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Dear Sisters and Brothers, Friends,

On behalf of the Executive Council of the Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd. I, as the General Secretary, am pleased to place before the Membership, the 31st Report on the different services provided by Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd for the period from 2015.04.01 to 2016.03.31 at the Annual General Meeting held on 14th October, 2016.

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Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd., with a history of 40 years and the Lanka Jathika Shramadana Society took the following steps to make its service delivery independent and systematic with the expansion of its community services.

01. In 1975 Suwasetha Services was established as a separate service division under the Lanka Jathika Shramadana Society.

02. The Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd., was inaugurated in 1986.
   i. Suwasetha Sewa Society had been registered bearing Registration No. CO/115/84 on 19.04.1984 as a Voluntary Organization under the provisions of Registration and Monitoring of Voluntary Service Organization Act of Parliament of 1981.
   ii. The Society was registered again B/62414 as a Voluntary Organization/non- governmental Organization in accordance with the Amended Act of 1998.

03. Since the issuing of a Certificate of Registration No S/1137 dated 21.08.1986 by the Registrar of Societies it was named as Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society.

04. Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society was declared an Approved Charity by Notification in the Government Gazette No.462 of 09th July 1987 by the Minister of Finance by the authority vested in him under Clause No 31 (9)(b) of the Inland Revenue Act No 28 of 1979.
Sarvodaya plans and implements programmes relevant to social progress and welfare as well as spiritual and moral development. Of the community. The Sarvodaya economic unit serves offering guidance to economic development through effective contemporary pathways. Amongst all the services Sarvodaya offers, Suwasetha services stand out as the one closest to our hearts.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha is committed to perform a vital set of functions. Innocent girls and boys subject to all types of social injustices are referred to Suwasetha through the judicial system of Sri Lanka. Accepting responsibility and caring for them is no easy task. Some of the officials in the legal and probation sectors who are vested with responsibility, possessing theoretical knowledge but no practical experience instead of being supportive, some times enforce their authority and create problems for both volunteers and the employees of Suwasetha. These observations are based on what I see and hear. It is the duty of the government to educate the judicial officers and the young probation officers who are vested with the power to make decisions on behalf of these young children.

Laws and regulations are necessary. It is also necessary to implement them with the cooperation of the populace. I am also totally opposed to managing our child development centres like prisons, isolated from the rest of the society. There is a certain amount of justification for rigorous rules if the government provides for the upkeep of these homes. Who ever does it, it is amoral to simply provide a small subsidy and lay down rigorous rules to control these services.

We salute Team Suwasetha for their commitment to the invaluable services offered to those in their care amidst all these controls.

Dr. A.T. Ariyaratne
Founder President
Lanka Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Society Ltd.
Message from the Hony. President,
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd.
Mrs Karuna Speldewinde

It is a great honour and a cause for jubilation for any volunteer organisation to offer the society continuous quality services for a period of 31 years. With unabated commitment, Sarvodaya Suwasetha Seva services keeps providing protection and care for the welfare of abandoned orphans, helpless feeble elders, Young girl children who are victims of rape and abuse, and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities at community level. The ideal environment for nurturing a child is within his/her family with parental love, protection and care. Although it is a right of a child some children are robbed of such an environment due to poverty and other social anomalies.

There has been a gradual increase in the numbers referred to institutions such as Suwasetha by the department of probation and child care. Suwasetha Seva society works with the goal of maintaining good health and nutrition levels of their charges while providing them equal opportunities to education and integrating them into society as useful citizens.

Suwasetha has won the trust and faith of the ministries and departments of probation and child care and social services of both central and provincial governments since the quality service offered by Suwasetha meets the standards set by these authorities. The quality of the services offered compare well with the standards expected in the National Agenda for the protection of Child rights of 2015.

A family environment is nurtured within the child development centres managed by Sarvodaya Suwasetha and a similar peaceful environment is ensured for the elders in their homes.

The Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 prepared by Dr Charika Marasinghe for Sarvodaya Suwasetha envisages six main directions or purposes. It prioritizes the improvement of the efficacy and strength of the organisation, recruiting staff with professional qualifications in overall supervision management and training programmes for the teams working at the centres to improve their knowledge and attitudes to work with empathy, affirming the rights of inmates.

One of the prominent goals of the strategic plan is to create an open-minded society. Children, youth and adults are subject to abuse and other forms of violence because of the deterioration of the value system within the society. Since tolerance and respect for each other and their rights is a salient feature of an enlightened society there would be no injustice and cruelty to others.
The Sarvodaya movement which aims to enhance the spiritual development of every person, family and the community has the strength to actively promote the creation of an open-minded society through its numerous Shramadana societies and special units spread island wide. I wish them all success. Sincerely thank and appreciate the guidance offered by Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne, the founder of Sarvodaya, the attention of Dr. Vinya Ariyaratne, the preparation of the Strategic plan and the guidance given to achieve its goals by Dr. Charika Marasinghe, the unceasing service of Mrs. Neetha Ariyaratne, and the contribution and commitment of the Team Suwasetha in service delivery.

I also thank all the specialist volunteers who work with us and our donors for their generosity in sharing their time and money.

**Karuna Speldewinde**  
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Preamble

First of all let me remember with gratitude all persons who have contributed in many different ways to the effort made by the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Seva society to continue with the services it offers to children, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, teenage mothers, and others in need of assistance living in this country for over a span of four decades. Thinking back over the last four decades, frankly I cannot numerically assess the number of beneficiaries we have worked for. It brings us great pleasure to reflect on the successful interventions we have made in the lives of innocent children who are deprived of any parents or guardians, senior citizens seeking solace, teenage mothers and persons with disabilities.

We see an improvement in the educational levels of the children in our care. In the past year, 11 children sat for the GCE ordinary level examination, 03 children sat for the GCE A level examination and 10 children sat for the year 5 scholarship examination. Their success at this examination is a source of joy and inspiration to our life of service. The fact that children from our child development centres are selected to hold responsible positions in the schools they attend as school prefects, representatives of the Southern Provincial Council, Scout groups and cadet platoons reflects their extra curricular skills. I am pleased to mention that our children have been high achievers at the sports events organised by the department of Probation and child care and continue to improve.

We on our part have been able to organise educational trips and leadership camps for the children thanks to the contributions made by various donors.

As in earlier years in the outgoing year too, we were able to celebrate World Childrens’ Day, Elders’ Day, and the Disabled Persons’ Day in a meaningful way. We also organised activities celebrating major festivals of all religions without any religious or ethnic discrimination with the active participation of our inmates at the centres as well as at headquarters. All our inmates participated in the silcampaigins and food distribution campaigns.

A special New Year festival was held to herald the Sinhala Tamil New year.

There is an increase in the new arrivals to our child development centres, elders’ homes and the shelter for teenage mothers. Due to increasing numbers providing space and services were challenging. Yet we managed to care for all those who sought our assistance in the course of the last year.
We were able to provide vocational training to children of over 18 years who had no parents/guardians to go back to. The new vocational training centre located within the premises of the child development centre at Wariyapola, was very useful providing vocational training to nearly 16 young girls in the last year.

In the past year we have moved our headquarters into new premises on Rawatawatte Road from De Soysa road, which we occupied for the last 40 years. The additional space in the new premises seems to motivate us to broaden our services as well.

We record with pleasure that 20 human resource development workshops were held in the course of the last year to strengthen the institution and improve the quality of services we render, in accordance with the goals of our Strategic Plan prepared by Dr Charika Marasinghe. I take this opportunity to thank all the resource persons who shared their valuable time, knowledge and energy for the success of the capacity building workshops.

We have continued to offer our services at a premium level throughout the outgoing year, despite financial constraints. Local and foreign donors, benefactors, Institutions and individuals offered us their generous support throughout the year to fulfil our commitments. Thank you all for your generous support.

Behind our success is the strength and support of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya and many other persons. I offer my respectful gratitude to Dr A.T. Ariyaratne, the founder and honorary President of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya, for the advice and guidance in all our activities. I thank Dr Vinya Ariyaratne, the General Secretary, Mr Chaminda Rajakaruna, the Executive Director, the entire staff of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya, the Honorary President and the Executive committee of Suwasetha Seva Society, Dr Charika Marasinghe, the Suwasetha team, and the team of volunteers clustered around them.

**Mrs Neetha Ariyaratne**
Hony. General Secretary.
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd.
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Aims and Objectives

The Suwasetha unit of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement was registered as an independent unit named Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd in 1986. Later Suwasetha was declared an Approved Charity by Notification in the Government Gazette. It was also registered under the Voluntary Organizations Act No 31 of 1980 and subsequently was re-registered bearing registration No L62414 under the Amended Act of Parliament of 1998.

Today, we are proud that the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society is a leading Social Services Organization in Sri Lanka.

Our Vision

Towards a nation that respects the rights of children, adolescents, youth, elders and disabled persons to lead a life with dignity.

