



# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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# MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The year 2022 was unlike any other in history. We had to deal with the coronavirus outbreak, economic disruptions, natural disasters, and the uncertainty of what would happen next. Since the beginning of the Pandemic, our top priority has been to ensure the well-being, health, and safety of vulnerable people. We successfully carried out COVID-19 food aid and relief activities for the entire year, beginning with the outbreak of the pandemic. Alhamdulillah! In less than a year, your generous donations have helped so many people and changed so many lives. We could deliver meals, and food packs, and support beneficiaries this year with your help. With your assistance, we were able to assist 25410 vulnerable people in overcoming the challenges they face as a result of poverty, natural disasters, and social injustice.



It is remarkable what we can accomplish in a single year. This would not be possible without the kind contributions of our donors. On behalf of the Serving Humanity Foundation and the beneficiaries, I would like to express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all of our national and international partners and contributors for their ongoing support and faith in us. If we work together, we can change the lives of many more people.

It is an honor to lead a group of people who have a deep desire to help the world's most vulnerable people. I'd like to express my gratitude to our team for their tireless efforts on behalf of Sri Lanka's increasingly marginalized communities.

As you can see in this year's annual report, your contributions are put to good use in Sri Lanka. In order to make the world a better place, we need your support. Working together, we can help many more people. Are you interested in this? Join us in making a difference and helping to strengthen Sri Lanka.

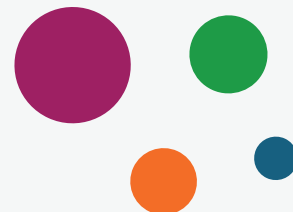
*Greetings and best wishes.*

**Aashiq Alabdeen**

*Chief Executive Officer  
Serving Humanity Foundation*



# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



This annual report is an in-depth and comprehensive look at the activities of the Serving Humanity Foundation Sri Lanka (SHF-SL) from January to the end of December 2022. It essentially summarizes the SHF's accomplishments. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the year 2022 was full of challenges, and Sri Lanka's economy fell. Those calamitous events had a negative impact on those in need. As a result, SHF SL demonstrated its generosity by carrying out various humanitarian relief and development activities in Sri Lanka's vulnerable communities. That is why we, SHF Sri Lanka, are overjoyed to announce that we were able to assist 25410 people in coping with the pandemic and emergency situations in 2022.

SHF has a fantastic team of professionals who work tirelessly to ensure that the organization is sustainable, transparent, ethical, and effective. We took advantage of every opportunity to create a modern organization that reflects Sri Lanka's beautiful diversity.

At this time, the SHF team would like to thank all of the donors who have worked with us to implement humanitarian projects and spread humanity throughout Sri Lanka's seven districts. We at SHF-SL are at a loss for words to express our gratitude to all of the donors.

In the COVID-19-emergency response program, SHF Sri Lanka distributed 500 food packs, 280 school materials, 3500 mask boxes, 6 hand-washing sinks, 26 latrines, and many workshops in the field of peace building and language rights promotion.

We were mainly focused on the peace-building and reconciliation works, which provides several pieces of training and workshops for the selected members of the LIRC Trincomalee District. This was very helpful for us to build a society with no racism and hate speech.

In 2022, we are looking forward to getting many grants and projects in the field that we have already experienced. We hope next year will be bringing many funds to our country to help the poor and vulnerable people.

# PROJECTS

## 2022



# 01. ARC PROJECT



The project **“Action for Religious Coexistence (ARC)”** accentuates the constitutional commitments to religious freedom in 14 target areas with the engagement of multiple sectors – Religious Leaders, State officials, Community Policing Units, integration structure, and youth to sustain the space for religious freedom. This will be pursued within the framework of pluralism and rule of law through education, mobilization, and actualization. The initiative will build on the CERF engagement, enhancing its scope, both vertically and horizontally.

The areas covered by the project are Addalaichenai, Akurana, Beruwala, Mannar, Negombo, Vavuniya, Weligama, Trincomalee Town, Kattankudy, Godakawela, Panduwasnuwara, Kuliypitiya, Mawanella, and Bandarawela.

## The primary objectives of the project are

- Multi-sector engagement strengthens commitment to pluralism and the Rule of Law to sustain the necessary environment for the practice of religious beliefs.
- Inter-faith platforms intervene in and advocate for the right to religious freedom within a pluralistic framework for Inter-religious and inter-ethnic co-existence and non-discrimination.



The National Peace Council of Sri Lanka and the Serving Humanity Foundation together will undertake all activities relating to the implementation of the ARC project in accordance with operational modalities and implementing strategies of the project to achieve its long-term objectives.

The duration of the agreement will be from 01st March 2022 to 28th February 2023.

The orientation of the project was held on the 03rd of June 2022 at Hotel Green Garden, Trincomalee. The aim of this activity aims then the commitment to the rule of law to create the necessary environment for adherence to religious beliefs. Dialogue between religious beliefs to create religious freedom for inter-religious and inter-ethnic co-existence and non-discrimination within the pluralistic framework by providing impetus for consultation at the local and national levels.

## Activities of the project



Orientation Program



Facilitative Meeting



Training on Pluralism



Training on PVE



Rule of Law Youth



## 02. NLEAP PROJECT



The project 'Language to Reconcile (L2R)' aims to promote language rights toward national integration and reconciliation and assist citizens both men and women to communicate in official languages.

