9,604,972.16

Signed by ,
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Chairperson,
National Council for Elders

Signed by,
J. Krishnamoorthy
Director,
National Secretariat for Elders

National Council for Elders

Statement of Financial Performance for the Year Ended 31st December 2012

2011 Rs.	Description	Note	2012 Rs.	2012 Rs.
75,090,000.00	<u>Operating Revenue</u>			
	Government Grant		65,345,528.54	
	Ministry Grant		182,379,000.00	
	WHO		1,401,166.48	249,125,695.02
-	<u>Other Income</u>		-	
417,347.83	Interest on Fixed Deposit		408,890.97	
600.00	Donations		900.00	
505,044.43	Revenue - Miscellaneous		772,051.96	1,181,842.93
76,012,992.26				250,307,537.95
	<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
29,470,577.21	Personal Emoluments	1	36,167,278.59	
1,313,924.05	Traveling	2	1,831,102.12	
1,785,185.57	Supplies and consumable used	3	1,841,905.30	
658,512.07	Maintenance	4	376,009.88	
8,706,435.99	Contractual Services	5	7,762,773.43	
34,179,097.78	Other Operating Expenses	6	211,713,759.87	
1,553,721.19	Depreciation	7	2,791,234.98	
77,667,453.86	Total operating expenses			262,484,064.17
(1,654,461.60)	Net Surplus for the period			(12,176,526.22)

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Cash Flow Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2012

Description	2012 Rs.	2012 Rs.
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Deficit From Operating Activities	(12,176,526.22)	
Non - Cash Movements		
Depreciation	2,791,234.98	
Current Assets		
Decrease In Stock at the end of year	44,574.66	
Current Liabilities		
Gratuity	421,834.50	
Decrease in staff loan balance	110,695.00	
Increase in Un-Settled Flood Advances	97,792.48	
Increase in Unsettle Festival Advance	(11,700.00)	
Increase provision audit fees	10,000.00	
Increase in Miscellaneous deposit	149,269.07	
Increase accrued expenses	8,911,228.24	
	348,402.71	
Adjustments for Last Year	(86,486.92)	
Net Cash Flows From Operating Activities		261,915.79
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Fixed Assets interest	(408,890.97)	
Purchases From Property, Plant & Equipment	(9,268,476.00)	(9,677,366.97)
Net Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Government Grant (Capital)	444,471.46	
Treasuary Grant (Vehicle)	9,100,000.00	
WHO Fund	104,613.52	
Vedihiti Awarana Sponsorship Scheme	(33,300.00)	9,615,784.98
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		200,333.80
Cash & Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period		743,515.76
Cash & Cash Equivalents at End of Period		943,849.56

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Schedules

2011 Rs.	Note 1		Personal Emoluments	31/12/2012 Rs.
17,387,307.38		(I)	Salaries & Wages	21,063,628.80
2,923,086.68		(II)	E. P. F. Contribution	3,279,334.21
733,960.34		(III)	E. T. F. Contribution	819,833.36
189,156.52		(IV)	Overtime	434,119.87
44,589.14		(V)	Holiday Pay	43,263.18
7,287,423.04		(VI)	Interim Allowances (COL)	7,364,847.41
905,054.11		(VII)	Interim Allowances (COL)	3,162,251.76
29,470,577.21			Total	36,167,278.59

2011 Rs.	Note 2		Travelling Expenses	31/12/2012 Rs.
1,248,344.05		(I)	Travelling Domestic	1,726,508.60
65,580.00		(II)	Travelling Foreign	104,593.52
1,313,924.05			Total	1,313,924.05

2011 Rs.	Note 3		Supplies & Consumable Used	31/12/2012 Rs.
1,228,845.27		(I)	Stationery & Office Requisites	1,357,091.05
550,877.50		(II)	Fuel & Lubricants	481,019.25
5,462.80		(III)	Uniforms	3,795.00
1,785,185.57			Total	1,841,905.30

2011 Rs.	Note 4		Maintenance Expenditure	31/12/2012 Rs.
562,953.07		(I)	Vehicles	344,127.59
95,559.00		(II)	Plant, Machinery & Equipment	31,882.29
658,512.07			Total	376,009.88

2011 Rs.	Note 5		Contractual Services	31/12/2012 Rs.
19,600.00		(I)	Transport	6,410.00
503,484.73		(II)	Postal & Telecommunication Charges	556,349.49
777,675.89		(III)	Electricity & Water	880,895.54
3,363,234.16		(IV)	Rent	3,069,345.73
130,275.00		(V)	Cleaning Charges	150,338.00
75,070.00		(VI)	Newspaper Charges	59,705.00
117,899.80		(VII)	Entertainment Expenses	254,380.76
20,000.00		(VIII)	Audit Fees	74,797.00
212,403.27		(IX)	Security Charges	264,569.31
501,200.00		(X)	Allowances for Council Members	409,503.00
736,000.00		(X1)	Allowances for Board Members	1,103,014.00
1,165,156.14		(XII)	Other Allowances	511,631.10
1,084,437.00		(XII I)	Gratuity	421,834.50
8,706,435.99			Total	7,762,773.43