Our Mission

Promote and protect the rights of children, adolescents, youth, elders and disabled persons affirming their entitlement to love, compassion and protection within a caring environment.

Objectives

- Providing nutrition and residential care for children suffering from malnutrition
- Providing residential care for orphaned and abandoned children
- Providing residential facilities for teenage victims of sexually abuse
- Providing vocational Training for young females with disabilities
- Providing Community Based Rehabilitation Programmes for persons with disabilities
- Conducting programmes for street children and
- Providing basic needs of victims of natural disasters and national calamities
**Programmes in operation**

**Data on the total number of beneficiaries in the past year**

1. **Child Development Centres**
   - Nutrition centre for infants, Moratuwa 40
   - Masevana Home for Teenage Mothers, Lunawa 41
   - Leela Jayasekara Memorial Child Development Centre, Lunawa 28
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   - Moratuwa, Suwasetha Pre-school 10
   - Akuressa, Jamini Pre-school and Day Care Centre 55
   - Wariyapola Pre-school 60
   - Borella Pre-school for Street Children 28

3. **Services Extended to Senior Citizens**
   - Agnes Gunasekara Elders' Home, Ratmalana 25
   - Elders' Home, Gampaha 10
   - Elders' Home, Hikkaduwa 30

4. **Services rendered to Differently-abled Persons**
   - Resource Centre for women with disabilities, Talpawila 08
   - Vocational Training Centre for young female persons with disabilities, Moratuwa 14

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   - Day school for children with special needs, Warakagoda 15
   - Day school for children with special needs, Thalpawila 13

6. **Special projects and programmes**
   - Rehabilitation Programme for Street children
   - Rehabilitation Programme for Persons with Disabilities
   - TEA (Transition in the East Alliance)

7. **Relief & Welfare Programmes**
   - Persons visiting the Suwasetha HQs seeking assistance for various needs and provided assistance for:
     - Accident victims.
     - Assistance for persons with disabilities.
     - Referrals for medical care.
     - Requests to buy school needs or for higher education for children with economic problems
     - In times of disasters:
     - Other rehabilitation services
Supportive Organizations and Philanthropists

* Department of Probation and Child Care Services
* Department of Social Services
* PVH Organization and Mrs Renuka Subasinghe
* Embassy for United Arab Emirates, Sri Lanka
* Sarvodaya Netherlands
* Ayubowan Foundation, Netherlands (From 01.01.2014)
* Liliana Fund, Netherlands
* Transition in the East Alliance (TEA), Netherlands
* Mr. Steve Nation , U.K
* Tjallinga Weeshuis Foundation, Netherlands
* Sarvodaya U.S.A
* MAST CARE Organization, Sri Lanka and U.S.A
* Ms Jacolyn Bennet , U.S.A
* Dr Mrs Amanthi. L. Chandrasena, U.S.A
* Columbus Foundation : Limited Brand Cares/Give 2Asia, U.S.A
* Mr D.C. Golden and Mrs S. Golden- U.S.A
* Mrs Sarah Gallagher, U.S.A
* The Japanese Embassy and the Government of Japan
* Suguira Brahmacharia Foundation, Japan
* Mrs. Keiko Atsumi, Japan
* Price Waterhouse Coopers Organization, Sri Lanka and Germany
* Ms Heide Brolle, Sarvodaya Germany
* Professor H.T. Dijksterhuis, Germany
* Kasih Bunda Organization, France
* Daniek Denierre, Physiotherapist , Switzerland
* Ven. Pomnyun, join together Society Corporation , Korea
* Aloka Foundation, Malaysia
* IDF Organization and the Philanthropists , Turkey
* Mr and Mrs Jude Perera, Australia
* Mr M.C Narendra Sarvodaya, India
* All members of the Rathnayake Family, akuressa
* Professor Chandra Gunawardena, Katubedda
* Harini Manisha Palipana, Mt Lavinia
* Mrs Gayani Abeysinghe, Mrs Renu Warnasuriya, Mr S. Weerawarna
* Staff of Millennium IT
* Staff of Standard Chartered Bank
* Mr M.C.A. Perera, Miss D. Ramanayake
* Captain Jeevan Ariyaratne and Mrs. Shehari Ariyaratne.

We offer our sincere thanks to the above organizations and individuals for their generous support. Although, not specifically referred to by name, we appreciate and thank all local and foreign benefactors, donor agencies and volunteers, who have helped us in numerous ways and supported us.
Protection and empowerment of children
1.1 Ensuring survival and growth of abandoned orphan children

Nutrition Centre for infants, Rawathawatte

The nutrition centre was established in 1976 with the purpose of offering care, nutrition and protection to under nourished abandoned infants from birth to 03 years of age and operates under the direct overall supervision of the Department of Probation and Child Care.

Every infant is provided nourishment following a special nutrition plan prepared under the supervision of the Paediatric consultants attached to the Lady Ridgeway Childrens' Hospital, Borella.

The infants attend the nutrition, physiotherapy and medical clinics held at the Hospital. Volunteer Medical officers share their time to attend to the babies. The financial support for the maintenance of the centre is given by Ayubovan, Netherlands and the Kashi bunda organization. Further assistance is offered by local and foreign benefactors through the website and the Face Book page.

40 infants received care in the last year, and a staff of 12 including the house mother, a nurse, and health assistants care for the babies.

1.1.1 Providing immediate nutrition needs of children

- The infants are daily given a nourishing diet commensurate to their age and growth.

- A number of workshops were held for the staff to give them knowledge about providing the infants with a nutritious diet. A number of lectures on protection, hygiene, cleanliness, environmental cleanliness, proper methods of feeding powdered milk were given at the workshops organised by the womens' Organisation of Sarvodaya.

- Specialist Nutritionists check the nutrition levels of the infants and different government officials report on the health and growth of the infants every month.
1.1.2 Protection from different forms of sexual exploitation

- 10-15 local and foreign persons visit the centre daily, to volunteer, observe and make donations to the centre and ensuring protection from the visitors is the responsibility of the staff.

- Hence CCTV cameras were introduced to prevent any mental or physical abuse the infants may be subjected to by unscrupulous visitors.

- A programme to ensure love and care for infants is conducted every three months to educate the staff on the need for love and care

1.1.3 Creating a favourable child-friendly environment

- The garden around the centre is cleaned, lawns mowed and the doors and windows cleaned once a month by local and foreign volunteers.

- The walls of the residential rooms were painted and adorned with drawings and pictures in the last year. The illustrations on the walls are changed every six months and a play area similar to those in pre schools was created.

- Trainee nurses from the government Nurses Training College, two groups of Medical students from the Medical Faculty of the University of Colombo, Teacher trainees from the Maharagama Teacher Training College, cadets from the Ratmalana Defence University visited the centre in the course of the last year and left glowing comments on our efforts.
1.2 Investing in a strong pre-childhood foundation to facilitate transition into formal education

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Leela Jayasekara Child Development Centre – Lunawa

The facility was created with the idea of providing shelter for children from 3-5 years of age who are referred to the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Nutrition Centre by the Department of Probation and Child care. It is a kind of transition centre where the children are given love, care, nutrition, protection and pre-school education until they are handed over to parents/guardians, for adoption or transferred to other Child Development Centres. In the course of the last year 28 children were nurtured at this centre.

In the morning the children engage in early childhood activities, and in the evenings they are entertained with music. The centre has a group of trained teachers and volunteers as resource persons who share their time and knowledge with the children.

1.2.1 Ensuring personal hygiene and a healthy environment

- Steps are taken regularly to protect the children from infectious diseases by maintaining a clean and healthy physical environment in the centre. Monthly awareness programmes on hygiene and health are held in collaboration with the Public Health Officer to brief the staff.

- When children fall sick, they are taken for treatment to government or private medical centres as necessary. Pre-school curriculum includes knowledge and practice of good health habits.

- Various institutions and volunteers conduct dental clinics for the children within the premises and organise practical health programmes for the children on the need for good health habits.

1.2.2 Offering a friendly caring environment

- A kiddies' New Year festival was organised to commemorate the Sinhala Tamil New Year. Normal family traditions were followed to educate the children on New Year traditions and the children enjoyed the experience with their peers.

- In May 2015 the children were taken sightseeing to see the Wesak decorations. The staff and the children worked together to decorate their premises in celebration of Wesak. The kids were very enthusiastic in their participation.
1.2.3 Developing language skills

- On week days the children attend the pre-school from 8.30 to 12.00 noon. A resident Montessouri trained teacher conducts the classes. The learning process helps to awaken their creative talents and language skills.

- Sarvodaya Suwastha Nutrition centre too transfers children who reach their 3\textsuperscript{rd} year with them to the Lunawa centre. Some of these children have speech impairments and moving with normal children often help them to improve their speech.

1.2.4 Enhancing aesthetic skills and encouraging love for nature

- Our children from the Lunawa centre won first place in the singing and dancing competition organised by the Department of Probation and Chld Care in commemoration of the Universal Childrens' day in 2015.

