



ANNUAL REPORT

PEACE & COMMUNITY ACTION

APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2024



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This report is the Peace & Community Action (PCA) Annual Report for 2023/24, summarising the activities and successes during the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

PCA is committed to enabling communities to:

- ✧ Understand and use non-violence in everyday life.
- ✧ 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 being active citizen and being model for ecology based peace building approach at community level.
- ✧ 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.
- ✧ Support vulnerable communities to address and overcome their traumas due to the civil war in Sri Lanka beyond ethnic differences.
- ✧ Support children to understand the cultural diversities among and between communities where they live.
- ✧ Support local communities to identify alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms with new vision.
- ✧ Understanding local context of other communities in other countries and having mutual understanding about conflict dimensions and coming together for raising voice and opportunities.
- ✧ Using at practice for inclusion process to include vulnerable and Isolated communities to have a voice & opportunities.

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. PCA continue to work with youth, children, community leaders, faith leaders and vulnerable communities to overcome challenges at community level, divisional level and district level through having strengthened and empowered process.



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.

- ♣ 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.



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. And also PCA has developed network and collaboration with vulnerable communities around the world.

- 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.
- Member of Integrated Ecology (IE)
- Member of Art for practice network
- Member of Deep dialogue practice



I feel happy to express my view on the activities and projects of PCA in the year of 2023/24. During this period PCA has taken wider steps to contribute to peace and reconciliation process at different levels in Sri Lanka. Also we have taken one more step to explore a new idea of inter connected ecology approach into peace building and to work with the family members of disappeared people in the eastern province. I hope this will give us more opportunities to explore more are on peace building and to be supportive to the family members of disappeared people during civil war in Sri Lanka.



Due to geographical, political and economic 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 and creating lot of unrest among and between communities, imbalance in family life and economic hardship on everything. Also 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 communities in the eastern province beyond all limitations.

As a National Director I would like to thank for staff of PCA and communities in Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee districts, government sectors and other stake holders to join with us to address 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.

Board of directors and members of PCA have contributed so much to ensure the smooth function of PCA even though there were many challenges, difficulties and barriers. I assure that PCA will carry on its vision and mission though collaboration with the support of all in the future.

T.Thayaparan

National Director



Strengthening Transformation, Equality, Participation and Sustainability (STEPS)

The purpose of this project is to ensure people from multi sectors coming together and working together to address issues which continue from the past scenario and new issues that are coming up from the current situation. People at all level getting angry and frustration very easily because of the action of the state and political leaders which are nearly come from ethnic , political and religious basis. There is an immediate need empathize local community to have more understanding about the crisis and support look at the issues in different ways. guidance and support to face this challenge with them and having empathetic approach Since Batticaloa district also a place where each other for various reasons. Tamils being a created lot of issues with Muslims generally and some conflicts with Sinhalese in the border areas in the district. PCA beliefs that establishing District Truth and Justice forum in Batticaloa will be a step to bring disconnected communities together to talk about issues with mutual understanding. This project seeks for ways to establish a district level forums by bringing 25 community leaders from 14 division of Batticaloa district together and build their capacity to be able to address issues non-violently in the district.



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Promoting Integration of Peace and Ecology (PIPE)

The main purpose of this project is to create awareness among local communities, youth forum members, government sector and different stake holders, how to maintain an ecological centred approach towards development and building relationship with other communities. Also this project will focus on develop a local practice to address ecological and environmental practice through a holistic approach. Now a days government and other actors only focusing on economical development for their own political benefits and neglecting environment and ecology aspects knowingly or unknowingly. When this started to happen in many places local communities also accept it as normal and usual thing and ignoring all other elements of environment and ecology. There is no integrated approach to address environment, ecology and peace building together and to talk about it in a common flat form. Due to pressure from so many elements people use to be selfish, ignorance, irresponsible behaviour, and not having personal discipline towards their own self.



Supporting Effective Dispute Resolution Strengthening Alternative Community Dispute Resolution (SEDR-SCDR)

Strengthen inclusive local dispute resolution mechanisms that peacefully manage conflict and prevent escalation of violence in target districts and divisions in Sri Lanka.



