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The performance Report of the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs for 2014 has been prepared as per the instructions in Public Finance Circular No. 402 dated 12th September, 2002.

Introduction.

The Ministry has been assigned a significant role for the implementation of the task entrusted upon it by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 1681/3 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 22.11.2010 for the advancement of Sri Lanka Women and Children, in line with the tasks set out under Mahinda Chinthana Vision for the future and the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.

Based on the Child Rights Convention and the Women's Charter which includes matters contained in the Convention for the Eliminaiton of All Forms of Discrimination Against women, the Ministry and the institutions under it have successfully carried out the provision of legislation, formulation of policies and implementation of programmes safeguarding and promoting the rights of children and women.

Further, under the special provisions allocated as per the budget proposals of 2014, implementation of an interest free loan scheme known as "Liya Isura" through the Regional Development Banks with the involvement of Public institutions and financial institutions to provide up to Rs. 250,000/- with the aim of making small and medium scale enterprises of women entrepreneurs successful and creating sensitivity towards them, expansion of shelter houses for women victims of violence and victims of child abuse, establishing Children and Women Bureau desks at Police stations, establishing day care centers and developing counseling centres have been achieved in a significant manner.

Rendering an efficient service to the Community through the establishment of Children and Women Development Units within the Divisional Secretariats and providing facilities to the staff serving at Divisional Secretariats were also carried out. Establishing the Women's data base, generation of self employment opportunities to economically empower widows and women heads of household and encouraging them, a glass of milk programme to improve the nutrition of pre-school children, providing buses for the transportation of children in prisons to and from the courts on the due dates, implementation of the Angel's Network with the collective contribution and co-ordination of all sectors such as public, non-public and private sector and strengthening of 1929 child support telephone service and 1938 support for women telephone service were carried out successfully in this year as well.

Preparation of the 8th periodic report due to be submitted by the Ministry in the early part of 2015 with relevance to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and implementation of 'Uttama Shrama Pooja' Programme for upgrading the health and nutrition of the staff of the Ministry together with the Presidential Secretariat and the National Policy Secretariat were also done in this year.

Policy Statement

- > Setting up a Women's Enterprise Development Fund to provide the financial facilities required for improving self employment and sources of income for women.
- Launching a women's data bank to facilitate the obtaining of economic and professional information.
- Taking action to eliminate the administrative or legal difficulties faced by women at certain times by the enforcement of legal provisions required to recognize women as heads of households when a woman is the key holder of responsibility for the family.
- Taking steps to increase Women's representation in political and administrative structures.
- ➤ Taking action to provide a loan of not more than Rs. 2 lakh at a concessionary interest rate for women headed households created due to the conflict that prevailed in the North and the East or due to the terror period of 1987-89 or due to other natural causes, to make them engage in a suitable economic process that provides economic development and security of those families.
- Increasing the women's contribution in policy decision making through making women's representation compulsory in the decision making body of the village, Jana Sabha.
- To fully ensure the safety and protection of all children of the country by setting up Police Children's Bureau attached to the National Child Protection Authority.
- ➤ Initiating a court system exclusively for children to act in a way that safeguards their privacy.
- Amendment of laws to enable the orphaned children who lack proper protection to remain in the relevant Children's Home up to marriage even though they have completed 18 years of age, or to recruit them to the staff according to the vacancies.
- Implementation of a method to ensure the protection of the children of families of which the mother or the father has been imprisoned.
- ➤ Converting the Child Secretariat in to an Authority with extensive powers like the Child Protection Authority.
- Assigning the responsibility of formulation and implementation of policy and monitoring with respect to the government and private preschools, Early Childhood Development Centres and Day Care centres to this new authority with the aim of achieving the said objectives.
- Ensuring the provision of financial assistance from the government to maintain preschools according to those regulations.
- Expanding the scholarship system by strengthening the Child Protection Fund established under the Ministry of Child Development and Women's Affairs without leaving room for any child admitted to schools to become a school drop out due to economic reasons.

Recommendations of the report of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission

Recommendation No.: 9.77- Making use of the community Based Correction Programme of the Commissioner of Probation and Child Care Services to rehabilitate the former child soldiers, with the assistance of volunteer organizations and civil society organizations.

Recommendation No. : 9.80 — With the support of the private sector, creation of employment opportunities in the areas affected by the conflict. Encouraging the former child soldiers who have missed school to attend school again and providing facilities for them to acquire formal educational qualifications while engaged in a useful job.

Recommendation No. 9.87- Provision of livelihood opportunities and income generation opportunities to minimize the severe economic difficulties of women, specially the widow heads of households.

Recommendation No.: 9.88 — Facilitating the provision of service by the relevant international institutions, civil society organizations and support groups and the participation of support groups to address the problems faced by the recently resettled, disabled widows and the mental and spiritual needs of women suffering from Trauma.

Recommendation No.:9.89 — Providing women who could not continue formal education due to protracted conflict, the opportunity to find jobs and / or engage in livelihood activities through the provision of opportunities and choosing potential.

Recommendation No. 9.90 — Creation of a safe and conducive environment that makes women throughout the country, specially in the areas affected by war, feel that they are living in a safe environment where fundamental human dignity is safeguarded.

Recommendation No.9.93- Giving priority to the provision of physical, human, financial and other support for children's education such as schools, school supplies, teachers, scholarships etc. Provision of continuous support for Homes that provide child care services and the orphanages. Under the recommendation for providing facilities for education, creation of Early Childhood Centres and Day Care Centres and providing facilities for them continuously can be done.

