



FRIENDS OF LANKA INCORPORATED

Melbourne, Australia

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1. ABOUT US

An overview

Friends of Lanka Incorporated (FOL) was formed by a group of Sri Lankans living in Melbourne in 2019, with a view to create a mechanism to carry out humanitarian and community welfare activities in Sri Lanka as well as in Australia. For this purpose, FOL was registered as an incorporated association and a registered charity in Victoria. By the end of the financial year 2021/22, the membership of the association was increased up to 46. Apart from the members, FOL was able to grow its network of donors and sponsors which is the backbone of the Association's flagship project: HELP LEARN.

2021/22 was a challenging year for FOL as a charitable organisation. Due to the lingering pandemic, the global community was confronted with several adverse circumstances, and the effects were felt far and wide. The aftereffects were mostly felt by the disadvantaged communities that FOL is connected with.

Especially the breakdown of the economy in Sri Lanka led to loss of livelihoods for many, in a manner that was not seen before. While the demand for the assistance was growing, the fund-raising effort became harder, due to the pandemic-related restrictive rules and regulation imposed by the governments from time to time. Thanks to the support from our members and donors, FOL was able to organise some fund-raising events in May 2022 to support our projects.



Some of the students who received school necessities for 2022, in Kallanchiya Vidyalaya, Anuradhapura

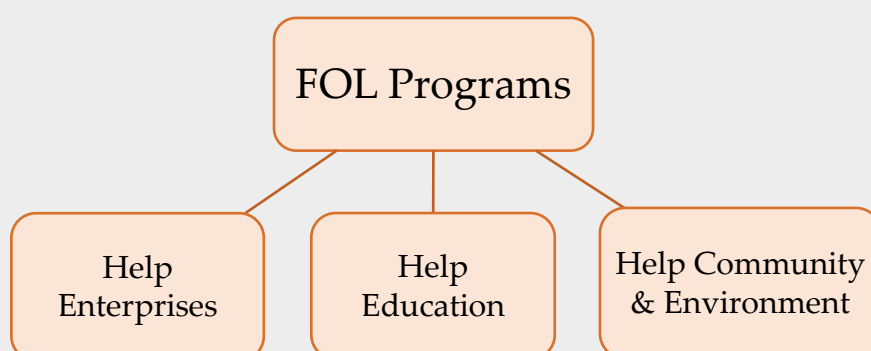
Objectives

The broader objective of the association is to implement various socio-cultural, economic, and environmental related welfare programs to support the advancement of communities in need, and the protection of our planet with a specific focus on Sri Lanka.

The association implements various projects which fall within its objectives ensuring the selfless donations received, reach the most deserving communities, or put to the best use in order to help achieve a worthy cause. The projects will also cover participation in activities such as environmental conservation, social transformation and provide assistance after a disaster.

Program Structure

The FOL implements different projects under three main program lines.



Help Enterprise encourages starting or supporting to continue and progress with small businesses or income generating activities by the low-income families in rural communities.

Help Education assists children from low-income families to continue school education, provide the remote schools with infrastructure and equipment, help in special circumstances such as helping with medical expenses, and assist with vocational training or higher education.

Help Community & Environment is a broader category which will cover a few different areas, such as environmental and wildlife conservation, disaster relief programs, social transformation activities, and awareness raising about matters on public welfare and civil rights.

2. OUR PEOPLE

In Melbourne

The team in Melbourne comprises of nine Executive committee members:

Shantha Nanayakkara	President
Shanika Kalansooriya	Secretary
Saliya Mudannayake	Treasurer
Jayathu Tennakoon	Vice President
Gamini Walisinghe	Asst Secretary
Dimuth Thotawatta	Asst Treasurer
Bimla Marcus	Committee Member
Nandalal Kasthuriarchchi	Committee Member
Lalitha Rathuge (deceased)	Ex Committee Member

In Sri Lanka

Our strength on the ground in Sri Lanka is the dedicated team of volunteers comprise of the following members. We are very thankful to each and every one of them for the work they did to ensure the smooth implementation of our projects during the year.