- The inmates were also given the experience of viewing a children's film at the theatre by taking them to see the popular childrens' film – ‘Ho gaana Pokuna’ (the pond that makes the sound of waves). The outing is a part of their socialisation process and was enjoyed by all.

- Daily the children join the staff in caring for the plants that grow in their garden. It instils a sense of appreciation of nature and beauty and encourages home gardening.

1.2.5 A child with a healthy body

- A sports meet with various kids' events was held within the premises encouraging physical exercise and playing outdoors.
1.3 Providing a standard of living to commensurate with the physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development of the children

1.3.1 Ensuring equal opportunities to quality education

**Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls – Kosgama**

- Children continue formal education up to GCE ‘A’ Level and special coaching classes are held at the centre with teachers from the area working with the children in core subjects to improve their performance levels.

- Facilities to develop their IT skills too have been provided. Computer classes are held twice a week and the library has been organised to encourage the habit of reading. Children maintain records of the books they read weekly and make notes on what they have learnt through their reading.

- Every Sunday the children attend Sunday school and are encouraged to continue their religious studies up to the final examination.
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Wariyapola

- A special programme on Dancing was held at the centre in April 2016 with practice sessions to develop the dancing skills of the inmates. It was an invaluable experience for the children who studied dancing as a subject in school.

- Two children who sat the GCE 'O'level examination in 2015 achieved the best results in the school and were felicitated by the school. They have become good role models for the younger inmates who are now vying with each other to show higher competency levels at their school tests.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ratnayake memorial Child Development Centre for Girls – Akuressa

- Additional tuition classes have been introduced to improve their education levels. The classes have led to better performance levels at term end tests and the children are gaining recognition in the school community for their academic achievements.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Bataganwila

- The children’s educational performance was analysed and last year extra classes were organised to help them overcome their weaknesses. Monthly tests are held in each subject and the positive responses to the new changes were reflected in their term end reports.

- The direct result of the extra coaching is shown by the results obtained at the GCE 'O' level examination in 2015 by Chandrika Madushani and the score of 112 marks at the scholarship examination by Ruth Avisha.

- It is pleasing to note that the two oldest children attending Sunday school are now teachers at the Sunday school. They are a good example to the younger children.
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys - Balapitya

- Additional classes in Mathematics and English were started during the last year and progress is seen in the marks scored at the term end reports.

- A special extra class was started for the children sitting the scholarship examination and an improvement was seen in the marks the boys scored at the examination.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys - Baddegama

- In the last year four computers were installed at the Baddegama centre to improve the computer skills of the inmates. The computer training has been very helpful to the boys who sat for examinations. The boys are adept at computer typing and the use of applications like photoshop and graphics.

- The Library has been refurbished with new furniture and additional books in an attempt to encourage the reading habit.

- The improvement in the educational standards of the boys is evident from the results obtained by Vishwa Dilshan at the GCE 'O' level examination last year.

![Students working on their assignments](image1)
![Students in a computer lab](image2)
![Students in a library](image3)
![Students working on graphics](image4)
“I came to the Balapitiya Child Development Centre in May 2001. I attended to my studies and participated in the extra curricular activities with enthusiasm. In 2006 when I was transferred to the Baddegama Centre I found a host of new brothers. From a very young age I was interested in computers and my dream was to go into higher studies in the field of information technology.

I wanted to go to University and in 2014 I realised my dream. My results at GCE 'A' levels was good enough for me to be admitted to the IT faculty of the Moratuwa University. Now I am in my third year at the University but I haven’t forgotten my roots. Every weekend I go back to Baddegama and coach my younger brothers at the centre in Mathematics. It is an opportunity for me to show my gratitude and gives me great satisfaction. I hope to graduate in IT, obtain employment and live with my own brothers one older and one younger, both serving in the Sri Lankan army.

I am so grateful to ‘Neetha amma’ and the house mothers of Balapitiya and Baddegama and my own family and siblings for supporting and encouraging me to traverse so far in my life.”

“My sister and I grew up at the Sarvodaya Child Development Centre at Bataganwila from 2007. I had no particular dream for my future. I attended to my studies as a matter of course. The happiest day in my life was the day I got my 'O’level results. I was not dis courage though I had not passed in my Mathematics. I overcame that challenge after sitting the examnation while following classes in the GCE 'A' level grade.

Our mother was a great shadow behind both my sister and me. Since her death Suwa setha offered care and protection to both of us. My sister works in the Suwasetha Nutrition Centre as a trainee nurse. I passed in two subjects at the 'A' Level examination and started working at the Suwasetha Headquarters. I feel blessed and happy to work for Suwasetha that offers services to other girls like me. I have sat the 'A' level examination again and am awaiting results.

I want to be happy and be a role model to other sisters and brothers I serve.I am thankful to Sarvodaya for the protection and care provided to both of us.
1.3.2 Assuring protection for children from all forms of child abuse

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls - Kosgama

- Officers of the Department of Probation and Child care of the Western Province organised a special programme on Child Rights and self-protection for the inmates of the Kosgama centre. All the inmates participated in the programme and they were briefed on how to protect themselves from child abuse and the ways in which girl children could become victims of violence. Print and video material was used to illustrate the facts discussed.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls - Wariyapola

- In March 2016 a programme on self-protection was held by the Women’s Bureau of the Wariyapola Police Station at the Wariyapola centre. The children were given a basic knowledge of the responsibility of girl children towards themselves and how they should protect themselves from abuse and violence. The children participated actively in the discussion.

- In the course of the last year a number of well-wishers have organised medical clinics and counselling sessions for the Wariyapola inmates. The children had the opportunity of learning about the value of personal hygiene at these interactive sessions.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ratnayake Memorial Child Development Centre for Girls - Akuressa

- In December 2015 the National Child Protection Authority, Matara organised an awareness programme for the children ‘Preventing accidents’ where the children learnt not only about prevention of road accidents but also about the day to day need for the protection of girl children. A group of 25 participated in the day’s proceedings.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Bataganwila

- On an intervention made by MAST care Organisation a medical clinic was held in April 2015 for the inmates of the Bataganwila centre. The children were briefed on personal hygiene and prevention of diseases. The programme along with practical activities was appreciated by the participants.

- In December 2015 a special awareness programme on Prevention of Accidents with content on good health habits, the value of a girl child and how to protect them selves was held by the National Child Protection Authority at the centre. Child exploitation and child abuse was extensively discussed with illustrations through video clips. It is reported that the participants were so impressed that they requested a repeat programme.

- Since the protection of the girl children is a 24 hour concern CCTV cameras were installed in the centre last year. It helped to protect the children from external harm from visitors and ensured a safe environment.
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys – Balapitiya

- Although no specific programme was organised for the inmates the boys learnt that even they can be victims of abuse when they participated in the Children's Holiday camp held at the headquarters.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys - Baddegama

- Baddegama Police initiated and held a programme on Giving up Drug Addiction within the centre premises. The programme involved 10 children between the ages 12-18 years and the children were seen actively participating citing peers in school addicted to alcohol.

- Another programme on self-defence and facing risks was organised by the officers of the Child Protection Authority at the centre premises. It was a very successful and useful programme for the children who are living in the centre.

1.3.3 Nurturing spiritual and cultural values

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls – Kosgama

- An almsgiving was held at the centre with the support extended by the Wijesundara family, providing the inmates the experience of holding a almsgiving ceremony following the hallowed traditions. The children actively participated in the preparation of the alms and the traditions involved.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Wariyapola

- The children had the opportunity to view the film ‘Sri Siddhartha’ a film with a religious and cultural background. The event was sponsored by the Commercial Credit Company Kurunegala.

- With the contribution of commercial credit Ltd. Karunegala, The Children were able to improve their knowledge on the history through a film which emphasised on the Sri Lankan culture.
The annual almsgiving was held this year too with the participation of the Rathnayake family as usual. The children enthusiastically participated in the ceremony.

The children engage in special activities and observed sil on every Poya day. This helps the inmates to understand the cultural values and respect them.

In June 2015 the girls participated in a programme of ‘devotional singing’ for the Poson festival. They had the opportunity of showcasing their talents and overcoming stage fright.

A festival celebrating Christmas 2015 was held sponsored by the staff of MAST care, Hiru media network, and the Kapruka Organization to instil a sense of respect towards all religions.

An almsgiving in memory of an inmate- Madushani, who died a few years ago was held at the centre. The girls participated in the almsgiving with a sense of sisterhood and love.

A special offering was made to invoke blessings on the children who faced the scholarship examination in August 2015.

The boys participated in the Poya sil campaigns every month and it helps to calm them down. In September 2015 they were actively involved in the Pirith chanting ceremony followed by an almsgiving held at Sri Gunanda Vidyalaya.

The boys were encouraged to make decorative lanterns for both Wesak and Poson festivals. There was healthy competition and eagerness to showcase their creative talents.