2011 Rs.	Note 6		Other Operating Expenses	31/12/2012 Rs.
2,132,803.00		(I)	Establishment of Village Level Committees	5,685,602.00
693,008.00		(II)	Issue of Identity Cards	571,797.00
734,750.00		(III)	Establishment of Day Centers & Provision of Grants for Income Generating Activities	974,389.00
533,618.20		(IV)	Publications	538,847.20
4,284,418.00		(V)	Training Programmes & Awareness Programmes	1,062,380.00
10,851,494.00		(VI)	Conducting Medical Clinics, Issue of Eye Lenses and Assistive Devices	8,005,650.00
1,347,265.00		(VII)	Commemorating "International Elders Day"	791,448.00
1,596,835.58		(VIII)	Assisting Home for the Aged	1,247,951.65
11,414,732.70		(IX)	Rehabilitation & Maintenance of Elders Home	8,734,528.54
590,173.30		(X)	Training & Capacity Building	321,000.00
		(XI)	World Health Organization	1,401,166.48
		(XII)	Elders Rs. 1000 Programme	182,379,000.00
34,179,097.78			Total	211,713,759.87

2011 Rs.	Note 7		Depreciation	31/12/2012 Rs.
1,075,241.76		(I)	Furniture & Office Equipment	920,232.58
-		(II)	Building Partitions	-
285,000.00		(III)	Vehicles	1,655,000.00
370,761.80		(IV)	Plant & Machinery	216,002.40
1,731,003.56			Total	2,791,234.98

2011 Rs.	Note 8		Bank Accounts	31/12/2012 Rs.
152,925.69		(I)	Cash at Bank - AC. No. 228075	195,564.17
460,134.35		(II)	Cash at Bank - AC. No. 5234881	321,451.04
130,455.72		(III)	Cash at Bank - AC. No. 9179076	426,834.35
743,515.76			Total	743,515.76

2011 Rs.	Note 9		Accrued Expenses	31/12/2012 Rs.
234,423.00		(I)	Travelling Expenses - Payable	793,655.00
-		(II)	Issue of Identity Cards - Payable	86,510.00
31,651.20		(III)	Publication Chargers - Payable	-
15,036.25		(IV)	Holiday Pay - Payable	-
6,046.87		(V)	Overtime - Payable	-
68,000.00		(VI)	Allowances of Board members - Payable	56,800.00
30,791.16		(VII)	Postal & Telephone Charges - Payable	45,227.77
16,174.89		(VIII)	Security Charges - Payable	54,868.20
-		(IX)	Clearing Charges - Payable	10,080.00
4,075.00		(X)	News Papers Charges - Payable	4,390.00
-		(XI)	Eye Lenses & Medical Clinic Charges - Payable	2,793,900.00
42,456.50		(XII)	Electricity & Water- Payable	114,204.79
-		(XIII)	Day Centers - Payable	549,389.00
81,288.50		(XIV)	Assistive Homes for the Aged - Payable	-
3,750.00		(XV)	Allowances of other - payable	-
82,850.00		(XVI)	Stationery - Payable	50,731.85
-		(XVII)	Entertainment - Payable	-
-		(XVIII)	Building Partition	1,413,015.00
-		(XIX)	Establishment of Village Level Committes	3,555,000.00
-		(XX)	ETP - Payable	-
-		(XXI)	Vehicle Maintenance - Payable	-
616,543.37			Total	9,527,771.61

2011 Rs.	Note 10		Unsettle Advance	31/12/2012 Rs.
1,000.00		(I)	S.Y.Gamage	1,000.00
1,000.00			Total	1,000.00

Opinion of the Auditor General

The audit of Financial Statements of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2012 comprising the balance sheet as at 31 December 2012 and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Section 13(1) of the Finance Act No. 38 of 1971 and section 20(3) of the protection of the Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000. My Comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Council in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act appear in this report. A detailed report in terms of Section 13(7)(a) of the Finance Act was forwarded to the Chairman of the Council on 22 August 2013.

Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 2:2 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Council for Elders as at 31 December 2012 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

W.P.C. Wickramarathne
Acting Auditor General



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The Chairman
 National Council for Elders

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2012 in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act. No. 38 of 1971.

The audit of financial statements of the National Council for Elders for the year ended 31 December 2012 comprising the statement of the financial position as at 31 December 2012 and the statement of financial performance and cash flow statement for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with Section 13(1) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 and Section 20(3) of the Protection of Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2009. My comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Council in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, appear in this report. A detailed report in terms of Section 13(7)(a) of the Finance Act, was furnished to the Chairman of the Council on 22 August 2013.

1:2 Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and for such internal control as the management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

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1:3 Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those Standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgements, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Council's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Council's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of financial statements. Sub - sections (3) and (4) of Section 13 of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971 give discretionary powers to the Auditor General to determine the scope and extent of the audit.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified audit opinion.

1:4 Basis for Qualified Audit Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

2. Financial Statements

2:1 Qualified Opinion

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 2:2 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the National Council for Elders as at 31 December 2012 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

2:2 Comments on Financial Statements

2:2:1 Accounting Deficiencies

The following observations are made.

- (a) The accumulated provision for depreciation as at the end of the year under review had been overstated by a sum of Rs.435,000.
- (b) A sum of Rs.104,614 received from the World Health Organization had been shown under the Equity/ Liability instead of being shown under the short term current liabilities.
- (c) A sum of Rs.41,245 credited to the Bank and a sum of Rs.24,000 received to the Bank in connection with the Elders Foster Account in the year under review had not been identified and taken into income.
- (d) Bank charges amounting to Rs.4,550 had not been brought to account.
- (e) Accrued expenses had been understated by a sum of Rs.382,150.

2:2:2 Lack of Evidence for Audit

The evidence indicated against the following items of account had not been furnished to audit.

