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Message of the Hon. Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs

It gives me immense pleasure to issue this congratulatory message to the annual report 2009 of the National Child Protection Authority which comes under the purview of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs.

The protection of our children, the most valuable asset of the country, is a prime responsibility entrusted to all of us. The Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs is the apex government body which shoulders this responsibility on behalf of the government.



The service extended by the National Child Protection Authority in fulfilling this responsibility entrusted to my ministry and on me as the minister in charge of this subject is praiseworthy. Securing the rights of children, eliminating child abuses and ensuring protection for children are the thrust areas of the National Child Protection Authority and it renders its services in a highly organized and systematic manner. Each year, the National Child Protection Authority compiles a report on the novel programs to be implemented and hands it over to the government.

A careful perusal of this report made me realize that minister in charge of this subject in the year 2009 and the Chairman of the National Child Protection Authority have rendered an invaluable service for the younger generation of our country.

The protection of our children, the most valuable asset of the country, is a prime responsibility entrusted to all of us. Various programs are now being implemented to uphold the rights of children and to protect children against abuses while carrying forward these services are being introduced during that period of time. Amongst them are child helpline 1929 which is in operation round the clock, upgrading the quality of the services provided by the Child Development Centers and conducting diverse awareness programs with a view to protect children against abuses and to ensure their safety.

I wish that the National Child Protection Authority of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs which has been entrusted with the responsibility of securing a safer tomorrow for our children will be blessed with strength and courage for their further services too.

Tissa Karalliyadda

Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs

Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs

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Message of the Hon. Deputy Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs

It is a truth known by everyone that the war which lasted for three decades has had an adverse impact on the future of children. The deployment of Tamil children as child combatants during this period of strife was very tragic. Instead of their association with books, pens and pencils, these children were forced to contribute their labour to a destructive war with a cyanide capsule around their neck and a T-56 machine gun in their hands. It is with great pride that I recall the tenacity of strength of His Excellency the President who helped in ending that dark era and bestowing us with a free independent country.



It's a reward that our children are privileged to enjoy a special attention by His Excellency the President. I am happy to see that all children of mother Lanka are being treated equally irrespective of differences in caste, creed, race and religion.

I am well aware of the crucial role played by the National Child Protection Authority in ensuring safe and secure tomorrow for children. The National Child Protection Authority is entrusted with the critical responsibility and I am happy to note that the Authority is making an immense contribution towards this end. May the Chairperson and the staff of the National Child Protection Authority be blessed with the generous responsibility of endowing the nation with a secure future for children.

M. L. A. M. Hisbollah

Deputy Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs

Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs

15.11.2011

Message from the Secretary of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs

It's a need to create an extensive dialogue on the safety of children within the complex society today. The role designated to the family unit in the contemporary society is spread out in a wide range. In the olden days, the protection of the child was guaranteed as there were many members living together in an extended family. Conversely, it is evident that safety of the child is at a grave risk on account of the extremely busy nature of in today's society.



Against this backdrop, the National Child Protection Authority has been called upon to play an important role. It invariably should base on constant monitoring, commitment and love and care for children which emanates naturally.

I take this opportunity to recall the services rendered by the previous secretaries in attaining the objectives of the National Child Protection Authority.

While lauding the service of the Chairperson and the staff of the National Child Protection Authority who work with utmost dedication for the safety of the lifeblood of the nation, I wish them strength and courage to work for the safety of children.

Sumithra Rahubadda

Secretary

Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs

12. 11. 2011

Message from the Present Chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority

The onerous task of endowing the nation with well-protected generation of children devoid of all forms of abuses has been entrusted to the National Child Protection Authority. The establishment of a separate ministry by His Excellency the President Mahinda Rajapaksa exclusively for children with a view to offering them a distinctive place is a timely and commendable action. The National Child Protection Authority has already carried out a number of activities to create a secure environment for children in connection with the concepts of Mahinda Chintana “The best for children” and “children are like flowers”.



Awareness should be raised among the entire community about child abuse. Several programs are under way towards this already. We have also focused our attention towards the timely need of amending existing laws regarding child abuse and enacting new legislations for the protection of the nation's children.

I take this opportunity to recall with gratitude the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs, Hon. Tissa Karalliyadda and the Deputy Minister M. L. A. M. Hisbollah who have been a source of great inspiration for us in our endeavours to ensure a safe tomorrow for our children. The support extended by the Secretary of the Ministry, the Board of Directors of the National Child Protection Authority and the Monetary Board too is greatly appreciated. The contribution made by the governmental as well as non-governmental organizations working for the betterment of children is admirable. I also recalled with gratitude, the assistance extended by the media in creating awareness among people in the task of eliminating child abuse.

The protection of all children who live in Wondrous Sri Lanka is a pivotal responsibility that is assigned to the entire society. Each and every one of you are invited to join hands with the National Child Protection Authority for this purpose.

Anoma Dissanayake

Chairperson

National Child Protection Authority

10.11.2011

Message of the Deputy Chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority



The future of a country is determined by the present children of today with a sound personality. Towards this goal, the National Child Protection Authority is entrusted with a great responsibility of bestowing the nation with safe and secure generation for children. The Authority is working with utmost commitment to fulfill this responsibility.

Many children of the present-day society are subject to physical, mental and sexual abuse which has become a serious social issue and minimizing this situation is a mean task. The National Child Protection Authority has to redouble its efforts to address this problem. No matter how difficult this task has been, I am happy to note that the Authority has contributed immensely for the safety of children.

Programs have been conducted to create community awareness on child abuse have been covered Island wide. In addition, the Authority too discharge duties assigned under the Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No.16 of 2005. Specially designed programs have been executed for the wellbeing of the tsunami-affected children.

All are invited to join hands with us to bestow a secure society devoid of abuses for all children in Sri Lanka.

Nanda Indrawansa

**Deputy Chairperson
National Child Protection Authority
16.11.2011**

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Introduction of the National Child Protection Authority

After the two world wars, the world faces to many changes and in this situation children become more unsecure than ever. As a result of paying attention towards this matter, world leaders made an implementation for child rights. Sri Lanka too endorsed and signed the United Nations Convention on Child Rights in 1991. Thereafter a Children's Charter was drafted in Sri Lanka and a national steering committee to oversee the implementation of the Child Rights Charter was appointed.

A Presidential Task Force on the safety of children was established in December 1996 and the report of the Committee observed the need for public sector institution to eliminate child abuses. Accordingly the National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) was set up in January 1999 with the prime objective of eliminating child abuses and negligence of children. The National Child Protection Authority incorporated under the National Child Protection Authority Act No.50 of 1998 discharged its administrative functions under the supervision of the Presidential Secretariat and was placed under the purview of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment in 2006.

In the wake of the Tsunami catastrophe on 26th December 2004, the Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No 16 of 2005 was passed to ensure the wellbeing of children affected by the disaster and this Act vested a host of new powers and functions with the Authority. Thus the role of the Authority was further expanded to deal with the custodianship of children who either lost one or both parents in the tragedy.

The scope of the Authority was also expanded through the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act No. 34 of 2005 which empowered the Authority to intervene as a third party when an incidence of child abuse is reported.

Board of Directors of the National Child Protection Authority in the year 2009



Mr Jagath Wellawatta

Chairman ,
National Child Protection Authority,
Senior Lecturer,
Sociology Department ,
University of Colombo



Mrs. Nanda Indrawansa

Deputy Chairperson ,
National Child Protection Authority,
Former Director of Education



Dr. Neil Fernando

Member ,
Psychiatrist Specialist ,
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National Institute of Mental Health ,
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Member ,
Pediatrician,
Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital



Dr. Ananda Samarasekara

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Medicine ,
Chief Judicial Medical Officer,
Institute of Toxicology and Forensic



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Senior Lecturer on Psychology,
Department of Philosophy and
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University of Peradeniya



Mr. Palitha Fernando

Member,
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Mr. N.K. Illangakoon

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Dr. Asoka Jayasena

Member,
Consultant ENT Surgeon ,
Sri Jayawardanepura Hospital



Mr. W.R.V.G. Samarasiri

Member,
Director,
National Budget Department,
Ministry of Finance and Planning



Mr. J.A.D. Chandrasena

Member



Mr. D.M.S. Abayagunawardane

Official member,
Commissioner ,
Department of Probation and Childcare
Services



Mr. W.J.L.U. Wijeweera

Official member,
Commissioner General of Labour,
Department of Labour

The Monetary Board of the National Child Protection Authority in the year 2009



Mrs. Kamalini De Silva

Member ,
Additional Secretary ,
Ministry of Justice and Law Reforms



Mrs. Sandhya Wijebandara

Member ,
Senior Assistant Secretary ,
Ministry of Education



Mrs. R. M. I. Rathnayaka

Member,
Senior Assistant Secretary,
Ministry of Defense, Public Security, Law and
Order



Mr. Sarath Chandrasiri Vithana

Member,
Senior Assistant Secretary ,
Ministry of Health and Nutrition



Mrs. Yamuna Chitrangani

Member,
Additional Secretary,
Ministry of Social Services and Social
Welfare



Mrs. Daya Pieris

Member,
Additional Secretary ,
Ministry of Child Development and Women's
Advancement



Mr. W.D.N.Weliwatta

Member,
Acting Commissioner of Labour ,
Women and Children's Affairs Division ,
Department of Labour



Mrs. Hema Dharmawardane

Member,
Additional Secretary,
Ministry of Tourism



Mr. Priynatha Mayadunne

Member,
Additional Secretary ,
Ministry of Media and Information

**Management and Audit Committee of the National Child Protection Authority
in the year 2009**



Mr. W.R.V.G. Samarasiri

Chairman ,
Director,
National Budget Department,
Ministry of Finance and Planning



Mr. D.M.S. Abayagunawardane

Member ,
Commissioner,
Department of Probation and Childcare Services



Mr. J.A.D. Chandrasena

Member



Mrs. P.A.M. Kumudini

Member ,
Audit Superintendent ,
Auditor General's Department



Mrs. Deshika Malkanthi

Convener,
Accountant,
National Child Protection Authority

VISION

To be the Centre of Excellence in creating a child friendly and
Protective Environment for Children

MISSION

To ensure children are free from all forms of abuse

**Functions as declared by section 14 of the National Child Protection Authority
Act No. 50 of 1998.**

- To advise the Government in the formulation of a national policy on the prevention of child abuse and the protection and treatment of children who are victims of such abuse;
- To advise the Government on precautions for the prevention of child abuse;
- To advise the Government on measures for the protection of the victims of such abuse;
- To create an awareness, of the right of a child to be protected from abuse and the methods of preventing child abuse ;
- To consult the relevant ministries, Provincial Councils, local authorities, District and Divisional Secretaries, public and private sector organizations and recommend all such measures as are necessary, for the purpose of preventing child abuse and for protecting and safeguarding the interests of the victims of such abuse ;
- To recommend legal, administrative or other reforms required for the effective implementation of the national policy for the prevention of child abuse;
- To monitor the implementation of laws relating to all forms of child abuse ;
- To monitor the progress of all investigations and criminal proceedings relating to child abuse;
- To recommend measures to address the humanitarian concerns relating to children affected by armed conflict and the protection of such children, including measures for their mental and physical well-being and their re-integration into society ;
- To take appropriate steps where necessary for securing the safety and protection of children involved in criminal investigations and criminal proceedings;
- To receive complaints from the public relating to child abuse and, to refer such complaints to the appropriate authorities where necessary;
- To advise and assist Provincial Councils and local authorities, and non governmental organizations to co-ordinate campaigns against child abuse ;
- To prepare and maintain a national data base on child abuse;
- In consultation with the relevant ministries and other authorities to supervise and monitor all religious and charitable institutions which provide child care services to children ;
- To conduct, promote and co-ordinate, research in relation to child abuse and child protection;
- To provide information and education to the public regarding the safety of children and the protection of the interests of children ;
- To engage in dialogue with all sections connected with tourism with a view to minimize the opportunities for child abuse ;
- To organise and facilitate, workshops, seminars and discussions, relating to child abuse
- To liaise and exchange information with foreign Governments and international organisations, with respect to detection and prevention of all forms of child abuse.

