



PEACE & COMMUNITY ACTION ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 2022 TO MARCH 2023



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Introduction

This report is the Peace & Community Action (PCA) Annual Report for 2022/23, summarising the activities and successes during the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

PCA is committed to enabling communities to:

- ✦ Understand and use non-violence in everyday life
- ✦ Support individuals and groups in understanding and exercising their human rights and responsibilities
- ✦ Support individuals and groups in learning how to participate in community decision making
- ✦ Support individuals and groups in creating empowered communities
- ✦ Support youth to take part in community development and being active citizens.
- ✦ Support communities, individuals and youth to take responsibility to find solution for issues by their own by adopting transformative process through building relationship and trust within and between communities.

PCA manage and deliver a range of professional community-based programmes showing participants the impact of using non-violence in their relationships, and supporting them to learn and use these techniques in their own lives and communities.

PCA also contact training courses for government officers and NGOs on non-violence approaches. After the 2004 tsunami PCA's peace work was extended to include supporting those in new housing schemes to integrate with their neighbours and host communities and access local government services. This PCA have continued to work with villages in the south and east Sri Lanka as well as with young people in north, east and south Sri Lanka.

PCA works with communities from all ethnic and religious backgrounds, frequently bringing together people who are in dispute or disagreement.

Overview

Registration

PCA is registered as a national NGO at the National Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organisations. Registered Year: 2001, July 25, Registration No: L. 32804.

PCA's former name was Thirupthiya and it was incorporated as a Limited Company on November 26, 1999, under the Companies Act No 17 of 1982. The old company number was N(A) 811. Thirupthiya was officially renamed as Peace & Community Action on 2 August 2002. In accordance with company law, PCA was re-registered as a Guarantee Limited Company March 16, 2011, under Companies Act 7 of 2007. The new Company Number is GA 620.

Vision

PCA's vision is to create self-reliant people and communities who trust each other, take responsibility and speak up for themselves and others.

Mission

PCA's mission is to show and encourage people to adopt alternatives to their traditional ways of being and relating to other people by:

- Working with individuals, families, communities and people in positions of authority to help them become more self-aware; recognise the implications of their actions and decisions on themselves and other people; take responsibility for their own problems and find their own solutions to them.
- Teaching and practicing alternative non-violent approaches to build relationships with others and supporting them to practise these.
- Encouraging them to develop genuine respect for others, recognising that every person, particularly marginalised people such as the disabled, also have feelings and needs and that everyone should be treated with equality and care.
- Building strong relationships between people within communities and between communities, based on people's increasing understanding of each other.
- Creating a group of skilled and committed non-violent activists who can model these approaches in their own lives, share experiences with others and work together to bring about societal change.
- In the long term: transforming the environment for political decisions to one where there is more respect and understanding of the underlying needs of others.
- Holistic approach for peace building and including every element in to the whole process and implementing integrated process for sustainable peace.

Strategic Approach

- People are at the centre of what we do
- Programmes/projects will support people and communities in adopting non-Violence as a way of living
- Programmes/projects will be participatory and empowering
- Human rights and conflict sensitivity will be embedded within all programmes
- Programmes/projects will demonstrate and deliver value for money
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) will add value and evidence outcomes
- Resources will be effectively and efficiently managed
- PCA is committed to working in effective partnerships
- Equalities and diversity will be embedded into everything that we do
- PCA is committed to continuous improvement, learning and staff training
- PCA aims to be a socially responsible and learning organization.

Membership Networks

- Quaker Peace and Social Witness (QPSW)
- International Action Network on Small Arms
- Coexistence Initiative
- South Asian Peace Alliance (SAPA)
- Alliance for Self-Reliance Peace building
- Sri Lanka Consortium for Conflict Sensitivity
- Global Conflict Sensitivity Consortium.
- Member of Truth and Reconciliation Forum.
- Founder organization of Divisional and district reconciliation forum (DRF) in Ampara district.



Also PCA has established a District base network in Ampara District. It is called District Reconciliation Forum in which religious leaders, community leaders and government officials participate and work together for address conflicts in Ampara District.

National Director's statement



I feel happy to express my view on the activities and projects of PCA in the year of 2022/23. During this period PCA has taken wider steps to contribute to peace and reconciliation process at different level in Sri Lanka. Also we have taken one more step to explore a new idea of inter connected ecology approach into peace building. I hope this will give us more in-depth knowledge on this new approach.

Due to geographical, political and economical conditions communities in Sri Lanka are facing lot of difficulties in their day to day life. Because of this difficulties lot of negative outcomes have come up in the minds of ordinary people. They feel upset, sad, disappointed, isolated, angry and frustration. These feelings have led the community to have negative judgments on other people creating lot of unrest among and between communities, imbalance in family life and economical hardship on everything. Also the local communities are influenced by various structures, sectors and individuals to be more vulnerable.

PCA thinks that it's a duty of each civil society organizations to support people who live with vulnerability with this hope PCA has taken steps to support and be with communities to be able to address challenges through nonviolent approaches. PCA has conducted programs and projects to address challenges together with local community in Ampara district beyond all limitations.

As a National Director I would like to thank for staff of PCA and communities in Ampara district, government sectors, other stake holders to join with us to face challenges in the life of ordinary people. Also would like to use this opportunity to thank our donors who believe us in implementing program and projects in the district.