Ven P. Pagnnaratne Thero	Vice Principal, A/Kallanchiya Vidyalaya
Asiri Gunawardana	Volunteer, Logistics
Seetha Kumari	Teacher, Sirikanduyaya Vidyalaya, Polonnaruwa
Ranjith Senevirathna	Volunteer, Vavuniya District
Udayaseelan Vinojini	Volunteer – Vavuniya
Prasad Nanayakkara	Vice Principal, Saralankara Maha Vidyalaya, Galle
Kumari Menike	Coordinator, Ranliya Kulagana Society, Padaviya

Message from the President



Another year has passed, and Friends of Lanka has carried out many projects during the year to help people in different levels and areas. The benefits reached many in Sri Lanka in their hour of need. Members and many others came forward to support the various projects initiated by FOL as per the requirements aroused.

Since its inception FOL has tried to spread the benefits to a diverse section of the population. This year we are glad to inform you that we managed to expand our reach further, by implementing new projects and broadening the scope of the existing ones.

Our aim is to establish a strong structure within Friends of Lanka and set the ground rules to develop a long-lasting charitable organization and more importantly ensure transparency and integrity are maintained to the highest level.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to thank the members, and other supporters for contributing to the projects, your suggestions, and your encouragement. It was gratifying to see the support of many people during our first major fund-raising event, the food fair held in May 2022

I would like to invite more people to get involved in the projects and management as new ideas and assistance is much needed to continue with the good work FOL has launched. I would also like to acknowledge the loss of one of the committee members, Mrs. Lalitha Rathuge during the year. She was a valuable member of the team, and we miss her energy and contribution in many ways.

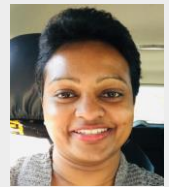
I look forward to another year of serving the communities that deserve our help the most.



Shantha Nanayakkara
President



Message from the Secretary



While most parts of the world seem to have gone back to a post-pandemic new normal, Sri Lanka remains in a critical and very unfortunate situation. Many people in various levels of the society are adversely affected by the economic crisis and the aftereffects of the COVID-19 pandemic. In this situation, our work in helping disadvantaged communities has become more important.

Apart from the ongoing HELP LEARN and Ranliya Support projects, FOL managed to carry out a few different projects during the year with the help of its members and other donors. The best investment we can make for the advancement of society is investing in educating the younger generation. All our members and supporters can be glad to take part in FOL initiatives which mainly focus on education of school children.

I would like to thank FOL membership and all supporters for your constant help in various ways. It was heart-warming to see the donations and effort of many, even while going through some hardships themselves. When we work together with a noble goal in heart, we can achieve great things and put smiles on many faces.

It is fulfilling to see how we have grown as a charity organisation over the past few years. Thank you for being a part of your journey so far and I look forward to working with you all in the future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shanika'.

Shanika Kalansooriya
Secretary



3. OUR PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Despite the difficulties and challenges, the association had to encounter throughout the year, it was able to deliver number of different community welfare and humanitarian projects supporting disadvantaged communities.

HELP LEARN-2022

FOL believes that the children are valuable assets of any society. Despite of the economic backgrounds of the families they come from, all children should have a similar and reasonable opportunities to continue with school education. This is the very reason for FOL to consider HELP LEARN as its primary community welfare project and treated it as the flagship project of the Association. Under this project, every year, FOL supports children from low-income families, donating them with school stationery and other essential items needed for them to stay on the school for the year ahead.



Beneficiaries by District

District	No. of schools	No. of students
Anuradhapura	13	183
Polonnaruwa	9	83
Vavuniya	11	84
Galle	5	70
Total no. of children helped		420

RANLIYA SUPPORT

Same as last year, FOL purchased school bags from Ranliya Kulagana Society in Padaviya to support their home-based manufacturing operation of items such as school bags, and other items.

This year, FOL purchased 420 bags, including 230 bags made out of fabrics. They were distributed to the children selected under HELP LEARN, together with the other stationery items.