**The above mentioned functions of the Authority can be categorized
in to seven major groups**

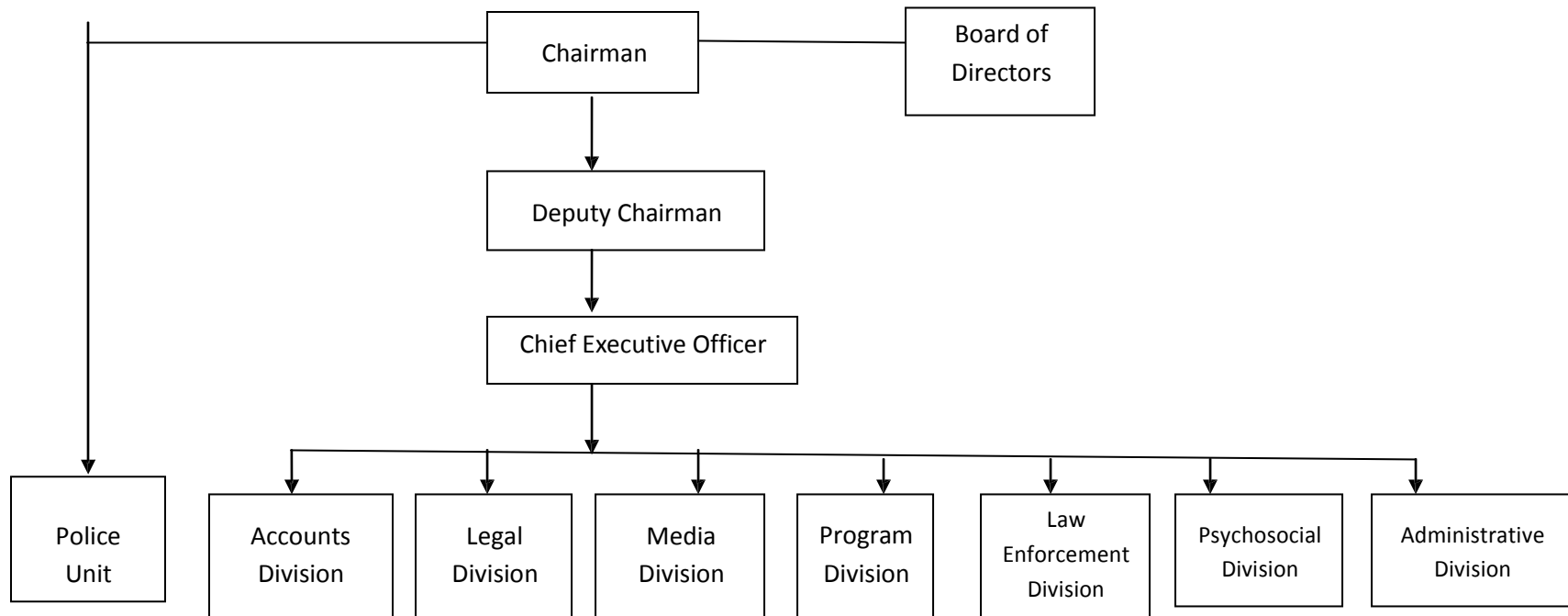
- Create awareness among people on the rights of children and measures to be adopted to prevent abuses
- Protecting and rehabilitating victims of abuses
- Coordination required to have children protected from abuses
- Provision of training to the relevant professionals
- Recommendation of legal amendments and law enforcement
- Conducting researches on the prevention of child abuses
- Developing infrastructure facilities required for above purposes



The Authority operates under several major divisions to execute the functions assigned to it through the National Child Protection Authority Act, under the supervision of the Chairman and the Board of Directors. These divisions are:

1. Law Enforcement Division
 - Central Record Room
2. Program Division
3. Psychosocial Division
4. Legal Division
5. Special Police Investigation Unit
6. Planning/ Information and Media Division
 - Library
7. Administrative Division

Organizational Structure of the National Child Protection Authority in 2009



Chairman and Board of Directors

As per the National Child Protection Authority Act No. 50 of 1998, the number of members in the Board of Directors should be 13 and the number of members in the momentary Board should be 10.

In the year 2009, 09 Board meetings were held at which 56 board papers were submitted and discussed. Since Deputy Chairperson Mrs.Nanda Indrawansa was on an overseas mission, Mr. J.A.D.Chandrasena, a member of the Board of Directors functioned as the acting Deputy Chairman. Another member of the Board of Directors, attorney at law Palitha Fernando resigned from the post on September 2009 and was replaced by attorney at law Jayantha Jayasuriya from October 2009.

Management and Audit Committee

Six meetings of the Management and Audit Committee were held during the financial year of 2009 with a view to regularize the functions of the Finance Division. During the said meetings the amended budget for 2009, delegation of financial powers, the measures taken by the Authority according to the audit report 2008, financial progress of the authority, financial accounts 2008 have been discussed.

National Level Programs implemented during the Year

Insecurity of children is a common phenomenon in the contemporary society. The isolation of child within the family, school and society subjected to increasing competitiveness in society, has created a more opportunities for a child to become a victim of abuse.

The society should focus on preemptive measures to counter incidence of child abuses, since the child being abused as well as the abuser are the individuals of our own society. Therefore all members of the society have a responsibility to uproot the menace of child abuse from society and be armed with knowledge on child protection and serve the society as a protector of children.

1. National Day on Violence against Children

Creating awareness among community on the prevention of child abuse is an important strategy in child protection. One of the significant methods adopted in this regard is to celebrate the commemorative days connected with children at national level. The Authority was able to implement, the decision during this year which was taken by the Board of Directors in 2008 to declare a national day for the elimination of violence against children.

Through the extraordinary gazette notification No 1581/27 dated 26th Friday, December 2008 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, the Minister of Child Development and Women Empowerment, Hon. Sumedha Jayasena declared January 04 each year as the national day on the eliminating violence against children.

This day was declared with a view to take action against corporal punishment against violence of children as well as upholding the rights of children and creating a child-friendly environment.

In the year 2009 14th of January, a national ceremony on the Violence against Children was held at the Bandaranaike International Memorial Conference Hall under the aegis of the Minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs, Hon Sumedha G.Jayasena. Several personalities who contributed enormously for the advancement of children's welfare and wellbeing were felicitated at the ceremony by conferring on them the "Lama Surakum Kruthyabhimani" award.

The recipients of this year's award were, Professor Harendra Silva, the first chairman of the National Child Protection Authority in recognition of his work in the field of child safety as his remarkable service to children of Sri Lanka as a leading pediatrician, Dr. Hiranthi Wijemanna, an expert on child safety and an initial member of the Presidential Task Force established for the protection of children, Mrs. Shirani Thilakawardane who played a ground-breaking role in the judicial process on child abuses, Mrs. Sybil Wettasinghe who employed her artistic talents with a unique Sri Lankan style to hone aesthetic appreciation of children, Professor Savithri Gunasekara who was instrumental in fortifying the legal framework for children of Sri Lanka,

Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne for her efforts in providing services in a child-friendly environment for the safety of children and for caring for abused children as a mother, Mr. Athula Ransirilal for using the medium of cartoon with unique Sri Lankan identity to impart aesthetic training on children with delicate use of language and to Mr. W.D.T.K. Wijesena Vithana for his role in enforcing law as the Officer in Charge of the Special Police Investigation Unit of the National Child Protection Authority for guaranteeing safety of children.

In addition, the following media personnel too were felicitated at the ceremony for their pioneering role in ensuring safety of children. Mr. Thusitha Pitigala of Sirasa TV, Mr. Kalindu Chathuranga of Sri FM Radio, Mr. Ravindra Kannangara of Sirasa FM Radio, Mrs. Vineetha M. Gamage of the Lankadeepa newspaper, Miss Hemanthi Guruge of the Daily Mirror newspaper, Mrs. Buddhika Imbulana of the Dinamina newspaper, Mrs. Nadeera Gunathilake of the Daily News newspaper, Mrs. Priyanthi Lilani of the National Television, Miss. Dinusha Rajapathirana of Swaranawahini, Mrs. Nishanthi Kariyapperuma of the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Service, Mr. Lakshman Maddumagala of ITN and Miss Gayani Pinto of the Lankima newspaper.

The cost incurred on this ceremony organized by the Authority was Rs. 1.3 million.

2. Program to collect donations for the children of conflict-displaced persons

Early this year, the Authority launched a program titled “Dedunu Palama” (Rainbow Bridge) to provide payment in cash and kind to the children of war-displaced people in the North.

A till collection campaign was conducted in the Colombo Fort area on 01.06.2009. The program received the backing of the Venerable Aththaragama thero of the Pettah temple, the Traders Association of Baastian Street, the Three-wheeler Association of Bastian Street, Traders Association of the Manning Market, the Road Passenger Transport Authority and the Pettah Police. The media sponsor of the program was Max Television. The campaign netted in a sum of Rs. 128, 256. 00.

The next program of the till campaign was conducted on 18.06.2009 at Nugegoda town with the support of the Municipal Council Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia, Apparel Traders Association of Nugegoda and Mirihana Police station, The total amount collected was Rs. 100.387.00. Given below are the contributions made by the philanthropists for this worthy cause.

Contributor	Contribution
Staff of the Livestock Board	Medicines
O.B.E. Organization of Papua New Guinea with the coordination of the Chairman of the Ports Authority	Medicines
Universal Women’ Organization	Dry rations, Milk powder, Medicines
Staff of the Uva-Wellassa University	Dry rations, Children’s items
Colombo South International School	Water bottles, Dry rations
Mind Solutions – (NGO)	Children’s items

A group of officials led by the Deputy Chairman of the Authority visited two camps of displaced in Pulmudai area on 23.07.2009 and distributed the collected items among children. Collected medicines were used at children's medical clinics coordinated by the Authority at Zone 02 of relief villages in Vaunia.

3. Uthuru Vasanthaya (Northern Spring) Program

Since basic financial provisions had not been allocated from the Treasury for the action plan of this national program, the provision of the required services for children in relief villages in Vavuniya was carried out with the UNICEF funds.

Program	Physical	Financial (Rs. Mn)	Beneficiaries
Awareness program for children, parents and guardians	05 programs	0.1	300
Health education programs	5 programs	0.1	500
Provision of medical assistance	Daily clinics for children – 2 months	1.0	6200 children
Provision of psychosocial facilities	10 programs	0.2	1200 children
Collecting data on children	-	0.3	6500 children

Source: Planning/Information and Media Division

All these facilities were made to children of Ramanathan Village, Vavuniya from 01.06.2009 to 15.07.2009 with the participation of the officials of the Authority and 06 medical teams. With the approval of the Board of Directors of the National Child Protection Authority, Rs. 2,0 million from the Tsunami fund and Rs0.7 million from UNICEF funds were spent on this program.

The other major program implemented with UNICEF funds in relation to the 'Uthuru Vasanthaya' was the establishment of a child –focused center at the Vavuniya District Secretariat. The new center was declared open under the patronage of Vavuniya District Secretary, Mrs. G.N.M. Charles and with the participation of the Secretary of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment, Mr. M.Sumanadasa. A sum of Rs 1.4 million from UNICEF funding was spent on this program.

Programs on child protection were conducted in relief villages at Settikulam with the participation of District Secretariat officers of Vavuniya. A Child Friendly Space in relief village Zone No 0 and two Child Focus Centers in Zone No 01 and 03 were set up for psychosocial activities.

The Child Friendly Space program was implemented in Arunachalam relief village of relief village Zone 01 in Vavuniya in collaboration with the Swedish non- governmental organization Terre des Homes (TDH). The financial management of the program was handled by the TDH while the Authority was in charge of the concept management. Operational activities were carried out by establishing 10 Child Friendly Spaces in the relief village.

With the commencement of resettling the persons displaced by the war, a dialogue was initiated with UNICEF and other non-governmental organizations to make available the services of the Authority in those areas and will be operated are due to beginning of the year 2010.

4. Reintegrating children deployed for the armed conflict

From latter half of 2007 up to now, the Authority has proactively contributed to activities aimed at rehabilitating child combatants who surrendered to the government. In particular, the officials of the Authority held constant discussions with the Commissioner in charge of the said rehabilitation activities, who was the Secretary of the Ministry of Justice and other relevant officers to strengthen this program. The panel of experts appointed by the latter half of 2008 compiled a series of policy proposals titled “Proposed Policy Framework on Protective Care, Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Child Combatants” to ensure the protection of children involved in armed conflicts and submitted to the government for implementation.

5. Data System

Necessary measures were taken during the course of this year to establish the data system of the Authority and update same in a methodical manner. Accordingly, the following data systems of the Authority are now in operation.

1. Data system on child abuse maintained by the National Child Protection Authority
2. Data system on child abuse of Police
3. Data system on tsunami affected children

In addition to the above data systems, measures were also taken to launch a data system regarding Medico Legal Examination Form but it is still in its initial stage, Establishment of the data base, evaluation of the existing form and introducing amendments are yet to be carried out. At present this form is used as a method of confirming police and judicial complaints.

The Authority is in possession of details of a census conducted in the year 2005, on children who became victims of the tsunami tragedy. Tabulated below are details of a census conducted in this year to verify the authenticity relating to the number of beneficiaries in the 2005 census.

