



# The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust

Annual Report  
2016-2017

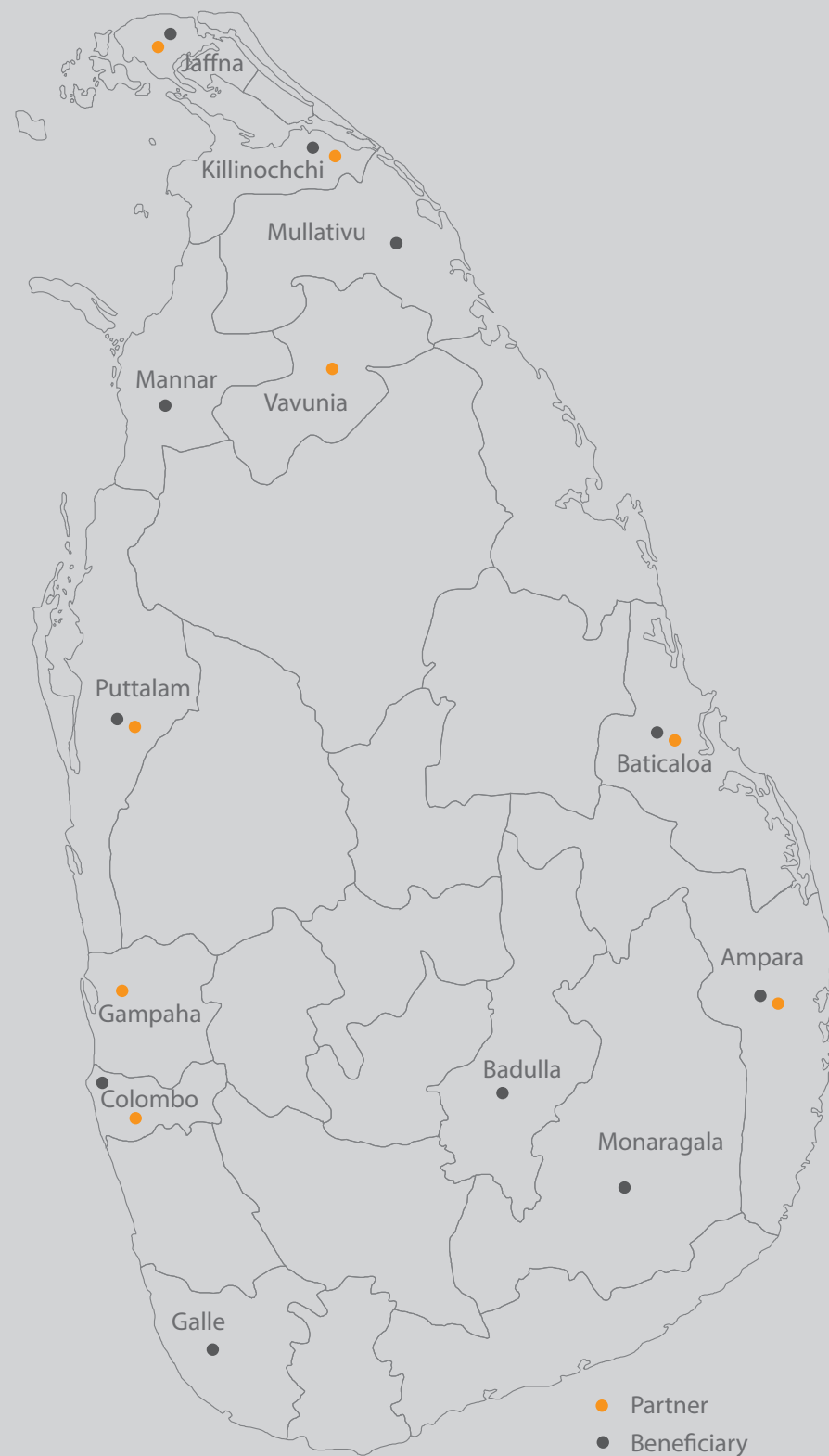


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## WHERE WE WORK: NTT Grants 2016/2017



## The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust

is an indigenous, philanthropic organization that supports social justice, human rights, and peace and reconciliation initiatives. The NTT was established in 2001, two years after the assassination of Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam; constitutional scholar, lawyer, activist and politician. Dr. Tiruchelvam sought to engage policymakers as well as the wider public towards his vision of a peaceful Sri Lanka, in an enabling environment of mutual trust and respect, which would transcend all political, socio-economic and cultural barriers. Over the years, the programmes which have been supported by the Trust have evolved in keeping with the ever changing needs of the communities that it works with.

### Vision

The NTT's vision is the establishment and protection of a just, equitable, and peaceful society.

### Mission

The trust's mission is to collectively promote peace, reconciliation and human rights, sharing responsibility, resources and risks through strategic partnerships with civil society, donors and the public sector, business communities, the diaspora and the academia.



## GRANT MAKING: Thematic Areas and Grantees

In the year 2016/17 the NTT provided funding support to organizations working on a range of issues within the framework of six thematic areas.

