



# Reflections

## Newsletter - Issue 14

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### Medicines & Dry Rations to Flood Affected People

Lak Saviya Foundation Australia (LSF) provided A\$ 2,000 to Karuna Trust and the Association of Community Ophthalmologists of Sri Lanka to provide urgently needed medicines and medical care to flood affected people in 4 locations of Sri Lanka in Matara and Ratnapura Districts. More than 100 patients were seen in each location with all necessary medicines given free of charge.

Through donations collected from LSF friends and well-wishers, amounting to A\$ 2,600, dry rations, bed linen; towels; and, clothing were provided to 120 flood affected families in Galpatha and Kalutara Districts, through the Lions Club, Wellawatte West



Medicines



Dry Rations



Maho Workshop



Cast Rectification



Prosthetic Feet



Making Prosthetic Feet

### Funding to Manufacture Prosthetic Limbs

LSF provided A\$ 2,500 to Meththa Foundation's workshops in Maho and Maankulam in Sri Lanka to purchase the Rubber compound and glue used for making prosthetic feet. In the 12 month period ending December 2017, the two workshops produced over 250 new limbs using these materials.

Work is managed by an experienced doctor, and undertaken by trained and qualified technicians. Patients who cannot afford to pay, which is the majority, are treated free of charge. [Read Meththa Foundation's acknowledgement of LSF.](#)

### School Bags & Books for Needy Students

Rs 150,000 was provided to buy school bags, books and utensils for 164 needy students in Mylankaadu village, 10km northeast of Jaffna, Northern Province, Sri Lanka in December 2017. Some of this money was also used for a sports meet in January 2017, organized by a youth center in the village.

Rs 50,000 was provided to buy school bags and stationary for 50 needy students in Jayasiripura Maha Vidyalaya, North Central Province. This was managed by a member of Lak Saviya Foundation in Sri Lanka.



Children in Mylankaadu



Sports meet Mylankaadu



Distribution of bags and books - Mylankaadu

## Shipping Used Hospital Beds and Medical Equipment

In December 2017, Lak Saviya Foundation Australia shipped a 40ft container to Sri Lanka with:

- 22 used hospital beds donated by the Hawkesbury Hospital, NSW,
- A consignment of used medical equipment donated by the Norwest Private Hospital, NSW, and,
- Used toys and books in good condition, donated by a well-wisher.

All the beds and equipment were tested in Sydney prior to shipping by qualified personnel, and confirmed to be in working condition.

The shipment was cleared, transported, and distributed to needy hospitals and other institutions by Lak Saviya Foundation's members in Sri Lanka. [Read the full report including acknowledgements from recipient hospitals](#)

The beds and equipment were distributed to following hospitals and institutions:

Hospital / Institution	Total	Kuliyapitiya Base Hospital	Kandy General Hospital	Diyathalawa Base Hospital	Diyathalawa Army Hospital	Maduru Oya Hospital	Seela Suwa Arana	Holy Angels Centre
Town		Kuliyapitiya	Kandy	Diyathalawa	Diyathalawa	Maduru Oya	Horana	Ragama
Province		North Western	Central	Uva	Uva	Central	Western	Western
Hospital Beds	22	01		02	04	12	01	02
Surgical Beds	01			01				
Slit Lamp	01	01						
Patient Monitors	32	05	14	12	01			
Infusion Pumps	48	08	20	20				
Patient Lifters	01		01					
Patient Warmers	02		02					
Autoclave	01	01						
Ventilators	02			02				
Laryngoscope	08	08						
Wheel Chair	02		01					01
Walker	02		01					01