Month	District	D.S. Office	Type	Beneficiaries as per 2005 census	Beneficiaries as per 2009 census	Foster parent orders	Other legal matters
June	Colombo	All	Lost both parents	12	10	10	01
	Kalutara	Kalutara Panadura Wadduwa	Lost both parents	11	13	13	04
July	Gampaha	All	Lost either or both parents	48	25	03	00
	Galle	Ambalangoda Balapitiya Hikkaduwa Gravets Habraduwa	Lost either or both parents	688	386	54	44
Aug	Hambantota	Hambantota Tissamaharama Tangalle Ambalangoda	Lost either or both parents or Abandoned	1219	662	107	44
Sep	Matara	Matara Weligama Devinuwara Dikwella	Lost either or both parents or Abandoned	390	236	30	11
Total				2368	1332	217	104

** Beneficiaries are removed from the data base on reaching 21 years*

Law Enforcement Division

The National Child Protection Authority is in the firm opinion that, objectives related to child protection can be achieved by strengthening the law and through the stringent enforcement of law against abusers.

Towards this end, a unit has been established under the aegis of the law enforcement officers of the Authority and the complaints of child abuses received by the Authority are refereed to the police stations across the country and other relevant institutions to have them investigated through the Authority's own Police Unit.

The establishment of a central record room under the Division of law enforcement to maintain documented information on the complaints received by the Authority took place this year. Further, the computerizing of data in a more systematic manner too commenced this year. The activities of this unit are executed under the total supervision of the law enforcement officers.

Under the system of registering new complaints, the registration was done under five basic categories.

Types of complaints	Registration classification
criminal offences against children set out in the Penal Code	CA 01
Employing minors as domestic servants	CA 02
Action pertaining to children's custodianship and safety	CA 03
Any provision with regard to regulations pertaining to compulsory education of children	CA 04
Other events such as domestic violence which does not come under above classification	CA 05

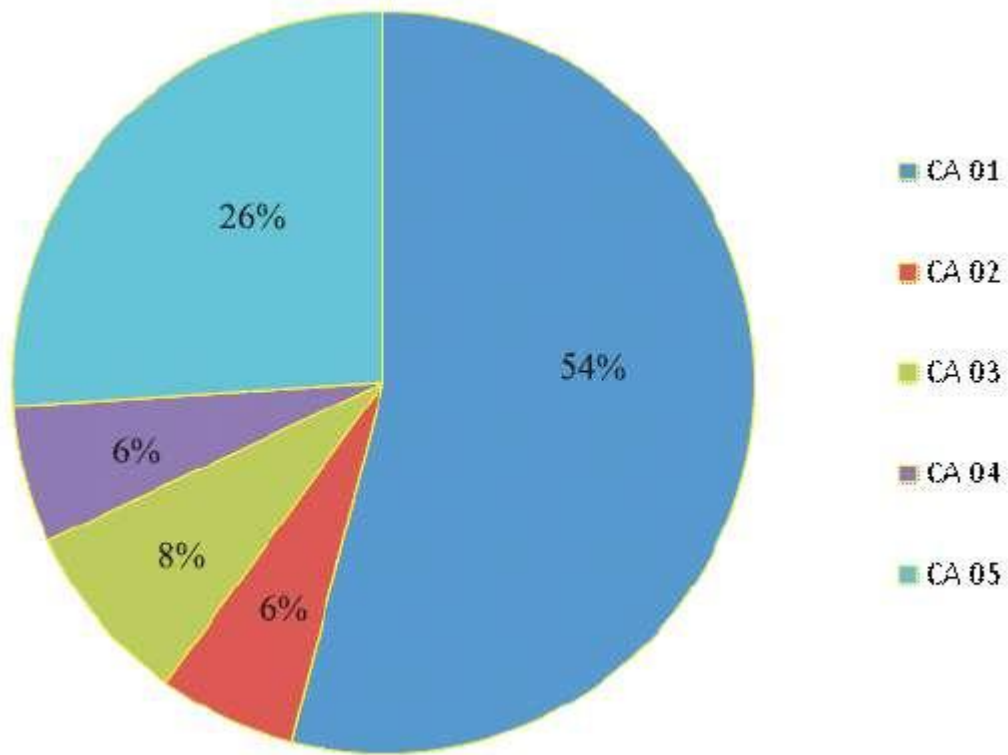
Source: Legal Division

Following are the complaints received by the National Child Protection Authority

Type of Abuse	No of complaints received by the Authority
CA 01	702
CA 02	72
CA 03	108
CA 04	79
CA 05	342
Total	1303

Source : Central Record Room

**The types of complaints received by the National Child Protection Authority in 2009
as a percentage of the total number of complaints**



The complaints recorded above can be classified according to the type of abuse

Type of Abuse	No of Abuses
Abuse	05
Child Abortions	01
Deploying children for begging	15
Custodianship and safety	166
Child domestic servants	79
Marrying off minors	07

Interruption in compulsory education	103
Coperal Punishment	05
Cruelty	332
Domestic violence	40
Serious sexual abuse	120
Extremely obscene acts between individuals	26
Unlawful adoption of children	02
Incest- non rape	18
Incest- rape	20
Abductions	54
Murder	13
Obscene publications targeting children	12
Procuration	20
Rape	94
Ristricted artical/ drugs	04
Sexual harassment	30
Soliciting a children	08
Coercing children for sexual acts	02
Trafficking	45
Tsunami disaster	02
Unnatural acts of sex	06
Other	162
Total	1391

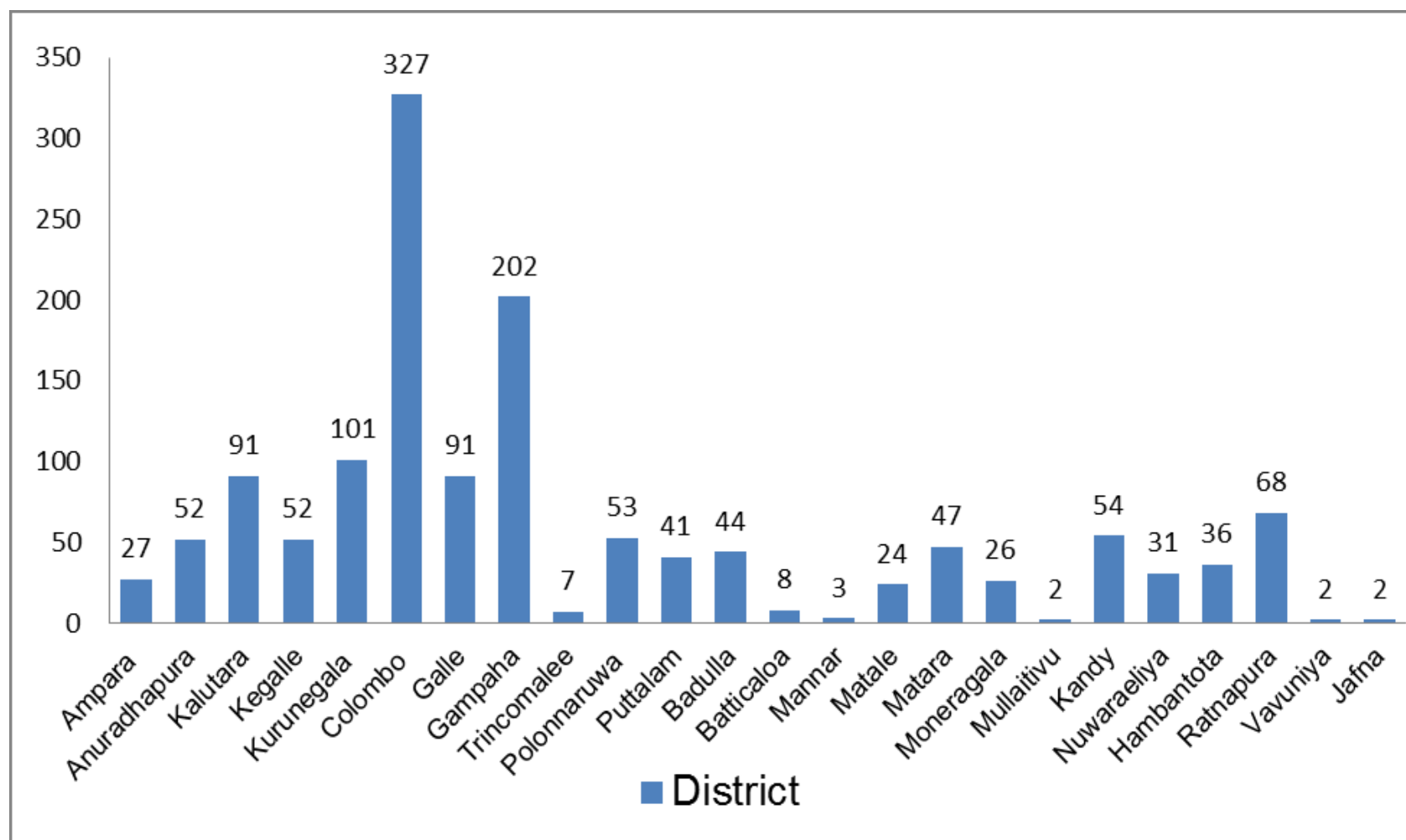
Source: Central Record Room

The following is a district-wise division of the above mentioned complaints.

District	No.of abuses
Ampara	14
Anuradhapura	26
Kalutara	63
Kegalle	22
Kurunegala	63
Colombo	263
Galle	71
Gampaha	137
Trincomalee	07
Polonnaruwa	22
Puttalam	29
Badulla	34
Batticaloa	03
Mannar	01
Matale	20
Matara	20
Moneragala	13
Mullaitivu	01
Kandy	41
Nuwaraeliya	16
Hambantota	23
Ratnapura	43
Vavuniya	02
Total	1391

Source : Central Record Room

District-wise complaints on child abuse received in 2009



Special Police Investigation Unit

A special police investigation unit was established within the National Child Protection Authority in the year 2002 with the gradual increase in the number of complaints received by the Authority. The need for conducting independent investigations expeditiously too was a factor in setting up this unit.

In order to create a child friendly environment, the police officers attached to this unit, work in civvies. The total number of officers in this unit including the Officer In Charge is 22 (09 women, 13 men). These officers are well-versed in all aspects of child protection and their efficiency in conducting investigations and video recording of evidence are a matter of great pride for the Authority as well as the Police Department.

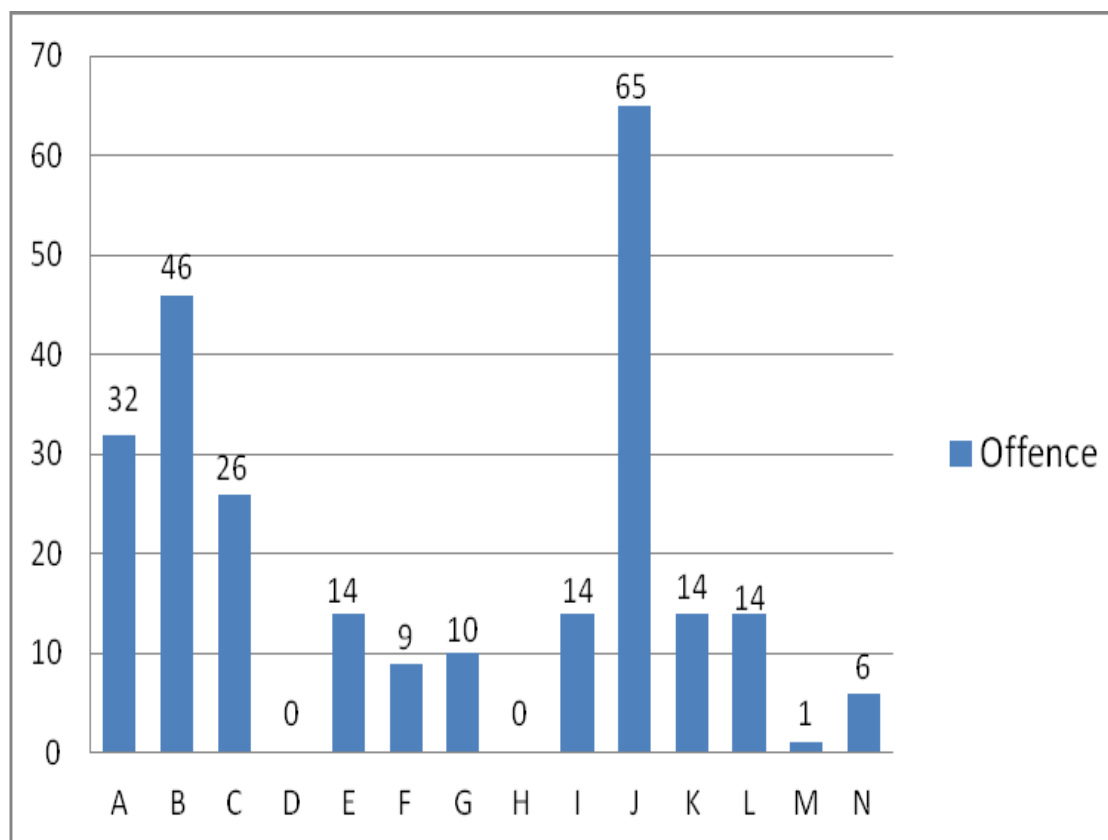
This Unit received 251 complaints in the year 2009 and their details are tabulated below.

