

Statement of continued support for the cause of United Nations Global Compact

As a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact since 11th June 2008, Aspirations Education continues to operate as a sustainable and responsible business in accordance with the Ten Principles of the compact.

Through our corporate sustainability projects initiated by our "Foundation", we have been able to provide continued support to the people of rural communities who face various challenges both financially and in terms of access to good facilities. Uplifting the education sector has been our main area of focus since we believe that empowering the young generation through quality education lies at the heart of the development of a country. Multiple projects covering various sustainability development goals have been carried out to achieve this purpose. The details of these projects along with photographic evidence have been documented in the pages that follow for your perusal.

Amidst the multiple challenges that we are facing as a country during these trying times, we are both happy and proud to have been able to contribute to community development while conducting our business activities in an ethical manner adhering to our core values and principles.

Yours sincerely,



Ajith Abeysekara

Chairman

Aspirations Education Foundation

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A two day residential discussion forum was held on the 11th and 12th of June among nine Principals and two sectional heads of 11 schools covering 3 provinces in Sri Lanka with a resource person joining online via zoom from Toronto, Canada. The objective of the discussion was to come up with effective strategies to enhance and support the education of the students in the primary and secondary sections in alignment with the sustainable development goals. Some of the main topics discussed at the forum are as follows:



- Developing life skills and cultivating good manners in students
- Inculcating good values and ethics in the young minds which will lead to disciplined and responsible citizens
- Improving general knowledge in students
- Supporting the students with basic nutritional needs so that they are happy and healthy
- Helping students to become sensitive to the environment and be socially conscious citizens

Aspirations Education Foundation coordinated and provided all the resources necessary for the program. The participants greatly appreciated this knowledge sharing and brainstorming session. They are currently implementing these strategies in their respective schools and have reported significant progress. Several initiatives have already been put into action in the local schools to support the education of the students.

Parents have volunteered to take turns to give Herbal porridge to the students on a daily basis. Around three schools have started giving a mid-day meal to the students with the support of the parents and funds partially provided by the government.



An idea called the “Help-Room” has been implemented in which students and parents donate items in their household which other people in the school community can make use of. These items include used clothes, footwear, books, etc. These schools have also reported an improvement in student attendance since the implementation of the aforementioned initiatives.



Aspirations Education Foundation continues to provide scholarships to financially challenged students and undertakes school development projects in its mission to uplift and empower the education sector. Additionally, the Foundation also gives a monthly allowance to qualified volunteer teachers in five schools where there is a scarcity of resource persons to educate the students.

We are happy to say that our endeavors have contributed to the sustainable development goals of quality education, reduced inequalities, zero hunger, good health and well-being contributing to reduced poverty.



A Buddhist shrine that was needed for a long time for Okkampitiya Vijayabahu Primary School in Monaragala district in the UVA Province was built and offered by Aspirations Education Foundation on the 11th of September 2022 with the intention of improving the moral values of the students. Many well-wishers provided their financial support for this project. The sourcing of funds and complete coordination of the project was undertaken by Aspirations Education Foundation.



Essential stationeries such as books, pens, pencils, etc.. worth Rs. 150,000 were donated by Atlas (Pvt) Ltd to the students of Okkampitiya Vijayabahu Primary School on the 11th of September 2022. This event was fully coordinated by Aspirations Education Foundation.

