

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd.



PROPOSAL

EMPOWERMENT OF VULNERABLE PERSONS

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1. Introduction

The Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya was founded in 1958 by Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne to uplift the poorest in the country. Sarvodaya has an integrated strategy which includes the development of social, cultural, moral, spiritual, political and economic dimensions. In 1974, Suwasetha Services Unit of Sarvodaya was established. Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited (Suwasetha) was founded in 1984 and is the legally independent social service organization within Sarvodaya. Its aim is to protect all minority groups in the society, and among them, persons and children with disabilities.

2. Background

Suwasetha Community Based Rehabilitation Programme is functioning in the Districts of Kalutara and Galle with the provision of physical and mental health services to the disabled persons. The recipients of mental health services and senior citizens are also included in this programme. In addition, this Proposal includes teenage mothers, widows and orphaned children in Sri Lanka, which is considered as a vulnerable group.

3. General Objective

To uplift the quality of life of the vulnerable persons and their families by providing livelihood facilities.

4. Persons Identified

There are many persons included in this category. The following have been identified based on a format prepared by us and perfected by these persons, with the criteria of selecting the most needy. For this exercise, the services of the Divisional Secretariat and the Social Services Officers, were obtained.

4.1 G. Somapala of Kurunduwatte, Warakagoda, Neboda. He is a senior citizen, aged 69 and his wife is disabled with mobility impairment. They have no place to stay and are living with a relative. The 2 married children, who are also very poor, lives in rented houses. He plans to sell sweep tickets and newspapers. Expected contribution : Rs. 10,000/-.

4.2 Bimal Jayasanka of Yatadolawatte, Matugama. He is disabled with mobility impairment, aged 41 years, married with no children. They have no regular income. He has been trained at Vidatha Centre on the production of washing soap. He plans to prepare washing soap at his home. Expected contribution : Rs. 12,000/-.

4.3 W. Susantha of Yala, Anguruwathota. He is a mentally retarded patient, aged 38, presently following a course in vocational training at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Warakagoda Training Centre. His parents are alive and he has 3 brothers. He plans to prepare and sell cloth carpets. Expected contribution : Rs. 8,000/-.

4.4 Priyadarshana Bandara of Dombagoda, Horana. He is an Epilepsy patient, aged 24, father and mother are living. He has one sister. Presently, he is engaged in framing of pictures at his residence. He plans to improve his self-employment project. Expected contribution : Rs. 20,000/-.

4.5 Somadasa Fernando of Bellantudawa, Bandaragoda. Senior citizen, aged 65, his wife is living, and they have 3 children all married. One daughter who is separated from her husband is living abroad. She has 3 children who are all disabled living with Somadasa. One child, 22 years, is mentally retarded and suffering from Epilepsy, the 2nd child, 21 years is also suffering from the same problem and the 3rd child, 11 years is mentally retarded. He is also suffering from speech impairment. He plans to turn-out cement pots. Expected contribution : Rs. 20,000/-.

4.6 H.M. Gunasiri of Walagedara, Matugama. Senior citizen, aged 74 years, his wife is living and they have one daughter who is mentally retarded. She is 21 years old. He plans to commence a tea plantation with 5000 pots. Expected contribution : Rs. 20,000/-.

4.7 Ms. S.M. Susilawathie of Eravawila, Karandeniya. Senior citizen, aged 73 years. Married. She plans to own a grocery. Expected contribution : Rs. 15,000/-.

4.8 Milinda Niroshan of Bungalakande, Karandeniya, disabled, aged 26, suffering from mobility impairment. Married with 2 children aged 2 years and 5 months. He has a brother with the same problem who is living with him. He plans to sell fish by traveling in his push bicycle. Expected contribution : Rs. 10,000/-.

4.9. O.K.S.C. Madushan of Unagaswela, Karandeniya, disabled, aged 24 is suffering from a Neurology problem. His parents are living and they have 2 other children who are studying. He is a Graduate of the Sri Lanka Buddhist & Pali University. He requires a pair of special walking shoes. Expected contribution to purchase a pair of walking shoes : Rs. 10,000/-.

4.10 Mrs. P.K. Chandralatha of Omattha, Agalawatte, 55 years. Her husband is suffering from multiple disability diagnosed after 3 months of marriage and she is caring for him for the past 30 years. They have no children. She plans to turn-out garments for women and children and to commence a self-employment project. Expected contribution to purchase sewing machine and material : Rs. 50,000/-.