During Wesak the boys were taken sight seeing to see the Wesak decorations. It motivated them to attempt putting up a small scale pandal of their own in the premises.

In August 2015 the boys were taken on a pilgrimage cum educational tour to the South. They visited places of religious and cultural interest ending up at the Kataragama Devale. It was an experience in socialisation and protection with the children having to look after themselves among crowds of other local tourists. The trip was organised for the present inmates by a former inmate of the centre as a gesture of good will and gratitude.
1.3.4 Introducing a culture of meaningful leisure through sports and aesthetic activities

The Sinhala Tamil New Year Festival for the Suwasetha children - 2015

On the 20th of April 2015 the Sinhala Tamil New Year Festival was held at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre at Balapitiya with the participation of the beneficiaries from all the Suwasetha Child Development Centres and the Suwasetha Headquarters staff. In the evening the children were treated to a magic show sponsored by the Kashi Bunda organization.

A host of competitive events were organised for the children. Singing of folk songs, a bun race, filling the bottle, and the selection of the little New Year Prince and Princess and a senior Suwasetha prince and princess were some of the activities.

The children participated in the activities with a healthy competitive spirit and in the same vein readily accepted both victory and defeat. The day ended with a musical show and a magic show. The children seemed to enjoy everything immensely.

Further the children were able to understand the values of Sri Lankan culture and the practices that the present generation can take forward and gift to the future.

All the Suwasetha children spent the night at Balapitiya and on the 21st morning proceeded to the Sarvodaya Headquarters accompanied by the Suwasetha headquarters staff where they participated in an impressive interactive programme on ‘Facing the challenges in the New Year ’ presented by Mr Munshif Hussain a leading life skills development consultant.

Sarvodaya founder and President Dr A. T. Ariyaratne, Chairperson of the National Child Protection Authority Mrs Natasha Balendra and a number of special invitees participated in the programme.
Comments of some of the participants on the New Year Festival

“ This is the first time I participated in the New Year Festival. I competed in a number of events but I did not win them all. Anyway I was glad to see some of my friends winning those events. I would like the next year’s New Year Festival to happen soon.

I also enjoyed Mr Munshif’s presentation. I like his style of speaking. He showed us very nicely how to spend the coming year”

“I was selected the Senior Suwasetha Princess at the festival. It made me so happy and my sisters from the centre and our house mothers too were very happy. I still think back of the evening musical and Magic shows with pleasure. Mr Munshif’s presentation were really nice”. 
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls – Kosgama

- The inmates loved seeing the film ‘Hogana Pokuna’ a popular children’s’ film. At the end of the film show a question and answer session was held at the day’s end family gathering. It helped to test the children’s memory power.

- The children who took part in the school sports meet fared extremely well and the most outstanding athlete’s award was won by one of the girls from the centre.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Wariyapola

- During the 2015 August school holidays the children were taken on an educational trip to the Pinnawela Zoo, Peradeniya botanical gardens and the Temple of the Tooth, Kandy. The children who were spending the school holidays in the centre while others went home with their parents/guardians were relieved of their boredom and sadness by this outing. The trip was organised by the Department of Probation and child care.

- The girls from the Wariyapola centre were exposed to a totally new experience when the Department of Probation took the children to Kilinochchi to participate in the New Year Festival held at the Kilinochchi Divisional Secretariat. They traveled by train and for some of the children it was a thrilling experience as they had never traveled by train.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ratnayake Memorial Child Development Centre for Girls – Akuressa

- The girls participated in the Provincial Probation Sports Meet held in May 2015. They enjoyed the opportunity of meeting ans competing with children from other child development centres.

- A dance troupe from the child development centre Akuressa presented two dance items at the Universal children’s Day celebrations organised by the Department of Probation and Child Care, The children enjoyed performing with inmates from other children’s homes and later were discussing and comparing each others performances.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Bataganwila

- The Jathika Shilpa Sabha (National Crafts Authority) started a course in handicrafts at the centre for girls between 15-18 years of age. The girls learnt making various items with jute hessian. It sparked an interest in vocational training.
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys – Balapitiya

- The boys too presented a dance item for the Universal Childrens’ Day celebrations. They practised hard and presented an impressive performance. It is important to give them the recognition that they deserve by doing these performances.

- At the annual soft ball cricket tournament of Sarvodaya for the Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne challenge trophy 07 boys from the Balapitiya and Baddegama Child Development Centres were selected to play in the Suwasetha cricket team. It was an opportunity for the boys that was given by Sarvodaya Suwasetha to play with other partners of Sarvodaya family.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys – Baddegama

- Last year, the boys went on a special educational excursion to Koggala which was organised to coincide with the Universal Childrens’ day. They visited the Nartin Wickremasinghe Museum and enjoyed the day.

- A change from the normal activities was the visit to the theatre to see a Sinhala stage play- ‘Malwadam Anawashyayi’. The boys were thrilled to see their favourite actors in person and were critically assessing the play. At the end the children were able to express their opinions and give comments about the dramas which led them to engage with the actors of the play.
The Annual Educational Excursion

128 Sarvodaya Suwasetha beneficiaries and 22 staff members participated in a trip to the Pinnawela Elephant transit home, the open air Zoo and the Mahamewna meditation centre at Polgahawela on the 3rd of February 2016.

The children seemed to be quite concerned with their own safety and the spirit of oneness among them was also quite evident. The trip was organised as a means of breaking away from the monotony of institutionalised life while bringing them joy and knowledge.

The co-operation extended by the Pinnawela Elephant transit home staff is remembered with much gratitude.
Comments from participants

“It was my first visit to Mahamewna. I felt free there, and learnt a lot about Lord Buddha. What I liked most was the time when the baby elephants were fed with milk. I would love to go to Pinnawela again. I would also love to see Sigiriya”

Shanika-Bataganwila

“I enjoyed the Mahamewna meditation centre most. Being with sisters and brothers from the other centres was also good. I had a lot of empathy and love for the elephants at Pinnawela. I wish we could do a trip to Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa too”

Udeni-Kosgama

“I liked the Mahamewna meditation centre very much, as it was a peaceful place. I felt sorry for the baby elephants at Pinnawela. This trip taught me about cleanliness and unity. It was a valuable experience for me”

Chethana-Akuressa

“We went to see the Pinnawela elephant transit home, Mahamewna meditation centre and the Zoo. I loved the Mahamewna meditation centre most. It’s a beautiful and important place. I learnt that the baby elephants at Pinnawela drink 38 bottles of milk a day. I would love to go on another trip.”

Akesh-Baddegama

“I generally love animals and was pleased to go to the elephant transit home. We enjoyed so much while traveling in the bus too. I felt sorry for the baby elephants. I would love to go to Pinnawela again. I’d like to see Sigiriya as well”

Supun-Balapitiya

“I enjoyed this trip very much. I like Mahamewna temple most. I loved the baby elephants, but I felt sad for them. I learnt about patience through this trip. I would love to see the Mahamewna meditation centre again.”

Dilini-Wariyapola
1.3.5 Identifying childrens' skills and aptitudes

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls – Kosgama

- An exhibition of crafts and other items produced by the girls at the Kosgama child development centre was held in November 2015. Some of the items sewn by the girls who followed the sewing course at the vocational centre were also exhibited. The exhibits were much appreciated by the visitors to the exhibition giving the girls a sense of self worth.

- A dancing class was organised for the girls since most of them are talented in dancing. The training helped them to develop their talents further and they have won a number of awards at the dancing and singing competitions held at Provincial level to celebrate Universal Childrens’ day.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Wariyapola

- The volleyball team of the centre was adjudged the runner up at the volleyball tournament conducted by the Vayamba Provincial council.

- At the ‘Pahasara’ Art competition organised by the Department of Probation and child care Vayamba Province, Janani Sashikala from the centre won a certificate of excellence. Steps were taken to encourage other inmates to who are interested and talented in art.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ratnayake Memorial Child Development Centre for Girls – Akuressa

- Jilakshi Bhagya from the Akuressa centre took oaths as a member of the Childrens’ Provincial Council of the Southern Province. Her enthusiasm and ability to balance her academic and extra curricular activities is an example to the younger inmates.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Bataganwila

- Two girls from the Bataganwila centre participated in the Childrens' Provincial Council promoted by the Department of Probation and childcare of the Southern Province. It gave them a fine opportunity to develop their leadership skills and act with responsibility.

- Children from the centre were also included in the childrens’ club of the Galle District. At a brief skill identification rehearsal for the children the Bataganwila inmates exhibited outstanding abilities and some of them were selected to hold offices of the club.