Item	Value	Evidence not made available
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	Rs.	
(a) Fixed Assets		
(i) Furniture and Equipment	7,644,348	Register of Fixed Assets
(ii) Machinery and Equipment	2,441,309	Detailed Schedules
(b) Unsettled Advances	1,000	Register of Advances
(c) Telephone Bills	429,579	Register of Telephone Charges
(d) Payments	404,700	Bills
(e) Payment of Money to 84 Committees of Elders at Rs.5,000 per Committee	420,000	Receipts for acknowledgement of cash

(f)	Money remitted to the Offices of Divisional Secretaries	185,000	Receipts for acknowledgement of cash
(g)	Repairs to Elders Homes	225,000	Reports of Technical Officers
		800,000	Receipts, Agreements and Progress Reports

2:2:3 Non-compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions

Non-compliances with the following laws, rules and Financial Regulations were observed.

	Reference to Laws, Rules, Regulations, etc.	Value	Non-compliance
		Rs.	
(i)	Financial Regulation 371(2)(c)	29,382	Even though the advances granted should be settled immediately after the completion of the purpose, advances obtained in 06 instances had been settled after delays.
(ii)	Financial Regulation 396	14,800	Action in terms of the Financial Regulation had not been taken on a cheques issued but lapsed.

3. Financial Review

3:1 Financial Results

According to the financial statements presented, the operations of the Council for the year ended 31 December 2012 had resulted in a deficit of Rs.12,176,526 as compared with the corresponding deficit of Rs.1,654,422 for the preceding year. As compared with the preceding year, a deterioration of Rs.10,522,064 in the financial results of the year under review was observed. The decrease in the Government grant by a sum of Rs.9,744,471 and the increase of the personal emoluments by a sum of Rs.6,696,701 and the increase of the other operating expenditure by a sum of Rs.177,534,680 in the year under review as compared with the preceding year had been the main reasons for the deterioration.

4. Operating Review

4:1 Performance

The following observations are made in connection with the activities expected for execution in the year 2012 by the National Council for Elders according to the Annual Action Plan and the activities executed.

(a) Financial Assistance given to Elders Committees

- (i) According to the Action Plan for the year under review, plans had been made for providing financial assistance amounting to Rs.2,800,000 to 590 Committees comprising 570 Rural Elders Committees and 20 Regional level Committees. The actual financial assistance provided totaled Rs.1,957,500 and comprised a sum of Rs.67,500 provided to 09 Rural Level Committees and a sum of Rs.1,890,000 provided to 378 Regional Level Committees at the rate of Rs. 5,000. As such the set targets had not been achieved.
- (ii) Even though a sum of Rs. 550,000 had been paid to 110 Elders Committees in the year under review, the confirmation of the minibalance of Rs.3,500 to be maintained by those Committees had not been obtained.

(b) Issue of Elders Identity Cards

- (i) Even though provision of Rs. 920,000 had been made for the 50,000 identity cards expected to be issued, a sum of Rs.485,287 had been spent on 17,119 identity cards issued. As such 53 per cent of financial progress and 34 per cent physical progress had been achieved.
- (ii) Even though it had been decided to pay a sum of Rs. 25 per photograph contrary to that a sum of Rs.34,095 had been overpaid for 2,122 photographs.
- (iii) Information on the Elders Identity cards issued had not been obtained from Divisional Secretariats.

(c) Provision for Elders Day Centers

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- (i) Provision amounting to Rs.800,000 had been made in the year under review for 36 Elders Day Centers and a sum of Rs.400,000 had been spent on 16 Centers. As such, out of the number of Day Centers estimated for the supply of provisions, such provision had not been made for 20 Centers.
- (ii) A sum of Rs.400,000 had been spent in the year under review for the supply of equipment to 16 Day Centers established in 13 Divisions of Divisional Secretariats at the rate of Rs.25,000 per Day Centre. Written confirmation that the money was utilized for the intended purposes had not been furnished.

(d) Printing Works

According to the Annual Action Plan, the provision for printing works during the year under review amounted to Rs.600,000 made for the printing and distribution of 5,000 copies of the Protection of the Rights of Elders (Amendment) Act and for printing of 1,000 copies of Elders Magazine. Nevertheless, the copies of the Act had not been printed while 1,000 copies of the Elders Magazine had been printed. Nevertheless 150,000 copies of Elders Identity Cards and 1,777 copies of the Annual Report which had not been included in the Action Plan had been printed. Even though plans had been made for the printing of 5,000 copies of the Amendment Act in the preceding year, it had not been done in that year.

(e) Conduct of Awareness and Training Programmes

Even though plans had been made for the conduct of 128 Awareness and Training Programmes in the year under review, 08 programmes only had been conducted. The particulars of awareness and training programmes of the year under review are given below.

Awareness and Training Programmes	Number of Programmes expected to be held	Number of Programmes held	Programmes held as a percentage of the expected target
Awareness of Elders at Regional Level	100	02	02
Conduct of Courses for the training of Workers for the Supply of a Home based Nursing Service	04	01	25
Conselling Programems	20	04	20
Pre-retirement Programmes	04	01	25
	<u>128</u>	<u>08</u>	<u>06</u>

(f) Even though the Pre-retirement Programme had been held for 225 persons from the Department of Police, additional expenditure of Rs.49,014 had been incurred for food which had been supplied for a number of persons more than participants. The Chairman had informed me that the unexpected arrival of few officers had caused the above situation.

(g) Purchase and Distribution of Ocular Lenses

Even though the supply of 1,800 ocular lenses and 60 audio equipment to patients had been planned for the year under review, 1,064 ocular lenses and 26 audio equipment only had been issued to the beneficiaries in the year. As such the planned targets had not been achieved. The Chairman informed me that the targets could not be achieved due to the lack of adequate provision.

(n) International Elders Day Celebration 2012

The International Elders Day Celebration had been held on 01 October 2012. The following observations are made in that connection.