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PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE,  
DEMOCRACY, AND INSTITUTION BUILDING

- Right to Life Human Rights Center

2

PROMOTING AND ACHIEVING SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Family Rehabilitation Center
- Organization for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped
- Ampara Special Needs Network
- CHANGE Humanitarian Organization

3

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS  
OF WOMEN

- Network for Advocating for the Rights of Women
- Suriya Women's Development Center
- Mullaitivu Women's Development and Rehabilitation Federation

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PROMOTING PLURALISTIC VALUES

- The Good Practice Group

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ENGAGING YOUTH IN SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

- Association for Friendship and Love
- Anne Frank House

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PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE TO FURTHER  
THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTS AND PEACE

- Contemporary Arts Meeting Point
- Stages Theatre Group
- Artist, Anoma Wijewardene



1

PROMOTION OF GOOD GOVERNANCE, DEMOCRACY, AND INSTITUTION BUILDING

Right to Life (RTL) aims to establish an active center to support national unity and democratic reforms, and to foster a society that stands against police torture, extra judiciary killings, and violations of fundamental rights. The NTT supported an RTL project titled *'Enhancing efficiency and accountability of the Human Rights Commission and the National Police Commission for the public.'* The project focused on human rights training programs, seminars, and workshops for vulnerable communities in an effort to safeguard them from future victimization, and to create a bridge between human rights institutions and the general public.



PROJECT LOCATION

Galle, Badulla, and Monaragala Districts

TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED

LKR 1,112,250

GRANT DURATION

12 months



Project Objectives:

- To strengthen existing human rights defender groups in the district, and raise awareness on utilizing independent commissions on torture and extra judicial killings.
- To build up existing human rights defender groups as change agents, and support them to spread knowledge at the grass-roots level and direct the public to independent commissions.
- To establish RTL as a bridge between the public and the commissions, and to monitor the functioning of the system.

Project Results:

- 88 persons in three districts participated in a human rights "Training of Trainers" program.
- Three human rights first aid centers were declared open in the target districts, and 66 cases were recorded from these centers.
- Three mobile legal aid clinics were conducted in the three districts. 82 people sought assistance from the clinics and 39 cases were recorded.



2

PROMOTING AND ACHIEVING SOCIAL JUSTICE

Trauma and other Psychological concerns are part and parcel of the issues faced by war affected communities. Given that very little state initiative has gone into addressing these issues, NGOs have stepped in to provide these services. The NTT funded the Family Rehabilitation Centre (FRC), which focuses on rehabilitating survivors of trauma, and uses innovative approaches to help create community awareness on the legal rights and responsibilities of citizens.



PROJECT LOCATION

Kilinochchi and Jaffna Districts

TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED

LKR 1,974,448.17

GRANT DURATION

9 months



Project Objectives:

- To offer high quality, effective and holistic rehabilitation services by integrating counselling and livelihood assistance.
- To provide these services to trauma survivors, people with disabilities and their immediate family members.

Project Results:

- 60 counselling sessions were carried out by psychosocial workers to identify, screen and treat trauma survivors. 19 clients were identified and were able to increase their adaptation level through these sessions.
- Two orientation programs on the importance of mental health and well-being were conducted for community members.
- Five grass roots level action committees were established and eight monthly awareness programs were conducted to increase community knowledge on psychosocial services.
- Seven clinical supervision sessions were held to monitor and provide assistance to people with disabilities.
- Three community volunteers were trained to identify and assist vulnerable people in their communities.





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PROMOTING AND ACHIEVING SOCIAL JUSTICE

The war affected Northern Province is home to many vulnerable groups including persons with disabilities (PWDs). They are an underserved community with very little state funds going towards their welfare. The Organization for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped (ORHAN) was established in 1999 with the objective of promoting the rights of people with disabilities in the Northern Province, with a special focus on those with visual, hearing and communication difficulties. ORHAN works specifically on the right to information of these marginalized groups in the absence of state support for this area of rights.



PROJECT LOCATION

Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Jaffna Districts

TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED

LKR 1,666,667

GRANT DURATION

18 months



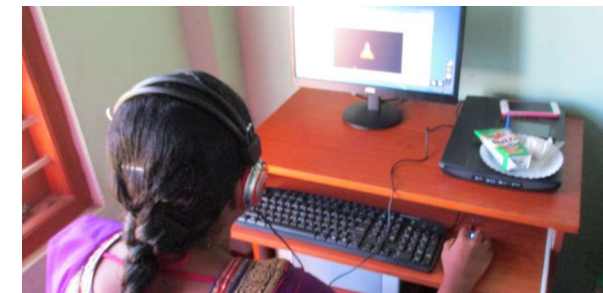
Organization for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped  
*Advancing rights and access for persons with disabilities*

Project Objectives:

- To enhance access to information for the hearing impaired community through trained sign language interpreters.
- To enhance access to information for the visually impaired community through the establishment of Braille and audio library units.
- To advance and enhance the rights of persons with disabilities through five district level workshops.

Project Results:

- Five trained sign language interpreters were appointed to the Divisional Secretariat Office.
- A Braille unit was established at the Public Library in the Mullaitivu District and 503 audio books were made available.
- 100 government officials, including District Secretariats, participated in workshops organized to enhance their knowledge on disability rights.







2

PROMOTING AND ACHIEVING  
SOCIAL JUSTICE

Persons with disabilities (PWD) living in rural Sri Lanka lack even the most basic facilities including suitable schools for children. In a bid to fill this vacuum the Ampara Special Needs Network (ASNN) strives to protect and promote the rights of PWDs. ASNN has identified the need to establish special needs education and to make it accessible for children in rural areas in the Eastern Province.



**PROJECT LOCATION**  
Ampara District

**TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED**  
LKR 947,250

**GRANT DURATION**  
9 months



**Project Objectives:**

- To establish a mechanism to ensure the rights of PWDs and to enhance the quality of services offered at the divisional level.
- To advocate for rights based approaches to ensure the inclusion of PWDs into mainstream services.

