

Statement of Continued Support for the Cause of United Nations Global Compact

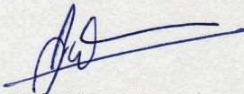
I am pleased to confirm that Aspirations Education Foundation which became a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact on 11th June 2008 continue to pledge our support to the Ten Principles and the Seventeen SGDs of the UN Global Compact which fall under the broad spectrum of Human Rights, Labour,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

In the period commencing August, 2020 to August, 2021, 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. It had been an uphill task where we were faced with a growing number of unique challenges to overcome with the Covid 19 pandemic looming from every side. Understandably, our contribution and effectiveness towards meeting the SGDs set out in the UNGC charter has been severely curtailed due to circumstances beyond the control of the Aspirations Education Foundation. 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 commencing 1st August 2020 to 31st August, 2021 is attached for your kind perusal, together with photographs related to the work carried out.

More information on our work done for the less privileged can be found on our website;

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

Yours Sincerely,



Ajith Abeysekera

Chairman

15th September 2021

Annual Communication on Progress for the period August, 2020–August, 2021

Sunday School Project at Tirappane – Anuradhapura District - August 2020

Donation of books and furniture including cup-boards, chairs and a table for a Sunday school library at Tirappane village in Anuradhapura district.



Donation to Primary Medical Care Unit at Mahasenpura in Trincomalee District - September 2020

Donation of an Autoclave (sterilizer) machine to the Primary Medical Care Unit (PMCU) at Mahasenpura village in Padaviya district fulfilled a long awaited need of the clinic which had necessitated in having to send a staff, 25 kilometres away to the nearest hospital on a daily basis for the purpose of medical equipment sterilization.



Cultivation projects initiated in Ampara District – September 2020

Three schools namely, Wawinna Vidyalaya, Namaltalawa Maha Vidyalaya, and Polwatta Maha Vidyalaya, where Aspirations Education Foundation(AEF) has been working with the ongoing TEJC Mango plantation project, were taken over by the foundation in a renewed effort to work alongside the Sri Lankan Government's initiatives into accelerated agricultural drive in all parts of the country, with the aim of better managing the plantation. The ongoing mango cultivation project has been modified to include cultivation of mixed crops with in the mango plantation with an eye to enhancing the utilization of available land and other resources more effectively and to generate additional revenue for the schools who are the land owners, and a sizeable portion of the income to be re-invested in expanding into new projects, and also to develop the existing projects further.



Projects completed at Ritigaha-arawa in Badulla District – September 2020

At the Ritigaha-arawa Vidyalaya, the newly completed shrine room was handed over to the school children to facilitate their religious activities.



On the same day, the fully reconstructed school library, complete with all the required furniture and a large number of books for the reading pleasure of the students were handed over to the school.



A previously initiated pilot project of mango cultivation managed by a rural farmer, who was the recipient of a brand new house built through the initiatives of the AEF several years back, was visited the same day, and he was briefed, and instructed on up-grading his land into a more profitable venture by incorporating a mixed crop of pepper within the mango cultivation with the technical and resource support of the foundation. This project moves along with great success at the moment.



Project at Kobeigane in Kurunegala District –April 2021

A brand new laptop was donated to a female student from an impoverished family in the remote village of Kobeigane in Kurunegala district, to help with the continuation of her university studies. This student along with her twin sister have been the recipients of AEF student scholarship since 2008, and will continue to do so until such times they would graduate from the university. Funds have also been provided for the construction of several windows for the house of these two students. Additionally, the family has been given the resource support and technical advice in order to develop their own land into a better managed agricultural plot by incorporating ginger and ground-nuts as mixed crops that is expected to supplement the family income by a substantial margin.



Project at Okkampitiya in Moneragala District – July 2021

The foundation has also been instrumental in identifying three more impoverished households and with the help of some well-wishers, has arranged for them to have a regular monthly allowance in helping them boost their family income and educate their children.

Project at Okkampitiya in Moneragala District – August 2021

The AEF lent a helping hand to the pleas of a village homemaker who is a single parent with a differently able child, by building a fully equipped attached toilet for the benefit of the child and has partially completed the construction of a kitchen for them.

Subscribed to an Educational Programme from May – July 2021 - Covering several Districts

www.ranker.lk is a unique platform developed locally, where several of the previous island high ranking students at Advanced Level, conduct lessons, guidelines, answering a series of past examination papers, and best practices to follow in Biology, Math, and Commerce streams for the aspiring students, on how to be successful at their Advanced Level Examination. The foundation identified 25 of the extremely impoverished students from rural Sri Lanka, and sponsored their entire participation for this program which would allow them repetitive use of the content up to the time of the Advance Level Examinations.

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