- (i) The estimate of expenditure for the International Elders Day had not been approved by a responsible officer.
- (ii) The estimated expenditure for the celebration amounting to Rs.2,673,211 as compared with the actual expenditure of Rs.791,448 indicated that an excessive estimate of Rs.1,881,763 had been prepared.
- (iii) Confirmations for the sum of Rs.791,448 spent on the celebration of the Elders Day by 50 Divisional Secretariats had not been obtained.

(i) Supply of Assistance for Repairs to Elders Homes

The following observations are made in connection with repairs to 20 Elders Homes carried out in the year under review.

- (i) Even though a sum of Rs.998,000 had been sent to the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director of Social Service for the construction of the sickroom of the Sarana Sevana Elders Home at Walalgoda, Embilipitiya, the contract agreement of that work had not been furnished.
- (ii) A work completion report certified by the Technical Officer in connection with the sum of Rs.7,221,513 given for the construction and repairs of Elders Homes had not been furnished even up to the end of the year under review.

(j) Payment of Elders Allowances

The Ministry of Social Services had released a sum of Rs. 190,200,000 to the Elders Secretariat for the payment of an allowance of Rs.1,000 per month with effect from June 2012 to low income persons over 70 years of age. The following observations are made in connection with the use of that money for the relevant objectives.

- (i) Action had not been taken to send 4,183 application to the Bank.
 - (ii) Provision amounting to Rs.729,516,000 required for the payment of the elders allowances for 182,379 persons based on the figures for 04 months from July to October 2012 had not been received.
- (k) The following activities included in Section 13 of the Protection of Rights of Elders Act, No. 9 of 2000 had not been carried out.
- (i) Maintenance of accurate and updated statistics of elders.
 - (ii) Introduction and implementation of a health insurance benefit scheme for the elders.
 - (iii) Maintenance of a Directory of Paying and Non-paying Job Opportunities available for elders for the information of elders and assisting them to find employment with income.
 - (iv) Maintenance of a Directory of inborn Talents and Skills of Elders for the information of the general public.

4:2 Operating Inefficiencies

The construction of the Mawpiya Sevana Elders Home had been awarded to the Kukulegama Samurdhi Balakaya and a sum of Rs.894,680 had been approved for the work. The following differences were revealed at the comparison of the bill for construction and the approved bill of quantities.

- (a) Two items valued at Rs.513,127 included in the approved bill of quantities had been omitted.
- (b) Reconciliation of the estimated quantities for item No. 6 with the bill of quantities revealed an excess of 929.23 units and an excess expenditure of Rs.528,166 had been spent thereon.

5. Accountability and Good Governance

5:1 Corporate Plan

According to the Directive No. 10 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee on Public Enterprises held on 10 November 2010 the preparation of an Action Plan for the period from the year 2011 to the year 2016 had been indicated. But the National Council had not prepared a Corporate Plan for that period.

5:2 Internal Audit

The internal audit of the National Council for the year under review had been carried out by the Ministry of Social Services.

5:3 Budgetary Control

Variances ranging from 12 per cent to 374 per cent were observed between the income and expenditure in the budget and the actual income and expenditure and as such the budget had not been made use of as an effective instrument of management control.

6. Systems and Controls

Deficiencies in systems and controls observed during the course of audit were brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Council from time to time. Special attention is needed in respect of the following areas of control.

- (a) Accounting
- (b) Issue of Eye Lenses

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Acting Auditor General

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Audit Query

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statement of the National Secretariat for Elders for the year ended 31 st December 2012 in accordance with the Section 14(2)(C) of the Financial Act No. 38 of 1971

Clarification in connection with the matters questioned through the Audit Query, is stated below.

2.2 Expressing the views on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Accounting Deficiencies

(a) Number of vehicles belongs to the Institution as at 31 December 2011 listed as follows.

Vehicle No.	Received Year	Value (Rs.)	No. of years to be done the depreciation	Depreciation proportionate	Accumulative depreciation (Rs.)
KN - 0515	2009	1,800,000/-	4	10%	720,000/-
18 - 356	2010	800,000/-	3	10%	240,000/-
QI - 5819	2010	250,000/-	3	10%	75,000/-
KR - 1128	2011	4,600,000/-	1	10%	460,000/-
NB - 2688	2012	9,100,000/-	1	10%	910,000/-

The depreciation of vehicles of QI – 5819 and KR – 1128, in this regards, is the cause for the variation pointed out on the audit.

Purchase of this three wheeler is mentioned in the depreciation document of QI – 5819 as the year of 2010. At the time of inspecting the registration documents of this three wheeler, following details could be identified.

First registration date of this vehicle is 08. 01. 2007. Those days this vehicle was called “Help age Sri Lanka”.

The said vehicle was transferred to our institution on the day of 19.05.2011. Accordingly, depreciation of this vehicle should be done for six years from 2007 to 2012. Having rectified all these details, it has been noted for the correction through previous year adjustment account at the preparing of the final accounts for 2013.

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The registration date of KP – 1128 vehicle was 18.11.2011. In spite of the vehicle was brought in 2011, depreciation had not been done for about one month and in the purchasing year.

Further, this vehicle was started to run in the year of 2012, even though the vehicle had been purchased in 2011, so depreciation in terms of 2011 is seen to be unpractical. In consequence, you are informed that the depreciation in amounts is correct.

Accordingly, additional amount of Rs. 435,000/- , which was noted down in the Net Assets, received from Rs. 460,000/- from KP 1128 vehicle. This was caused by not being depreciated the vehicle in 2011 and further depreciation of the vehicle, QI – 5819 for an extra year. Reference to vehicle, KR- 1128, I must mentioned hereby, that, as this vehicle had been registered on 30 th November 2011 and the vehicle was started to run in the year of 2012, there is no need of being depreciated the vehicle. Further depreciation should be done, in terms of the vehicle QI – 5819, since this vehicle had been purchased in the year of 2007, it has been noted for the correction through previous year adjustment account at the preparing of the final accounts for 2013.