Offence	No of complaints received	N of Investigations Completed			Investigations not completed S	Referred to external institutions T
		Referred to judiciary-P	Resolved-Q	False-R		
A-Protection and custodianship	32	16	08	04	01	03
B-Sexual abuse	46	24	-	07	07	08
C-Trafficking	26	10	-	05	06	05
D-Acts of gross indecency	-	-	-	-	-	-
E-Cruelty	14	06	-	01	-	02
F-Rape	09	06	-	01	-	02
G-Child Domestic Servants	10	-	-	01	01	08
H- Unnatural Acts	-	-	-	--	-	-
I-Abductions	14	-	-	06	-	08
J-Various offences	65	-	13	16	19	17
K- Sexual harassment	14	02	-	05	05	02

L- Assault causing injuries	14	-	-	04	04	06
M-Possessing and exhibiting pornographic material	01	01	-	-	-	-
N-Attempts of abuse by custodians	06	04	-	-	02	-
Total	251	69	21	51	47	63

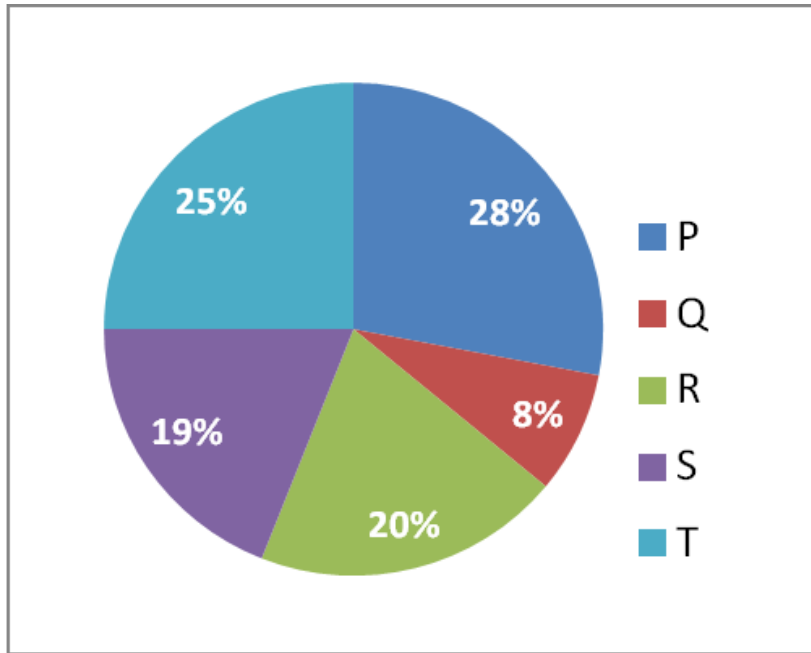
Source- Special Police Investigation Team

Number of complaints received by the Special Police Investigation Team- Graph



Action taken with regard to complaints as a percentage of total number of complaints/information

Total number of complaints received in 2009 =251



Program Division

This division is in charge of organizing programs and workshops of the Authority. The lion's share of functions incorporated in the development programs and the action plan is carried out by the Program Division. In addition, the majority of programs planned by the Authority are executed by this division. Accordingly, it conducts programs, discussions, seminars and workshops from the grass-root level to the national level.

Amongst other responsibilities of the Authority are the coordination of the district officers, conducting programs for district officers and the co-ordination between non-governmental organizations and the Authority.

Upgrading Skills of Professionals

The principal objective of this program is to develop personal skills required by professionals who work with and offer their services to children enabling them to provide a child-friendly service. The following programs were conducted under this program.

Awareness programs for medical specialists and medical officers registered for post graduate degrees

The Authority enlightens medical specialists and medical officers registered for post graduate degrees about the role of the National Child Protection Authority, the law pertaining to child abuse and measures to be taken in the event of abuse. The following programs were implemented under this program.

Date	Program	Venue	Beneficiaries
30.04.2009	Awareness program for judicial medical officers of Puttalam	NCPA	13
28.08.2009	Awareness program for Medical Officers of the Post Medical Science Institute	NCPA	28
30.10.2009	Awareness program for Medical Officers of the Post Medical Science Institute	NCPA	24

Source -Program Division

Awareness Program for Family Health Workers and Nurses

This program was conducted by the Authority this year to develop skills of nurses.

Date	Venue	Beneficiaries
07.07.2009	Mulleriyawa Nurses Training School	125
19.08.2009	Mulleriyawa Nurses Training School	25
07.10.2009	Mulleriyawa Nurses Training School	125
14.10.2009	Kandana Nurses Training School	250
07.11.2009	Mulleriyawa Nurses Training School	125

Awareness program for school children

Date	Topic	Venue	Beneficiaries	Division
09.01.2009	Rights of children and child abuses	Bandaragama M.V	500 children	Psychosocial
07.04.2009	Rights of children and child abuses	St. Anthony's Girl's School, Dematagoda	80 children	Programmes/ Psychosocial
29.04.2009	Rights of children and child abuses	St. Mary's V. Wadduwa.	80 children	Programmes/ Psychosocial
19.06.2009	Rights of children and child abuses	Cambridge College, Nuwara Eliya.	500 children	Psychosocial
02.12.2009	Rights of children and child abuses	Gamini Central College, Bentota.	350 children	Psychosocial
02.10.2009	Psychiatric program	School for the Deaf and Blind, Rathmalana.	200 children	Social

Source : Program and Psychosocial unit

An awareness program for expectant mothers of the Ampara, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Puttlam, Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa districts were conducted by the Authority under the 'Negenahira Nawodaya' program. A total of 22 maternity clinics were conducted and the number of beneficiaries was 700. A sum of 0.3 million rupees was spent on this program.

Facilitating the social reintegration of children victimized by Tsunami disaster

Under the Tsunami (Special Provisions) Act No 16 of 2005, the custodianship of children below 21 years of age who have lost both parents or either of the parents or guardians has been vested in the Authority.

During this year, a program was launched by the National Child Protection Authority in tandem with the Ministry of Justice and the Asian Development Bank for the protection of the tsunami-victimized children. Under this project, a deposit of Rs 10,000 was made for each child who have lost both parents and a deposit of Rs. 5600 each was made for children who either mother or father, the custodianship of whom has been handed over to the Authority by the judiciary. The Asian Development Bank granted Rs 40 million for this project.

Details of Foster Parent Scheme Evaluation Board are given in the following table.

No.	Date	Program	Venue	Beneficiaries
01	27.01.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	07
02	02.02.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	National Child Protection Authority	01
03	16.02.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	05
04	21.04.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	05
05	26.05.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	—
06	16.06.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	—
07	6.11.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	Matara 10, Galle 02 (both parents deceased)
08	17.11.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	Matara 10, Galle 02 (both parents deceased)
09	11.12.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation and Childcare Services Department, Galle	28 (both parents deceased)
10	14.12.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation Office, Matara	Hambantota 94 (both parents deceased)
11	30.12.2009	Tsunami foster parent evaluation board	Probation Office, Hambantota	Matara 11, Galle 03 (both parents deceased)

Source : Program Division

Maintaining “Diridaru Surakum Piyasa” Resource Centers

The possibility of children being abused has shown an upward trend as a result of situations such as parents going overseas, both parents being employed and inability of parents to put in place a program for the protection of children. These resource centers have been set up with objective of developing child’s personality and provide them with recreational opportunities.

1. The first of these center was set up at Tsunami Housing Scheme, Kalmunai.
2. At Kimbulwana Oya colony in the Ibbagamuwa Divisional Secretary Division in the Kuruengala District. (for children whose parents have gone abroad)
3. At Wijayapura colony in the Anuradhapura district (For children of farmer community)
4. At Buddhi fishing village in the Puttalam district (For children of fisheries community)

The financial assistance for these centers is extended by the Italian non-governmental organization “Person Come Noi” and this year the amount spent on maintaining these centers was Rs 6.4 million.

Psychosocial Division

The main function of the Psychosocial Division of the Authority is to improve mental status of children who have been victims of abuse and priority is given for psychological counseling and referring victimized children for psychiatric treatment. Functioning as resource persons in creating awareness required for the prevention of child abuse and guiding district officers to conduct psychosocial investigations of the complaints received by the Authority are the key duties of this division. The Psychosocial Division also organizes psychosocial programs by coordinating with other divisions of the Authority and the officials of this division participate as resource persons in awareness programs.

Provision of counseling services by the Psychosocial Division

The Psychosocial Division of the National Child Protection Authority provides counseling for improving mental health of children who have been victimized either due to abuse or violation of their rights. Accordingly, 237 counseling sessions were conducted within the Authority and 04 outside.

Month	Beneficiaries	Counseling Sessions
January	14	12
February	08	12
March	24	19
April	17	19
May	35	37
June	19	16
July	18	20
August	15	18
September	42	30
October	20	19
November	21	18
December	22	17
Total	255	237

Source : Psychosocial Unit

From this year, the Psychosocial Division also deals with complaints received by the Authority which requires psychosocial course of action. Accordingly, the progress of the action taken in relation to complaints by the division is given below.

Month	Total Number of Complaints	Referred to Legal Division	Referred for follow-up action	Referred for case discussions	District Coordinating Officer of the Authority
January	22	-	-	02	22
February	09	02	-	-	09
March	05	-	-	-	05
April	09	-	-	-	09
May	14	-	-	-	14
June	19	04	-	-	19
July	45	10	-	-	45
August	28	08	01	-	28
September	29	16	01	-	29
October	28	12	02	-	28
November	16	05	-	-	16
December	08	15	01	-	08

Source : Psychosocial Unit

Participation in training workshops

- 17.02.2009 Stress Management Work shop at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute
- 15.02.2009 – 21.02.2009 “ Api Surekemu” program organized by Sri Lanka Red Cross Society
- 24.03.2009 “ Semata Sith Numba” –mental and community health workshop at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute
- 27.03.2009 “Technology and child” workshop held at NCPA
- 17.03.2009, “Peedithayange Vedikawa” workshop on mental patients at the Blood Transfusion Center, Narahenpita
- 13.08.2009, Workshop held at the auditorium of the Authority on conducting video recording of evidence in a more optimal manner
- 17-19.08.2009 Workshop on conflict resolution organized by the Department of Social Services

Awareness program for expectant mothers

The aim of this program is to create awareness among expectant mothers and health service officials regarding the protection of children from the prenatal stage, to build a child-friendly environment within the family, prevent children from being abused and the applicable laws and regulations in this regard.

Even though the number of targeted beneficiaries and programs in the national action plan implemented by the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment is 600 and 20 respectively, the number of actual beneficiaries was 990 with 22 programs conducted island-wide at a cost of Rs 0.20 million with 5 programs in the Ratnapura District, 05 programs in the Mannar District, 07 programs in the Polonnaruwa District and 05 programs in the Ampara district.

Psychiatric Programs :

- 04.01.2009, A workshop on creative psychiatry and personality development was conducted for the staff and all resident students of the Ranmuthugala Certified School.
- 08.03.2009, A workshop on creative psychiatry and personality development was conducted for 32 victimized children (girls) of Rukmalgama Child Development Center, Pannipitiya, Kottawa.
- 06.04.2009 Awareness on how to work in a friendly manner with residential children for wardens and 60 children of Rukmalgama Child Development Center (Girls), Panipitiya, Kottawa
- 24-25.07.2009 A workshop on creative psychiatry and personality development was conducted by British creative psychiatrist Linda Rose for the residential war-victimized children at the Ambepussa Rehabilitation camp.
- 29.07.2009, A program on creative psychiatry and personality development was conducted on 28-for children of relief villages in Vavuniya
- 30-31.07.2009 Programs on creative psychiatry and personality development were conducted for residential children (40) of the Ranmuthugala Certified School
- 02.10.2009 Programs on creative psychiatry and personality development were conducted for the children of the School of the Deaf and Blind, Ratmalana

Psychosocial Awareness Programs

- An awareness program on child abuse and the rights of children was conducted for 500 students of Grade 7,8,9,10,11,12 and teachers of the Bandaragama Vidyalaya on 09.01.2009
- An awareness program on child abuse and the rights of children was conducted for 60 beneficiaries at the workshop held on the National Child Protection Authority on 13.03.2009
- An awareness program on child abuse and the rights of children was conducted for 63 students of St. Anthony's Girls' School, Dematagoda on 07.04.2009
- An awareness program on child abuse and the rights of children was conducted for 80 students of St.Mary's College, Wadduwa on 29.04.2009
- Awareness on the creation of a child friendly environment for students of Cambridge School, Hatton on 19.06.2009
- Training district officers of the Eastern and Northern Reawakening Program on 24,25,26.08.2009
- Awareness on child abuse and the rights of children for Grade 8,9,10 students of Newstead Girls School, Negambo on 09.10.2009.
- Awareness on child abuse and the rights of children was conducted for Grade 8,9,10 students of Bentota Gamini MMV on 02.12.2009.