- Shanika Sewwandi and Thakshils Sewwandi from the centre brought credit to their school by winning at an inter-school music and dancing competition. Music classes have been organised to develop their talents.
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys – Balapitiya

- Two boys from the centre attending Siddhartha Vidyalaya Balapitiya have been selected to play in the School under 15 cricket team. It has encouraged the younger boys to improve their sports skills while performing well at studies.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys – Baddegama

- Vishwa Dilshan and Ajith Kumara from the Baddegama boys centre have been selected to represent the Southern Provincial council. At the meetings they have made new friends among their peers and the opportunity has helped them to develop their oratory skills.

- Nuwan Chanaka another inmate has been appointed as a school prefect and recognised as an outstanding student in the school. Most of the other biys too have displayed sporting talent at school level.

1.3.6 Instilling spiritual, cultural and social values whilst respecting the right to life for all
A Leadership Training Camp

Sarvodaya Suwasetha in its efforts to uplift and facilitate the total growth of the beneficiaries in their charge, has planned to hold leadership camps for the children, during the school holidays.

The camps are to fulfil the goal of directing the young children to step into adulthood as persons with belief in them selves healthy in body and mind, respecting and tolerating different views, beliefs and ethnicities, sensitive to nature and enjoying aesthetic pursuits. Suwasetha believes that the way to achieve this goal lay in giving them a purpose to life, and helping them to realise the value of education in social mobility and acquiring IT and digital skills to enhance their strengths.

The first of these camps was held last year as a 3 day residential camp, at the Sarvodaya Vishwa Niketan Peace centre, from 20th to 22nd February 2016. The selected group was the group of girls between the ages of 15-18 years. 32 girl children from the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Centres of Kosgama, Waryapola, Bataganwila and Akuressa participated in the programme.

Mr Munshif Hussain, a life skills development consultant, Mrs Kanchana Weerakone, the founder of Eco friendly Volunteer Organization, Mr. Jagath Lalithsiri, Director-Vishwa Niketan International Peace Centre, Dr Charika Marasinghe, Freelance - child Rights consultant, Miss Ranjani Serasinghe, Dr Priyanjali de Soysa, Senior Lecturer Medical Faculty of the University of Colombo, A Ty Condo Instructor, Mr Priyantha Kumara, Mr Prasad Perera from the American Embassy, Mrs Nishadhi Malalgoda and Miss Vincika de Saram participated sharing their knowledge skills and time with the girls.

The financial resources for the programme were borne by CAF Organisation. We are grateful to them for their contribution.
The comments from the participants are self revealing

“Though we participate in various activities within the centre I prefer this experience as we were brought away from the centre. I would like to have a new purpose to my life. We learnt how to face challenges, and difficulties. If there is another camp I’d gladly participate,”

Wasanthi – Bataganwila

“I enjoyed the the camp. I learnt about commitment leadership and cooperation. I liked the Tycondo session which taught us self defence best.”

Pavani – Akuressa

“This camp gave me a lot of new experiences. I learnt how to succeed in life with effort and understanding. I like the session- ‘A goal for education’ the most”.

Priyanka - Kosgama

“I learnt about unity, tolerance, dedication and meditation at this camp. The most important things I learnt at this camp came from all the sessions. I like Mr Munshif’s session best where he showed us how to have confidence in our own ability.”

Sudhari - Wariyapola
The Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centres in brief........

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Daru Sevana Child Development Centre for Girls – Kosgama

Started in 1979 this facility for girls donated by the Wijesundara family was updated in 2007 by Price Water House Cooper Company of Germany. In the last year it nurtured girls between the ages of 5-18 years.

We appreciate the support given by Price Water House Cooper Co of Germany and the Wijesundara family of Kosgama to maintain this centre. Price Water House Cooper co. patronised this centre until December 2015.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Wariyapola

The buildings and premises of this centre was a gift made by George Van Der Pooten and family. The centre was inaugurated in 1988. The resident girls are given extra tuition to improve their performance at studies, and they are eager to participate in extra curricular activities in school.

We express our sincere gratitude to the Suguira Brahmacharya foundation and Mrs Keiko Athsumi of Japan who have supported the maintenance and the activities of the centre generously.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ratnayake Memorial Child Development Centre for Girls – Akuressa

During the last year 24 girls of the ages between 05-18 years have found shelter at this centre which was started on 08-11-1989. The children attend school and are keen to continue their education.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Girls – Bataganwila

The Bataganwila centre was opened in 1992 and it was repaired and upgraded by MAST care organization later. 22 inmates were nurtured at this centre last year looked after by a staff of 4 members.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child development centre for Boys – Balapitiya

This centre for boys was inaugurated in 1981 and 26 boys studying in grades from 3-11 resided here last year. Special classes are held to help children overcome their educational problems and a computer lab has been added last year for them to develop IT skills.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Child Development Centre for Boys – Baddegama

On the 22nd of August 1989 this facility was opened to house boys from the Baddegama area. 19 boys between the ages of 5-18 years resided at the facility last year.

A scholarship fund has been maintained by MAST care organization earlier and from December 2015 Give2Asia Organization has extended their patronage to support the upkeep of the centre.
1.4 Laying a strong foundation for the future through early childhood education
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Pre-schools/Early Childhood Development Centres

The teaching activities in the pre-schools/ECDCs are conducted adopting National pre-school education strategies with emphasis on the Sarvodaya philosophy and core values. The pre-schools/ECDCs are placed under the direct surveillance of the Department of Probation and Child Care.

Trained pre-school teachers direct the educational activities and various programmes on imparting knowledge to the children on religious and national festivals of significance and days of universal importance are included in the process.

Celebration of Independence Day, Sinhala/Tamil New year. Religious programmes including Wesak and Poson, Christmas, Universal Childrens’ Day, Teachers’ Day, Elders Day etc are blended with popular programmes of the Kiddies Fair, Sports meet, exhibitions and variety entertainments.

Day care centres are also located along with the pre-schools/ECDCs. A special effort is made by Suwasetha to deliver their services within the means of low income groups in the community charging a reasonably low fee.

There are 4 Pre-schools/ECDCs in all.
- Sarvodaya Suwasetha Pre-school of Ramba wewa, Wariyapola
- Sarvodaya Suwasetha Jamini Pre-school and Day care centre of Akuressa
- Sarvodaya Suwasetha Pre-school and Day care centre, of Moratuwa
- Sarvodaya Suwasetha Pre-school and Daycare centre for Street children of Borella

1.4.1 Providing a sound pre-school education with a curriculum promoting the growth of the child

- Activities are carried out according to a year plan and programmes and activities are done following the monthly schedules.

1.4.2 Assuring proper guidance in physical development, personal hygiene and protection

- A creative programme was held on the need for nutritional food patterns for the pre-school children of the Wariyapola pre-school.

- Dental clinics are held at every pre-school once in three months. Parents are invited to special programmes to make them aware of the need to provide protection for the children within the home environment.
1.4.3 Creating adequate space and time for sports, entertainment and learning

- The annual variety entertainment is held in December to provide an opportunity for the children to showcase their talents and overcome stage fright.

- New Year festivals following New Year traditions were held in all pre-schools to give the children knowledge about the cultural festivals of the country. A number of competitions and games were included in the celebrations.

- The end of the year concert was also a farewell to the children joining the mainstream education process at Primary school level. The finale is a sensitive moment for the children and their teachers.

- Independence Day, Universal Childrens’ Day and Christmas were celebrated at every pre-school with programmes such as the kiddies fair, sports meet, handicraft exhibitions, and concerts included to coincide with the celebrations.

- The competitions encourage the spirit of playing hard to compete with each other and accepting victory and defeat in the same vein and respecting other’s skills.

1.4.4 Guidance for self-protection from child abuse and malpractices

- A special drug prevention programme was held for the pre-schoolers and their parents at the Wariyapola pre-school premises. The parents learned about protection of children from numerous social evils.
1.4.5 Inculcating spiritual, cultural and social values whilst respecting the right to life for all

- Special Dhamma discourses were held at every pre-school to coincide with Wesak and Poson festivals. One discourse in poetry was popular among the children.

- The pre-schools had organised a Wesak lantern exhibition to commemorate the two main Buddhist festivals–Wesak and Poson. The children too participated in the creative activities.

- A programme on waste management was held at the Wariyapola pre-school for the parents of the pre-scholers. The programme also dealt with the need to guide children to love, enjoy and protect the environment.

1.5 Protection and rehabilitation of street children

Rehabilitation Programme for Street children and women, Borella

A programme to rehabilitate street children and women was launched on 7th May 1987 for the welfare of children from infancy to 18 years of age and the women from low income groups living on the streets. The main goal was to uplift the children and give them self esteem and confidence.

A host of programmes are held to provide protection, care, education, and nutrition, to children burdened with poverty and living in streets or shanties. Welfare measures and educating parents are other allied activities performed under this project. Regarding education the centre conducts a pre-school for children from 2-5 years, an education unit for children from 6-16 years who should be attending regular schools, and a literacy programme for the illiterate and special coaching classes for children already attending schools. In addition programmes on aesthetic pursuits are held to interest the children in aesthetic subjects. A special programme titled ‘Helping hands’ is conducted in collusion with the International schools from Battaramulla. 67 children have benefitted from the programmes offered at the centre last year.