Recommendation No. 9.94 — Identifying children who suffer from Trauma and other psychological conditions due to the consequences of war and loss of loved ones and provision of special care measures including professional counseling. Such children may be identified through formal education systems as well as the community / civil society groups, working in those areas and children in women headed families too could be identified under that category.

Recommendation No.9.95- Provision of incentive for the creation of a child friendly environment in the areas affected by war through the provision of easy access to schools, good health service facilities and entertainment facilities such as play parks and children's parks.

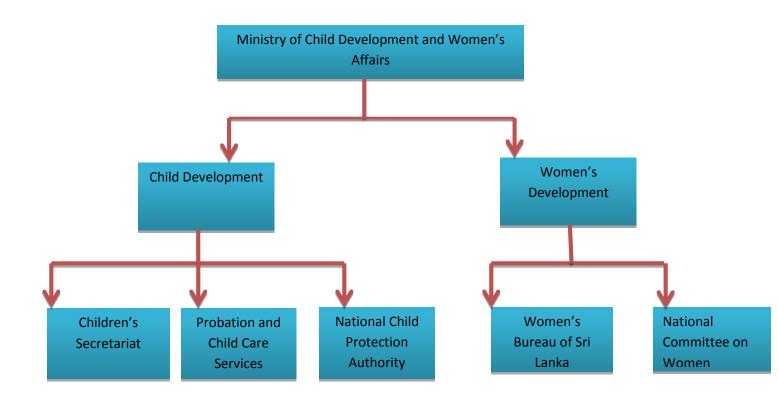
Vision

Creation of a child and women friendly and sensitive society that ensures their rights and safety.

Mission

To function as the national mechanism that formulates, implements, follows up and evaluates policies that ensure the rights, total development, safety and participation of children and women within the Sri Lankan socio cultural basis, considering the international conventions relevant to children and women as well.

Institutional Composition



Fundamental Expectations

- Formulation of a national policy for the protection and development of child rights.
- Formulation of a national plan for the protection and development of women's rights.
- ➤ Facilitating the setting up and implementation of a mechanism for the development of children and women.
- > Implementation of programmes for children and women by co-ordinating public institutions, non governmental institutions, foreign institutions and the private sector.
- > Implementation of programmes for the protection and development of children and women.
- ➤ Monitoring the care and development programmes carried out by the Ministry and the agencies under it.
- ➤ Formulation of laws, policies and programems for all the international conventions and agreements Sri Lanka has committed to for taking action in relation to children and women.
- > Establishing an environment consisting of legal and national policies required to eradicate child abuse.

Strategic Development Objectives

- 1. Ensuring an early childhood development and care service of high quality.
- 2. Ensuring the rights of institutionalized children for welfare and integrating them into society.
- 3. Preventing and minimizing child abuse
- 4. Developing women's families at risk
- 5. Legal and policy intervention for the protection of the rights of children and women.
- 6. Establishing local development methods for children and women in line with the international conventions Sri Lanka has ratified.

Key Performance Indices

- 01. All preschools and early childhood development centres registered in Sri Lanka by 2015 have met the minimum standards.
- 02. Converting 90% of the Children's Homes in Sri Lanka into A grade Homes with child friendly environment by 2015.
- 03. Preventing and minimizing child abuse by strengthening the main operating units of the National Child Protection Authority.
- 04. Creation of new livelihood development opportunity for 50% of the widows and women headed families.
- 05. Promotion of legal and policy interventions to ensure the rights and protection of children and women.

The most prominent development work carried out in 2014

Implementation of the budget proposals of 2014.

Establishing the police children's and women's bureau desks

Police Children's and Women's Bureau desks were established to strengthen the role played by the Police for the prevention of child abuse and violence against women. Establishing the units at the Police Station in Padaviya, Kebithigollewa, Galkiriyagama, Aralaganwila, Hingurakgoda, Bibila, Siyambalanduwa, Kandaketiya, Kaththankudiya, Walachchena, Maha Oya, Thirukkopvil, Panama, Muttur, Kantale, Jaffna, Kayts, Mulativu, Mallavi, Mulankavil, Talai Mannar, Madu, Bingiriya, Galgamuwa, Puttlam and Kotmale and provision of office equipment and play yards for those units were started this year. Rs. 107.34 million has been spent for this.

Construction of Women's Shelters

Construction work of Women's shelters has been started in Mudankerni, Manmunai North and Maritime Paththu Divisional Secretariat Divisions to improve support services for women and to take remedial measures for brutality against women with the aim of protecting victims of violence, rehabilitating them, building self confidence in them and empowering them.

Establishment of Child and Women Development Units at Divisional Secretariats

Establishment of these units within Divisional Secretariats was commenced to facilitate the operation of the mechanism for the development of children and women.

Creation of an efficient and productive service through the integration of the activities relevant to the subject of child and women within the Divisional Secretariats to maintain the programmes implemented by the government for children and women at Divisional Secretariat Division level with fine co-ordination and close scrutiny of the Divisional Secretaries is expected through this. Rs. 31,542 million has been spent in this regard.

Construction of Safe Houses for children.

Safe houses for children have been constructed in the following manner to ensure the care for and welfare of abandoned or orphaned children and child victims of violation of their rights.

Uva Province- Construction of boys' detention house, Eastern Province- Construction of Children's Safe House, Sabaragamuwa Province- Construction of the fence at Girls' Detention Centre, North Western Province – Construction and repair of government detention centre for girls, Northern Province- Construction of the detention centre for girls, Central Province- Construction of the detention centre for girls, North Central Province- Construction of the detention centre for girls and the certified school for girls. Rs.122.41 has been spent in this regard.

