

**ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)  
ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

1. Through the “APSL - Emergency Relief Fund”, provided dry ration packs for nearly 500 families in 18 locations across Sri Lanka by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
2. On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the association of Hela Sarana, a UK registered Charity, joined hands with “APSL - Emergency Relief Fund” to provide help for deserving families in Sri Lanka.
3. APSL has launched “APSL - Emergency Relief Fund” on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 help families and institutions effected by the Covid 19 global pandemic.
4. Last physical executive committee meeting for the year 2019 - 2020 was held on 01<sup>st</sup> February 2020 at the Rising Sun Hotel & Restaurant, 138 Greenford Road, Sudbury Hill, Harrow, HA1 3QL.
5. Members of APSL executive committee attended the farewell meeting of the Sri Lankan High Commissioner to the UK, Ms Manisha Gunasekara at the Sri Lankan High commission in London on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.
6. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for the Florence de silva steering committee was held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and provided approval for five projects worth of £ 2248.15 ( 541, 817.00 LKR) in total.
7. On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019, APSL released the first round of financial support (Rs. 2500 each) for twenty-five cancer patients in North Western province and Eastern province via Kurunegala and Batticaloa General Hospitals from the APSL Cancer Relief fund.
8. APSL formed a partnership with the Batticaloa General Hospital via Sri Lanka Cancer Society – Batticaloa branch on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019 to help the cancer patients within Eastern Province. APSL intends to help the patients in following ways,
  - a. Improving awareness
  - b. Patient support - Contributions towards costs for patients and accompanying family members.
9. The APSL 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ball was held in style on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Windsor Marriott Hotel in London. This was the flagship event of APSL event calendar and was a great success. The event was attended by APSL members, their families, friends and well-wishers and the guests enjoyed wonderful entertainment, networking opportunities and sumptuous food.
10. APSL formed a partnership with the Kurunegala General Hospital via Wayamba Cancer Society on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to help the cancer patients within North Western Province. Similar to Batticaloa, APSL intends to help the patients by improving awareness and providing financial support.
11. The second executive committee meeting for 2019-2020 was held at the Rising Sun Hotel and Restaurant in London on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

12. APSL representatives attended the “Sri Lanka Investment Forum 2019” organised by the Sri Lankan High Commission in London on 09<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at the London stock exchange.
13. Two APSL executive committee members received distinguish awards from the President of Sri Lanka at the “National Honours 2019” ceremony on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019 towards the significant contribution towards the development of Sri Lanka.
  - a. Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy - Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, received the ‘Deshamanya’ award
  - b. Prof. Sir Sabaratnam Arulkumaran - Former president of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics, and the British Medical Association received the ‘Sri Lanka Ranjana’ award in the international category.
14. The first steering committee for the APSL Florence De Silva memorial trust for children was held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and the steering committee agreed to help following six projects by releasing a sum of £ 2500 towards the projects.
15. APSL team attended a reception on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 organised by the Sri Lankan High Commissioner to welcome and congratulate the new UK High Commissioner to Sri Lanka H.E Ms Sarah Hulton at the Sri Lankan High commissioner’s residence in London.
16. APSL team attended the Amelie and Daniel Lyndsey foundation launch event at the House of Commons on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and discussed the possibilities of collaborative projects towards the betterment of Sri Lanka.
17. APSL attended the Festival of Cricket (FOC) 2019 on 07<sup>th</sup> July 2019 in Essex. APSL marquee was very well presented and provided a good summary of the APSL activities to the wider community.
18. APSL represented Sri Lankan professional community at the ICC world cup cricket match on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 between Sri Lanka and England at Headingley.
19. The first executive committee meeting for the newly elected exco was held at the Sri Lanka High Commission in London on 08<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
20. As part of APSL initiative to promote knowledge transfer, the APSL young professional event was held at the Sri Lankan high commission in London on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019. The event was well attended and was a good platform to encourage young professional to engage more with the Sri Lankan communities and related activities.
21. The third Solar Village project in Putthiya Nagar, Mullaitivu is nearing completion and already generating electricity from the Solar Roof installed in June 2019. The final phase of the project is to connect to the national electricity grid and generate an income stream to the village through that. The project was carried out in collaboration with Foundation of Goodness (FOG) Sri Lanka.

22. APSL launched the APSL Florence De Silva memorial trust for children on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 during the AGM to help children in Sri Lanka. Our appreciation goes to Mrs Aruni Devika De Alwis, the executor of the Late Florence Cecilia De Silva ("Florence De Silva") for the kind and thoughtful consideration to contribute towards the well-being of the less fortunate children in Sri Lanka.
23. The AGM was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at the Grange City Hotel London with the presence of the Sri Lankan High Commissioner to the UK and dignitaries. The new executive committee for year 2019-2020 was elected and the AGM was followed by a buffet dinner at the hotel.
24. APSL signed an agreement on 06<sup>th</sup> May 2019 with the Foundation of Goodness (FOG) Sri Lanka to outsource the support and admin functions currently carried out in the UK.
25. APSL launched the APSL Easter Sunday appeal on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to help communities in Sri Lanka who was affected due to the Easter Sunday attacks on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019.



**Ms. Buddhini Liyanage**  
**Treasurer - APSL**

# Independent examiner's report on the accounts

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SRI LANKANS IN THE UK (APSL)**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**Charity no**

**1145786**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent  
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.

**Signed:**



**Date:**

**23/11/2020**

**Name:**

**Roshan Abeyawickrama**

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

**Fellow Financial Accountant  
Institute of Financial Accountants (IFA)**

**Address:**

**35 Roe Green Lane**

**Hatfield**

**Herts AL10 0SH**