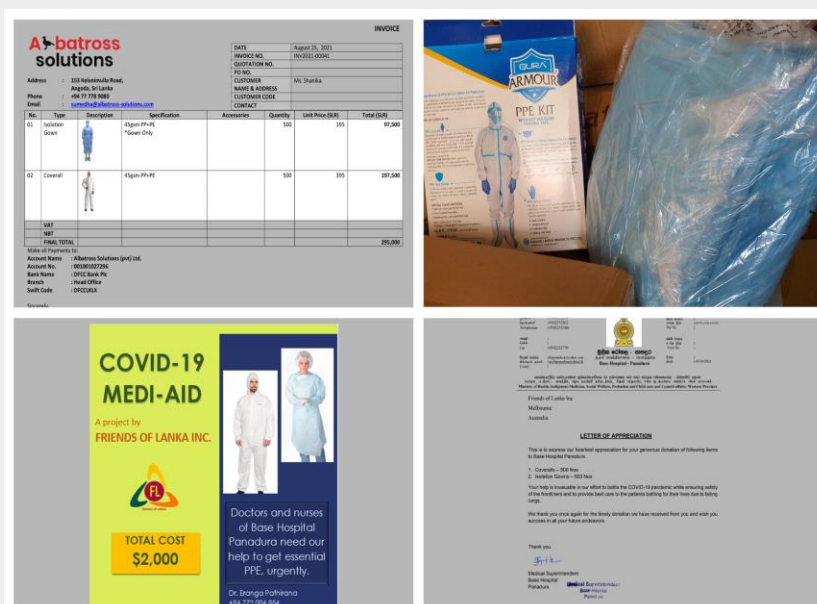


COVID-19 MediAid – Equipment & PPE

During the period when the hospitals in Sri Lanka were overwhelmed with COVID-19 pandemic, FOL assisted two hospitals with medical equipment and Personal Protective equipment. Base Hospitals at Wathupitiwala and Panadura were donated these items responding to their urgent requests.



At the request of the Doctors in Base Hospital, Wathupitiwala, FOL donated, 1 Multi Para Monitor, 2 Bedside Pulse Oximeters and 2 Oxygen Regulators for the use of two newly opened wards to treat COVID-19 patients.




In September 2021, with the generosity of our valued, members and donors, we were able to donate 500 sets of two-layer, high quality, Personal Protective Gowns for the use of doctors and nurses in the COVID Ward at Panadura Base Hospital.

Ape Lamai project

අපේ ළමයි (Ape Lamai) is a boarding school for children with disabilities and learning difficulties in Ambepussa, Sri Lanka. Responding to a request received from Ape Lamai Organisation, FOL built two toilets and renovated shower area in the boys boarding area.



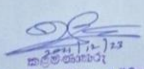

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AstraZeneca Vaccine Appeal

In July 2021, together with 45 Sri Lankan community organizations and more than 12,000 signatures, an appeal was made to the Australian Government, requesting to donate AZ vaccine doses to Sri Lanka. At that time, Sri Lanka had a severe shortage of those vaccines to administer as second dose, to many people who had received their first dose. We are quite happy that, most of the Sri Lankan community organisations stood under a single umbrella to make a strong voice requesting help for Sri Lanka in that hour of need.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA CANBERRA CHAPTER (AAUPCC)	FRIENDS OF LANKA INC.	SRI LANKA COVID AID (SLCA)
AUS LANKA BUSINESS COUNCIL	GAMPAHA RATHNAWALI OGA(VIC)	SRI LANKA EX - SERVICE AND POLICE ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INC.
AUSLANKA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION INC	INSIGHTOZ INC	SRI LANKA GERMAN TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE OBA OF AUSTRALIA INC.
AUSTRALIA SOUTH ASIA SOCIETY	JAPURA ALUMNI AUSTRALIA INC. VIC	SRI LANKAN DANCE ACADEMY OF VIC INC. (THAALA ASAPUWA)
AUSTRALIA SRILANKA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION INC (ASLCA)	J'PURA QLD ALUMNI	ST. SYLVESTER'S COLLEGE KANDY -MELBOURNE
AUSTRALIAN SRI LANKAN ASSOCIATION INC. (ASLA)	KELANIYA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA	THE ASSOCIATION OF SRI LANKAN ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA
BUDDHIST SRI LANKAN ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA(KEYSBOROUGH)	MELBOURNE UNITED ART CIRCLE INC.	TRINITY OBA MELBOURNE
BUDDHIST VIHARA VICTORIA INC. (BERWICK)	MIHINDU CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION	UNITY OF FAMILIES & FRIENDS -MELBOURNE INC(UFFM)
CA SRI LANKA - AUSTRALIA (VICTORIA) CHAPTER INC.	OLD ANANDIANS ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA	UNIVERSITY OF MORATUWA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN VIC (MELMORA)
COLOMBO UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA	PERADENIYA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION VIC	USMAA-UNITED SRI LANKAN MUSLIM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA
DEVI BALIKA PAST PUPILS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA (DBPPAA)	PERADENIYA UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, NSW	VIDYARATHA COLLEGE OBA OF AUSTRALIA INC.
DHARMASOKA COLLEGE PAST STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INC	PILISARANA INC	SRI LANKA ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC
LASECMI	SHANTHI FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA - ACT	SRI LANKAN COMMUNITY OF SOUTHERN TASMANIA
NORTH VICTORIAN BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION (VUROKE)	SPUR NSW	THE COMMITTEE FOR SRI LANKA
VISAKHA VIDYALAYA PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA	SPUR VICTORIA	VICTORIAN TAMIL CULTURAL ASSOCIATION INC
	SPUR QLD	
	SPUR WA	