(b) **Presentation of the Account**

(i) An account is being maintained to help needy elders called “Sponsorship Scheme for Elders” (Wedihiti Awarana Kepakaru). Following transactions were made in this account in the year of 2012.

Balance of the final account as at 31. 12. 2011	- 393,337.76
Receipt of the year as at 31. 12. 2011	- 195,900.00
Payments of the year as at 31. 12. 2011	- 229,200.00
Balance as at 31. 12. 2011	- 360,037.76

(ii) Remaining balance of Rs. 104,614/- from the amount of World Health Organization is a current liability. All liabilities in the final account (as current assets and liabilities) have been given together. Officers concerned were instructed to alter these details in due course.

(c) Correct balances regarding the vehicles and purchases during the year have been indicated correctly at the time of preparing the account. However, Rs. 91,100,000/- , the price of the vehicle in which it was the major receipt in the year 2012, has been mistakenly neglected to noted. Actions have been taken to rectify the Ledger Accounts. Arrangements have been made not to do such short comings in future.

(d) **Bank Accounts**

(i) It was observed that un identified credits have been included in the bank reconciliation report and these have not been included in our Cash Book. It should be inquired from the bank to check what this money is. Inquiries have already made from Bank of Ceylon, in this regard. Having revealed the information regarding these deposits, this would be added to the revenue.

(ii) Accounting has been done, after paying the bank charges in each year. But, in the year of 2013, these bank charges have been calculated in the account monthly. A bank charge for the month of July 2013 too, has been done in the

- accounts. Arrangements have been made not to do such short comings in future
- (iii) Donors directly credit to the bank account number of the “Sponsorship Scheme for Elders” (Wedihiti Awarana Kepakaru) as the propaganda activities have been done to request the money from donors and deposit it directly to the bank. If it is identified only, it will be done in accounts, having issued the receipts. Therefore, having identified the amount of this money in January 2013, it has been given in the accounts. Mrs. Shanthi Hinted had deposited the amount of this money in bank.
- (e) The cheque on the basis of voucher no. 1563 of October 2012 has prepared to pay the payment to a private company for electricity. Owing to the fact that, the electricity was disconnected at the time of issuing the cheque, having paid the money, the owner presented the receipt for money. At the time of making the payments, he has paid rs. 50,750/- including the disconnection charges. The cheque written by us was cancelled and a receipt was issued. The payment was not deleted from the Ledger Accounts. Total electricity expenditure of the year was calculated including the amount of this money. Therefore it has been calculated in the account correctly.
- (f) Electricity bill of Kataragama Eldres’ Home, the amount of Rs. 2,702/- has been mistakenly included as office electricity bill. The officers have been made aware on not to do such mistakes hereinafter.
- (g) Prior identification in which to check whether the vouchers were presented in the last year for the payments which were already paid as accrued expenses, has not been done and, since the overtime, holiday pay, travelling pay were expenses in the month of December, they were not taken as accrued expenses. Overall result of these expenses is not change as these expenses are incurred systematically in each year. The officers have been made aware on not to do such mistakes hereinafter.
- (h) Journal entry notes in the accounts of 2012, has made the Accountant himself. Signing was not done and having pointed out it in the audit, it was signed by him. Notes related to journal entry of 21 and 29 have been neglected to made. This fault was rectified and arrangements have been made not to do such short comings in future.
- (i) Even to made the essential payments had been delayed due to not receiving the necessary imprest properly in 2012. Electricity bill was also a result of not receiving the necessary imprest properly from the Treasury. Therefore, I must inform that we had to pay the penalty for the delay.
- (j) The Shroff was instructed to maintain the Register for stamps and it has been maintained since 2013.
- (k) **Entering in the Ledger incorrectly**
- (i) Separate object was not introduced for bank charges until 2012 and it was debited to the object of Postal and Electricity for years. Bank charges were debited to a separate subject since 2013.

- (ii) It has been brought to accounts by mistake. Arrangements have been made not to do such short comings in future.
- (iii) It has been brought to accounts by mistake. Arrangements have been made not to do such short comings in future.

2.3.2 Unreconciled Control Accounts

Having identified the balance of Rs. 50,800/- , which was brought forward in final account of 2011, was incorrect, Journal entry note 31 has been used to credit Rs. 8,800/- of the Advance Account, by having debited the previous year Adjustment Account. Receipts and payments of 2012 are listed below as per the note.

Festival Advance Account

Balance / brought forward	50,800	Previous year Adjustment Account	8,800
Payments of 2012	195,000	Charges of 2012	174,500
		Balance brought below	62,500
	245,800		245,800

However, the absolute list related to the balance of this account of Rs. 62,500/- has been indicated as Rs. 61,500/- (Annex o1). Rs. 8,800/- should not be debited to the previous year adjustment account, but this should be Rs. 9,800/, because the actual value of the initial balance as at 31. 12. 2012 should be Rs. 31.12.2011. This fault has been noted down to rectify at the time of preparing the final account 2013.