The centre also serves as a resource centre and a field study centre for local and International school children, children from reputed schools in Colombo, University students, Students from the National Institute of Education and many others engaged in research.
Suwasetha thankfully acknowledges the provision of funds for the continuous upkeep of the centre from Hope for Children UK. Volunteers and school children from popular schools extend their support to the centre.

1.5.1 Transforming the mindset of children with no purpose in life to face the future with hope

- The children from the Day care centre participated once a week in school activities held in International and popular schools in the area, at times competing with them, for the street children to realise the value of quality education.

1.5.2 Developing skills in sports and aesthetic pursuits to engage in meaningful leisure activities

- In September 2015 the staff with the help of the children planted a herb garden within the school premises. The children were educated on the medicinal properties of local herbs and allowed to acquainted themselves with the plants

- In February 2016 a sports meet was held at the premises for the children for the first time in the history of the centre. It was a new experience for the children and they competed with each other with enthusiasm and pleasure.

- A joint New Year festival was organised for the children of the school and the day care centre in April 2016. The children who had never experienced New Year traditions at home actively participated in the programme.

1.5.3 Promoting health, nutrition and hygiene

- All the places in the premises clogged with dirty rain water were cleaned with the help of the parents. The parents eagerly joined in the repair work and learnt the value of a clean environment.
1.5.4 Providing non-formal education

- The literacy class which is held in the Day care centre helps the children who are keen to get back into the mainstream education process.

- The special coaching classes are held after regular school hours to improve the knowledge base of the school goers although the children attend the extra coaching classes only in the afternoons they willingly help to organise events celebrating different religious festivals.

1.5.5 Protecting street children from all forms of abuse and social evils

- In October 2015 the children participated in the 'walk for child rights' held at the Independence square. They joined other children of their age from other schools to seek affirmation of their rights.

1.5.6 Providing opportunities to develop vocational skills

- Youth living on the streets stray into the centre in the evenings to engage in various crafts. Those who are keen on starting self employment projects are assisted by the centre, liaising with various organizations to sponsor them.

1.5.7 Inspiring spiritual, cultural and social values whilst respecting the right to life for all

- A special festival for Christmas was organised by the children and their parents affirming their right to a faith they believed in.

- In June 2015 a Pirith chanting ceremony followed by an almsgiving was held at the centre. The two day ceremony kept the children occupied with decorations and other preparatory activities.
1.5.8 **Awareness programmes for parents on the need for protection of children**

- Once in every six months all parents are invited to a special programme on child protection. Specialist resource persons conduct the sessions on the need to protect children making the parents aware of the risks faced by young girls living in the streets and various forms of child abuse, violence and exploitation.

1.6 **Rehabilitation and reintegration of pregnant teenage mothers who are victims of rape and ensuring the health and wellbeing of new borns**

The Masevana residential facility was launched in 1999 with the main purpose of ensuring a brighter future for the child mothers who are victims of various social injustices by providing a calm and loving environment, education, entertainment, and acceptance to overcome the traumatic experiences of their young lives.

The teenage mothers who have been institutionalised for being subject to sexual abuse by family members, neighbours, or relatives are provided with psychological counselling on a regular basis. These young mothers have been subjected to sexual abuse mostly in their school going age. Some of them yearn to continue their education and to fulfil their wishes they are either handed back to their parents /guardians or transferred to other child development centres to continue schooling. To ease their passage to education after child birth, special classes are organised for them in core subjects – Mathematics, English, Science and Sinhala Language to keep up with the missed period of schooling.

In the course of the last year officials from the Embassy for USA in Sri Lanka visited the premises and the inmates had organised a welcome ceremony for the visitors.

In the last year, 41 mothers and 40 babies benefitted from the services offered at the centre. The staff that cares for them consists of 4 members.
1.6.1 Nurturing spiritual and moral values to help develop their own personal identity

- The teenage mothers participate in the monthly programme conducted for pregnant mothers at the Sarvodaya Vishwa Niketan Peace Centre. The spiritual programme helps them to bond with their babies.

- Religious discourses are held on every Poya day. The mothers and babies participate in the religious programmes which help to calm their confused minds. The teenage mothers actively participate in these activities.

- For these teenage mothers who have lost their hopes and dreams about their future lives, this programme is one of the most helpful programmes that heals their minds.

1.6.2 Provide more space for leisure, entertainment, and aesthetic pursuits

- The young mothers were treated to a day’s outing and a picnic at the scenic Sarvodaya Higher Education Centre in Bandaragama on 19th February 2016, to give them relief from the monotony of institutionalised life. Various fun activities were organised to add to the day’s enjoyment.

- The inmates organised their own Christmas festival on 21st December 2015, giving them an experience in celebrating other religious festivals. Teenage mothers were happy to celebrate and to be a part of these cultural programmes.

- Music and dancing classes are held for the child mothers and they present dance items to entertain the participants of special functions held at the Sarvodaya headquarters. It emphasizes that these teenage mothers are given recognition as well.
1.6.3 Providing an environment safe from sexual abuse and exploitation

- Consultants on Child protection have been invited to conduct several programmes on child protection for the teenage mothers. The knowledge acquired would guide them in the future after reintegration, to protect themselves from further traumatic experiences.

- An experienced counsellor provides regular counselling for the young mothers twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays. Counselling helps them to overcome their problems and look forward to the future with hope.

1.6.4 Create opportunities to develop IT and language skills for their economic empowerment

- In view of the interest shown by the teenage mothers and to honour their request to help acquire computer skills, classes are conducted once a week by a proficient computer teacher within the premises of the facility. As they acquire basic skills they help in the day to day running of the centre computerising the relevant information.

- Knowledge of computer use is a part of the effort to empower them economically. English classes are also conducted to equip them with language skills. After reintegration they have to seek employment and knowledge in computer technology and knowledge of English would be an added qualification.

1.6.5 Re-entering the victims into the formal education stream

- Most of the child mothers are keen to get back to school which has been rudely denied to them. Hence tuition classes have been organized for the sole purpose of helping them to catch up with the missed lessons and ease their return to the mainstream education process.

1.6.6 Introducing them to non-formal education

- For the mothers who are not interested in getting back to school or have been illiterate all their lives, courses in scientific dressmaking, Juki machine training, bead work, and Bakery training were conducted throughout the last year. With their bakery training they have successfully catered for some of the functions held at the head quarters.
Empowering youth
Since most girl beneficiaries from our child development centres when they reach the age of 18 years, do not have parents or proper guardians to return to, they are subject to a lot of mental stress. Suwasetha steps in to provide vocational training for these young girls at the recently launched vocational training centre at the Wariyapola child development centre premises.

Trainees are assured of safe residential quarters and their basic necessities are provided at the centre until they find employment to make themselves economically independent.

One girl who was referred to Sarvodaya Suwasetha by the High Court under the guardianship of Suwasetha at the age of 12 years, sat for the GCE ‘O’ level examination and, after completing 18 years of age was handed back to her proper guardians.

A short while later her guardians died and she came back to Suwasetha. After completing a one year computer course at the government Vocational Training centre she has joined a Suwasetha child development centre as a full time member of the staff.
Enabling the disabled
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Community based rehabilitation (CBR) programme for persons with disabilities.

The CBR programme launched in 1985 by the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Society completed 30 years of continuous service by 2015. In the course of these years they have provided services to a total of almost 50,000 children and adults with disabilities from the two districts Galle and Kalutara directly or indirectly.

The CBR programme works closely with the ministries of Social Services, Health and Education at Provincial level in the Western and Southern provinces, and the divisional Secretariats of the 2 districts of Kalutara and Galle and officials of the divisional secretariats dealing with health, education, care for elders, women’s affairs and child protection.

Programmes concluded successfully in the last year

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- The regional representative for Leonard Cheshire Disability Mrs. Revathi Rugamim came as an observer of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha CBR programme and on 27th November 2015 Suwasetha participated in the workshop held at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute.

- On 16th February 2016 a group of 30 students following the physiotherapy course at the Sir John Kotelawala Defence University participated in a workshop to study the CBR programme and in a field trip.
Transition East Alliance (TEA) programme

The Transition in the East Alliance programme affiliated to the CBR programme operates through two community based organizations in the Kalutara District and two in the Galle district.

- Nakiyadeniya Elders’ Society in the Yakkalamulla Divisional Secretariat Area and Randenigama Visakha Elders Society in the Karandeniya Divisional Secretariat area from the Galle District.