Construction of the Day Care Centres

06 centres are established in Pachchilaipalli, Batticaloa, Polonnaruwa New Town, Nuwara Eliya District Secretariat, Moneragala and Anuradhapura to ensure the protection and care of children in their early childhood and Rs.76.56 has been spent for this.

Police Children's and Women's Bureau- Jaffna, - Day Care Centre- Batticaloa







Child and Women Development Units-Vakarai



Implementation of the recommendation contained in the report of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.

Recommendati on No.	Programmes implemented							
9.77	Rehabilitating and releasing all child soldiers. Obtaining proposals from community based organization for this purpose was done and two (02) awareness programmes have been conducted in Vavuniya and Kilinochchi.							
9.87	Under this the Ministry first collected the data of women widowed as a result of war. The following data could be cited accordingly.							
	Jaffna 2304 Mannar 660 Mulativu 903 Vavuniya 1316 Kilinochchi 102							
	Data collected at Grama Niladhar Division level was made available to provide facilities under the Divi Negumua programme.							
	Organizing programmes for livelihood development of widows and women heads of households.							
	For every Divisional Secretariat in Kegalle District the essential items and equipment were provided for 331` women heads of households.							
	Provision of revolving loan facilities for 283 women.							
	Awareness programmes on entrepreneurship development were conducted for 8904 women in the estate sector.							
	Commencement of the special development programme for widows and women heads of households with the support of CARE in Kilinochchi and Mulativu.							
	Conducting training programmes on Manpower Capacity Development for the field officers and the CBO officers under the Ministry with the sponsorship of GIZ.							
	Development of Child and women's centres in Kilinochchi and Mulativu with the sponsorship of CARE.							
	Motorbikes were provided to 22 Women Development Officers serving in areas with difficult access roads. Conducting the Diploma Course for empowerment of women politics in Tamil							
	medium.							

Recommendati	Programmes implemented
on No.	
9.88	Holding inter ministerial meeting in this regard and defining the services and provisions relevant to the agencies in working with civil society organizations.
	Launching new programmes for target groups with the assistance of international nongovernmental organizations.
	Collecting information regarding the programmes conducted.
9.89	24 awareness programmes have been conducted by the Women's Bureau for 1950 women and a product fair was held in Batticaloa district.
	Conducting Life skills development programmes for 6467 adolescents.
	Conducting awareness programmes for 150 women members of CBOs.
	Strengthening 18 organizations working for women.
	Social empowerment for 1441 estate sector women.
9.90	The following programmes were implemented by the National Committee on Women and Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka for this.
	Conducting 15 awareness programems for community leaders and the public regarding the prevention of violence against women and human trafficking.
	Conducting 15 awareness programmes for the protection of women's rights and to ensure gender equality.
	Conducting 03 awareness programmes to prevent violence against women and ensure gender equality.
	Conducting 23 awareness programmes for school girls to prevent underage pregnancies.
	21 programmes were conducted in Jaffna, Mulativu, Muttur, Kilinochchi and Mannar to prevent violence against women.
	Conducting two workshops for field officers to strengthen the counseling system to minimize gender based violence.
	Awareness was raised about violence caused as a result of underage marriage, sexuality and gender using documentaries and handouts.

Recommendati on No.	Programmes implemented
9.93	Providing relief assistance and medical assistance to 648 children under this.
	Providing benefits to 5634 children under the educational assistance programme.
	Developing 12 children's Homes and capacity building for 391officers.
	1660 children have been provided benefits under the foster parent scheme.
9.94	Under this 1324 awareness programems have been conducted in the North and the East as well as in Ratnapura, Kegalle, Nuwara Eliyia and Badulla districts for children to provide child protection and psycho social support.
	98 awareness programmes have been conducted for members of children's clubs to develop and strengthen the child protection mechanism.
	Setting up 24 new children's clubs.
	Getting up 9 model villages.
	Awareness programmes for estate community and public officers in Nuwara Eliya district under the national programme for prevention of child labour.
	264 awareness programmes were conducted for adults to prevent and minimize child abuse.
9.95	Establishment of 5 model villages for Early Childhood Protection in Vavuniya South, Nallur, Wadamarachchi North, Mannar, Mulathivu and Karainagar.
	Construction of buildings for 02 preschools within the Divisional Secretariat Divisions of Maritimepattu in Mulativu District.
	Establishing a Day care centre within the premises of District Secretariat, Ampara.
	Liquid milk was provided to 108,743 children in the North and the East and the Estates under the 'Glass of Milk" programme.
	Provision of sanitary facilities for the preschools and the Estates and the North and the East.

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Improving 121 children's parks for the preschools in the districts of Nuwara Eliya, Kegalle, Matale, Badulla, Kandy, Ratnapura and Galle and the Northern and Eastern provinces.

Conducting 251 awareness programmes for parents, guardians, service providers for early childhood development and the public.

Provision of school equipment and other financial aid for 1475 children who needed assistance. (Ratnapura, Hambantota, Kegalle, Nuwara Eliya, Matara, Kandy, Northern province and Eastern province)

Establishment of 11 children's libraries in the estates.

Establishment and strengthening of 1845 school protection committees. (In the districts of Ratnapura, Kegalle, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla and the Northern and Eastern provinces)

Setting up and strengthening the rural, divisional, district and provincial level Early Childhood Development committees in the Northern and Eastern provinces and the estate sector.

Opening 'Piyawara' preschool in Veheratanne, Vavuniya south on 14.03.2013. Setting up 02 child friendly premises in the districts of Mannar and Batticaloa.