- (b) Balance of Flood Advance Account as at 01.01.2012 was Rs. 130,390.96 and the balance at 31.12. 2012 was Rs. 32, 597.48. This amount of money was included in the Current Assets of the Balance Sheet as at 31.12. 2012. The amount charged during the year – Rs. 97, 793.48/- Accordingly, the final balance is correct.
- (c) Separate Ledger was maintained for advances from many previous years. Such Account has not been maintained in the Main Ledger. However, the actions were taken to maintain the separate Ledger Page for this purpose, after this had been pointed out in the audit.
- (d) Having rectified the balance as at 31.12.2012 in the final account as it was included incorrectly, it has been rectified too in the bank reconciliation. Arrangements have been made to avoid such shortcomings in future.
- (e) Receipts of flood installments indicated in the pages 412 and 413 of the Ledger. It is also proved as per the answer written in the Note (a).

Separate page for the distress loan has not been maintained up to now. This detail has been included in the CC 10 document. As shown in the audit, we took actions to use separate page for the distress loan and include relevant receipts and payments.

Balance of the distress loan account is equal to the balance of the absolute balance list.

- (f) When calculating the balance in the Ledger, it has been indicated as Rs. 55,315/- by mistake, correct balance was Rs. 59,705/- .This value has been brought to accounts correctly.
- (g) Overtime expenditure of December 2012, have not brought to accounts as accrued expenditure as at 31.12.2012. However, the total value of the Ledger was rectified as Rs. 434,119.87/-.

2.2.3 Lack of Evidence for Audit

- (a) Furniture and fittings - 7,644,348/-

This is the total value of the fixed assets located in National secretariat for Elders and Divisional Secretariats. Arrangements have been made to identify them separately, issue of issuing order for the equipment located at Divisional Secretariats & obtain receipt orders and update the document with the dully actions.

- i. Machinery and Equipment - Rs. 2,441,309/-

Having educated the officers to work as above (i), it will be functioned from the current year.

- (b) Advances not cleared - Rs. 1000/-

This had been occurred due to the mistake related to accounts in 2011. It was rectified in August 2013.

- (c) Telephone Bills - Rs. 429,579/-

Actions have been taken to maintain a separate document for each phone, paying the telephone bills according to the maximum limits and charge from the salaries of the officers whose phone bills exceed the maximum limits. For this purpose separate telephone bill document has been maintained since 2013.

- (d) Payments - Rs. 404,700/-

(Answers will be prepared after the information received through the investigation.)

For the Payment of Rs. 5,000/- per each for 84 Elders Committees, having established Elders Committees in each Grama Niladhari division, Rs. 5000/- would be released to Divisional Secretaries. For this purpose reminder letters would be sent through the file to the subject clerks and these details would be obtained.

- (e) The relevant receipts would be obtained through reminder letters in connection with the amount of money sent to Divisional Secretariats.

(g) Issue of Advances – Rs. 119,500/-

Without receiving the approved estimations, amount of advances would not be released.

(f) Renovation of Elders' Homes – Rs . 225, 000/-

Rs. 800,000/-

(Answers will be prepared after the information received through the investigation.)

2. 2. 4. Non – compliance with Laws, Rules, Regulations and Management Decisions

(i) Section 3.7 of the Chapter XXIV of the Establishment Code – Rs. 150,000/-

At the time of applying for the loan, immediately after the application form is received, vouchers are prepared for this purpose and it is included in the Advance. Conversely, the payments are made thereafter. Date on which the advances were paid and the month in which it was recovered were as follows and subsequently, the recoveries have been made properly (in terms of Section 3.7 of Chapter XXIV of the E. Code), hence you are informed that there is not any faults.

Name	Date mentioned in Festival Advance Register	Date of Recovery	Month in which it was charged from salary
U. G. S. Kumara	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
R. C. P. S. Rankoth	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012
W. M. T. Bandara	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
G. L. K. Peries	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
D. M. S. Dissanayaka	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
A. S. Wickramaarachchi	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
J. B. A. Shriyani Kanthi	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
Champika Nayana Kumari	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
K. G. Nishantha	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
R. P. Weerawardena	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
P. K. S. Senarathna	June 2012	July 2012	August 2012
A. R. K. Kanthi Attapattu	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
D. M. P.P. K. Wijerathne	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012
W. M. Wathsala	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012
H. K. S. Jayaruk	May 2012	July 2012	August 2012
N. Sagarika	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012
T. P. Wasanthi	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
R. H. Wijesena	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
K. M. C. Kumari	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
N. W. D. Wipulakumari	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
W. A. P. Kumara	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
R. K. Sriyani	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012

Nihal Jayantha	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
R. M. Siriwardena	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
I. D. Munasingha	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
U. Samya	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
M. P. Wickramaarachchi	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
L. A. Ruwanpathirana	March 2012	May 2012	June 2012
P. A. P. I. Wijekulasuriya	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012
Anil Mangala	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012

(ii) F.R. 225(1) – Rs. 638,862/-

Subject clerks were educated to maintain the file correspondence properly. They were instructed to be keen on in preparing the vouchers henceforth.

(iii) F.R. 371 (2) (c) – Rs. 105,000/-

(Answers will be prepared after the information received through the investigation.)

F.R. 396 – Rs. 60,846/- not dealing with the cheques exceeded the six (06) months. Having sent the letters to all receivers of cheques which exceeded the six (06) months, cheques were extended and the correspondence is in the process in connection with the letters issued to the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. After issuing the last notification, these cheques were credited to the state revenue by means of clearance the cheques, while the actions would be taken in September 2013 related to the rest of cheques.

(iii) Procurement Guideline – 2006 Rs. 163,500/-

Under the delegation of financial authority in which the Secretary of the Minister holds it, the Director of the National Secretariat for Elders has been vested the authority of issuing the amount of Rs. 250,000/-. A copy, in this regards, is attached herewith. In consequence, the amount of Rs. 163,500/- has been subjected to aforesaid delegation of financial authority.