**Project Results:**

- Supplied 14 special needs units with teaching aids and vocational training material.
- Conducted four sensitization workshops on the importance of community based rehabilitation for 30 hospital staff.
- Conducted two workshops - on gender based violence and on vocational training and career guidance - for 60 special education teachers.
- Sensitized 169 government officials in four Divisional Secretariat Divisions on the rights based approach and community based rehabilitation.





2

PROMOTING AND ACHIEVING SOCIAL JUSTICE

CHANGE works with war affected internally displaced communities living in the Puttalam District. Their circumstances are at times compounded by the lack of legal documentation, like national identification cards, and birth, marriage, and death certificates. The lack of legal documentation disenfranchises these people from accessing basic rights like enrolling a child in school, opening up a bank account, or registering to cast their vote. The NTT funded the CHANGE Humanitarian Organization project to “contribute towards the promotion and protection of the rights of extremely vulnerable individuals in selected areas in the Puttalam District”. The project aimed to promote and protect equal rights and opportunities for men and women, facilitate access to legal services, promote and protect the rights of extremely vulnerable individuals (EVIs) through the provision of information, legal counseling, civil documentation assistance and legal aid.



PROJECT LOCATION  
Puttalam District

TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED  
LKR 1,112,450

GRANT DURATION  
10 months



Project Objectives:

- To increase rights awareness among the target population.
- To improve access to legal services and justice for marginalized populations.

Project Results:

- Assisted 1,495 beneficiaries and provided one-on-one legal counselling and assistance through 46 mobile legal clinics.
- Provided legal assistance to 89 beneficiaries and solved 59 of their cases.
- Processed necessary documentation and obtained 1,458 National Identity Cards and 869 Birth Certificates. A further 1,406 documents were handed over for processing.





# 3

## PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The Network for Advocating Requirements of Women (NewAROW) is a grassroots level organization working in the Batticaloa District to protect and promote women's rights, and advocate on issues related to violence against women in that district. The grant provided by the NTT enabled NewAROW to work with the Gender Based Violence Care Centre (GBV desk) at the Valaichchenai government hospital.



### PROJECT LOCATION

**Batticaloa District**

### TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED

**LKR 250,000**

### GRANT DURATION

**15 months**



## Network for Advocating Requirements of Women

*Supporting victims of gender based violence*

### Project Objectives:

- To assist GBV victims, and support their recovery by providing and coordinating support services including health, counselling, emergency assistance, legal support, and protection.

### Project Results:

- Over 160 issues related to gender based violence were identified, and emergency assistance was provided in 24 cases.
- Case conferences were conducted and victims were supported to take necessary action.
- 12 network meetings were carried out on raising gender awareness and promoting methods of nonviolent communication.





3

PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The NTT funded the Suriya Women's Development Centre (SWDC), an organization set up in 1990, to act as a voice of and for women living in the Eastern Province. Focusing on gender empowerment, the organization aims to create an equitable and peaceful society free of discrimination against women. Taking into consideration the socio-economic situation in Batticaloa following years of political unrest, the SWDC initiated a project titled "Ikkarai Patchai" (here it is green), aimed at ensuring the economic rights of marginalized women and increasing their levels of engagement in the market.

**PROJECT LOCATION**  
Batticaloa District

**TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED**  
LKR 1,455,100

**GRANT DURATION**  
13 months



**Project Objectives:**

- To mobilize women engaged in similar occupations to form 'sangams' (societies) to enable collective bargaining for women's labor rights.
- To improve women's livelihoods by establishing marketing facilities along with links made with chambers of commerce.
- To facilitate structural change in the post war context to ensure marginalized women's right to development and social justice.

**Project Results:**

- Women's 'sangams' (societies) were set up to advocate for women's rights at village and district level forums.
- New livelihood activities and small scale businesses were introduced and supported, and products were registered for sale in the market. Over 50 women were involved in setting up and developing marketing facilities for these products.
- 30 - 40 women from the three villages participated in 18 monthly community discussions to identify and address issues faced by women and their communities.



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PROMOTING AND PROTECTING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

The NTT funded the Mullaitivu Women’s Development and Rehabilitation Federation (MWDRF) project titled “empowering women towards self-efficacy by reducing violence against women in the Mullaitivu District,” which aimed to ensure that vulnerable women in Mullaitivu are able to understand and protect their own rights. The MWDRF provided legal aid, emergency assistance and counseling services for survivors of sexual and gender based violence (SGBV), created village level awareness on violence against women, and helped with the establishment of a support network for SGBV survivors at divisional and district levels.

**PROJECT LOCATION**  
Mullaitivu District

**TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED**  
LKR 1,373,000

**GRANT DURATION**  
9 months

Mullaitivu Women’s Development and Rehabilitation Federation

*Empowering women to mitigate violence against women*

**Project Objectives:**

- To transform affected women in Mullaitivu into knowledgeable and self-confident people who will stand up for justice.

**Project Results:**

- Identified and provided free legal assistance to 50 women affected by domestic violence.
- Provided emergency assistance, including food, clothing and medical assistance, to 56 people.
- Provided psychosocial support to 40 people through counselling sessions.
- Conducted nine programs on SGBV, in nine villages, with 25 – 30 beneficiaries participating in each.
- Created 23 district level networks with the support of women and children’s organizations in the district.