Staff as at 31.12.2014

Serial No.	Post	Service	Grade	Approved cadre	Existing Cadre
	Senior Level				
01.	Secretary	S.L.A.S.	(Special)	01	01
02.	Additional Secretary (Administration and Finance)	S.L.A.S.	(Special)	01	01
03.	Additional Secretary (Development)	S.L.A.S.	(Special)	01	01
04.	Senior Assistant Secretary	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01
05.	Chief Accountant	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01
06.	Chief Internal Auditor	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01
07.	Director (Development)	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01
08.	Director (Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka)	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01
09.	Director (Children's Secretariat)	S.L.A.S.	1	01	01
10.	Director (Planning)	S.L.P.S.	1	01	01
11.	Accountant	S.L.A.S.	11/111	02	01
12.	Deputy Director/Assistant Director	S.L.A.S.	11/111	05	05
13.	Deputy Director/Assistant Director	S.L.P.S.	11/111	02	04
14.	Deputy Director/Assistant Director	Departmental	11/111	02	0
15.	Assistant Secretary	S.L.A.S.	11/111	01	01
16.	Deputy Director (ITC)	S.L.I.T.S.	11/111	01	0
17.	Legal Officer	Departmental	11/111	03	01
	Tertiary level				
18.	Administrative Officer	P.M.A.S. (Supra)	MN-07	01	01
19.	Research Officer	Departmental	MN-06	01	0
20.	Translator	T.S	MN-06	02	1
21.	Counselling Officer	Departmental	MN-05	13	10
	Secondary Level				
22.	Coordinating Secretary to the Secretary	Temporary		01	01
23.	Development Assistant	Allied Services	MN-04	24	24
24.	Early childhood Development Assistant	Departmental	MN-04	175	94
25.	Women Development Officer	Departmental	MN-04	335	284
26.	Budget Assistant	Allied Services	MN-04	01	01
27.	Development Officer	D.O.S.	MN-04	709	517

28.	Librarian	L.S.	MN-03	01	0
29.	Library Assistant	Departmental	MN-01	01	01
30.	Public Management Assistant	P.M.A.S. (1,11,111)	MN-02	40	30
31.	Stills Photographer	Departmental	MT-01	01	01
32.	Video Camera Operator (Temporary)	Departmental	MT-01	01	01
33.	Information Technology and Communication Assistant	I.T.C.S.	MT-01	03	01
34.	Receptionist	Departmental	MN-01	01	01
35.	Relief Sister	Departmental	MN-01	134	125
ſ	Primary Level				
36.	Driver	Combined Drivers' Service	PL-02	30	30
37.	Karyala Karya Sahayaka	Office Worker Service	PL-01	26	26
38.	Hostel Labourer	Departmental	PL-01	01	01
39.	Counselling Service Labourer	Departmental	PL-01	11	11

Sectorial Performance

Administrative Division

Main functions

- 01. Maintaining establishment affairs, co-ordination and disciplinary affairs related to the staff of the Ministry.
- 02. Recruitment for vacancies in the approved posts of the Ministry.
- 03. Taking action to create new posts required to carry out the projects and functions of the Ministry, in line with F.R. 71.
- 04. Amending and getting approved the recruitment / promotion procedures for the Departmental posts according to Public Administration Circular 6/2006 and implementation of the promotion method.
- 05.Co-ordinating with different divisions, providing replies for Parliamentary questions, preparation of Cabinet Memoranda, and activities of the consultative Committees of this Ministry.

- 06. Establishment affairs of the staff of the Minister's office and the Deputy Minister's Office.
- 07. Delivery of the letters and other items received by post to other Divisions and posting the out bound mail.
- 08. Maintaining supplies and services (Security, clearing, electricity Bills, Water Bills, newspapers, transport facilities, telephones, railway seasons, railway warrants, refreshments, Vehicle insurance)
- 09. Maintaining the vehicle pool, condemning vehicles, repair of vehicles and purchasing new vehicles.
- 10. Building and equipment maintenance
- 11. Advance loans, festival advance, special advances, Distress loans, property loans and establishment affairs of the Agrahara Insurance scheme
- 12. Maintaining the Kantha Sevana hostel at Biyagama
- 13. Training of the staff of the Ministry.

i. Staff Affairs

The staff serving under the Ministry numbers 1261. Administrative functions such as regular maintenance and updating of personal files of all the officers of this staff, duties with relevance to day to day leave, granting salary increments, transfers and sending on retirement have been carried out properly. At the same time, matters related to the settling of telephone bills of the officers including the Minister's staff are handled by this Division.

Officers have been referred regularly to local and foreign training courses with a view to upgrade the knowledge, technical capacity and language proficiency of the staff. Under this the staff has been referred to training courses / workshops in the following manner.

ii. Maintenance Affairs

The Administrative Division has taken action with regard to the repair of office equipment in all the divisions under the Ministry and maintenance of all the vehicles owned by the Ministry.

iii. Affairs of the affiliated institutions

The Administrative Division has been involved in co-ordination and guidance for the administrative affairs of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services and the National Child Protection Authority that function under the Ministry. Revision of the recruitment procedures of the said institutions in terms of P.A.C 6 / 2006, creation of posts in the staff, appointments, promotions and taking action regarding the complaints lodged with the Ministry regarding service problems of the staff have been handled. At the same time granting approval for overseas torus, scholarships and training courses for the officers of those institutions and approving leave as relevant have also been done.

V. Kantha Sevana, Hostel at Biyagama

Repairing the items at this 'Kantha Sevana' hostel which provides lodging facilities for women employed at factories in Biyagama Investment Zone was done during this year. Accordingly about 250 women will be provided safe lodging facilities.