AUS AZ STRAZENECA VACCINE APPEAL FOR SRI LANKA

Although the requested number of vaccines were not donated immediately, we believe, it created a positive impact on the Government's ongoing support to Sri Lanka, particularly in protecting its citizens and frontline workers from COVID-19 and increasing its capacity to deal with future pandemics

Clean up Australia



On a cold and wet day in March 2022, in conjunction with the *Clean-Up Australia Day* the members of FOL got together for a clean-up day at the Kokoda Memorial Track, also known as the "1000 Steps" in Dandenong Ranges National Park.

They spent a few hours collecting rubbish along the path up the mountain and the surrounding area helping to protect the natural environment in the National Park. We all enjoyed the event where we had a great team gathering while giving back to the society, we live in.



Sri Lankan Food Fair

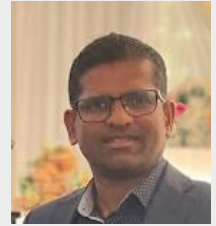
FOL was able to hold its first ever Sri Lankan Food Fair in May 2022, to raise funds for its community welfare projects, mainly for HELP LEARN: to support the school education of the children from low-income families in Sri Lanka.

The event was a huge success, and many volunteers tirelessly worked towards its very end, raising funds, that would be sufficient to purchase stationery items for 500 students who will be receiving benefits from HELP LEARN at the end of 2022.



4. OUR FINANCES

Treasurer's Report

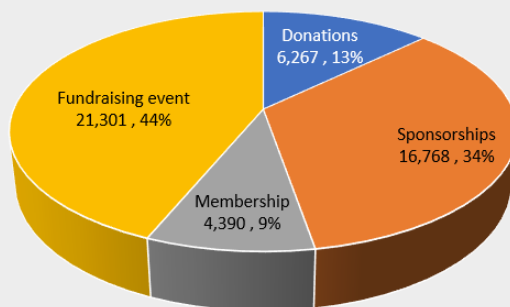


This is FOL's second completed financial year since its registration.

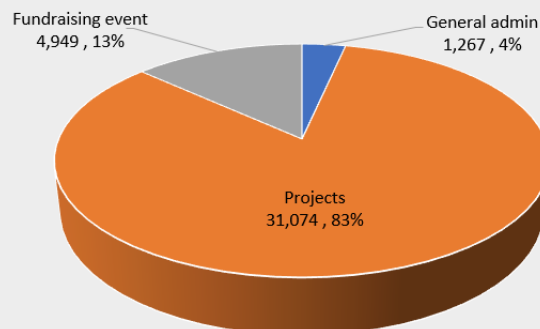
We planned all our work, in an uncertain atmosphere created by a global pandemic. Finding necessary funds to implement planned projects was a major challenge to overcome. Thanks to our members and sponsors who came forward with their generosity made the plans a reality.

I am pleased to present FOL's financial statements that provide the details of income, expenditure, and the financial position, together with some financial highlights depicted below.

Source of funds:



Spending:



I would like to thank everyone who were involved by donating funds and contributing other activities of FOL. I look forward to 2022/23 knowing another great year is ahead of us with the community spirit and willingness to help needy people of the society and engage with the broader community.