- Nauththuduwa Senior citizens; Society in the Matugama Divisional Secretariat area and Omatta Senior Citizens’ Society in the Agalawatte Divisional Secretariat area from the Kalutara District

The main goals of the TEA programme are,

- Strengthening the community based organizations
- Implementing micro finance programmes
- Empowering persons with disabilities and senior citizens by facilitating health based programmes
- Empowering Community based organizations by introducing strategies to continue sustainable programmes

The following programmes were implemented through the TEA programme in the last year

- Handing over medical equipment worth Rs 289,500/- to Dr Ranjith Dissananyake for the offices of Medical officers of health in Yakkalamulla and Karandeniya, and to the Nauththuduwa community based organization.

- Financial aid for self – employment projects launched by individuals and groups

- Basic sanitary equipment to all four community based organizations.

- Conducting 08 medical clinics for non-contagious diseases in the areas where the TEA project is in operation

- Conducting awareness programmes for all 04 community based organizations.

- Inaugurating rural community based resource centres at the Juni School, Karandeniya, Junior school, Nevumgala, rural hospital, Katugahahena and rural hospital, Nauththuduwa

- Conducting a training programme to strengthen CBOs

- Conducting training programmes in financial literacy, accountancy, establishing of revolving funds

- Organizing participation of groups in field study programmes

- A two day review programme led by Mr T. Hugh from Vietnam an official attached to the TEA programme with the presence of government officials including the Additional District Secretary for the Galle district was held at Randenigama, Karandeniya from the 22nd to the 25th of September 2015

- The final review meeting was held in Nuwara Eliya in December 2015 with the participation of all Community based organizations.
Lilliane Fund

Lilliane fund, Netherlands has funded CBR activities over a long period of time. The fund directly finances rehabilitation of persons with special needs under the age of 30 years providing them with medical treatment, transport costs, education and school needs.

The following payments were made last year

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3.1 Motivating and encouraging children with special needs to lay the foundation for an independent life at family, school and community levels

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Special education units were established to help slow learners to prevent their isolation and overcome learning difficulties to join the mainstream education process finally. Mobility training, Language development, self-help skills development through exercise is some of the strategies available to the beneficiaries. Life skills and aesthetic skills are also encouraged.

- Special education units are located at the Ariyawansa Samarakkody memorial resource centre at Warakagoda in the Madurawela Divisional Secretariat area and at the Ananda Grero memorial resource centre. A total of 28 children follow classes at these two centres from 8.00 am – 1.00 pm on week days. Two teachers trained in educating children with special needs conduct the classes.

- Various activities appropriate to their abilities are organised for the children to improve their maths skills and language acquisition.

- Music and art are two aesthetic subjects taught at the centre. The creative drawings of children have won for themselves prizes and certificates of excellence at various competitions giving them a sense of self-worth.
3.2 Empowerment and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities to lead an independent life at family and community levels

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ananda Grero memorial centre for Disabled Women, Thalpawila, Matara

The residential facility for disabled women started in October 2004 provides shelter to 08 disabled women. Six of them have lost the use of their legs while the other two have multiple disabilities. Yet all of them are capable of performing their daily activities independently and an appropriate environment has been created to facilitate their day to day activities.

The inmates lead a simple relaxed life engaged in handicrafts in their leisure hours.

- A special programme was held for Sinhala New year. The inmates themselves prepared all the sweet meats for the occasion.

- The inmates participated in a felicitation ceremony for war heroes held in Matara in May 2015. They were able to take care of themselves and enjoy the festival on their own despite the large crowd that had gathered.
3.3 Promoting and providing opportunities for persons with disabilities to gain economic independence through income generating projects and vocational training

- The divisional Secretariat of Madurawala and the Vidatha Unit gifted a joss stick producing machine and a stock of raw materials to the Vocational Training centre for disabled persons at the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Ariyawansa Samarakkody memorial centre on 3rd December 2015 to coincide with the Universal Disabled Persons’ Day.

- With this gift worth Rs 209,500/- in the first month of production the centre produced and marketed nearly 100,000 joss sticks. The persons with disabilities working at the Vocational training centre are now proficient enough to engage in joss stick production independently as a self employment venture.

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Vocational Training Centre for Young females with disabilities, Moratuwa

The centre offers three different training courses for young females with disabilities. Residential facilities are available to the trainees and in addition to the vocational training classes music and dancing classes were organised for the trainees in the last year.

Sinhala Stenography (Typing / Shorthand) and Computer Course.

- The course is for young females with speech, hearing or any other minor impairments
- A pass at the GCE ‘O’ level examination is the minimum educational qualification expected
- Duration of the course is 2 years including a 6 month period of office training
- Five trainees completed the course successfully in the last year.

High speed Juki Machine operation.

- The course requires the ability to use the right leg and hands without any difficulty and possess good eyesight
- Does not strictly consider a particular level of achievement in education.
- Course duration is 9 months, where the trainees are given a basic training in sewing and a special training in the operation of high speed Juki sewing machines.
- The trainees who complete the course successfully are found employment in the garment sector.
- 04 young women with disabilities completed the course successfully last year.

Scientific Dressmaking

- The 2 year course is crafted for women with impairments in hearing, speech and other disabilities, but possesses good eyesight and brisk movement in hands.
- The expected educational level is general education up to grade eight.
- The trainees who complete the course successfully, are gifted a sewing machine by the Department of Social Services at the end of the course. 05 trainees successfully completed the course in the last year.
Special programmes conducted last year

- An exhibition of crafts and other items produced at the vocational courses by the trainees was held at the Sarvodaya head quarters on the 6th and 7th of August 2015 under the patronage of the Director General of social Services and the provincial Director of Social Services of the Western Province.

- As an encouragement to the trainees of the computer unit the mobile technology unit of the American Embassy was invited to conduct a programme for the trainees.

- A one day shoe making workshop was held on 17th October 2015 for the trainees and the staff by the Jathika Shilpasabha (National Craft association).

- The trainees participated in the exhibition and variety entertainment organised by the Divisional Secretariat of Moratuwa celebrating Universal Disabled persons' Day. The trainees participated and won awards at the sports meet for disabled persons organised by the Lions' Club of Moratuwa.

- On the 23rd of March 2016 the trainees were taken on a day’s outing to the Panadura beach.
Respecting and Honouring the elders
4.1 Creating a loving, caring and protective environment for elders

Suwasetha Sewa Society has stepped in to provide care and protection to Senior citizens of our society some of whom are neglected due to today’s ultra-busy life style choices. Three Elders’ homes are being managed by Suwasetha:

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4.1.1 Re-awakening dormant strengths and skills

- The elders in our homes showcase their creative products at various functions organised by the Sarvodaya Headquarters and the Department of Social services.

- Their leisure hours are meaningfully spent on sewing, making envelopes and other products for which they possess the skills.

- A Pavul Hamuwa’ (Sarvodaya version of family gatherings) is held every evening and most of the members sing, dance or present an item to entertain the others.
4.1.2 Equal acceptance for all to eliminate a sense of rejection

- Various programmes are organised to awaken a sense of acceptance belonging in their minds. Elders actively take part in organising and being a part of the programmes organised.

- An annual exhibition and sale of their products is held to reinstate a feeling of self-worth. Creative products done by the elders are sold at these exhibitions. Throughout the year, the elders make different products and and goods during their leisure time and these products are kept for sale at the exhibition.

4.1.3 Providing them with proper nutrition

- Food patterns that enhance their health and well being are adopted providing them with adequate nutrition.

- The diet charts for the centres are prepared under the guidance of a professional nutritionist.

4.1.4 Creating space for maintaining good personal hygiene through a clean environment

- Apart from the daily cleaning activities the premises of the homes are cleaned once a month with the help of volunteer groups. Children from schools and Sunday schools, Staff members from different private companies and organizations in the area offer their services.

- The elders are referred to regular medical clinics as and when needed. The Public Health Inspector and the Family Health officer pay weekly visits to care for their health and well being.

4.1.5 Promoting their interest in spiritual, religious and cultural activities

- Every Poya day the inmates observe 'sil' regularly. Those who are unable to walk remain within the home while others go to temple for sil.

- Religious activities are given the priority and the elders actively engage in organising and being a part of such programs.
- Significant religious festivals of other faiths are celebrated, and the celebrations are initiated by the house mothers. These programmes are organised by the elders which the elders get the opportunity to take the leadership within the home itself.

- The elders are also encouraged to participate in religious activities and pilgrimages to places of worship are organised by the Centre. Through the year at least four such pilgrimages are organised with the support of well wishers in the area.

![Image of people celebrating]

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### 4.1.6 Re-creating self respect through minor income generating activities

- Most of the elders like to engage in using their skills and producing various useful items. At the exhibition and sale organised for these items the money earned is given to the owner of the product.

- They are encouraged to earn an income for themselves to create a sense of self worth and they earn their money by sewing pillow cases, wicks for oil lamps, and envelopes.

![Image of people sewing]

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Towards an open-minded society
5.1 Preventing anti-social activities through a knowledge-based society

- Knowledge and awareness is vital to the creation of an enlightened society. Sarvodaya Suwasetha CBR programme unit published a book in 2015 titled ‘Guidelines to Community Based Rehabilitation’ sharing their knowledge and experience in the field. The TEA programme sponsored the project.