Vi. Productivity promotion activities

Productivity promotion activities were carried out by the Ministry on a regular basis for efficient public service and to create pleasant office premises. We also participated in the National Productivity Awards Competition conducted by the Productivity Secretariat and a certificate of appreciation was received.

Accounts Division

Main functions

01.	Obtaining the monthly salary particulars
02.	Issuing documents related to salaries required for bank loans
03.	All payments including overtime, travelling, advances and
	reimbursement of expenses
04.	Payment of all departmental loans including distress loans and
	festival advance.
05.	Maintenance of the stores
06.	Preparation of the Appropriation account of the Ministry under
	Expenditure Head 120.
07.	Procurement Affairs

Head 120: Consisting of DSGA 1` format to format 10 mentioned in Public Accounts Circular No. 239/2014 dated 01.12.2014 and a summary of information from Note (i) to Note (iv) (a) and (b),has been prepared and submitted on due date in accordance with Articles 148, 149,150 and 152 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Appropriation Act No. 36 of 2013 as amended by Appropriation (Amendment) Act No.47 of 2014 and other statutory provisions, the 2014 revised budget estimate of the 2015 annual budget estimate and the Public Finance and Administrative regulations contained in the Code of Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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Financial progress of 2014

Progra	Name of the Programme	Budget	Transfers as	Net	Total
mme		Estimate	per F.R. 66	allocations	expenditure
No. 1		Allocations	and 69		
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1 2	Recurrent Operational activities Development activities	716,365,000 577,530,000	-410,000 410,000	715,955,000 577,940,000	711,898,232 460,647,732
	Sub total (recurrent)	1,293,895,000	0	1,293,895,000	1,172,545,964
1 2	Capital Operational activities Development activities Sub total (capital)	156,700,000 583,750,000 740,450,000	-	156,700,000 583,750,000 740,450,000	128,306,195 539,528,784 667,834,979
	Total	2,034,345,000	0	2,034,345,000	1,840,380,943

Expenditure financing

		Programme 1		Total		
Code	Code description	Net provision	Actual expenditure	Net provision	Actual expenditure	Percent age of expendit ure
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
11	Domestic funds	835,655,000	826,376,360	835,655,000	826,376,360	99
13	Foreign aid - grants	37,000,000	13,828,067	37,000,000	13,828,067	37
	Total	872,655,000	840,204,427	872,655,000	840,204,427	

		Programme 2		Total		
Code	Code description	Net provision	Actual expenditure	Net provision	Actual expenditure	Percent age of expend iture
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	%
11	Domestic funds	1,074,115,000	949,104,055	1,074,115,0 00	949,104,055	88
13	Foreign aid - grants	93,075,000	52,278,076	93,075,000	52,278,076	56
	Total	1,167,190,000	1,001,382,131	1,167,190,0 00	1,001,382,13	

Advance B Account of Government Officers

Starting Balance as at	Debited within the	Credited within the	Balance as at 31.12.2014
01.01.2014	year	year	
53,480,611.49	16,690,598.00	15,585,893.83	54,585,315.66

Internal Audit Division

Key functions

- ❖ Auditing and reporting on funds of the Ministry and the projects implemented under the Ministry and establishment affairs
- Checking whether the control systems operative within the Ministry to prevent irregularities and fraud are successful and submitting observations and proposals in that regard.
- ❖ Judging the credibility of Accounts and other reports of the Ministry and inquiring whether assets of the Ministry have been given maximum protection from all kinds of damages and reporting on that.
- ❖ Holding Audit and Management Committee meetings every 03 months to review the progress of the affairs of the Divisions under the Ministry mentioned below.
 - * Reviewing the progress of implementing the annual action plan and presenting the measures to avoid weak performance.
 - * Replying to the Audit queries / audit reports issued by the Auditor General
 - ❖ Implementation of the annual procurement plan
 - ❖ Presenting the Annual Reports / performance reports to the Parliament
 - Conducting the annual Board of Surveys
 - Development and Administrative affairs
- ❖ Auditing the problems that have caused delays in implementing the Annual action plans of the institutions under the Ministry and reporting on them.

Internal audits done in 2014.

Date	Query	Division
2014.01.24	Provision of educational equipment	Children's Secretariat
2014.02.25	Audit of revolving loans and audit of the funds of Vanitha Shakthi foundation	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	Audit of Ja-ela Kantha Bala Mandala	
2014.02.28	Creation of Deyata Kirula National Development	Accounts Division
	Exhibition stalls	
2014.03.03	Padukka Vanitha Shakthi Foundation	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
2014.03.12	Checking the purchasing of furniture	Accounts Division
2014.05.20	Checking the documentation and storage	Establishments Division
	process of computer parts and office equipment	
	purchased in 2012/2013.	