### Cost:

Transport costs (Windsor to Castle Hill to Blacktown) \$2,273.00

Shipping – one 40ft container \$3,775.00

Clearing and transport in Sri Lanka (Rs 200,000) \$1,887.00

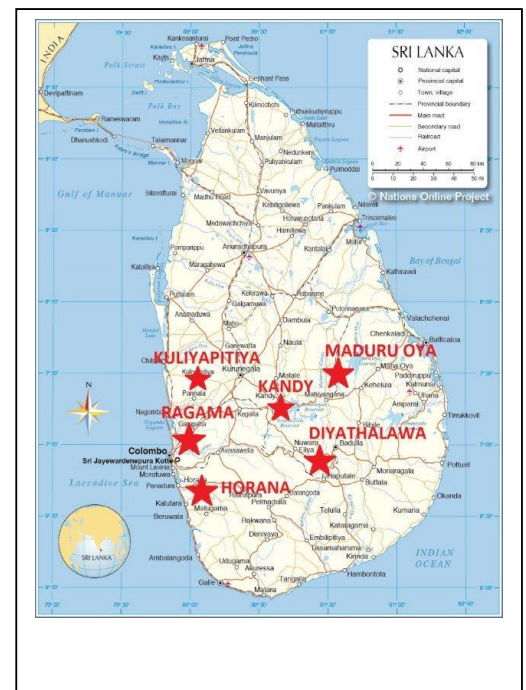
Total Cost **\$7,935.00**

**Note:** The excessive transport cost was due to double handling caused by delays in getting approvals from Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.

### Acknowledgements:

Lak Saviya Foundation sincerely acknowledges following organisations and individuals for their untiring efforts to make this project a success:

1. Hawkesbury Hospital, Windsor for donating the beds.
2. Norwest Private Hospital, Bella Vista for donating medical equipment.
3. Friends of Lak Saviya in Sydney who helped to test, pack, store and transport the beds and equipment.
4. Senaka Rodrigo, Donald Gaminitilake for clearing and distribution in Sri Lanka, and a contribution of Rs75,000.
5. Don Jayasinghe for assistance with customs clearing.
6. Hemantha Perera of Trico International and Upali of Pacific Container Agency for assistance with shipping and clearing.



## Assistance to Lak Aruna Foundation, Hingurukaduwa, Passara

In 2017 LSF funded for an English Teacher, an administrator, and daily newspapers at Lak Aruna Foundation's IT and Education Centre, Hingurukaduwa, Passara, Sri Lanka.

Lak Saviya Foundation has been assisting this Centre since 2003 by providing computers, books, teacher salaries etc, and in 2012 funded the construction of a proper building to accommodate the growing number students at a cost of A\$ 50,000. Current enrolment is over 400 students. Two of the youths from Hingurukaduwa have been provided with training opportunities in an IT company in Colombo, through LSF.



Students at Lak Aruna Education Center



School Band funded by SBHS



School Sports meet

## Assistance to Kahawa Ratanasara Maha Vidyalaya

Kahawa Rathanasara Maha Vidyalaya in southern Sri Lanka was affected by the 2004 Tsunami. Since then, with the assistance of funds raised by the Sydney Boys High School (SBHS) Year 10 students, LSF has been assisting the school in various ways such as providing furniture, educational material, musical instruments, and funding additional teachers.

In 2017, LSF, together with funding from Sydney Boys High School, funded the salaries of Tamil and IT education teachers, and the charges for the internet.

Currently a project proposal is being assessed to provide storage for essential teaching materials, with building upgrades to protect them from weather and theft

## Scholarships for Needy Students

Lak Saviya Foundation commenced providing scholarships to needy school and university students in Sri Lanka in 2006. Since then, 189 (89 past and 100 present) school and 49 (38 past and 11 present) university students have benefited from these scholarships, with a number of high achievers. A total of 38 students have graduated from various universities in Sri Lanka including 11 in Medical Science, 15 in Engineering, 2 in Management, and 10 in other areas.

Currently a total of 106 students are being sponsored, 95 school students and 11 university students.

There are 14 students awaiting sponsorships, 13 school students and 1 university student.

Cost of sponsoring is \$186 per year for a school student and \$218 for a university student.

If you wish to sponsor any of these students in the waiting list please write to [scholarships@laksaviya.org.au](mailto:scholarships@laksaviya.org.au)



Some scholarship recipients

*Thank You for Your Continuing Support*