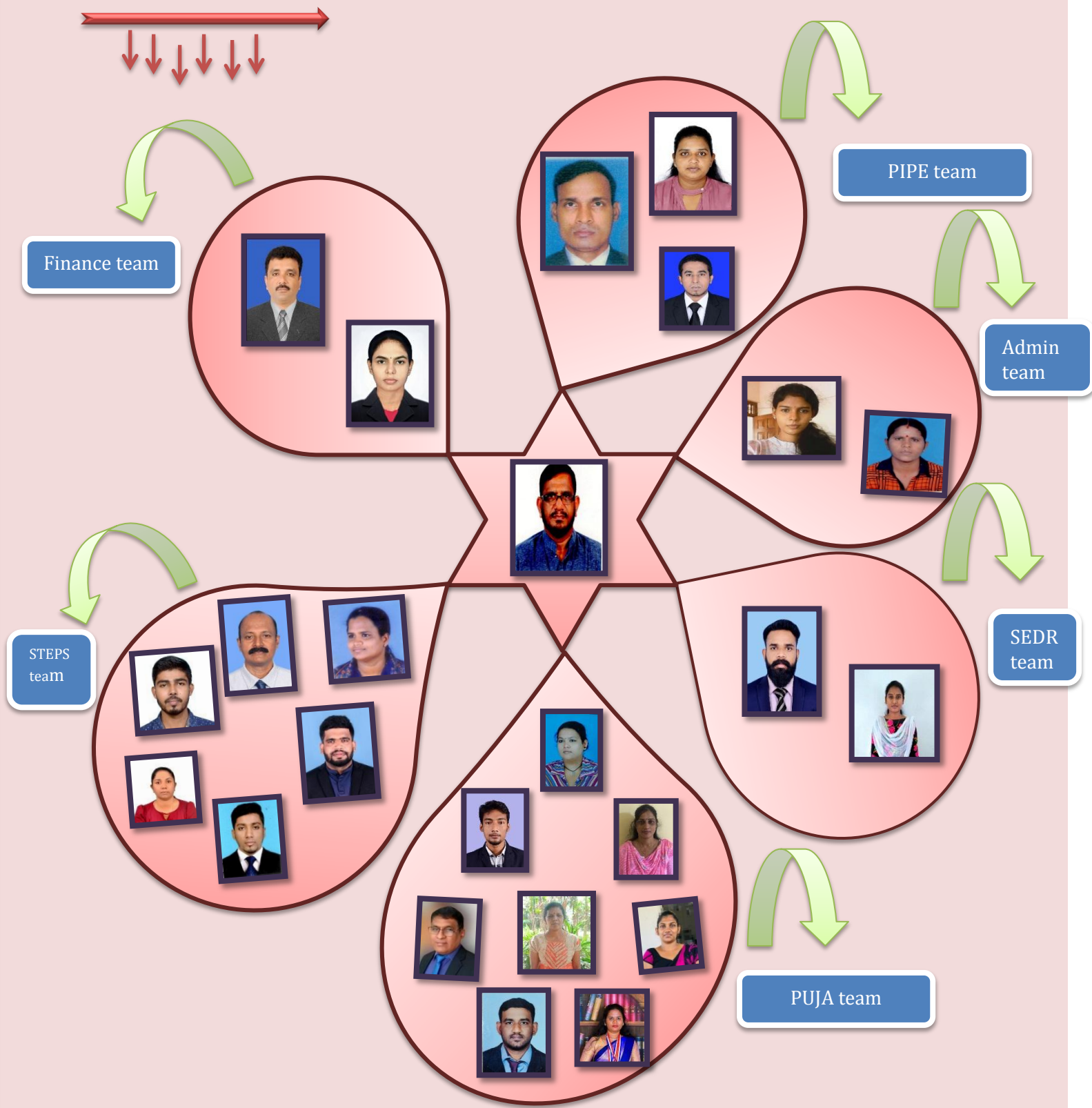


PEOPLE UNITE FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY (PUJA)

Sri Lanka has a culture of impunity which is growing worse and encompasses disregard for serious human rights violations, war crimes and economic crimes due to divisions among its people along ethnic lines. On account of these divisions, processes for justice and accountability have neither been effective nor sustained. This project aims to build public support for justice and accountability processes across ethnic divides. It will facilitate collaboration between CSOs with international support to bring pressure to bear upon the state to ensure justice and accountability.



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 meeting during the year. Board members gave their full support to PCA to continue its works despite the challenges to peace work in Sri Lanka. New board of directors are included in order to and work efficiently and professionally.

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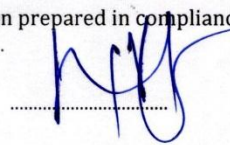
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	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