2014.05.20		
2014.05.28	Checking the documentation and storage	
	process of computer parts and office equipment	
	purchased in 2012/2013.	
	Checking the purchasing of furniture	
	Audit regarding the perchasing and storage	Accounts Division
	process of the Ministry	
2014.05.29	Project implemented by the United Nations	Development Division
	Development Fund – 2013	
	Checking the Vanitha Shakthi Accounts –	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	Ibbagamuwa Zone	
2014.06.05	Field check of Weligepola D.S.D.	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
2014.06.20	Providing of funds for the implementation of the	Accounts Division
	revolving loan programme	
2014.06.24	Revolving loan programme – Weligepola D.S.D	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	Field check of Weligepola of D.S.D.	
	Establishment of Model villages for Early	Children's Secretarit
	Childhood Development	
2014.08.22	Checking the Vanitha Shakthi Foundation of	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	Siyambalanduwa D.S.D.	
2014.08.26	Checking the accounts of Vanitha Shakthi	
	Foundation of Kanthale	
2014.09.01	Internal Audit of Bank reconciliation statements	Accounts Division
2014.10.15	Checking the accounts of Vanitha Shakthi	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	foundation and revolving loans in Gampaha	
	D.S.D.	
2014.10.27	Checking the accounts of Weliweriya Vanitha	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	Shakthi Foundation in Gampaha D.S.D.	
2014.10.28	Non-settlement of imprest advances	Accounts Division
2014.10.30	Reporting on the progress of the report	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	submitted regarding the Vanitha Shakthi	
	foundation of Padukka D.S.D.	
	Programme to provide a glass of fresh milk for	Children's Secretariat
	pre-school children at Early childhood	
	Development centres – 2014	
2014.11.13	Checking the current situation of the Vanitha	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	Shakthi Foundation	
2014.12.09	Rs. 700 million project – Colombo District	Department of Probation and
2014.12.29	Rs. 700 million to prevent child abuse and	Child care
	violence against women - Anuradhapura district	
2014.12.31	Checking Vanitha Shakthi foundations in D.S.D.	Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka
	of Anuradhapura District	
	Checking the revolving loans of D.S.D.s in	
	Anuradhaprua district	
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Planning Division

Main functions

- 01. Preparation of future plans coordinating all the Division and Departments of the Ministry
- 02. Preparation of progress reports coordinating all the Divisions and Departments of the Ministry
- 03. Performing the media activities relevant to the planning Division with the help of the media Division, dissemination of information and coordination
- 04. Coordinating the programmes conducted with NGOs and INGOs and reporting progress
- 05. Organizing and conducting successfully progress review meetings and awareness programmes and various functions representing the Ministry
- 06. Contributing to various social welfare services
- 07. Operation and follow up of development programmes implemented under the Ministry (National / District and D.S.D. level women's and children's development programmes.
- 08. Collection of basic subject related information relevant to the planning division and updating such information
- 09. Provision of progress reports and plans to research institutions.
- 10. Organizing training programmes for field staff under various subjects as per the requirements of the Ministry.

Activities carried out in 2014

Activities	Progress
01. Preparation of plans	
	Plan 01
*Preparation of the annual action plan	Plan 01
* Preparation of Deyata Kirula National	
Development Plan	Plan 01
* Preparation of LLRC Plan	
* National Nutrition action plan –	Plan 01
preparation of the action plan	
* Preparation of a special action plan	Plan 01
to prevent child abuse and violence	
against women	Plan 01
* Preparation of District plans	
02. Operations and progress reviews	
*Preparation of monthly progress	12 soft copies of progress reports
reports	04 progress reports
* Preparation of quarterly progress	
reports	12 progress reports

- * Preparation of LLRC progress reports
- * Preparation of District progress reports
- * Progress Review meetings (National level)
- * Annual Progress reports
- 03. Maintaining and updating the website
- 04. Evaluation of programmes
- O5. Special programmes
 (Conducting training programmes in various fields for national and field level officers.)
 (Disaster management, first aid training, health camps, Health and nutrition, autism awareness for children and women field officers, Residential training programme on

Nutrition of Early childhood children

O6. Launching various publications
Publishing data and information

for field officers etc.).

04 progress reports 04 meetings

Preparation of progress report books and CDs

04 evaluation reports

04 programmes

09 programmes





Development Division

Key functions

Formulation of policy with relevance to development programmes implemented by all the Divisions and institutions of the Ministry with the aim of build about sensibility society that ensures the rights and development of children and women, implementation of those programmes and implementation of projects relevant to United Nations Sponsor institutions and non-governmental organizations.

Budget estimates amounting to Rs. 33,000,000 were allocated in this year under 'Diriya Kantha' programme and the financial progress at the end of the year was Rs. 32,436,096. Accordingly 98% financial progress has been achieved.

	Financial Target Rs.	Financial Progress Rs.	Physical progress
Programme	8551161	8.000	
Diriya Kantha programme (120-01-02-2502(4)	33,000,000	32,436,096	Providing school equipment to 1452 children of low income families of widows in the districts of Kegalle, Puttlam, and Kurunegala under the project to develop families with widows as heads of households and providing self employment assistance to 301 widow heads of households in the D.S.Ds. of Wennappuwa, Naththandiya, Dankotuwa, Mahawewa, Madampe, Arachchikattuwa, Chilaw, Mundalama, Pallama, Maha Kumbukkadawala, Kalpitiya, Karuwalagaswewa, Puttlam, Wanathavilluwa, Navagaththegama and Anamaduwa were done. The amount spent was Rs. 9.3009 million International Women's Day National Ceremony Commemorated at Kularathna Hall of Ananda Vidyalaya under the theme "Her strength is the strength of the nation" and regional ceremonies were organized and held to coincide with that Rs. 4.89 million was spent for this. Establishment of 29 children's and women's development units at District and Divisional Secretariats and implementation of programmes to

minimize harassment at work places in 38 ministries by coordinating children's and women's centre officers were carried out this year. Rs. 11.950 has been spent for this.
Rs. 6.3003 million has been spent for the Development of the information technology unit within the Ministry to establish a regular information system regarding women, supervising the development programmes implemented at Divisional level and for media and
publicity activities to make the public aware of the mission of the Ministry.

Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka

Vision

To become the national institution to create a sharp sensitive and confident generation of women for Sri Lankan society.

Mission

To become the national mechanism operative for the advancement of women in line with state policies by way of social and economic empowerment through the provision of planned awareness via a formal organization framework to create a conducive environment for a generation of Sri Lankan women who make the maximum and best use of their intelligence and strength and face challenges with self-confidence.