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PROMOTING PLURALISTIC VALUES

To ensure that mental health and psychosocial needs are appropriately addressed in efforts for transitional justice and reconciliation, the NTT assisted The Good Practice Group (GPG) to provide consultancies for Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) in Sri Lankan practitioners. The support also enabled them mobilize via a Volunteer Reference Group (VRG) to undertake independent preparatory work and to ensure that mental health and psychosocial needs are appropriately addressed in the context of efforts towards transitional justice and reconciliation.

PROJECT LOCATION  
**Batticaloa District**

TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED  
**LKR 300,000**

GRANT DURATION  
**2 months**



**Project Objectives:**

- To improve access to and quality of a broad spectrum of existing services to promote, protect and recover the mental health and psychosocial wellbeing of affected communities and individuals.
- To provide focused interventions/services to specific target groups.
- To integrate MHPSS considerations and support into formal state processes for truth, justice and reconciliation, and into civil society actions to support individuals and groups engaging with these.

**Project Results:**

- Conducted workshops for 18 individuals working for psychosocial organizations, on psychosocial and mental issues that could arise as a result of transitional processes.
- Conducted a workshop on the transitional context in Sri Lanka for 11 individuals trained as psychosocial workers who are currently unemployed or working in a different sector.
- Conducted a workshop for 15 social and human rights activists working with specific victim groups.



5

ENGAGING YOUTH IN SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

The Association for Friendship and Love (AFRIEL) is an organization led by a group of youth from the Northern Province. The NTT funded an AFRIEL project titled 'Citizen Watcher for Promoting Human Rights and Democracy' which focused on alleviating some of the many social challenges faced by their community and its social workers. The project, which was implemented with the help of youth volunteer groups, created awareness about the current political situation and engaged youth in finding solutions for issues faced by communities in the north. This project is an effort to promote youth participation in community issues, and inspire young people to stand for social justice and engage in activities that benefit their communities.



PROJECT LOCATION

Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar, Mullaitivu and Vavuniya Districts

TOTAL FUNDS COMMITTED

LKR 491,480

GRANT DURATION

6 months



Project Objectives:

- To promote youth participation in civil society activism in the north.
- To empower war affected victim groups.
- To increase youth participation in promoting democratic values and good governance.

Project Results:

- Over 490 people participated in Citizen Watcher training programs and workshops which included awareness raising sessions on human rights and documentation, the establishment of hotlines and legal advice units, and the training of law students.
- 142 Citizen Watchers were established in 65 villages in the Northern Province. They have been recognized by the Election Commission, the Human Rights Commission, and several community based organizations.
- Young people at the community level were educated on citizen rights, good governance and the judicial system in Sri Lanka. 406 youth received informational handouts on laws for protecting human rights.





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ENGAGING YOUTH IN SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION



The NTT partnered with the Anne Frank House (AFH) in the Netherlands to bring the travelling exhibition “Anne Frank - a History for Today” to Sri Lanka. This initiative was made possible with financial support from the Embassy of the Netherlands in Sri Lanka.

The exhibition comprises 32 panels that walk viewers through the story of Anne Frank set in the backdrop of World War II, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust. A video documentary “A Short Life of Anne Frank” accompanies the exhibition, so that viewers can also visualize the exhibition through pictures and commentary. The panels were produced in all three languages. As part of the initiative, the NTT also reproduced the documentary in Sinhala and Tamil (dubbing/sub-titling). The exhibition was featured in several schools across the country, and was also showcased at the 17th Neelan Tiruchelvam memorial lecture, which allowed around 200 people to go through the panels.

The exhibition was also included in the opening ceremony of a reconciliation programme for schools organized by the Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation, for around 1,500 school students and teachers from schools in the Western Province. HE Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka, Hon. A.H.M. Fowzie, State Minister of National Integration and Reconciliation, Hon. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Science, Technology and Research and Hon. Isuru Dewapriya, Chief Minister of the Western Province also visited the exhibition.

In total 4,000 students, teachers, staff and others visited the exhibition at the various locations in which it was held. The NTT is currently distributing the diaries and the DVDs to selected schools and university libraries so that the momentum and interest in reflecting on human rights issues through the life of Anne Frank is maintained.





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PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE TO FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTS AND PEACE

Contemporary Artists Meeting Point  
**C/A/M/P**  
 Paintings/Drawings/Installations  
**Exhibition**  
 Lionel Wendt Gallery  
 24th - 31st July 2016  
 Gallery Hours: 10am to 7mp

Participating Artists:  
 Nirosh, Markk, Dimut, Hanus, Pathur, Krishn, Asanka, Sarma, Thavar, Kalani, Pakkiy, Malika, Nallaia, Thujib, Marya, Hasini, Susima

Comtemporary Arts Meeting Point  
*Bringing artists together*

The NTT supported a week long exhibition in Colombo to showcase the productions of the artists who participated in the 2014-15 NTT initiative (in partnership with the Vibhavi Academy of Fine Arts) funded by the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development. The exhibition was held at the Lionel Wendt Gallery from 24-31 July. The productions reflected the personal experiences of each artist including paintings, sculptures and art installations.

The project brought together young artists from different parts of Sri Lanka, many of who were interacting with contemporaries from other areas of the country for the first time. Three workshops in Jaffna, Batticaloa and Colombo exploring each other's narratives, trajectories and experiences growing up and their professional development culminated in a month-long residential workshop in Colombo, enabling these artists to understand and engage in their art with an activist perspective,

keeping in mind the background of ethnic strife (several had personal experiences of the war that manifested in their art), end of the war, economic struggles and the process of healing. Further, the artists meeting points in Jaffna, Batticaloa and then Colombo attracted the art fraternity in the area, enabling a rich sharing of experiences and contacts. Mentors for the CAMP (Contemporary Artist Meeting Point) were Chandraguptha Thenuwara (painter, installation artist, sculptor, curator, senior lecturer) and T. Shanathanan (painter, art historian, curator, senior lecturer).