Contribution as resource persons and other activities

- Counseling and investigations on victimized children at Dhammaloka Children's Home, Gampaha on 12.02.2009
- Participation at psychosocial gathering meeting on 09.03.2009 organized by CHA
- Visiting Uragasmanhandiya area in Galle on 09.03.2009 for an investigation on a victimized child
- Participation in training internship students who followed the Diploma course on counseling at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute on 31.03.2009
- Internship training for one person on 02.04.2009
- Visiting the Judicial Medical Officer's Office in Ratnapura on 10.04.2009 for an investigation on a victimized child.
- Internship training, 24.04.2009
- Internship training 27.04.2009
- Receiving internship training –University of Kelaniya, 28.04.2009
- Internship training for one person on 04.05.2009

- Internship training for one person on 05.05.2009
- Internship training for one person on 27.05.2009
- Visiting Royal College on 19.06.2009 for conducting investigations on children not attending school.
- Visiting Yakkala Children's Home for conducting investigations on a victimized child
- Visiting 'Meth Sevana' Center, Nugegoda on 10.06.2009 for an investigation on child suffering from Thalasemia.
- Participation at a radio program on "Skills in dealing with teenage children of Sri Lanka" Broadcasting Program on 26.08.2009
- SLBC program on improving skills of parents in resolving problems of childhood on 02.09.2009
- Participated in an investigation at 'Nisala Diya' Children's Home, Negambo on 16.09.2009
- Participated in an investigation at 'Vishaka' Children's Home, Kalutara on 22.09.2009
- Participated in an investigation at Ananda College, Colombo on 25.09.2009 regarding a dismissal of students from the school
- Participated in an investigation at 'SOS' Children's Home, Piliyandala on 16.11.2009
- Conducting investigations on 29.12.2009 about 5 children who fled 'Nisala Diya' Children's Home, Negambo

Legal Division

The Legal Division of the Authority recommends the legislative, administrative or other reforms for the prevention of child abuse required for the attainment of the functions of the Authority, instructs the enforcement of law pertaining to all forms of child abuse and regulates the progress of all investigations and court proceedings relating to child abuse and appears in the court representing victims.

The Authority receives complaints of child abuse over post, fax, e-mail and telephone and the majority of them are anonymous. The anonymous complaints of child abuse are those witnessed by individuals who are sensitive to the social responsibility. But there are some instances of false complaints and the Authority is in the view that such false complaints are made with the aim of implicating persons due to personal animosity.

All complaints received by the Authority up to the end of February were referred to the Legal Division and if the complaint needed to be investigated and regulated as per the nature of the complaint, such complaints were forwarded to either the Law Enforcement Division or the Police Investigation Division. In addition, complaints on violation of the rights of children were referred to the entities such as the Human Rights Commission, the Labour Department and the Ministry of Education.

However, from 01 March 2009, all complaints were forwarded to the Central Record Room for registration and after the relevant entries were made by the Law Enforcement Officer, complaints were referred to the relevant divisions for necessary action by the Law Enforcement Division.

Action taken regarding complaints

Of the complaints received by the Division, 517 were submitted to the Legal Division for necessary actions.

Law suits

The Legal Division handles lawsuits relevant to child abuse in courts in all areas. One of the prime responsibilities of the Legal Division is to lead the cases in relation to the measures taken for the protection of children who have lost either the father or the mother or both or the guardian in the tsunami tragedy. In the year 2009, legal officers of the Authority were involved in 217 such cases.

Court	Number of Cases
Bambalapitiya	21
Balapitiya	43
Baddegama	04
Galle	86
Hambantota	20
Hulftsdorf	09
Mount Lavinia	32
Colombo	01
Galgamuwa	01
Total	217

Source : Legal Division

Video recording of evidence

One of the important functions regulated by the Legal Division is the recording of video evidence. Under the existing systems of law enforcement, the children who have been subject to abuse are being repeatedly questioned on several different occasions in court proceedings and this is akin to abusing these children again and having a debilitating impact on the personality development and mental health of such children. In particular, sexually abused children become helpless victims of this system. In order to prevent such a situation, the evidence of sexually abused children are video recorded by the Legal Division and forwarded to the law enforcement authorities on the order or to the relevant court. 23 video recordings were done this year.

Testing of genes of victimized children of abuse

The Authority conducts gene testing for establishing identity and recognizing special conditions of children who have been victims of child abuse. In the year 2009, 10 gene tests were carried out at a cost of Rs 0.1 million.

Contribution through resource persons

Officers of the Legal Division serve as resource persons in awareness programs on child abuse and this year, officers of the division participated in 16 programs as resource persons. In addition, the officers of the Division participated in various inter-organizational discussions and contributed to 11 of them.

The Legal Division also extended its fullest cooperation to the felicitation ceremony organized to mark the International Day against Child Abuse.

Publishing a book on adoption

The Legal Division was confronted with repeated incidents on the abduction of children for adoption and sale and purchase of children reported to the National Child Protection Authority since the beginning of 2008. Many such incidents have taken place due to the lack of awareness on legal matters pertaining to adoption.

Therefore in order to educate the society regarding this all important issues and to enlighten the general public on child abuse and the role of the Authority, attorney at law Rohan Wijesena of the Legal Division published a book titled “Law on Adoption, Guardianship of Children and Destroying lives of Young Children”. The financial patronage for the book was extended by the ‘Mind Solutions’ Organization and was launched on 01 October 2009 to coincide with International Children’s Day.

Planning/Information and Media Division

The Planning/ Information and Media Division is responsible for creating awareness among people and disseminating information on the role of the National Child Protection Authority and prevention of child abuses. Further, it provides literature such as posters, the charter on child rights, handbills and material on prevention of corporal punishment to educate those who visit the Authority. For those in faraway places, the relevant information, posters and handouts are sent through post. In addition, it contributes resources for lectures and workshops.

Further to the above functions, the Division was vested with powers by the Board of Directors of the Authority to deal with activities pertaining to planning. Accordingly, the Division hitherto known as Information and Media was renamed as the Planning/ Information and Media Division.

The following are the major duties of this unit.

Disseminating information on Child Protection, Child Abuse and Child Rights

Students, general public and professionals who seek knowledge on child abuse and child protection make requests for information over post, telephone, fax, e-mail and it is the responsibility of this Division to provide them with such information. It also makes available library facilities and provides posters and handouts to those who visit the authority seeking such information.

Regulation of Printed Media

For this purpose, 09 daily newspapers (The Divaina, the Lankadeepa, the Lakbima, the Daily Mirror, the Daily News, the Island and the Weerakesari) and 09 weekend newspapers (the Irida Divaina, Irida Lankadeepa, the Silumina, the Lakbima, the Sunday Times, the Observer, the Sunday Island, the Weerakesari and the Ravaya) are perused carefully for incidence of child abuse. A total of 1684 incidents of child abuse have been observed this year)

Dissemination of printed material

A publication designed by the Authority on child protection is circulated free of charge. Posters, handouts, booklets, stickers, video compact disks too are distributed and 9885 copies of the relevant publication were distributed this year.

Issuing messages for Electronic and Print Media

The Authority issues media releases and messages on the incidents of child abuse and special functions. A total of 21 media releases were issued this year.

Programs in Electronic Media

Discussion programs are aired over City FM, Sirasa television, Independent Television Network, Rupavahini and Derana TV throughout the year. The Chairperson and the officials of the Legal Division participated in these programs as invited experts and the Authority received the unstinted support of the media for these activities.

Library of the National Child Protection Authority

A library unit, which was a long-felt need of the National Child Protection Authority, was established at the beginning of this year. Making available required information to the academic community and university students conducting researches and surveys on child abuse thus enhancing literature on the subject and to enrich the library through their researches and findings were the prime objective of this library. The Social Science, Psychology and Criminology departments of the relevant universities have been notified that the reports, if any, of researches conducted by the academic community can be handed over to the library and that library facilities can be provided to undergraduates interested in researches in this field.

Participation in exhibitions and Community Care Services

In order to establish a direct link with the child protection community, the Authority conducts exhibitions and participates in community care services. A stall of the Authority was erected at four education and trade exhibitions that held for 17 days. More than one hundred thousand people were educated during these exhibitions.

International Children's Day

Children's Day is celebrated on 01 October every year with the objective of awakening the people to the need of child protection. The theme of this year's celebration was "We all children-The Future" and the main national ceremony of Children's Day was held on 02 October at the School for the Deaf and Blind at Ratmalana. The following activities were conducted to mark this day.

- The launch of the international charter on child rights in Brail system for the benefit of blind children
- Production of two television documentaries "Diya Beraliya Mal" and "Handata Andurak" with the financial sponsorship of Sanasa Development Bank.
- The launch of the book entitled "Law on Adoption, Guardianship of Children and Destroying lives of Young Children" authored by attorney at law Rohan Wijesena attached to the Legal

Division with the financial support of Mind Solutions, a childcare non- governmental organization.

- Printing of child friendly messages in the back cover of exercises books of Weerodara Exercise Book Company
- Publishing a full page notice in the Lankadeepa newspaper of 1st October with total financial assistance from World Vision nongovernmental organization.
- The launch of the video compact disc on child protection designed in sign language
- Sixteen district meetings under the Children's Day theme were held concurrent to National Children's Day. The cost incurred for these meetings were Rs. 0.6 million.

Administrative Division

Human resource management, physical resource procurement and maintenance of the National Child Protection Authority have been assigned to the Administrative Division.

As per the structure of the Authority, the total number of employees are 94 and 50 of them are attached to the District Secretariats as Assistant District Coordinators and Assistant District Psychosocial Officers. The number of employees serving in the head office is 44 and they are attached to 8 divisions.

By the end of 2009, the number of permanent employees stood at 86. One employee had been recruited on casual basis.

At the beginning of the year 2009, 07 vacancies remained to be filled and within the first two months of the year, 03 of them were filled i.e. Board Secretary, Assistant District Coordinator - Mulaitivu and Assistant District Psychosocial Coordinator-Kilinochchi. The vacancy for the post of Jaffna District Assistant Coordinator was able to be filled in July.

For the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Authority which remained vacant, the former secretary of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Empowerment, Mr. M.Sumanadasa (Retired) was appointed on the recommendation of the Ministry.

During the year, there was one transfer. A vacancy was created as a result of the vacation of post by the Ratnapura District Assistant Coordinator and the Assistant District Coordinator of the Badulla district was transferred to Ratnapura on a request made by him.

During the course of the year, there had been 08 vacations of posts which was an increase in comparison to the previous year. Those who left had secured better paid jobs with additional perks. However the vacation of posts by experienced officers was a great loss to the Authority.

Special tasks performed by the Administrative Division in 2009

Human Resource Development

Since a staff replete with new knowledge and skills is an asset to the Authority which enables it to provide a more efficient and effective service to children, the Authority considers human resource development as a key component of its functions. Therefore the Authority focuses more on developing skills of the Authority during this year. 24 officers were referred to various

training courses conducted locally and two officers were sent overseas training workshops. An assistant legal officer of the Authority attended a two-day awareness program held in New Delhi, India for law enforcers on Human Smuggling in SAARC countries and the Program Officer of the Authority participated in a two-day workshop held in Uttar Pradesh, India for SAARC member countries on Child Labour.

Details of training programs conducted in 2009 for developing human resources are outlined in the following table.

Work Shop	Venue	Number of workers participated
Stress Management	Sri Lanka Foundation Institute	09
Quality control and standardization of vehicles	CETRAC	01
Employee Productivity	SDEL	05
Training Work Shop on Autism	Tadin Lanka Pvt Ltd.	02
Participatory methods in training trainers	Sri Lanka Foundation Institute	01
Driver quality control	CETRAC	01

The expenditure on human resource development of the Authority was Rs 0.256 million.