- An attempt is made to widen the knowledge base of the Suwasetha staff making them aware of the value of the services they deliver by organising monthly workshops imparting knowledge on service relevant topics. 20 workshops were held during the last year.
Capacitating the Organization
6.1 Strengthening the capacity and the transparency of the organization by developing and adopting good governance practices

6.1.1 The Sarvodaya Suwasetha Headquarter moved to No. 66, Rawatawatte, Moratuwa.

The Sarvodaya Suwasetha Headquarters which was housed on the 1st floor of the Vocational Training centre building was moved to an independent building at No. 66, Rawatawatte Road on 02-11-2015. The house warming ceremony was conducted with the National Commissioner of Social Services as the chief guest and the Sarvodaya founder Dr. A. T. Ariyaratne as the chief invitee.
6.1.2 Sarvodaya Netherlands Neetha award

The Sarvodaya Netherlands Neetha award was instituted by Sarvodaya Netherlands in appreciation of the services rendered by the General Secretary Mrs Neetha Ariyaratne for Suwasetha. Every year a member of the staff is offered the award for his/her dedication and commitment to the institution and the work they are involved in.

At the last Annual General Meeting the manager administration Sandun Sammatha Ariyaratne won the Sarvodaya Neetha Award for his dedicated service to the organization for a continuous period of over ten years ensuring a steady flow of services to their beneficiaries. The chief guest the Minister for women and Childrens’ welfare, Mrs. Chandrani Bandara handed over the trophy.

6.1.3 Relief and welfare programmes

Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa society contributed to the entire relief and welfare programmes island wide undertaken by the Jathika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya in the last year.

- Assistance in goods and services in times of disasters
- Care and assistance to displaced persons at times of national disasters
- Responding to requests for help for higher education
- Providing school equipment
- Relief for low income earning families
6.2 Maximising the human resources network and its skills for the efficient implementation of the Strategic Plan

6.2.1 Human Resource Development workshops

The 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Suwasetha was prepared by Dr Charika Marasinghe moving the basis for activities from the concept of social welfare to a different concept of affirmation of rights.

The Strategic Plan came into operation in January 2015 and the activities were channelled into 6 Strategic Directions to achieve the optimum efficacy of service delivery.

Ten capacity development workshops were held in the last year for house mothers and their assistants. They were educated on the underlying principles and philosophy of the work they were involved in by competent consultants in the allied fields.

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Human Resource Development Workshops
6.3 **Strengthening the financial stability, sustainability and the accountability of the organization to continue with its commitments**

- The stock control officer is engaged in the regular movement of stocks and supervises the monthly stock movement reports.

- Monthly statements of accounts are presented at the management meeting held in the week preceding the monthly executive committee meeting, problems discussed and adjustments made to ensure financial responsibility and transparency.

- Instructions on management of expenses and proper utilization of donations are given at the monthly capacitating workshops to efficiently manage unexpected income and expenses.

- House mothers have been instructed to engage persons from the area for minor repairs needed at the centres.

- A monthly plan for efficient and timely repairs for the maintenance of buildings, equipment and machinery was continued in the last year to avoid delays.

6.4 **Creating and strengthening local and international partnerships to maximise the prestige and good will of the organization**

6.4.1 **Visits of special guests**

The visits from local and foreign guests in appreciation of the services rendered to the community is an encouraging factor. Among the distinguished guests who visited the facilities was Mr Kemichi Suganuma the Ambassador for Japan in Sri Lanka.

In addition a number of our ministers, members of Parliament, political leaders and prominent government officials visited the Nutrition centre and the Vocational training centre for young women with disabilities.
6.4.2 Participation of the Hony secretary in the Amithi University Conference in India

On an invitation from Mrs Kiran Modi, Mrs Neetha Ariyaratne participated in the South Asia Biennial International conference held at the Amiti University in India on the 18th and 19th of March 2016. The conference was jointly organised by the non-governmental Organisation Udayan Care, the University of Amiti and the Ministry of womens’ and childrens' welfare.

Quality strategies of providing care for children, reintegration of children in institutions, improving the mental health of carers of children, improving the skills of carers of children were among the topics discussed at the conference.

6.5 Adopting communication strategies to ensure the quality and sustainability of services and publicise the identity of the organization

6.5.1 Updating the website and the Face book page

The website and the Face Book Page are two modes of popularising the institution and giving its activities wider publicity. It is part of the programme of making the presence of Suwasetha felt in the international arena envisaged in Strategic direction No 6 of the Strategic Plan.

The website helps the donors to observe the progress of the organisation and learn about the activities of the beneficiaries. News from our child development centres, elders’ Homes and the special projects are regularly posted on the website.

The website and the Face Book pages have attracted a host of new supporters for the facilities and funds for the additional classes for the centres has been forthcoming. The nutrition centre too has received donations in both cash and kind.
6.5.2 Annual General Meeting – 2015

The 30th Annual General meeting of the Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society was held on 17-11-2015 at the Sarvodaya conference centre. The chief guest was the minister for Womens' affairs and child welfare Mrs. Chandrani Bandara, and Mr Priyantha Kariyapperuma, Senior consultant, Voice of Asia network was the special invitee.

The distinguished guests were taken on a tour of Suwasetha facilities, and the Ratmalana Elders’ Home band conducted them to the venue of the meeting. Inmates from Masevana, children from the Borella project, and the Leela Jayasekara centre entertained the guests. Mrs Neetha Ariyaratne presented the annual report.

A special presentation by Dr Charika Marasinghe titled New pathways for Suwasetha briefly recounted the Strategic Plan for the next five years.
Action committee

The 104 strong staff of Suwasetha comprising the Senior Manager Operations, Manager Administration, Accountants, the Technical Officer, Stock control Officer, Project manager, Field Officers, Accounts assistants, Psycho-social Counsellor, House mothers and their assistants, Assistant Nursing Officer, Education assistants, the minor staff and the Driver deliver their services on behalf of the organisation under the advice and guidance of the President, Secretary and the Executive Committee.

Senior Staff

Mrs. Thilani Hewage - Senior Manager Operations
Mr. Sandun Ariyaratne - Manager Administration
Mr. Sanjaya Keerthinayake - Accountant (12-01-2015 - 12.01.2016)
Ms. Jayamali Rupasinghe - Accountant-Operations (28.03.2016 to date)
Miss. Sunanda Aludeniya - Accountant-Projects
Mrs. Darshika Dias - Assistant Accountant
Mr. Yasas Jayawardena - Technical Officer
Miss. Madushani Pandipperuma - Programme Officer (01.04.2016 to date)
Mrs. S.D Fernando - Assistant Executive (04.01.2016 to date)
Miss. Neranji Ayomali - Psycho social Counsellor (07-12-2015 - 31.08.2016)
Miss. Nirmali Sriyakanthi - Coordinator-Programmes (01.07.2016 to date)

Officers in Charge of Special units/projects

Mr. Sunil Danwatte - Manager Special Projects –CBR
Miss. Dilum Weeraratne - Physiotherapist (up to December 2015)
Miss. Kusum Wijesinghe - Manager, Street Childrens’ Programme
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF SARVODAYA SUWASETHA SEWA
SOCIETY LIMITED

1. Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Limited, which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31st March, 2016 and the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Reserves and Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant Accounting Policies and other explanatory Notes.

2. Executive Council Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Executive Council is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice for Not-for-Profit Organizations and such internal control as an executive council determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

3. 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 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 judgment, 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 of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on 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 an Executive Council, 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.

4. Opinion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the Financial Position of the Organization as at 31st March, 2016, and its Financial Performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Statement of Recommended Practice (SoRP) for Not-for-Profit Organizations (NPO) issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.

B. R. DE SILVA & CO.
Chartered Accountants
Colombo 05.

Date: 19.10.2016

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SARVODAYA SUWASETHA SEWA SOCIETY LTD

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2016

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## Statement of Financial Position

**As at 31st March, 2016**

### Assets

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### Liabilities & Reserves

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I certify that the above Statement of Financial Position to the best of my belief contains a true account of the liabilities, property and assets of the society.

Accounts Officer

The Executive Council is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements.

Signed for and on behalf of the Executive Council by,

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<td>Karuna Speldemonde</td>
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Date of Approval by the Executive Council: 10.10.2016

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## Statement of Cash Flows

**For the Year Ended 31st March, 2016**

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**Adjustments to Reconcile Surplus/(Deficit) to Net Cash Flows:**

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### Cash Flows from Investing Activities

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### Cash Flows from Financing Activities

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### Analysis of Cash & Cash Equivalents

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• National Child Protection Authority
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• Sarvodaya District Centres
• Sarvodaya Independent Units
• The Executive Council of Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society
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Thank you,

Mrs Neetha Dhammachari Ariyaratne
Hony General Secretary
Sarvodaya Suwasetha Sewa Society Ltd