This project enabled the establishment of a new forum for exchange and interaction of socially conscious artists from different ethnic backgrounds and geographical regions in the country, and the showcasing of artistic expressions as a vehicle to promote diversity, inter communal harmony and intercultural dialogue.



Artists participating in a "Culture Map" exercise in one of their workshops



The group of artists who participated in CAMP





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PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE TO FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTS AND PEACE



Stages Theatre Group

*Empowering communities through the power of performance art*

The Stages Theatre Group is a professional theater group based in Colombo comprising young artists who create and perform original, artistic, cutting edge and sustainable stage productions and workshops. Stages Theatre Group raises issues of social and political importance and pertinence through its plays through education and training in the performing arts and networking, while using theatre as a means of empowerment. Working in more than one language allows them to bring communities together through their productions, making Stages Theatre Group relevant both locally and internationally.

The NTT funded STG's stage performance titled "Dear Children, Sincerely - a Conversation Across Generations," a project that gathers stories and experiences of the elders of society and takes them to young people in the form of storytelling and live performances.

Stages Theatre Group initiated this project in April 2015, and it has since been adopted in eight other countries, namely, Ireland, Palestine, Rwanda, UK, DRC, Belgium, Serbia and Burundi. This has created opportunities for cross country collaboration and learning. Sri Lanka and Rwanda were the first countries to collaborate under this project. It was devised with an ensemble of artists from both countries. Directed by Ruwanthi de Chickera, it is based on detailed interviews with over 30 seniors from Rwanda and Sri Lanka. This collaboration has allowed the artists to delve and gain insights into each other's histories. The play was first performed in Kigali in July 2015 followed by a performance in Colombo in February 2016, followed by a tour of India in the same month.

Previously, NTT also supported the performance of "Walking Paths" and "Something Old, Something New". The productions have been viewed by a total audience of approximately 6100.



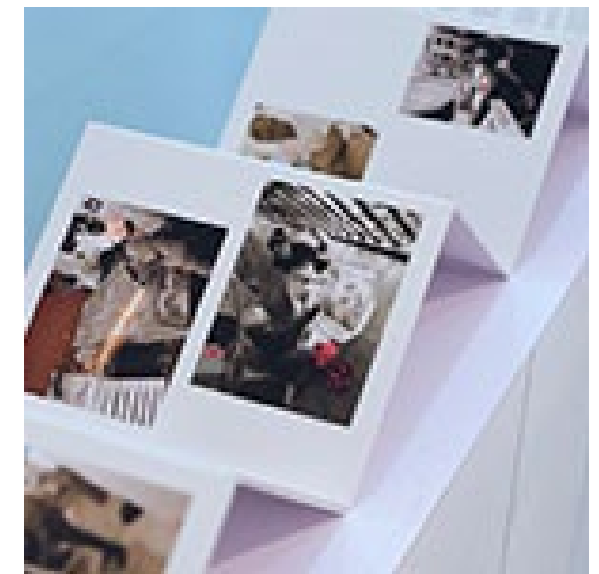
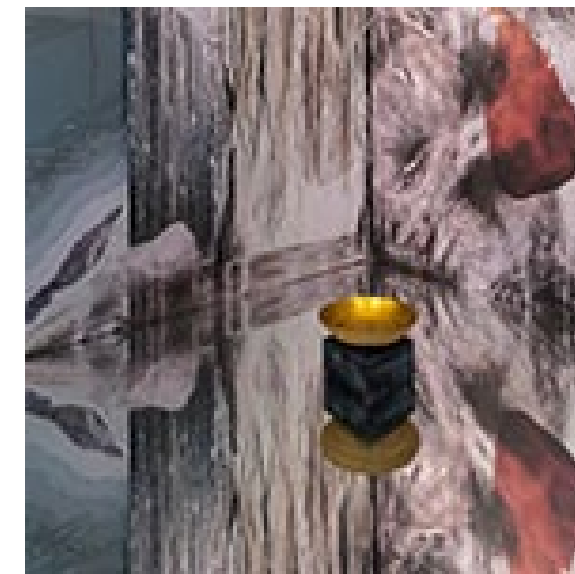


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PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE TO FURTHER THE UNDERSTANDING OF RIGHTS AND PEACE



The NTT supported the installation artwork by renowned Sri Lankan artist Anoma Wijewardene at the Colombo Art Biennale 2016 held in December. The exhibit represented a house as a metaphor for Sri Lanka and countries beyond it. Its design is intended to promote unity, inclusiveness, tolerance, caring and love for those from different religions, and to act as a reminder to each individual viewer on their vital presence in the process of unity in diversity.





## The Sithie Tiruchelvam Women's Fellowship Program



The NTT's Women's Fellowship Program (WFP) intends to build a cadre of women leaders who can effectively advocate on behalf of their communities and increase community participation in decision-making processes that impact them. This program is part of the NTT's larger focus area that seeks to build capacities, at the level of the organization as well as at the individual and community level. Overall the program aims to:

1. Encourage and empower young women to be a part of a new generation of human rights activists.
2. Provide opportunities for young women to become effective leaders in mobilising, organising, educating, awareness raising and advocacy on community empowerment, gender

justice, peace-building and human rights.

3. Provide knowledge and motivational support for young women by supporting them to participate in local and international training programmes.