4.11 Mrs. Swarnalatha Peiris of Seeladola, Morapitiya, 22 years, teenage mother. At the age of 13 years she was referred to Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ma Sevana Teenage Mothers' Home, Lunawa. She received a training on sewing, bakery productions, cookery and bead work. On 4th April, 2011 she was given in marriage. Her husband works in their tea / rubber garden plot. Now she has a one-year old baby. A Juki machine was gifted to her by Sarvodaya Suwasetha. She plans to earn a living by sewing garments of women and children. Expected contribution to purchase material : Rs. 12,000/-.

4.12 Mrs. Palika Apsarani of Alubomulla, Panadura, 31 years, partially disabled with one leg short. She was an orphaned girl who was handed over to the Nutrition Centre as a baby. She was trained in sewing at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Kalutara Vocational Training Centre. Subsequently, she was transferred to Sarvodaya Suwasetha Norton Bridge Girls' Home as an Instructor in sewing. Later she was transferred to the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Nutrition Centre. On 11th July, 2013 she was given in marriage. Her husband is also disabled after an attack of Polio, is specialized in wood-carving. A normal machine was gifted to

her by Sarvodaya Suwasetha. She plans to earn a living by sewing garments of women and children. Expected contribution to purchase material : Rs. 12,000/-.

4.13 Mrs. Sureni Dilhani of 7th Mile Post, Gampaha, 28 years, teenage mother. She had been the first to be enrolled at the age of 13 years at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ma Sevana Teenage Mothers' Home, Lunawa. She received a training on Bakery productions, cookery, patch work and bead work. She was transferred to the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Vocational training Centre to follow a course in Juki machine Industrial sewing. Later she found employment at a Garment Factory. She was given in marriage to a Driver and now she has 2 children. She plans to earn a living by sewing garments of women and children. Expected contribution to purchase material : Rs. 15,000/-.

4.14. Mrs. Sunethra Wickrematilleke of Colombage Ara Embilipitiya, 34 years. She and her sister, 2 small children, aged 9 & 5 years, were handed over at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Kosgama Girls' Home and attended school. Their parents are not known. She was later transferred to Sarvodaya Suwasetha Nutrition Centre where she was employed as a health worker. She was given in marriage to a Driver in the year 2005. She has 2 children. The family will receive a small block of land from a philanthropist of the area. She plans to construct at least a room on these premises. Expected contribution for the construction : Rs. 75,000/-.

4.15 Mrs. A.D. Indrani of Kekanadura, Matara, 51 year, disabled – mobility impairment. Unmarried and presently living with a nephew. She plans to make envelopes for sale. Expected contribution for material : Rs. 10,000/-.

4.16 Mrs. Hewadeva Bridget Fernando of Madakumbura, Karandeniya, aged 52, widow with 2 children. She was selected from the Widow's Group. Presently, she runs A canteen in the School. Expected contribution : Rs. 8000/-.

4.17 Ravindra Lalith of Manana, Galpatha. Aged 26 years. She is a recipient of mental health Services. Parents are living. Presently, he is taking treatment for the Mental Health Clinic. He is engaged in Driving. His desire is to obtain a Driving License. Expected contribution : Rs. 10,000/-.

4.18 Mrs. Champika Sudarshani Weerasinghe of Pahalamanana, Dangahavila, 42 years, married to a Grama Niladari. They have 2 children, 1 child disabled. She is active and participates in Sarvodaya activities. She is engaged in sewing, especially curtains. Expected contribution : Rs. 20,000/-.

5. Expected Outcomes

The following outcomes will be achieved on commencement of the above Projects:-

- Uplift the living standard of these persons and their families.
- Become occupied and independent.
- Living standard changed with a regular income.
- Improvement of basic facilities of health, education and environment.
- Refrain from taking loans.
- Long-term security.
- Accessibility to mix with the society.
- Engage in a fruitful service.

6. Sustainability

The Proposal will be implemented with the support of the Social Services Officer attached to the Government Divisional Secretariat, which is an on-going Unit. At a discussion, the Government Officers undertook the special responsibility of follow-up, monitoring and evaluation of these projects.

Suwaseetha HQs.

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