Programs conducted for the staff attached to the District Secretariats of the Authority (Assistant District Coordinators and Assistant District Psychosocial Coordinators)

32 district officers of the Authority were trained on child protection strategies under a program titled “Be Safe” conducted by the “Canadian Red Cross”.

A two-day program on tools of communication and computer operation was conducted on 18-19.06.2009 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute with the financial support of the Italian nongovernmental organization “Persone Come Noi” with the aim of enhancing communication and IT knowledge of district officers of the Authority. 27 district officers underwent this training and a laptop computer was donated to each district at the conclusion of the program.

A workshop to share the experiences in the field of mental health was conducted for 23 Assistant District Psychosocial Officers on 12.03.2009 at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute under the financial sponsorship of Plan Sri Lanka.

Under the Eastern Reawakening program, a training session to create awareness among family health workers and pregnant mothers at maternity clinics on child protection was conducted for 13 officers, serving in the Eastern Province and bordering districts.

New premises of the Authority

A new building was constructed at a cost of Rs 40 million as an extension of the existing building of the National Child Protection Authority and was declared open by the Minister of Child Development and Women's Empowerment Hon. Sumedha G.Jayasena on 05.03.2009.

Obtaining essential services for the Authority

Janitorial and cleaning service, security service, maintenance of computers and communication equipment and transport services essential to the Authority were obtained on rent basis.

Finance Division

The responsibility of handling public finances and accounting of the National Child Protection Authority lies with the finance division. Efficient and effective utilization of all resources received by the Authority for optimum results and maintaining financial control and fiscal discipline are the other functions of this division.

The financial control is carried out in compliance with the Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, financial regulations, provisions of the Establishment Code, circulars of the Presidential Secretary, circulars of the Treasury, Public Administration circulars and condition imposed by the Ministry from time to time.

Duties performed by the Finance Division in 2009

- Monitoring and supervising financial activities of the Authority
- Conveying to the Authority information on management introduced by the treasury and other statutory bodies
- Preparing annual accounts and submitting relevant reports and information for audit queries
- Preparing annual estimates as per requirements and having annual treasury financial provisions allocated and controlling annual budget
- Submitting monthly, quarterly and annual accounts to the management of the Authority, board of directors, the Ministry and the Treasury as per requirements
- Forwarding reports on financial allocations as and when requested by the Parliament Select Committee
- Getting fixed asset stocks signed and implementing provisions relating to administration
- Handling accounts of the National Action Plan of the Ministry implemented during 2009 and the accounts of projects such as Italy, UNICEF, Tsunami, ILO/IPEC
- Submitting all financial reports requested by other divisions of the Authority

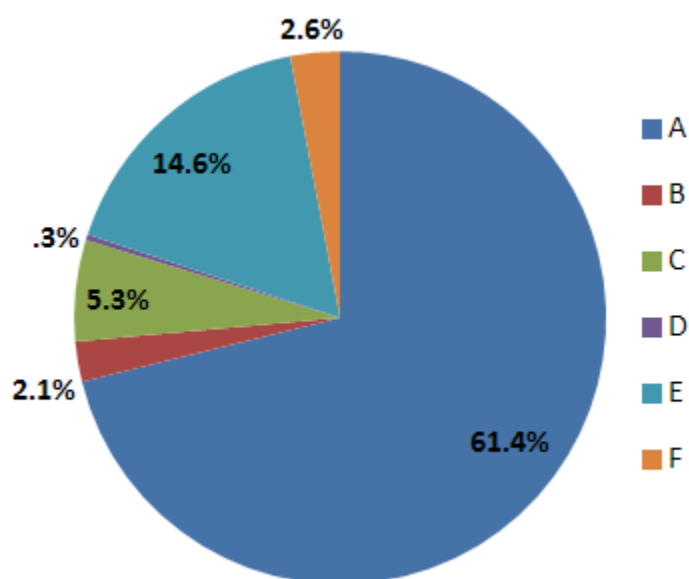
In addition, the division contributed to the following programs conducted by the Authority

- Program held at BMICH in January, 2009 to mark the day on Violence against Children
- Eastern Reawakening programs
- Awareness programs for family health workers/nurses- Mulleriyawa, Kandana
- Collecting money, food and other essential items for children in IDP camps maintained under UNICEF funds and programs of ‘Dedunu Palama’ (Rainbow Bridge)
- Financial activities pertaining to Child and Youth Centers at Trincomalee, Welgamvehera and Mihindupura

This division referred the papers compiled on administrative and financial activities by the Management and Audit Committee in the year 2009 to the Committee for their recommendations and submitted them to the Board of Directors. Further, the draft of the financial handbook was referred to the Public Finance Policy Department of the Treasury for its recommendations.

Analysis of Recurrent Expenditure in 2009

Description	As a percentage of the total expenditure
A-Salaries and emoluments	61.4%
B-Transport	2.1%
C-Supplies and consumables	5.3%
D-Maintenance	0.3%
E-Contract services	14.6%
F- Other	2.6%



National Child Protection Authority
Income and expenditure statement for the year ended 31/12/2009
(in Rupees)

Description	Notes	2009	2008
<i>Operational Income</i>			
Recurrent - Treasury	1A	44,910,000.00	31,950,000.00
- Other institutions		6,677,044.46	8,522,483.81
Other income	1B	1,775,443.16	1,079,214.33
National Action Plan- Ministry		2,600,000.00	9,915,000.00
Total Income		55,962,487.62	51,466,698.14
<i>Operational Expenses</i>			
Employee salaries	2	27,586,576.00	23,357,348.76
Transport expenses	3	950,901.35	542,047.04
Supplies and consumable used	4	2,384,398.92	2,078,201.58
Maintenance	5	1,441,139.24	1,618,899.40
Contractual services	6	6,539,298.15	3,985,561.35
Depreciation	7	3,911,962.97	3,410,019.03
Other operational expenditure	8	1,170,025.10	1,229,272.83
National Action Plan-Expenditure	9	2,767,564.07	8,049,835.16
Project expenditure	10	6,370,952.87	8,713,799.21
Tsunami aid project expenditure	11	4,508,016.94	4,049,536.18
Total operational expenditure		57,630,835.79	57,034,520.54
Surplus from operational tasks (deficit)		(1,668,348.17)	(5,567,822.40)
Finance cost	12	15,704.29	16,239.87
Extraordinary items	13	550,000.00	740,723.19
Net surplus from operational and non-operational tasks (deficit)	14	(2,234,052.46)	(6,324,785.46)

Schedules

Schedule 1	2009	2008
Property, machinery and plant		
Lands	7,000,000.00	7,000,000.00
Buildings	49,391,335.94	44,689,604.99
Motor Vehicles	492,029.55	984,657.95
Furniture	1,151,559.08	1,337,587.78
Equipment	2,465,655.21	2,503,086.25
Project fixed assets		
ILO-Capacity development program—2005	33,022.00	52,706.00
ILO-Trafficking -2005	48,714.00	109,188.00
World Bank-Child and Youth Centers	0	94,997.79
Tsunami training project 2005	427,017.00	1,019,861.77
Tsunami aid project 2005	905,126.77	1,019,861.77
Italy-Resource center computers	1,025,957.50	498,075.00
Italy-Resource center agro equipment	21,854.00	32,781.00
Italy-Resource center furniture	469,826.00	570,503.00
Italy-Resource center equipment	72,781.80	88,377.90
Italy-Resource center, musical instrument	36,190.00	54,785.00
Italy-Resource center, sports equipment	247,588.60	300,643.30
Sub Total	63,788,657.45	59,342,408.00

Schedule 2	2009	2008
Investment and savings		
Gratuity payments and fund investments	877,325.75	834,337.60
Savings account	18,675,145.70	17,884,916.38
Repayment of distress loans fund account	619,469.56	413,640.45
Sub total	20,171,941.01	19,132,894.43

Schedule 3	2009	2008
Receivable accounts		
UNICEF Psychosocial coordinating programs	235,379.00	235,379.00
Festival Advance	70,900.00	26,700.00
Distress Loan		
N.D.B. Malkanthi	2,666.00	29,570.00
R. Manisekaran	15,895.99	33,258.00

M.G.T.L. Yasawardane	31,650.09	52,750.05
M.G.J. Wickramasinghe	28,732.94	45,972.97
Receivable accounts-Estate children	0	96,112.00
Receivable accounts-Naffila /Izadeen	0	8,500.00
Cash advances	325,468.88	1,245,660.21
Cash advances –Projects	20,795.30	230,577.00
Sub Total	731,488.20	2,004,479.23

Schedule 4	2009	2008
Prepayments		
Insurance	228,422.65	179,039.00
Service agreements –photocopy	14,466.67	5,548.75
Service agreements –fax	3,920.00	64,232.29
Fuel deposits	7,500.00	7,500.00
Sub total	254,309.32	256,320.04

Schedule 5	2009	2009
Money or equivalents		
Bank of Ceylon- Nugegoda A/C No. 228076	227,232.27	57,985.42
Bank of Ceylon- Nugegoda A/C No. 4171645	52,892.05	28,494.25
People’s Bank- Nugegoda A/C No. 174-1-001-4-0347385	475,692.41	2,375,408.04
Bank of Ceylon- Taprobane A/C No.2026588	30,902.71	34,502.00
Petty cash	9,966.00	5,628.00
Sub Total	796,685.44	2,502,017.71

Current account No.22807 at (Bank of Ceylon-Nugegoda) was opened for grants received from the government. Though Current Account No. 417,1645 (Bank of Ceylon-Nugegoda) was opened for the ILO capacity development programs, it is now being used for the Italian project since the ILO project came to an end in July, 2008. The account maintained at People’s Bank Nugegoda branch was maintained for sponsorship donations. Account No. 202588 at the Taprobane branch of Bank of Ceylon was opened for treasury transactions.

Schedule 6	2009	2008
Payable account and allocations		
Allocation for audit fees	30,000.00	30,000.00
Payable petty cash	1,669.00	1,669.00
Allocations for gratuity payment	1,117,562.50	806,545.00
To savings account	0	500,000.00
Sub total	1,149,231.50	1,338,214.00

Schedule 7	2009	2008
Accrued expenditure		
Repayment of distress loan	619,469.56	419,187.45
M.H.M.Riyaz-repayment of salaries	360	0
Expenses payable for district officers	144,720.83	0
Overtime	163,368.55	0
Telephone bills	126,286.44	0
EPF payables	418,449.23	0
ETF payables	62,767.38	0
Children and Youth Center- Vilgamvehera	19,680.00	0
Children and Youth Center- Mihindupura	183,243.67	0
Science Land (Pvt) Ltd- software purchasing	49,000.00	0
Viran printers –For printing	552,985.00	0
Urban Development Authority	94,150.00	0
Withholding tax	83,114.00	0
Sub Total	2,517,594.66	419,187.45

Schedule 8	2009	2008
Funds withheld		
ILO	0	0
UNICEF	0	39,774.00
Switzerland embassy	0	0
Australian High Commission	0	201,776.50
SPCAN Training	539,421.00	539,421.00
British High Commission	21,000.00	104,931.00
Dialog GSM	0	16,305.00
Media Services	3,962.00	20,750.00
USA-Kelaniya University Fund	1,943,383.00	2,082,187.00
Plan Sri Lanka	0	94,150.00
Sub Total	2,507,766.00	3,099,294.50

Schedule 9	2009	2008
Project Income and expenditure account		
World Bank-Child and Youth Centers	0	0
ILO-Rehabilitation	33,021.00	52,705.00
ILO –Trafficking	48,714.00	109,188.00
ILO-Tsunami training	563,261.00	718,540.00

Tsunami-sponsorship grants	3,730,681.82	3,631,388.45
Tsunami project account	5,390,526.88	9,898,543.82
ILO-capacity development project	0	0
Italian resource center project	2,164,411.25	1,803,736.45
Sub Total	11,930,615.95	16,214,101.72

Schedule 10	2009	2008
Capital grants		
Government's capital grants	47,693,500.00	44,248,500.00
Government's capital grants- supplementary	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00
President's Fund	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
British High Commission- buildings	16,939,023.00	16,939,023.00
UNICEF vehicles/ equipment and furniture	9,352,525.25	9,067,026.00
Save the children equipment	550,656.00	550,656.00
Rev. Father Joachim –equipment	894,321.00	894,321.00
ILO equipment	37,400.00	37,400.00
Dialog GSM	86,265.00	69,960.00
ISPCAN-Equipment	14,960.00	14,960.00
Tsunami capital	4,059,378.00	4,059,000.00
IBM –Capital	1,596,000.00	1,596,000.00
World Bank Capital	215,953.00	215,953.00
Switzerland embassy	224,250.00	224,250.00
Ministry –capital grants	167,555.00	0
Sub Total	84,031.786.25	80,117,427.00