In 2016/17 the NTT concluded its second WFP with five participants attending a ten day, two country course on "Gender and Development" organized and conducted by Ekta in collaboration and support from SANGAT, New Delhi. The NTT team was joined by a team of four other participants from Sri Lanka and 15 participants from Tamil Nadu.

The NTT also concluded participant selection for the third WFP and conducted a part of this program in the 2016/17 financial year.



## Scoping study on Human Rights, Gender, and Inclusive Economies in Sri Lanka

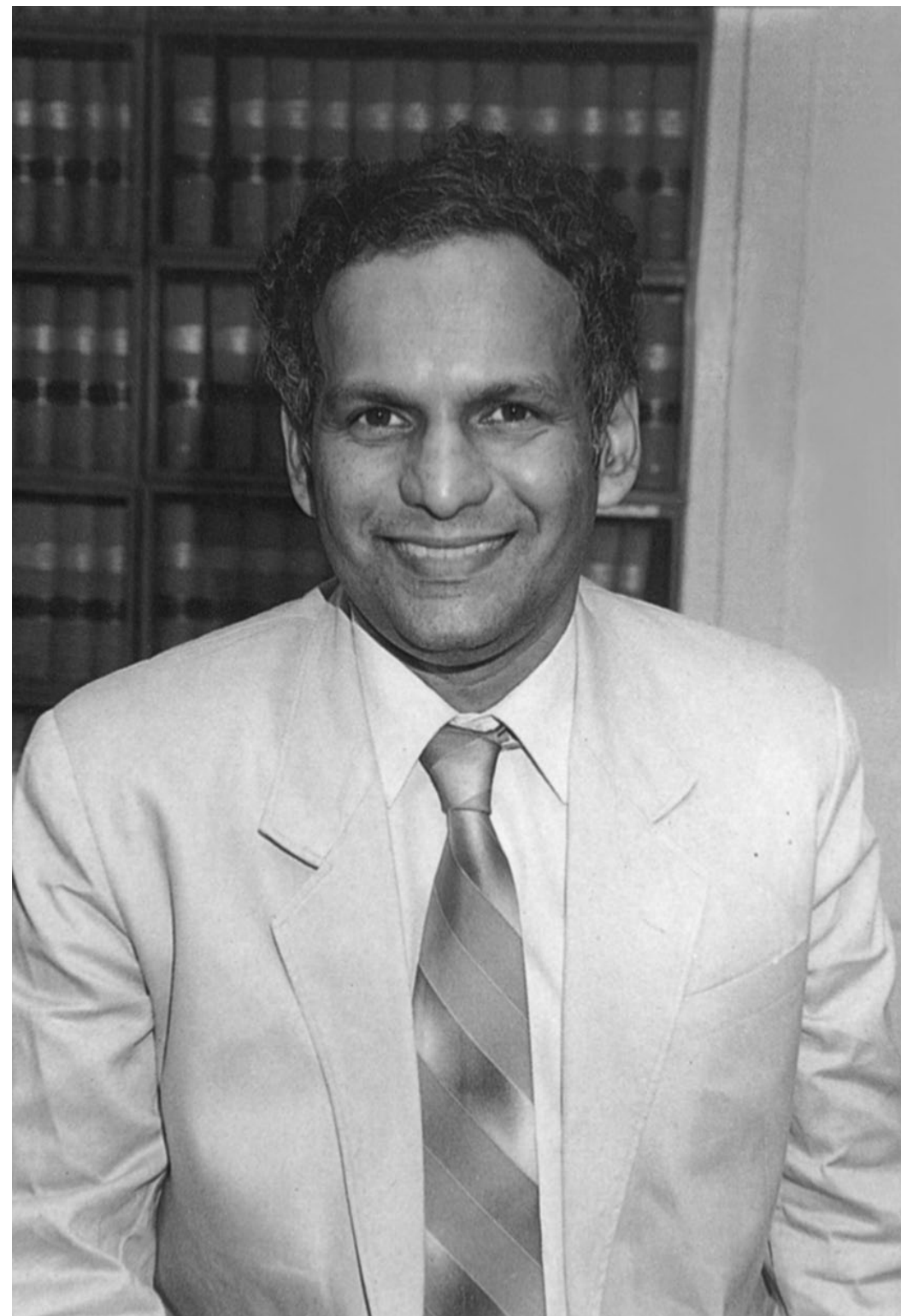


The NTT conducted a scoping and mapping exercise on human rights, gender justice, and inclusive economies in Sri Lanka, looking at issues, intervention strategies and organizations working in these areas. Both primary and secondary data was collected by consultants and NTT program staff. Separate studies were done on each of the 3 thematic areas.

1. The Human Rights Report focused on issues, interventions, gaps and recommendations in the areas of internal displacement, arbitrary arrests, detention and torture, human rights defenders and NGO regulations, freedom of religion, right to information, transitional justice, electoral and constitutional reform, cultural rights of indigenous and other groups, LGBTQI rights, women's rights, and rights of PWDs.
2. The Gender Justice Report elaborated the challenges, interventions by different actors, and gaps in the areas of the women's movement in Sri Lanka, political participation of women, violence against women and women headed households.
3. The Inclusive Economies Report discussed the economic opportunities available in the areas of the conflict-affected Northern and Eastern Provinces, plantation workers and rural women drawing from specific issues, challenges and gaps.

The data, analyses, and final conclusions were validated in five civil society convening meetings, where the NTT consulted 72 community based organizations and activists from Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Mannar, and Jaffna. As follow up the NTT plans to incorporate the findings/conclusions of the study to its work plan from 2017.





The Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust

## Remembering Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam

The 17th annual Neelan Tiruchelvam Memorial Lecture, held on the 31st of July was delivered by Dr. Ronald C. Slye at the BMICH. The event was supported (in part) by a grant from the Open Society Foundations in cooperation with South Asia Program of the Open Society Foundations.

Prof. Slye spoke on the need for developing a socio-economic solution to the developmental challenges faced in the Sri Lankan context, drawing from solutions that have been adopted and rolled out in other countries. He stressed however that direct replication of interventions does not lead to success, and that it is important to learn from the success as well as the failures of countries that have faced similar contextual challenges in the past. For instance, he spoke about how one cannot simply question why South Africa adopted a truth commission but go deeper into understanding the driving factors that led to the formation of such a commission and its successes and failures.

He went on to speak about women and how even though they make up 50% of the global population they are severely underrepresented in many spheres. Issues faced by women especially those in adversity and conflict situations can be best understood by those who have first-hand experience. Their insight is vital when designing lasting solutions to such problems.

Dr. Ronald. C. Slye is a Professor of Law at Seattle University, USA. His lecture centered on both his academic reflections and practical experiences in the field of transitional justice, and his perspectives were those coming from an individual who is, by his own admission, an outsider to the Sri Lankan context. His vast knowledge and experiences in transitional justice processes in countries such as Burundi, Rwanda, Cambodia, and Tunisia allowed him to make valuable observations about issues that should be addressed.

Dr. Slye explained that as with any society that is undergoing a transition, Sri Lanka too is addressing a number of important and interconnected issues concurrently. These include constitutional reform, economic development, combatting corruption, demilitarization and providing psychosocial support to victims. Failing to address any one of these would make it difficult to address the others. He elaborated on the need for a multi-pronged approach to secure lasting peace and stressed on the importance of including a wide range of stakeholders in the process of transitional justice. This increases political support which makes it more likely that a transitional justice strategy will succeed. Thus, inclusion can be both a means as well as an end.

Dr. Slye spoke briefly on the need for setting realistic expectations in following through the peace building process and also the importance of clear communication with all those involved.

Finally, he spoke on amnesties as a part of an effective transitional justice strategy to further important strategic goals of a transitional process, such as peace, stability, trust, truth, and accountability. He concluded his talk with a note of emphasis to each and every person in the audience, asking them to intensify their commitment and efforts to healing and uniting Sri Lanka.



# Financial Statements

(Extracted from audited statements)

## SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year ended 31 March 2017

Description	2016 - 17	2016 - 17	
	LKR	USD	
<b>Income</b>			
Grants	15,410,243	102,694	61%
Interest on Endowment fund	8,744,817	58,275	35%
Interest on Other Investments	795,907	5,304	3%
Other Income	183,036	1,220	1%
	<b>25,134,002</b>	<b>167,493</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Staff Cost	(5,637,126)	(37,566)	23%
Other Direct Costs (*)	(12,694,960)	(84,599)	51%
Administration Expenditure	(6,556,488)	(43,692)	26%
	<b>(24,888,574)</b>	<b>(165,857)</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Net Surplus for the year</b>	<b>245,429</b>	<b>1,639</b>	

(\*) includes costs related to grantmaking, memorial lecture, women fellowship programme, scoping study exchange rate LKR 150.06 as applicable at 31 March 2017

During the year, NTT recorded an income of LKR 25.1 million (USD 167,493) while the expenditure recorded stood at LKR 24.9 million.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEELAN TIRUCHELVAM TRUST**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust ("the Trust") which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2017 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in reserves and statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2017, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information set out on pages 6 to 19.

**Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Board of Trustees ("the Board") is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organisations (including Non-Governmental Organisations)(SL SoRP - NPOs (including NGOs)) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, and for such internal control as Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Neelan Tiruchelvam Trusts at 31 March 2017, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2017 in accordance with the Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended practice for Not-for-Profit Organisations (including Non-Governmental Organisations) (SL SoRP - NPOs (including NGOs)) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

*[Signature]*  
17 October 2017  
Colombo

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**Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust  
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
Year ended 31 March 2017**

	Note	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>Incoming Resources</b>	3	24,155,060	19,399,243
<b>Operating Expenditure</b>			
<b>Project Expenditure</b>			
Staff Cost	4	(5,637,126)	(4,171,410)
Other Direct Costs	5	(12,694,960)	(9,898,930)
Total Project Expenditure		<u>(18,332,086)</u>	<u>(14,070,340)</u>
Administration Expenditure	8	(6,556,488)	(5,707,223)
<b>Net Deficit on Operating Activities</b>	6	(733,514)	(378,320)
Revenue Earned From Other Activities	7	978,942	1,372,875
<b>Net Surplus Before Taxation</b>		<u>245,428</u>	<u>994,555</u>
Income Tax Expenses	9	-	-
<b>Net Surplus for the Year</b>		<u>245,428</u>	<u>994,555</u>
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>		<u><u>245,428</u></u>	<u><u>994,555</u></u>


The accounting policies and notes on pages 6 through 19 form an integral part of the financial statements.



Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
As at 31 March 2017


	Note	2017 Rs.	2016 Rs.
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-Current Assets</b>			
Plant and Equipment	10	229,593	385,495
Intangible Assets	11	17,994	39,585
		<u>247,587</u>	<u>425,080</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Term Deposits - Endowment Fund	12	153,089,234	154,582,682
Receivables	13	4,725,369	2,507,587
Short Term Deposits	14	32,800,000	8,400,000
Cash and Cash Equivalents	15	3,971,148	15,832,214
		<u>194,585,751</u>	<u>181,322,483</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>194,833,338</u>	<u>181,747,563</u>
<b>FUNDING AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Trust Capital		10,000	10,000
Unrestricted Funds	17	535,381	289,953
Endowment Funds	18	130,007,464	127,587,974
Realized Exchange Gain	18.2	12,637,256	12,637,256
Unrealized Exchange Gain	18.3	10,444,516	13,952,505
Restricted Funds	19	37,894,336	25,589,204
Revaluation Reserve		679,084	679,084
Fixed Assets Grant Fund	20	56,565	204,987
		<u>192,264,600</u>	<u>180,950,962</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Payables and Accrued Expenses	16	2,568,738	796,601
		<u>2,568,738</u>	<u>796,601</u>
<b>Total Funding and Liabilities</b>		<u>194,833,338</u>	<u>181,747,563</u>

These financial statements are in compliance with the requirements as per the constitution of the Trust.



Head of Finance and Administration

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these financial statements. Signed for and on behalf of the Board by:



Trustee



Trustee

The accounting policies and notes on pages 6 through 19 form an integral part of the financial statements.





## Ms. Ambika Satkunanathan

(Chairperson - effective July 2012)

Ambika is a lawyer and human rights advocate who has been serving as a Commissioner on the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka since October 2015. Previously, she served in various roles at the United Nations offices in Sri Lanka, including as the National Legal Advisor to the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Office of the Senior Human Rights Advisor, and National Consultant on Gender Integration/Evaluation at the Office of the Resident Coordinator. She is Vice Chairperson of the Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights-Asia Pacific, a regional feminist women's fund, and advisory board member of the Suriya Women's Development Centre, Batticaloa, in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka. In 2018 she was awarded the Open Society Fellowship. Her publications include contributions to the Oxford Handbook of Gender and Conflict, Contemporary South Asia, the International Journal of Transitional Justice and the Routledge Handbook on Human Rights in South Asia. She holds a Master of Human Rights Law (LLM) from the University of Nottingham, where she was a Chevening Scholar, and has earned Bachelor's Degrees (LLB and BA) from Monash University, Australia.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Mr. Channa de Silva



Channa serves as the Managing Director of George Steuart Finance PLC and as a Director of Pan Asia Bank, and Deshodaya Development Finance Co. Ltd. He previously served for more than five years as the Director General / CEO of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of Sri Lanka. Prior to this he served as the Executive Director of the Board of Investment (BOI) of Sri Lanka. Channa holds postgraduate degrees from Harvard University and the University of Melbourne (MBA) together with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Colombo. He is an Edward. S. Mason Fellow in Public Policy and Management at Harvard University and has served as a Teaching Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (FCMA - UK) and Fellow of the Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA - UK). He serves in the Alumni Board of the University of Colombo and the ACCA and CISI Council in Sri Lanka.

## Ms. Shehara De Silva



Shehara is an international marketing and communications expert who has been behind the success of several local and multinational brands. She is currently President, Marketing and Strategy Emojot, which is a Valley Technology startup. She was previously Group Head of Strategy of several Omnicom companies and Managing Director of Interbrand KL, the world's largest brand consultancy. She has consulted for development sector organizations including, USAID and PLAN. She is on the Board of Keells Foods, The Environment Foundation, and the Music Project.



 **Ms. Rohana Jayaratne**

Rohana is an economist with experience in project appraisal and monitoring of private sector projects with the Development Finance Corporation of Sri Lanka and of public sector projects with the United Nations Development Programme in Colombo. She has volunteered with Shanti, a community animation movement, Sarvodaya Women's Movement and Mithuruwela, an organization working with patients of cancer. She initiated a personalized donor-patient support program with the intention of not only creating greater public sensitivity to and awareness of the subject, but also to highlight how it aggravates poverty and social injustice and the need for individual and collective social responsibility to address it.

 **Mr. Mirak Raheem**

Mirak serves as the Chairperson of the Programme Sub-Committee of the NTT. He is a researcher and activist working on human rights, reconciliation, land, displacement and minority issues. He worked as a Senior Researcher at the Peace and Conflict Analysis Unit of the Centre for Policy Alternatives, Sri Lanka for 9 years, during which time he released a number of publications. He has served on a number of boards, including currently the Secretariat for Muslims. He obtained his undergraduate degree in international relations and history from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, and a Master's Degree in peace studies from Notre Dame University, USA.

 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  **Dr. Pramilla Senanayake**

Pramilla did her medical training at the faculty of Medicine in Colombo and her post graduate studies at the London University where she obtained her PhD and a Diploma in Tropical Health. She then joined the London based International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) serving first as its Medical Director for 10 years and then as Assistant Director General, a post she held for 17 years. Pramilla is currently the Vice President of the Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka a member of the board of AIDS Foundation Lanka, a Trustee of Hemas Preschool project, trustee of the Children's heart project and board member of the Sunrise Senior Foundation. She is a council member of Sri Lanka Medical Association and its Social Secretary.

 **Ms. Sarvamangalam Kailasapathy**

Sarvam has over 25 years' experience working with international NGOs in Sri Lanka. Her work experience includes working as a development and gender advisor for CIDA for twelve years since 1990 and as a coordinator in the North for six years with a British NGO. She was the representative for Ashoka Innovators for the Public; a US based non-profit entity working with social entrepreneurs for five years. She was the founder President of a women's organization formed in 1984.

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