Objectives

- 01. To provide opportunity to Sri Lankan women to enjoy equal rights within economic, social, political and cultural sectors.
- 02. To empower women for the elimination of obstacles faced by them at present within various sector solely due to being woman
- 03. To identify sectors where equal rights and equal opportunities have to be ensured for women, to assist the formulation of state policies for the said purpose and to implement various programmes for the same.

Key functions

- 01. Identifying, planning, implementing and evaluating programmes and projects suitable for the economic and social empowerment of Sri Lankan women.
- 02. Identifying uniqueness of women of all age groups and implementing programmes as appropriate to make them contribute to the overall development of the country.
- 03. Implementing programmes to alleviate the social difficulties faced by women solely due to being women.
- 04. Implementing special programmes for women who are subject to various kinds of harassment in society due to special reasons.
- 05. Implementeing programmes to upgrade the knowledge, skills and attitudes of all women.
- 06. Organizing women within a single network from community level to national level to enable women to operate within one organization.

Physical progress as per the accumulated financial progress

Budget estimates amounting to Rs. 30.000,000 were allocated in 2014 and the total expenditure was Rs. 29,859,624/-. Accordingly it has been possible to achieve a net financial progress of 99% out of the total allocation.

Kantha Saviya Programme (120-02-03-6-2502)-11

Activities	Financi	Financi	Physical Progress
	al	al	
	Target	Progres	
	Rs.	s Rs.	
	Million	Million	
Economic	17.300	16.602	Identifying 530 low income widows and women
empowerment of		6	heads of households in 33 Divisional Secretariat
women			Divisions and providing assistance and training
			for them to start self employment to increase
			their monthly income Rs. 7.7445 million has been
			spent in this regard.
			This programme was implemented for 157
			beneficiaries in 10 Divisional Secretariat Divisions
			with the aim of increasing supplementary
			income by marketing surplus produce and by
			products and achieving nutrition for family
			through animal husbandry. The amount spent
			was Rs. 1.451 million.

			"Revolving loan programmes and encouraging for income generation avenues programmes" was conducted for 2020 beneficiaries in 40 Divisional Secretariat Divisions with the aim of guiding the members of women's organizations towards income generation, implementing the revolving loan programme and to provide enterprise management and accounting knowledge. The amount spent was Rs. 2.446 million. Training and supervision of the staff of the Vanitha Shakthi Banks established to encourage the members of the women's organizations to save, were carried out in this year. 23 banks have been supervised and Rs. 0.1423 million has been spent. Programmes were implemented to inform women expecting go overseas about the unfavourable results of overseas employment and to introduce local job opportunities instead of overseas employment and to encourage women to seek local jobs. Rs. 1.9572 million has been spent for this and programmes have been held in 13 Divisional Secretariat Divisions.
			'Diriya Dethatha Saviya' Fisheries Women's programme to uplift the economy of the members of the Fisheries Women's organizations was implemented in 8 Divisional Secretariat Divisions. The aim of this was to produce equipment required for fishing industry using local raw material and Rs. 0.9360 has been spent on that.
Social empowerment of women	8.3	8.6213	Facilitating the protection of women's rights and enabling them to enjoy those rights are done through this. Under this O1. Shelters Facilitating safe holding of local and foreign women victims of human trafficking and their children until their problems are resolved and providing them shelter, counseling, facilitating legal affairs, providing health facilities and seeing to their basic needs (food,

- clothing) 02 shelters are maintained and Rs. 0.3188 million has been spent in 2014 for 60 beneficiaries.
- 02. Counseling programmes and counseling centres.
 - 12 counseling centres are maintained under counseling officers with the aim of providing psychological counseling to harassed women and children, to refer them to individuals and institutions that could provide services to them and to familiarize them with psychological methods to solve problems in life and 275 counseling assistants have been attached to Divisional Secretariats in addition to that. In 2014, 745 persons provided psychological have been counseling. Further, counseling workshops have been held for 7084 beneficiaries in 48 Divisional Secretariat Division and Rs. 0.9978 million has been spent for this.
- 03. Implementing the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission, to improve the social, economic and cultural status of the women in plantation sector, conducting programmes involving 5311 beneficiaries in 56 Divisional Secretariat Divisions on drug eradication, encouraging plantation seeking sector women overseas employment to opt for optional avenues of income, education and minimizing human trafficking and harassment. Rs. 1.9896 million has been spent for this.
- 04. Programmes have been conducted in 53 Divisional Secretariat Division involving 7990 adolescent girls to improve the skills and knowledge of adolescent girls. Rs. 1.9623 has been spent for this.
- 05. Strengthening and providing services including infrastructure for women's organizations at village level Divisional

			Kantha Bala Mandala and District Kantha Bala Mandala set up to act as a team for the protection of women's rights and for women's development to create a net work of organizations and to train them for leadership. Rs. 1.8209 has been spent in this regard. O6. To prevent the women imprisoned on minor offences from committing those offenses again and to reintegrate them into society, 08 programmes have been held for 380 beneficiaries at the prisons in Jaffna, Kandy, Kalutara, Galle, Polonnaruwa, Welikada, Negombo and Anuradhapura. Rs. 0.2967 million has been spent for this.
Other programmes	4.1	2.9251	Maintenance of media and the library, progress review and follow up work of development programmes, affairs related to the National ceremony to mark the International Women's Day and holding programmes at Divisional level to coincide with that, International Day of the Girl Child, programmes to coincide with Deyata Kirula and capacity development of the officers have been carried out under this.