3.1 Financial Result

Financial deficiency is Rs. 12,176,526/- in the year of 2012. Increase in the deficiency moreover than the previous year, in terms of the financial year, is caused by the following the matters which are beyond the control.

1. Not received the main from the state - Rs. 9,744,471/-
2. Increase in the payment of salaries and wages - Rs. 6,696,701/-
3. Increase in the operating expenses - Rs. 177,534,680/-

Not received the main which was already defined, from the state was beyond the control. Private salaries have been increased due to new recruitments of 08 officers to the service in 2012, expenditure incurred for the payment of salaries of them and payments of inter allowances (in terms of circulars) Increase in the operating expenses are caused by the payment of Rs. 1000/- allowance to senior citizens. However, I wish to inform that, all these expenses are beyond the control. Every attempt will be practiced in minimizing the expenditure.

3.2 Analyzed Financial Review

Accrued expenditure was increased since the appropriate amount of imprest was not received in December 2012. Hence, the payments for vouchers over Rs. 9 Million related to year 2012, had to make in 2013.

4. Operating Review

4.1 Performance

- i. Establishment of Elders Village Level Committees
Whereas, 570 Elders Committees would have been established as per the annual action plan, only 378 were established. It has been printed as 516 in the progress report due to printing mistake.
- ii. Issue of Identity Cards

In terms of the action plan, Rs. 50,000/ due to be issued. It has been included as Rs. 20,500/-, by considering all vouchers received. But, at the time of making the payments in cash, certain amounts of vouchers were rejected due to their mistakes. In view of that, total amount is Rs. 17,119/-

- iii. Day care Centers for Elders

Financial assistance has been extended for 17 Day centers during the year 2012. Even though the expected target here is 36, target could not be achieved due to lack of provisions received.

- Iv Printing Affairs
The Act with its Amendments
Despite the fact that, 5000 copies were expected to print, it was not printed as the necessity to do so did not arise.
Annual Reports
They were printed upon the official needs.
Elders Identity Cards
Although they had not been calculated, they were printed upon the service need.
- iv. Conducting of Medical Clinics, issue of Eye Lenses and Assistive Devices

Target could not be achieved due to lack of financial provisions and the amount of Rs. 5. 212 Million was spent at the end of year 2012. But, the amount of money to be paid has been remained.

- vi. Commemoration of the International Elders Day
Total expenditure was Rs. 1.013 Million. Even though this amount is correct, the expenditure incurred by Thelijja Sri Lanka Institute has not been included in the expenditure file. Thus the amount was shown as Rs. 0.791Million.
- vii Board Meetings
Financial progress has been indicated in the annual progress report as 0.733, by mistake.
- (a) Financial Assistance for Elders Committee
 - i. Financial assistance of Rs, 5,000/- each for 378 Village Elders Committees and Rs. 7,500/- each for 09 Divisional Level Elders Committees were given in 2012. Above details were correct as per the subject file.

- ii. The accounts, maintained by Village Elders Committees and they receive Rs. 5,000/- of financial assistance, should have the balance of Rs. 3,500/- . Reminder letters were sent in order to receive the proven details relating the due balance and action will be taken to obtain the details of the Committees whom have not presented the details yet.

(b) Issue of Elders Identity Cards

- i. It was mentioned in progress reports that, by the end of 2012, 20,500 of Elders Identity Cards would be issued, because, all vouchers due for the payments at the end of year 2012, have been forwarded to Accounts Division. However, in the year concerned, the amount of money was given, only to 17,109 Elders Identity Cards as there were mistakes in some vouchers.

- ii. At the time of issuing the Elders Identity Cards, the amount of Rs. 25 is given for two stamp size photos. But only a few cameramen took photos for just a Rs. 25 in all over the island. Withal, at the time of one day mobile service, Rs. 40 is paid to print the photos on the same day.

- iii. When payments are made for the Elders Identity Cards, it will be done, only after the appropriate information are received from the Divisional secretariats and those officers will forward the relevant vouchers to this office after the photos are submitted.

Arrangement will be made in future to obtain the information regarding the Elders Identity Cards in which the amount issued from divisional secretariats by now.

(c) Allocation for Elders Day Centers.

- i. Financial aids were received to 16 Elders Day Centers, while the other 10 Day Centers sent the applications, comprised of shortcomings in their documents. Therefore, those Day Centers are expected to be financed in due course.

- ii. Letters in connection with written confirmation are being received yet. Reminder letters have been sent.

(d) Printing Affairs

During the year under review, although it was planned to print 5000 copies of amended act, it was cancelled as the necessity does not arise. However, 1777 copies of annual reports and 150,000 of Elders Identity Cards have been printed upon the urgent requirement.

(e) Conducting of awareness and training programmes

- (i) Even though 100 rural level elders' awareness programmes were scheduled to hold, the target could not be achieved due to lack of provisions.

- (ii) Although 4 programmes of training the elders care givers were scheduled to hold in 2012, the target could not be achieved due to lack of provisions and only a programme was able to hold.

- (iii) Even though 20 counseling programmes were scheduled to hold, the target

could not achieved due to lack of provisions.

- (iv) Although 04 prior retirement programmes were scheduled to held, the target could not achieved due to lack of provisions and only a programme was able to hold.

Since, 225 officers were scheduled to be participated in the relevant programme, on the first day, among the days of 18 and 19 Of December 2012, of holding the said programme, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Reseach Training Institute was informed to make foods for all officers. Some Officers arrived there unexpectedly. So an additional expense was incurred.