National Child Protection Authority
Cash flow statement as at 31/12/2009

Description	Notes/ schedules	Rs	Rs
<i>Cash flows generated from operational activities</i>			
Income over expenses			
Depreciation	12	(2,234,052.46)	
Net cash flow before working capital changes	13	4,957,814.27	
<i>Working capital changes</i>			2,723,761.81
Decrease -receivable accounts		1,272,991.03	
Prepayment decrease		2,020.72	
Payable accounts (Deficit)		(188,982.50)	
Accrued expenditure increases		2,098,407.21	
<i>Net cash flows generated from operational activities</i>			3,184,426.46
<i>Cash flows generated from Investment activities</i>			
Savings		(1,039,046.58)	
Purchasing property plant & equipment		(9,127,817.99)	
<i>Net cash flows generated from Investment activities</i>			(10,166,864.57)
<i>Cash flows generated from financial activities</i>			
Cash generated from withheld funds		(591,528.50)	
Cash generated from allocations		(688,956.80)	
Cash generated from capital grants		3,914,359.25	
Cash generated from project reserves		(80,529.92)	
<i>Net cash flows generated from financial activities</i>			2,553,344.03
<i>Net cash surplus generated from cash and cash equivalent (deficiency)</i>			(1,705,32.27)
<i>Changes in cash and cash equivalents</i>			
C/F cash for cash equipment at beginning of period			2,502,017.71
Net cash Increases (decreases)			(1,705,332.27)
<i>Year end cash and cash equivalents</i>	5		796,685.44

Note 12:- Expenditure exceeding income consist of expenditures of the Authority and project expenditures

Note 13:- Depreciation of fixed assets of the Authority and depreciation of fixed assets of projects are both included in depreciation

Notes

Note 1A	2009	2008
Recurrent provisions –from other institutions		
Italy-resource center project	6,360,886.76	6,389,113.24
ILO capacity development project	0	322,143.62
ILO-resource center project-deductions from salary	12,561.33	0
Sponsorship grants –AVA	302,596.37	1,811,226.95
Sub Total	6,677,044.46	8,522,483.81

During the accounting year, a sum of Rs. 6,677,044.46 was received from foreign agencies

AVA= Associazione Veneziana Albergatori

Note 1B	2009	2008
Other income		
Interest received	842,717.47	975,894.23
Direct deposits	38,789.26	42,119.66
Distress loan interest	5,176.12	8,645.16
Salary deductions	15,932.00	7,811.78
Receipts for NCPA's 10 th anniversary	140,000.00	0
Other income	26,077.81	27,323.50
Insurance cover	87,445.00	0
Receipts from 'Dedunu Palama' program	229,537.75	0
Assistance for vocational training	75,000.00	0
Receipts for International Children's Day	300,000.00	0
Recovery of the salary of Mrs. S.Hettiarachchi	14,767.75	0
Sub Total	1,775,443.16	1,061,794.33

Note 2	2009	2008
Employee salaries and emoluments		
Employee salaries	16,988,743.12	15,036,351.86
Monthly allowances	1,252,886.28	1,368,706.97
Cost of living allowance	4,516,125.00	2,736,223.69
EPF funds	2,610,475.17	2,211,318.20
ETF funds	644,948.41	546,130.00
Overtime	1,185,090.35	958,126.55
Leave encashment	77,290.35	62,017.25
Gratuity payment funds	311,017.50	112,582.50
Programs for improving workers' skills	0	75,333.00

Combined allowances –district officers	0	187,773.01
Employee welfare	0	62,785.25
Sub total	27,856,576.18	23,357,348.76

Note 3	2009	2008
Travelling expenses		
Domestic travel expenses	102,399.00	133,899.00
Foreign travel expenses	250,093.60	281,859.05
Combined allowances –district officers	300,564.98	80,000.00
Travel expenses-district officers	153,093.95	46,298.99
Vehicle rentals- Chief Executive Officer	144,749.82	0
Sub Total	950,901.82	542,047.04

Note 4	2009	2008
Supplies and consumer services		
Stationary and office requirements	527,414.00	589,243.81
Stationary- district officers	69,472.99	29,954.09
Fuel- Chairman	168,000.00	152,250.00
Fuel- deputy chairman	216,600.00	174,000.00
Fuel- Chief Executive Officer	72,000.00	24,000.00
Fuel-district officers	303,653.43	210,096.18
Fuel –other	798,520.50	772,707.50
Newspapers	167,065.00	74,940.00
Supplies	61,673.00	51,010.00
Sub Total	2,384,398.92	2,078,201.58

Note 5	2009	2008
Maintenance		
Vehicle rental-Chief Executive Officer	910,948.58	1,171,605.13
Computers	94,754.68	135,,130.21
Equipment	240,028.98	278,526.56
Buildings	195,407.00	33,637.50
Sub Total	1,441,139.24	1,618,899.40

Note 6	2009	2008
Contracted services		
Electricity	963,793.75	1,075,816.69
Telephones	1,300,287.33	1,158,894.77
Water	340,905.40	143,923.10
Security services	783,125.47	501,334.70
Janitorial services	290,666.65	94,561.00
Audit fees	0	38,127.00
Rentals	1,325,073.00	640,650.00
Insurance	436,144.69	332,254.09
Postal charges	105,312.00	52,947.00
Newspaper notices	94,087.38	152,003.00
Printing	220,497.64	42,938.50
Translations	29,359.00	92,626.00
Board of Directors expenses	244,802.17	130,850.50
Expenses for skills development programs	256,144.80	75,333.00
Expenses for staff welfare activities	65,000.50	250,558.26
Service agreements – photocopying	6,533.33	0
generator	5548.75	0
computers	64,232.29	0
photocopying (police)	7,000.00	0
fax machine	784	0
Sub Total	6,539,298.15	4,782,817.61

Audit expenses were not incurred during this accounting year. It was carried forward to the next year

Note 7	2009	2008
Depreciation		
Buildings	1,064,500.63	420,376.01
Motor Vehicles	492,628.40	949,317.05
Furniture	605,863.72	296,202.22
Equipment	1,748,970.22	1,744,123.75
Sub Total	3,911,962.97	3,410,019.03

Note 8	2009	2008
Other operational expenditures		
Investigation expenses	640,505.50	395,804.10
Miscellaneous expenses	55,997.25	83,643.73
Program expenses	0	13,680.00
Administrative manual	0	264,780.00
DCDC meetings	31,257.85	0
10 th anniversary celebration expenses	442,264.50	0
Sub Total	1,170,025.10	757,907.83

Note 9	2009	2008
National activities expenses		8,049,835.16
Skills development and awareness programs	229,073.50	
Psychosocial awareness programs	352,079.05	
Exhibition expenses	21,004.38	
Commemorative days-Day on violence against children	1,184,000.23	
-International children's day	981,406.91	
Sub Total	2,767,564.07	8,049,835.16

Note 10	2009	2008
Project expenses		
Depreciation allocation-ILO-Rehabilitation	19,684.00	34,559.00
Depreciation allocation-ILO- Trafficking	60,474.00	60,474.00
Depreciation allocation-ILO-Tsunami training	155,279.00	155,279.00
Depreciation allocation-ILO-capacity development	0	1,796,498.92
World Bank-Youth and Child Centers	0	1,989,457.00
Sponsorship grants	204,303.00	92,154.50
Italy resource center expenses	5,931,212.87	4,585,376.79
Sub Total	6,370,952.87	8,713,799.21

Note 11	2009	2008
Tsunami Project Expenditure		4,049,536.18
Child and Youth Centre –Vilgamvehera	621,891.17	0
Child and Youth Centre- Mihindupura	245,833.50	0
Tsunami evaluation and training	1,716,561.98	0
Tsunami general expenses	14,500.00	0
Depreciation –Tsunami project	114,735.00	0
Expenses for the protection of child combatants and children in camps for displaced	1,794.495.29	0
Sub Total	4,508,016.94	4,094,536.18

Note 12		
Financial expenditure	2009	2008
Withholding tax	12,105.00	16,239.87
Sub Total	12,105.00	16,239.87

Note 13		
Extraordinary item	2009	2008
Mr. A.G.Nisath –(ssistant Psychosocial Coordinator) who died in an accident Compensation	550,000.00	0
Sub Total	550,000.00	0

Note 14	2009	2008
Net surplus or deficit of the year		
Net surplus or deficit –General Treasury	1,967,872.89	-2,803,933.88
Net surplus or deficit- Projects	-4,201,925.35	-4,240,851.58
Sub Total	-2,234,052.45	-6,324,785.46

The surplus or deficit subsequent to the non-operational activities of the National Child Protection Authority is derived from expenses from another project and the tsunami aid project.

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The Chairman,
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Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the National Child Protection Authority for the year ended 31 December 2009 in terms of Section 14(2)(c) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971

The audit of financial statements of the National Child Protection Authority for the year ended 31 December 2009 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 22(2) of the National Child Protection Authority Act, No.50 of 1998. My comments and observations which I consider should be published with the Annual Report of the Authority 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 issued to the Chairman of the Authority on 17 March 2010.

1:2 Responsibility of the Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of Financial Statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

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1:3 Scope of Audit and Basis of Opinion

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. Audit opinion, comments and findings in this report are based on review of the financial statements presented to audit and substantive tests of samples of transactions. The scope and extent of such review and tests were such as to enable as wide an audit coverage as possible within the limitations of staff, other resources and time available to me. The audit was carried out in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements. The audit includes the examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in financial statements and assessment of accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management in the preparation of financial statements as well as evaluating their overall presentation. I have obtained sufficient information and explanations which to the best of my knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of my audit. I therefore believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. Sub Sections (3) and (4) of the 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.

2. Financial Statements

2:1 Opinion

So far as appears from my examination and to the best of information and according to the explanations given to me, I am of opinion that the National Child Protection Authority had maintained proper accounting records for the year ended 31 December 2009 and except for the effects on the financial statements of the matters referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the this report, the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the National Child Protection Authority as at 31 December 2009 and the financial results of its operation and cash flows for the year then ended.

2:2 Comments on Financial Statements

2.2.1 Accounting Policies

The fixed assets costing Rs. 19,471,699 fully depreciated as at 01 January of the year under review and are in continuous use had not been revalued in terms of Sri Lanka Accounting Standard No. 18.

2:2:2 Accounting Deficiencies

The following observations are made.

- (a) The Goods and Services Tax and the National Defence Levy on the value of the land amounting to Rs. 1,422,459 paid on the procurement of that land on long term lease in which the Authority is situated from the Urban Development Authority had not been capitalized, while it had not been brought to account under the Capital Grants Account as well.
- (b) The gratuity payable amounting to Rs. 62,320 included in the Gratuity Provision Account had not been shown in the accounts as a liability payable while the excess provision of gratuity as at 31 December 2009 amounted to Rs. 7,790.
- (c) Expenditure under 08 items of accounts had been understated in the accounts by Rs. 210,822 and the expenditure under one item of account had been overstated in the accounts by Rs. 27,855 as at 31 December 2009.
- (d) Even though a sum equivalent to the distress loans installements recovered from the salaries of the officers had not been invested, a sum of Rs. 619,469 had been erroneously shown under investments as the Distress Loans Repayment Fund as an asset and the accrued expenses as the Refund of Distress Loans payable.

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

The following instances of non-compliance with regulations are given below.

Reference to Regulations	Non-compliance
(a) Finance Regulations 110	A Register of Losses and Damages had not been maintained.
(b) Financial Regulations 133	The Authority had not established an Internal Audit Unit.
(c) Financial Regulations 806	Goods valued at Rs. 736,691 had been issued to a Vice Chairman of a Pradeshhiya Sabha without the authority of the Accounting Officer

3. Financial and Operating Review

3:1 Financial Review

3:1:1 Financial Results

According to the financial statements presented, the operations of the Authority for the year ended 31 December 2009 had resulted in a deficit of Rs. 2,234,052 as compared with the corresponding deficit of Rs. 6,324,785 for the preceding year, thus indicating a favourable improvement of Rs. 4,090,733 in the financial results.

3:1:2 Analytical Financial Review

According to the financial statements presented, the income for the year 2009 amounted to Rs. 55,962,488 as compared with the income of Rs. 51,466,698 for the preceding year indicating an improvement of Rs. 4,495,790. The expenditure for the year 2009 amounted to Rs. 57,630,836 as compared with the corresponding expenditure of Rs. 57,034,520 for the preceding year indicating an increase of Rs. 596,316.

3:2 Operating Review

3.2.1 Physical Performance

The following observations are made.