T.Thayaparan

National Director

Truth & Reconciliation through Unity & Transformation (TRUST (Phase 3) project)



Apr'22- July'22

Funded by CAFOD



DRF Meetings

Divisional level forums create opportunities for co-existence with multi-ethnic communities within their region. This has increased the situation of working together as multicultural communities and a healthy change in trusting and understanding each other were observed during this time.

(TRUST (Phase 3) project)

The Action Committee has created a friendly environment to work with the Divisional Level Reconciliation Forums and youth forums



Action Committee Meeting

Experience Sharing Meeting

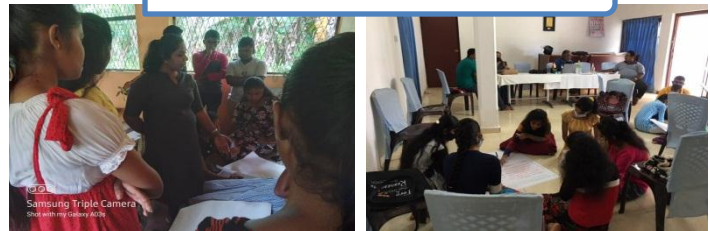
The purpose of this activity is to discuss the progress of the activities which were held in past about its SUCCESS, challenges, experiences and learning. It made it easier to plan for the future.

Special workshop for Kalmunai DRF



Bilateral dialogue was organized to bring Tamils and Muslims together to build sustainable peace between these communities.

Youth forum meeting



Building Peace and reconciliation among and through youth

Youth Creating Humanity Action through Nonviolent, Gathering and Empowerment (Y-CHANGE)



Sticker Campaign



Peace Walk



Street Drama

Promoting Integration of Peace & Ecology

(PIPE Project)

Peace building through integral of ecology and bringing inter connected practices and promoting holistic approach towards sustainable peace.

Feb'23- Mar'23

Funded by CAFOD

Induction & Awareness raising workshop for youth

We brought 45 youths from three divisions together to have more understanding about the project and having knowledge about integrals approach for peace building and ecology and reached agreement on the process of implementation of activities and methodologies. 45 youths stayed together for two days and strengthened their relationship with each other.



Induction training guides to identify the issues & conflicts linked between ecology & peace in the community.

Strengthening Transformation, Equality, Participation and Sustainability (STEPS)- Phase- 1



Awareness program for journalist



Strengthening Transformation, Equality, Participation and Sustainability
(STEPS)- Phase- 1



Residential workshop for
multi stakeholders & DRF
coordinators to develop
Crisis Management
Guidelines

Training for newly
elected members



Local Initiatives- Ampara



Local Initiatives- Ampara





***OUR STAFF TEAM WHO JOINED HANDS WITH
US THIS YEAR***





Board of Directors

PCA's highly experienced Board of Directors is committed to conflict transformation and community development and are actively involved in leading and managing the organisation. In addition to strategic planning and management advice the Board ensures the proper functioning of the organisation legally, financially and make sure the staff of PCA always focusing on PCA's vision, Mission and values. Also board of directors ensure employees of PCA practising non- violent approaches in both officials and personal.

Membership of the Board is detailed in the table below:

Table 1: PCA's Board

Tharmalingam THAYAPARAN - Chair of the Board
Shanmugam SENTHURAJAH - Director
Malathi Rehana THALGODAPITIYA - Director
Rev. Christlin ParimalanathanRAJENDRAM - Director
Rebecca BOOKER - Director
Shahul Hameed MoulaviMANARUDEEN - Director
Paul KNIPE - Director
Eliyathamby CHANDRASEKARAM - Director

The Board held a meetings during the year via passing CR. Board members gave their full support to PCA to continue its works despite the challenges to peace work in Sri Lanka. Steps are being taken to include new board of directors for Peace & Community Action in order to its services and works efficiently and professionally.

Audited Accounts

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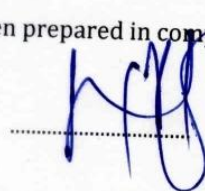
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 LKR	2022 LKR
NON CURRENT ASSETS:-			
Property, Plant and Equipment	(1)	523,140.40	450,014.82
CURRENT ASSETS:-			
Receivable:-			
Rent Advances		100,000.00	220,000.00
Sundry Debtors	(2)	124,834.00	0.00
Loans & Advances	(3)	166,000.00	351,000.00
Cash at Bank & In Hand	(4)	10,775,112.65	5,978,313.79
		11,165,946.65	6,549,313.79
TOTAL ASSETS		11,689,087.05	6,999,328.61
EQUITY			
Accumulated Fund			
Balance as at 1.4.2022		0.00	6251437.68
Less: Prior year adjustment		(3,788,505.65)	
Less: Deficit for the year		(856,733.82)	596286.28
Add: Assets received as donation			
Balance on 31.3.2023		2,202,484.49	6847723.96
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provision for Taxation	(5)	321,287.99	101,604.65
Restricted Fund	(6)	9,090,314.57	
Accrued Expenses	(7)	75,000.00	50,000.00
Total Liabilities		9,486,602.56	151,604.65
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		11,689,087.05	6,999,328.61

It is certified that the financial statements have been prepared in compliance with the requirement of the Companies Act No: 07 of 2007.

ACCOUNTANT

Date: 10.9.2023



The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of Financial Statements.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Date: 10.9.2023