Saliya Mudannayake
Treasurer – Friends of Lanka Inc.

Financial Statements

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

		2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash at bank	Note 2	22,246.14	10,809.93
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>22,246.14</u>	<u>10,809.93</u>
EQUITY			
General Reserve	Note 3	10,809.93	1,970.23
Current year surplus / (deficit)	Note 4	11,436.21	8,839.70
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>22,246.14</u>	<u>10,809.93</u>

We declare that the above financial report of the Friends of Lanka Incorporated has been prepared as required under the rules of the Association and it presents fairly the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2022 and the results of its activities for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Shantha Nanayakkara
President

Saliya Mudannayake
Treasurer

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
INCOME		
Memberships Received	4,390.00	3,497.14
HELPLEARN Sponsorships Received	16,768.20	11,980.31
Medi Aid - COVID19	5,767.00	360.00
Sundry Income - Masks Sale	-	760.00
Sanitary Project	500.00	-
Fund Raising Event - HLEPLEARN	21,301.00	-
	<u>48,726.20</u>	<u>16,597.45</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Admin & Establishment Expenses	524.49	244.30
Purchase of School stationery - HELPLEARN	18,439.04	4,024.75
Purchase of School Bags - HELPLEARN	4,614.48	2,480.02
Distribution Event Expenses - HELPLEARN	125.99	189.50
Purchase of Materials - HELP ENTERPRISE	597.34	-
Medical Aids - Supplies	6,065.72	799.26
Sanitary Project	1,231.81	-
Bank Charges & PayPal Commission	146.03	19.92
Social Transformation Advertising Expenses	596.38	-
Fund Raising Event - HELPLEARN	4,948.71	-
	<u>37,289.99</u>	<u>7,757.75</u>
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	<u>11,436.21</u>	<u>8,839.70</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

Note 1 - Statement of significant accounting policies

1.1 Statement of compliance

The committee has determined that the incorporated association is not a reporting entity because there are no users dependent on general purpose financial statements. The financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

1.2 Income tax

The organisation is a not-for-profit community service association and is exempted from income tax under section 50-10 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997

1.3 Revenue

Donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt

1.4 Goods and Services Tax

The organisation is a not-for-profit community association; the turnover of which is less than the threshold of \$150,000, therefore not registered for GST.

Note 2 - Cash at Bank and PayPal

	2022 (\$)	2021 (\$)
Bank Account - CBA 063 182 - 1153 9014	1,115.54	6,030.54
Bank Account - NAB 083 004 - 717737077	17,353.89	2,762.17
Bank Account - NAB 083 004 - 717812073	1,000.00	1,500.00
FOL PayPal Acct	2,776.71	517.22
	<u>22,246.14</u>	<u>10,809.93</u>

Note 3 - General Reserves

Membership Fund	4,882.92	1,650.00
Project Fund	5,927.01	320.23
	<u>10,809.93</u>	<u>1,970.23</u>

Memberships Fund: Accumulated, unutilised membership income

Project Fund: Accumulated, unutilised project related income mainly from Sponsorships for HELPLEARN and other project related income.

Note 4 - Current Year Surplus

Surplus from the membership income	3,719.48	3,232.92
Surplus from the project related income	7,716.73	5,606.78
	<u>11,436.21</u>	<u>8,839.70</u>

5. OTHER INFORMATION

How you can join

The Association would like to invite more Sri Lankans in Australia to join hands with FOL, so that you can be a proud member helping to make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate. The membership fee is \$10 per month and it will also go towards a fund that will be used in charitable work.

Look into the future

In 2022 FOL is planning to expand its HELP LEARN project to Monaragala district and also increase the number of children from the four districts we worked in 2021. With this expansion FOL expects to provide essential necessities for over 500 children from 5 districts in December 2022.

525	50	5
CHILDREN	SCHOOLS	DISTRICTS

Apart from the expansion of the activities under HELP LEARN detailed above FOL is looking forward to working on more projects next year, such as:

- Continue the support extended to Ranliya Kulagana Society by purchasing of school bags.
- Providing financial support to identified children with special talents from families needing financial assistance.
- Supporting disadvantaged families to start income-generating activities.
- Aiding destitute families with medical emergencies and /or in similar crisis circumstances.

Stay in touch

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