- (a) Progress on the achievement of objectives of the Authority in the year ended 31 December 2009 is given below.

Unit	Particulars	Information and Number of Complaints received	Number of Investigations Commenced	Number referred to outside Parties	Number completed	Number not completed
Legal	Child Abuse	1406	601	-	415	186
Police	Child Abuse	251	251	63	141	47
Police	Internet raids	-	-	-	-	-

- (b) Local and foreign raids through access to the internet had not been conducted during the year 2009

3.2.2 Weaknesses in the Implementation of Projects

The following observations are made in relation to the Child and Youth Centres implemented under the tsunami aid.

- (a) Seven Child and Youth Centres had been established in the years 2005 and 2006 out of the aid amounting to Rs. 29 million received from the local and foreign donors for providing assistance to the children who had become destitute due to the tsunami. Out of these, 06 centres had been closed down in the years 2007 and 2008 while the centre at Welgamvehera only had been in operation. The Authority had prepared projects for the displaced children of the

North and implemented them from the funds allocated for the maintenance of the Centres and remaining unspent, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

- (b) The Child and Youth Centre at Hikkaduwa had been closed down with effect from 01 January 2007, and the assets of the centre valued at Rs. 736,691 had been handed over on the verbal instructions of the then Chairperson to the Vice Chairman of the Hikkaduwa Pradeshiya Sabha for the establishment of a new centre in a house belonging to him. Documentary evidence of the establishment of a new centre up to the end of the year under review or the existence of the assets was not made available.
- (c) Assets valued at Rs. 873,316 received by the Authority under the UNICEF aid in the year 2005 for the establishment of 03 Centres at Padiyatalawa, Nuwara Eliya and Negombo had been used by the Authority as those Centres had not been established. Certain assets were subject to deterioration.

3.2.3 Operating Inefficiencies

The following observations are made.

- (a) A sum of Rs. 4,024,511 had been spent in the years 2004 and 2005 on the Research on the Use and Spread of Nariotic in Sri Lanka and the Social and Mental Effect on Children caused by War implemented under the Plan Sri Lanka Programme. The final report on the research had been released on 06 January 2009 and none of the recommendation of the report had been implemented even up to the end of the year under review.
- (b) Even though the preparation of a database on child abuse in terms of Section 14(K) of the Child Protection Authority Act had been commenced in the year 2005, it had been abandoned subsequently. Even though the preliminary action for the collection of information on the custody and protection and the legal process had been done, the preparation of the database had not been regularized even up to 31 December 2009.

3.2.4 Under Utilisation of Funds

The funds received for the implementation of various projects remained under utilized even up to 31 December 2009, without being utilized for the relevant purposes.

Project	Balance as at 31 December 2009
I.S.P.C.A.N Project – High Commission of the Great Britain for Training of District Committee Officers – Recording Video Evidence	21,000
Training	104,931
USA – University of Kelaniya – Purchase of DNA Equipment	1,943,383

3.2.5 Dormant Bank Accounts

A current account of the Authority with a balance of Rs. 30,902 had been dormant from the year 2005. Nevertheless, the Bank had charged a sum of Rs. 3,599 as Debit Tax on the account during the year under review.

3.2.6 Uneconomic Transactions

The following observations are made.

- Even though 5,348 calendars for the year 2010 had been printed, 1239 calendars valued at Rs. 346,92 remained without being distributed even as at 31 December 2009.
- Advances amounting to Rs. 325,469 granted during the period January to December 2009 had not been settled during the year under review even though the respective purposes had been completed.
- The Authority had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for a period of 03 months from 01 December 2008 to 28 February 2009 with the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and conducted a children's radio programme called "Vidula". The UNICEF had made available a sum of Rs. 2.5 Million for the

initial period of 03 months. The radio programme had been terminated after the period of 03 months due to the failure to attract external advertising for procuring financial assistance for the conduct of the programme and the expenditure of Rs. 2,040,000 incurred up to date had become fruitless.

3.2.7 Identified Losses

The following observations are made.

- (a) A laptop computers valued at Rs. 47,104 received under the UNICEF Aid for the preparation of a database of the children displaced by the tsunami disaster had been misplaced during the year 2006. The investigation thereon had not been completed even up to 31 December 2009.
- (b) The Authority had procured a package for the compulsory payment of Rs. 20,000 for the number of calls obtained per month excluding the Value Added Tax, the monthly rental and the other Government taxes. The Authority had to pay a sum of Rs. 139,092 exceeding the call charges during the year under review as the package had been procured without carrying out a prior study of the telephone usage.

3.2.8 Cadre Deficiencies

The approved cadre of the Authority had been 94 and the actual cadre as at 31 December 2009 had been 82 thus resulting in 12 vacancies. The vacancies comprised one officer in the executive grade and 11 officers in the middle management grade.

3.2.9. Corporate Plan

The Authority had prepared a Corporate Plan of the functions of the Authority for the years 2007 to 2012. The specified periods for the achievement of the targets of each programme of the Corporate Plan had not been identified. A progress review of the Corporate Plan had not been carried out up to the end of the year 2009.

3.2.10 Non-implementation of Directives of the previous Committees on Public Enterprises

Even though the Committee on Public Enterprises had, at the meeting held on 28 November 2006, directed the Authority to submit to the Committee, a detailed report on the activities undertaken by the Authority for the protection of the children of the North and the East, a report had not been prepared up to the end of the year under review.

3.2.11 Internal Audit

An Internal Audit was not in operation and as such it had not possible to pay attention to a review of the systems and controls to ensure that the operations of the Authority are maintained in a true and fair manner in terms of Section 3.7.5 of the Circular No. PED/12 of 02 June 2003.

4. System and Controls

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

- (a) Monitoring of Child and Youth Centres
- (b) Control of Foreign Funds
- (c) Tsunami Follow-up Programmes

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Auditor General

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Annex

Details of the staff

Details of the approved cadre of the National Child Protection Authority who have been serving in the Authority as at 31st December 2009

Officers of the Administrative Division	
Mrs. I.J.Jayatunga	- Administrative Secretary
Mrs Yamuna Herath	- Board Secretary
Mrs. Niroscha Wellalage	- Administrative Assistant
Mr. A.Perera	- Clerk
Miss T.M.Anusha Priyadarshani	- Clerk
Mr. Susantha Almeida	- Clerk
A.C.N.De Z Navaratne	- Data Entry Operator
Mrs Nadeeka Daluwatta	- Data Entry Operator
Miss H.M.C. Kokila	- Steno/Typist- English
Mr Duminda Perera	- Steno/typist –Sinhla
Mrs R.M.I.S.Ratnayake	- Telephone Operator/ Receptionist
Mr. R.Manisekaran	- Driver
Mr. Jayantha Wickremasinghe	- Driver
Mr. B.Jayalath	- Messenger
Mr. M.U.Sajeewa Sugath Bandara	- KKS
Mr. T.C.S.Perera	- Office Labourer
Mrs M.Gunawathi	- Officer Labourer

Officer of the Finance Division	
Mrs. Deshika Malkanthi	- Accountant
Mr T.Sureshkumar	- Financial Assistant
Miss G.D.N.Sudarshani	- Financial Assistant
Mr. B.G.K.C.Perera	- Financial Assistant
Miss S.W.Achni Priyadarshani	- Accounts Clerk

Officer of the Legal Division	
Mrs Preethika Sakalasuriya	- Legal Officer
Mr. Rohan Wijesena	- Legal Assistant
Mrs. Shithari Madhumanthika	- Legal Assistant
Mrs S.A.Athukorala	- Video Evidence Recording Assistant

Officers of the Investigation Division		
Mr. Gaya Pathikirikorala	-	Law Enforcement Officer
Mr. G.A. Edirisinghe	-	Investigating Assistant
Mr. K. Janaka Udayakumara	-	Investigating Assistant
Miss. Dilani Wimalasekara	-	Investigating Assistant

Officers of the Planning/Information and Media Division		
Mr. Dimuthu Galappaththi	-	Planning/Information and Media Officer
Mr. G.W.Perera	-	Media Assistant
Miss Nilmini Wijeratne	-	Media Assistant

Officers of the Program Division		
Mrs P.T.Semasinghe	-	Program Coordinator
Mrs Chandima Fernando	-	Program Assistant
Mrs Hasara Mihindukulasuriya	-	Program Assistant
Mr. Nanda Santhusa Perera	-	Program Assistant

Officers of the Psychosocial Division		
Mrs Thushari Jayawardane	-	Counselling Assistant
Miss Samithri Weebadde	-	Counselling Assistant
Miss M.R.Kumari	-	Counselling Assistant
Miss Iresha Lanka	-	Counselling Assistant

Assistant District Psychosocial Coordinating Officers		
Mrs S.Hettiarachchi	-	Colombo
Mr. S.K.D.Ranjith	-	Gampaha
Mrs G.L.A.Suangi	-	Kalutara
Miss M.G.T.T.Rathnayake	-	Hambantota
Miss M.P.K.Basnayake	-	Matara
Miss M.V.M.Edirisinghe	-	Monaragala
Miss K.S.Deepika	-	Badulla
Mrs. R.M.P.D.Rathnayake	-	Kandy
Mr. A.K.C.D. Sirisena	-	Nuwaraeliya
Mr. I.K.Ratnayake	-	Matale
Miss W.M.D.P. Seneviratne	-	Polonnaruwa
Mrs A.P.A.Wickremapala	-	Ratnapura
Miss T.M.U.Pushpakanthi	-	Kegalle
Miss U.P.Indrani	-	Galle
Miss W.A.C.L. Bandara	-	Puttalam
Mr.U.L.Azardeen	-	Ampara
Mr. N.A.L.Fernando	-	Mannar
Mrs M.K.Subasinghe	-	Kurunegala
S.Nandaseelan	-	Vavuniya
V.Thevarasa	-	Jaffna
R.Puviraj	-	Kilinochchi

Assistant District Coordinating Officers		
Mr. H.A.I.Jayawardane	-	Colombo
W.M.Janith Weerakoon	-	Gampaha
Mrs W.N.Wickrema	-	Kalutara
Mr. J.V.R.Kumarasiri	-	Hambantota
Mrs K.P.Dhammika Kulatunga	-	Matara
Mrs E.A.W.K.Ratnayake	-	Galle
Mr. A.M.S.R.K.Abeysinghe	-	Monaragala
Mr. W.G.Ranjith Kumarasiri	-	Badulla/ Ratnapura
Mrs I.D.L.K.Dharmadasa	-	Kandy
Miss D.N.P.Hemantha	-	Nuwaraeliya
Miss M.V.S.Munasinghe	-	Matale
Mr. M.M.Dasanayake	-	Anuradhapura
Mr. R.G.S.R.Ranasinghe	-	Polonnaruwa
Mrs. G.P.P.Shiroshani Liyanage	-	Ratnapura
Mrs H.V.C.Kulatunga	-	Kegalle
Mrs R.C.P.K.Ramanayake	-	Kurunegala
Mr. W.M.K.Warnasuriya	-	Puttalam
Mr. M.D.L.Hemantha	-	Ampara
Mr. A. Kodeshwaran	-	Batticaloa
Mr. T. Selvakumar	-	Vavuniya
Mr. M.R. Y. Arfat	-	Mannar
Mr. V. Rajnikanth	-	Mulative

Officers of the Police Investigation Unit of the National Child Protection Authority in 2009

Mr. W. D. T. Wejesena	-	O.I.C, Chief Inspector of Police
Mr. I. M. R Rathanyaka	-	Inspector of Police
Mrs. I Abegunasekara	-	W I P
Mr. Bandujewa Bopitigoda	-	S I
Mr. N Kadiragamar	-	S I
Mrs. D. B. Sulari Vijitha	-	W S I
Mrs. P. M. Perera	-	W S I
Mrs . Silawathi Attanayaka	-	W S I
Mr. Chamil De Silva	-	PS 24268
Mr. K. A. S Senanayaka	-	PS 19775
Mrs H.P. M Gunathilaka	-	W P S 872
Mrs. Chitra Nandani	-	W P S 588
Mrs. W. A. Chandrani Perera	-	W P S 5151
Mrs. A. J. Chandrika	-	W P S 4448
Mr. J. K. K. Jayasingha	-	P C 8888
Mr. Warunajewa Batujewa	-	P C 12215
Mr. K. A. D Sarath	-	P C 50397
Mrs. Janaki Priyangi	-	W P C 449
Mr. A. W. A. U. T Abesekara	-	P C 61837
Mr. W. P. Nihal Welgama	-	P C 48877
Mr. K. A. J. R. Kodikara	-	P C 61779
Mr. K. G. A. Laksiri Bandara	-	P C D 75531