National Committee on Women

Vision

A Sri Lankan society with assured gender equality, free from harassment and friendly towards women.

Mission

Provision of recommendations and assistance for formulating policies and legal framework for ensuring and promoting rights of Sri Lankan women, ensuring equality and their utmost development and stimulating for the proper implementation of such policies and laws and monitoring and evaluating their implementation.

Main Functions

- (a) Receiving and investigating into complaints on gender based discrimination and referring them for necessary action to administrators, authorities, associated persons or councils.
- (b) Referring complaints on violations of the provisions of the Women's Charter to the governmental or nongovernmental organizations for relief, legal aid or mediation.
- (c) Monitoring such processes, obtaining progress reports from relevant authorities and making available those reports throughout the country.
- (d) As incorporated in the Charter, evaluating the impact of legal and development policies in respect of the subject of women's rights and responsibilities.
- (e) Aiding the realization of the objectives of the Charter by encouraging the relevant researches and submitting recommendations for revisions based on such researches, and
- (f) Giving instructions regarding the matters as regards the status of women brought to the attention of the committee by the subject minister or activities that the committee perceives as suitable.

Programmes implemented in 2014

- 1. Raise awareness of the officers of the Police Bureau for prevention of Child and Women abuse to prevent violence against women.
- 2. As per the recommendation of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission, conducting programmes on gender with the aim of making Estate Managers and related officers sensitive towards the social protection of plantation community of Indian origin.
- 3. Seminar for the commissioned officers of the three armed forces and the police officers for the implementation of the recommendations of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission.
- 4. Conducting programmes based on women employed in the industrial sector with the aim of preventing violence against women and harassment of women at work places.
- 5. Conducting a mobile programme to prevent violence against women.
- 6. Programme to eliminate under age pregnancies.
- 7. Implementation of the 16 day programme to prevent violence against women.
- 8. Conducting in Sinhala and Tamil mediums the one year Diploma course for female community leaders, to increase the representation of women in the field of politics.
- 9. Strengthening the 1938 women Helpline.

Children's Secretariat

Vision

To create a physically, psychologically and cognitively developed generation of Sri Lankan children in their early childhood.

Mission

As the national level focal institution, to ensure that the total development of Sri Lankan children in their early childhood through formulation, implementation, monitoring and follow up of policies and programmes.

Key functions

- > Formulation of national policies on Early childhood care and Development and functioning as the implementation machinery
- > Co-ordinate and networking of Early Childhood Development programmes in the governmental, non-governmental and private sectors.
- > Conducting researches, collecting data and developing programmes related to Early Childhood care and Development.
- > Formulating and implementing training programmes related to the total development of children in their early childhood.
- > Creating awareness among the public of the importance of Early childhood and sensitizing them.



Physical progress as per the Accumulated financial progress

Budgetary allocation amounting to Rs. 23,000,000 were made in 2014 under the item 'Kekulu Udana' and a financial progress of Rs. 21,110,109 has been achieved. Budgetary allocations worth Rs.

22,000,000 were made under the item Early childhood care and a financial progress of Rs. 17,904,892 has been achieved.

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Programme	Financi	Financial	Physical progress
	al	progress	
	Target	Rs.	
	Rs.	Million	
	Million		
120-02-03-04(2502)-11 Kekulu Udana	23.0002	21.111	Implementation of home based early childhood development programme 'Senehe Thataka' targetting 16,271 beneficiaries at Divisional Secretariat Division level and conducting awareness programmes for 791 child centre officers have been done. Expenditure in this regard was Rs. 1.7665 million. Implementation of 'Poshana Manpetha' programmes to raise awareness of parents and preschool teachers regarding the food and nutrition of children in early childhood. 14309 parents have participated and Rs. 1.47 million has been spent. Training capacity building of 10072 teachers of Early childhood development centres and registration of Diploma Courses of Early Childhood development were carried out. Rs.2.6978 million has been spent in this regard. Maintaining committees involving government and non governmental institutions for the proper implementation of all services related to Early Childhood care and Development Operative in Sri Lanka. Rs. 0.436 has been spent. • National co-ordinating committee on Early childhood care and Development • Provincial co-ordinating committee on Early childhood care and Development • District co-ordinating committee on Early childhood care and Development • District co-ordinating committee on Early childhood care and Development • Divisional co-ordinating committee on Early childhood care and Development • Divisional co-ordinating committee on Early childhood care and Development

120-02-03-12(2502)-11 Early childhood care	` '	17.905	Rs. 1.048 million has been spent for 'Tikiri Mithuru' media publicity affairs and publications. Holding the National week on Early Childhood care and Development from Dec. 14 th to 30th to raise awareness of all relevant parties about Care and Development of children in their early childhood in Sri Lanka and to increase the sensitivity of those parties. Activities / such as workshops, educational tours, experience sharing programmes, provision of pre-school educational equipment and raising awareness among the public about Early childhood care and development were carried out during this and Rs. 4.5 million has been spent on those activities. Play areas have been constructed at 27 pre-schools within this year and Rs. 0.810 has been
Larry crimunood care			spent for that purpose. In addition, under a special project in Batticaloa Divisional Secretariat Division, a play area has been constructed spending Rs. 1.190 million. Providing drinking water to 61 pre-schools to enable preschool children to obtain pure drinking water. 10 selected villages in selected Grama Niladhari Divisions were developed as Early childhood Development Model villages. Rs. 4.26 million has been spent on this. Developing the resource centre of the Children's Secretariat, developing the day care centre at Sethsiripaya, construction of resource centres in District Secretariat premises and distribution of educational equipment for preschools were done successfully within this year. Rs. 5.495 million has been spent in this regard.