- (f) Purchase of Eye Lenses and Distribution
- (v) During the year under review, despite the fact that, 1800 eye lenses and 60 assistive devices had been planned to distribute, the target could not achieved due to lack of provisions.
- (g) Commemoration of the International Elders Day - 2012
- (i) This institution was ruled by an acting Director during the period concerned, the estimation, in this regards, was mistakenly unable to be approved. Such faults will not be occurred henceforth.
- (ii) Total expenditure, in which it included the amount of Rs. 10,000 per each, to grant 50 Divisional Secretariats on behalf of the Elders Day Festival and other such festivals, was Rs. 1,013,000/-. Out of this Rs. 791,448/- was spent by this institution and the rest of Rs. 221,552/- was directly spent by Help Age Institution. So It has not been brought to accounts.
- (iii) Expected expenses in preparing the estimation for Elders Day were not incurred. The staff has been instructed to be concerned in the preparation of estimations henceforth.
- (iv) On behalf of the, commemoration of the International Elders Day - 2012, Rs. 10,000 each was expected to distribute among 100 Divisional Secretariats. However, the said activity was limited only for 50 Divisional Secretariats due to being not received the provisions.
- (vi) The relevant matter has been inquired from Divisional Secretariats, and it would be rectified in due course.

(h) Maintenance Expenditure of Kataragama Elders home

This maintenance expenses comprises the expenses on water, electricity, cleaning service and salaries of workers. Even though the expenses on cleaning service and salaries of workers are not varied (monthly), expenses on water and electricity will be varied monthly.

Therefore the incurred expenditure was lower than the allocation. Allocation was only estimation.

(I) Conducting of Counseling Meetings

In accordance with the action plan – 2012, Rs. 800,000/- has been estimated in order to conduct the counseling meetings. Subsequently, the actual expenditure was Rs. 409,503/- and Rs. 7,330,000/- was not spent as stated on the audit

- report. Further, it has been included in the final account correctly.
- (J) Maintenance Board Meetings
Allocated amount of provisions has been Rs. 0.875 Million for the maintenance expenditure of elders in 2012. Withal, the amount of Rs. 239,300/- was transferred as the allocated amount was not adequate. Rs. 68,000/- was paid in this year as the accrued expenses of 2010. A progress report, included the expenditure of Rs. 1,103,014/- as at 31 December of the said year, is attached herewith.
- (K) Provision of financial assistance for the renovation of Elders Homes
- (i) Contract agreement for the purpose of constructing the sick room at Sarana Sewana Elders Home, Walalpitiya, Embilipitiya, has been attached to the file.
- (ii) It has been mistakenly included. Necessary actions have been taken to avoid such shortcomings in future.
- (iii) It has been mistakenly included. Necessary actions have been taken to avoid such shortcomings in future.
- (L) Payment of Elder Allowance
- (i) The amount of Rs. 182,379,000/- was given for opening the account in June 2012 and number of accounts opened by the National Savings Bank was 181417. Subsequently, for the balance remaining of Rs. 926,000/-, the cheque, which is bearing the number 343314 has been given.
- (ii) The data had to be collected from 331 Divisional secretariats in all over the Country and this work should be accelerated to be finalized. Relevant applications were submitted to the National Secretariat for Elders by means of the information received. Sending the application from time to time to the bank was not practicable here, hence, the applications received at last to the office, were retained as those have exceeded the closing date of accepting the applications.
- (iii) This programme is a national level programme, while, this endeavor was easy to deal with the National Savings Bank among the other daily work of it with the least possible delay. The bank had to dedicate for this endeavor for some months. Withal, the applications were received once in a while from 331 Divisional Secretariats to the Head Office, in view of that they were forwarded to the bank. At this juncture, the payments have been made in several occasions and the allowance for the month of June 2012 had to be paid until October.
- (iv) In implementing this programme, provisions had been received only to the month of July in terms of making the payments through the related banking books.
- (M) I, ii, iii, iv

Our attention has been drawn to the matters that you have pointed out and preparing programmes for both establishment of the Health Insurance Benefits

Scheme while discussing with relevant parties and rest of your proposals, are in the process. Overall process of this would be a long term programme, hence this would not be finalized within a short period of one year. Therefore, It is expected achieved this target within the next consecutive years.

- 4.2 Actions have been taken to rectify the shortcomings in the observation pointed out in (a) and (b). Accordingly, the Provincial Social Services Director, who works in relation to the construction of Elderly Parents Home, Meepagama, has been inquired and he would take the future actions, in this regards. Further, I wish to inform you that he would be made aware on the actions taken thereby.

4.3 Donated Properties

The relevant land showed in (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) never at any time vested on the National Secretariat for Elders. But, there was only an agreement between the Director of the Department of Social services and the Director of the National Secretariat for Elders. Considering the current situation, we find it difficult to open an elder's home, by using the said land and building. Thus, the file contained the relevant correspondence, has been handed over to the Department of Social Services on 13. 07. 2013. In consequence, the said property is not an asset moreover to the National Secretariat for Elders.

5.3 Budget Control

Large variation of 12% - 374% between the budgetary document and actual income expenditure has been caused by the monthly payment of Rs. 1000/- to senior citizens. This has not been estimated expenses. The Ministry has offered some amount of money to the National Secretariat for Elders for this purpose. This work had to be done promptly in accordance with Mahinda Chinthana programme, hence, this programme was implemented suddenly without any prior preparation.

6. Systems and Control

- (a) Maintenance of the Ledger
Subject clerk has been educated to maintain the Ledger in order
- (b) Stamps stock Register
Having balanced the stamp register daily while bringing the balances forward, stamp imprest will be reimbursed systematically.
- (c) Festival Advance Register
Instructions were given to maintain this systematically and it is being maintained systematically in 2013.
- (d) Provision of eye lenses
Having increased the relevant officers aware, this work is being maintained systematically.

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