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 11th 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 2019 to June 2020, as a Credible and Trusted Organization, we have striven to uphold the valuable principles of the UN Global Compact through our work with the less privileged people in the rural community, in many different area 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, together with photographs related to the work carried out.

Yours Sincerely,

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Communication on Progress for the period July 2019 to June 2020

<u>Projects carried out in the District of Anuradhapura in North Central Province</u>

1. A one day workshop was conducted on the 18th August 2019 at the ancient Buddhist Archaeological site at the Abhayagiriya Monastic Complex in Anuradhapura which was the very first Capital City of Sri Lanka, and comes under the UNESCO Cultural Triangle, for the benefit of 50 students including 10 participating teachers and 2 Principals from 4 schools in Padaviya in the Trincomalee District. The purpose of this endeavour was to create an awareness and intellectual curiosity in the young minds and take them through a journey encompassing important historical aspects and the forgotten splendour of the country's past as well as the value of archaeological excavations, the methods and the tools used and insights into the use of Carbon Testing process to determine the era to which the civilization belonged. The programme was on from 8am to 4.30 pm and the project was ably assisted by two officials from the Department of Archaeology and Central Cultural Fund. Refreshments for the evening and transportation to and from the schools were also provided by us.



2.An Autoclave Machine was donated to Athakada Preliminary Medical Care Unit



3.As a response to a request by the Chief Medical Officer of Athakada Preliminary Medical Care Unit (PMCU) in Madawachchiya.

Packs of dry food items were distributed among 70 families with low income to help during the Covid 19 pandemic.



4.Provided much needed classroom furniture for a Sunday School at Thirappane village, lack of which was adversely affecting the continuity of the school, in the district of Anuradhapura in the North Central Province.

Projects carried out in the District of Polonnaruwa in North Central Province

Arrangements were put in place to provide lunch for 40 students at Kurulubedda Primary School in Welikanda, which continued for one term until it was stopped due to the Covid 19 pandemic.



Projects carried out in the District of Monaragala in Uva Province

A new project to construct a shrine room for the Ilukkaputhanne Primary School in Bibile which had no such facility for the school children to conduct their religious activities, was completed and handed over to the school.



- 1. Constructed a ceiling for the office room of the Principal at the Primary School.
- 2. Renovation of an abandoned teacher's living quarters to convert it to a Multifunctional Work Station. Payment made to the Electricity Board to get the electricity supply installed for the renovated structure.
- 3. Restored the disconnected Electricity Supply to school, by paying the past due electricity bills
- 4. Five computers were donated to enhance the capacity of school IT lab by coordinating with a Donor Bank
- 5. Provided equipment that were necessary to make the school public address system operational.
- 6. Made arrangements to provide lunch for 45 needy children 3 days a week for 2 complete terms until the school had to close down due to the Covid 19 pandemic.
- 7. 5 scholarships were awarded to students from the school and payment of an allowance for a volunteer teacher was initiated.
- 8. Commenced paying a substantial monthly allowance to a student's mother whose one leg and toes on the other foot were amputated.
- 9. Donation of substantial funds by us for a new School Building Project at Okkampitiya Vijayabahu Primary School built with the free labour of parents and funded by other well wishers of the area and from an NGO in South Korea under the committed an excellent leadership of the School Principal.

Cash Donation was given to 70 families to buy provisions during the Covid 19 pandemic in the Village of Okkampitiya, through the good offices of the Principal of Vijayabahu Primary School.



Projects carried out in the District of Badulla in Uva Province

A Donation of School Books and other Stationery Items and Equipment was handed over during a three day programme. Seventy five children from 2 Primary Schools in the Tea Estate Sector in Ohiya, Western Haputale, students who are very poor, handicapped and lack facilities, benefitted through this initiative.

Additionally, arrangements were made to deploy 3 volunteer teachers for the two schools mentioned above, to be paid a monthly allowance by Aspirations Education Foundation.



Projects carried out in the District of Trincomalee in Eastern Province

- 1.Monetary contribution extended for supply of bags for the on-going Mango Project, to protect the fruits from insect attacks, to two schools, namely Padaviya Jayanthi Maha Vidyalaya and Padaviya Yaya 11 & 12 Maha Vidyalaya.
- 2.Offered Scholarships for 5 students from Padaviya Jayanthi Maha Vidyalaya
- 3. Payment of an allowance to two volunteer teachers, one each from Padaviya Jayanthi Maha Vidyalaya and Yaya 11 & 12 Maha Vidyalaya.

Projects carried out in the District of Ampara in Eastern Province

1.To support the on-going Project Mango, a spray machine for pest control was donated to Senagama School in Uhana.



2.The District Zonal Educational Office had initiated a project whereby they needed to set up a Model School as a Pilot Project and as per their request for financial support for same, a Monetary Contribution was extended towards this project.