The objectives of the projects are:

- 01 Mobilize established CSO platforms/forums to vindicate language rights.

### What

- CSOs work to resolve language issues in key institutions

### Whom

- CSOs/state officials-community police and administrators motivated

- 02 Improve inter-ethnic engagement through language learning

### What

- Improved language skills, engagement, and better understanding across ethnicities within target groups.

### Whom

- Members of LIRCs / Coexistence societies / Committees / police sub-committees.

Target groups of the project- Women, Men, Youth, Children, Differently abled, war-affected populations.

SHF and NPC together have undertaken all activities relating to the implementation of the L2R project by operational modalities and implementing strategies of the project to achieve its long-term objectives.



## Activities of the project

01

Focus Group Discussion

02

Capacitation Training

03

Language Rights  
Promotion Training

04

Language Audit Training

05

30 Tamil classes (90Hours)

06

Certificate awarding ceremony





## 03. PADD PROJECT

People's Action for Democracy and Development– PADD. It aims to Strengthen 20 deprived and active CSOs proposed and partnered as a Civic forum known as TRINCO CIVIC FORUM.

The Project aims to strengthen Civic Activism for Democracy and Development in the district of Trincomalee by enhancing the capacities and advocacy capabilities of a newly formed civil society forum called the TRINCO CIVIC FORUM. The proposed forum will be a multi-stakeholder, multicultural and diverse-community forum, representing from civil societies, academic institutions, and professional entities.

### *Project Goals*

- Programs promoting peace, democracy, reconciliation and human rights.

### *Project Narrative*

- Development of Institutional management tools and processes.
- Availability and improvement of policies, systems and mechanisms to drive the civil societies.
- Strengthen advocacy, networking and pragmatic engagement.

### *Activities of the project*

01

Project orientation and consultation

02

Capacity building Resource Mobilization/technical expertise

03

Development of Capacity building framework

04

ToR and Criteria process for Participation

05

Development of Policies (Gender mainstreaming | Money laundering and Terrorism funding)

06

Capacity-building sessions (Institutional tools)

07

Capacity building sessions (Policy\systems and mechanisms

08

Capacity building session (Advocacy and Networking)

09

Launching of Policies

10

30 Tamil classes (90Hours)

11

Best Practices and lessons learned – Reflections

12

Mid-term review

13

Completion and final reporting





## 04. WASH PROJECT

SHF with the funding of the SELAVIP Foundation has successfully constructed 100 Latrines and 10 Houses for the vulnerable people in Trincomalee District. The title of the project is 'Access to dwelling and sanitation'. This project aims to support and empower underprivileged rural families in the resettled villages through the provision of adequate sanitation facilities to end open defecation practices.

The strategic focus of the project is to reduce social inequalities by mitigating the vulnerabilities of the communities that are suffering without basic infrastructure facilities for sanitation. The tangible outcome of the project will be 100 durable sanitation infrastructures that will be owned by poor families in Batticaloa District.

The key output of the project is mobilizing and supporting 100 families stuck to rural poverty and people who have undergone suffering those including women headed families, disabled, victims of the civil unrest and communities prone to poverty.

The approach of the project is community-driven and multicultural focus where communities take part in every step of the project forming the social responsiveness committees.



## 05. ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP



There are hundreds of vulnerable Orphan children around Sri Lanka in both urban and rural areas. Orphans, street children left to fend for themselves, children from poverty-stricken families, and victims of war and conflict. They are deprived of education, traumatized by violence and abuse – mental and physical, or suffer from illness. Reaching out to meet their needs, both short and long-term. The orphan children who live with either guardians or mothers at houses have been facing financial difficulties to meet their basic day-to-day needs. No one can be replaced at the place where the father stood as a child; Therefore, many orphaned children are destitute, uncared for, poor, and suffer from inadequate access to health care, education, and proper nutrition.

The main problem that orphans' families have been encountering is the financial crisis which had been managed by the fathers – who left the world- who was a breadwinner of the family; the aftermath of the father's death, it seems a black era is going to start to the family; either widow mother or elder son will have to head the family. If the mother goes to work at home as a home cleaner or domestic laborer to earn money to feed her family, there is a likelihood to be seduced by the employers or other laborers; she might be misused and neglected by society which will affect the children.

As a result of this, the children will be in an unsecured environment; the young children of the mother will have to stay with either the elder sibling or with neighbors until she returns; the neighbors may abuse the children; sometimes, the children will have to clean the home of neighbors and wash their clothes. Consequently, the children will be unable to concentrate on their studies and affect physiologically.



Serving Humanity continues the sponsorship of 43 orphans for the fourth consecutive year with the support of Orphans in Need (UK) through Al-Ihsan Trust. This project support 43 families who have vulnerable orphan children to enhance their living conditions by ensuring access to quality education, nutrition food, and healthcare services through the provision of financial assistance. IN 2023, Serving Humanity will establish a well-structured and strategized department called the orphan care and development unit of Serving Humanity and the team recruits a Unit for the orphan program to drive the project implementation process in consultation with the project of the Orphan programs.

## 06. EMERGENCY AID

Serving Humanity Foundation supported feeding the hungry through the distribution of dry ration food commodities as a response to support the improvised rural communities to ensure access to food for fasting.

Serving Humanity distributed 500 food packs in Sri Lanka in partnership with FRESH HEALTH CARE, which helped 500 families of widows and deserted single mothers. Feeding approximately 2000 individuals supported the aid.





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