

**STATEMENT OF CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE CAUSE OF UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT**

I am pleased to confirm that Aspirations Education which became a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2008 continue to pledge our support to the Ten Principles and the Seventeen SGDs of the UN Global Compact which fall under the broad spectrum of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-corruption.

In the period commencing July 2018 to July 2019, as a Credible and Trusted Organization, we have striven to uphold the honourable principles of the UN Global Compact through our work with the less privileged people in the rural community, in many different areas of their lives. We have outlined our work that has been carried out to improve the situation of less privileged communities and a concise report on the work done during the past one year period is attached for your kind perusal.

We are happy to state that some International Universities, Organizations and Institutions have supported us through our Foundation viz Aspirations Education Foundation for Community Development (Guarantee) Ltd, which is our "Social Duty" arm, established to serve the rural and less privileged communities.

More information on our "Social Duty" program can be found on our website;

[Http://aspirations.edu.lk/foundation/](http://aspirations.edu.lk/foundation/)

Yours Sincerely,



Ajith Abeysekera

Chairman

Aspirations Education Foundation for Community Development

### **Communication on Progress for the period July 2018 to July 2019**

In line with the thinking, **“Development of Country through the Development of Village and School”** which Aspirations Education Foundation espouses, the foundation has always striven to expand and develop the existing projects and was able to introduce the Mango Plantation Project to three more schools in September 2018, at the rate of 50 plants per school backed by necessary technical and other support. The schools are located in below mentioned rural villages.

Gamini Maha Vidyalaya Vavuniya in Northern Province

Ritigaharawa Primary school in Badulla District/ UVA Province

Pethiyagoda Maha Vidyalaya in Badulla District/Uva Province



The very ambitious Mango Project that was initiated in 2013 in several schools and religious places and was totally supported and funded by the Aspirations Education Foundation for a period of 6 years, has now begun to generate a substantial income for those schools who have managed the plantation well. Out of a total of 2700 mango plants located in 31 schools and 7 temples, approximately 500 trees have been destroyed by fire, diseases, theft and wild animals. The remainder of approximately 2200 trees will be provided with technical support and maintenance that include fertilizing at regular intervals, pruning, clearing and provision of special carbon coated bags for protecting fruits, until such times the schools are capable of handling the plantation independently by themselves.

Purchase of new equipment for the maintenance work in Mango Plantation in schools, has been one of many supporting efforts carried out by the Aspirations Foundation.

- **Padavi Jayanth Maha Vidyalaya Padaviya-Trincomalee District**

A two day Basic First-Aid Training Programme was held in February 2019, in conjunction with St. John Ambulance Brigade at Padavi Jayanthi School for 60 students, twelve teachers and the Principals of the two schools, Padavi Jayanthi and Yaya 11/12, with the aim of establishing the first two St. John Ambulance School Brigades, in the area.



- ❖ In July 2019, contributed towards a seminar conducted in conjunction with St. John Ambulance Brigade, by providing logistical and other forms of support for the event. This seminar was conducted for the benefit of students as well as the parents in two separate sessions. During the seminar, two St. John Ambulance Brigade units were initiated in Padavi Jayanthi and Yaya 11/12 schools, and uniforms and badges for all new members were distributed, courtesy the funds raised by students of the Health Faculty of Deakin University.



- ❖ 500 carbonized, special bags were provided for the protection of Padavi Jayanthi School Mango crops.
- ❖ Gifts for the winners of “Home Gardening” competition held at Padavi Yaya 11/12 Main school in March 2019 was donated by the Aspirations Foundation.

- **Kulamangal School Malakam in Jaffna District**

❖ In January 2019, donated a Computer to Kulamangal School in Jaffna District, Northern Province. Fifteen Scholarships were granted for deserving students and employed a Volunteer Teacher whose salary is paid by the Aspirations Foundation. Additionally, ten Mango Trees were also planted in the school premises.



● A children's Playground Project was completed, equipped and handed over to Ritigaharawa Primary School together with play equipment in June 2019.



- **Inginiyagala Divisional Hospital- Monaragala District**

During the period June 2019 a Children’s Playground was established at the Divisional Hospital premises of Inginiyagala and complete with children’s play equipment was handed over to hospital authorities.



- **Illukkeputhenna Primary School - Bibile, Monaragala District**

In June 2019, Aspirations Education Foundation decided to work towards developing Illukkeputhenna Primary School further, in the following manner.

- ❖ A children’s playground was developed and equipped with a variety of play items for them



- ❖ Granted 5 scholarships from grades 1-5 for deserving students. Arranged to provide free lunch, three days a week for all students numbering 47.



- ❖ As suggested by the academic staff, Provided 20 sarees to 5 teachers to wear for school during the week.(As a uniform for staff)
- ❖ Commenced paying an allowance for a volunteer teacher to ease the acute staff shortage problem.

- **Senagama Maha Vidyalaya- Ampara District**

- ❖ During February 2019 period, gifts for the winners of all island “ Drama & Singing” Competition which was held at Senagama School was donated by the Foundation.
- ❖ 500 special bags for the protection of school’s Mango Plantation was given to school authorities.
- ❖ An oven was donated for the Home Science Lab at Senagama School.
- ❖ Initiated development of a Children’s Playground completed with play equipment at Senagama School.



- **An Electro Cardiogram Machine (E.C.G) was donated to Primary Medical Care Unit (PMCU) at Athakada in Madawachchiya - Anuradhapura District**



- **Divisional Hospital at Lunawa, - Moratuwa, Colombo District**

- ❖ **A Multipara Monitor was donated to the Divisional Hospital at Lunawa, by courtesy Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia.**



- ❖ In the month of July 2019, Aspirations Education Foundation established a Wound Clinic and handed it over to Lunawa Divisional Hospital.



- ❖ Aspirations Education Foundation & Edith Cowan University of Perth, Australia funded the renovation work of the Chest Clinic of the Lunawa Hospital





During the period June-July 2019, following community development work was carried out by the Aspirations Foundation.

- Continuation of the Scholarships Programme that is being offered to deserving students from underprivileged families, who live in remote and difficult areas, has been ongoing and also being expanded to include more students. At this point of time 35 School children and a total of five students from Universities and Technical Colleges are the recipients of such aid.
- Another ongoing project is the deployment of volunteer teachers to work with children in some rural schools where there is a serious shortage of teachers. Twelve such teachers are being paid a monthly allowance by the Aspirations Foundation and they teach the children, subjects such as IT, Math, Performing Arts, Sports and Languages including Primary Studies.
- Pethiyagoda Main School that did not have a Commerce stream due to the lack of teachers was given the opportunity to start the programme in August 2018 with the arrival of 2 Volunteer Teachers paid by the Foundation, to conduct all 3 subjects in Commerce Stream for the Advanced Level. The first batch of students will sit their Advance Level Examination in August 2020.
- An awareness seminar on “Human & Material Resources Management” was conducted in Digana, Kandy, for the benefit of Principals of 3 schools from Padaviya, Senagama & Okkampitiya.
- In January 2019, a donation was provided to Padagoda Main School in Pahalalanda, Ampara District to help Print Certificates for the award winners at their inter house sports meet.
- Donated funds to Kurulubedda School in Welikanda area in Polannaruwa District, North Central Province, for the Development and Maintenance work for their school premises in February 2019.
- Atlas Hall is a well reputed institution that prints tutorials and other helpful study material for students, publishes books and Q & A papers to help them in examinations. In September 2018, the Aspirations Foundation provided Q & A papers designed by Atlas Hall, targeting Advanced Level examinations, among underprivileged students from 15 schools in remote areas.