

**3RD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOUNDATION**  
**SUPPORTING A NATIONAL TRAUMA SERVICE IN**  
**SRI LANKA (PROJECT BEAP) YEAR ENDING 30TH**  
**JUNE 2014**

*Since our inception on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2011, we have come a long way and made further progress, but our journey continues and we are still some distance from our destination. Getting the USD2 million has been harder than we envisaged. On paper we have reached USD1.4 million and we are still short of US\$600,000.*

*We must therefore move into the forthcoming year with determination and confidence. Our aim remains to raise a total of USD\$2million by the time the foundations are laid and ensure that all the required funds are available when we start building the hospital. Some of the sponsors and donors want to pay their pledges when they see the building in progress. This was **not** the plan at the time of our appeals to them but they are very suspicious of anything that is undertaken by the Sri Lankan Government and would rather not have their donations languish in the National Health Development Fund.*

***We are now compelled to deviate slightly from our original intention of not commencing any part of the building process without our share of the required funds. We will acquiesce to starting the foundations in the hope that the building can start soon after so that progress is evident and the required funds will flow.***

*Whilst the building is in progress we must work hard to raise money for the furniture, machinery and*

*equipment to fit out the Emergency & Accident Unit (ETU) appropriately.*

## **FUNDS RAISED**

To date (3rd October 2014) we have pledges and donations received amounting to LKR 187,461,020 which equates to USD 1,442,008 on an exchange rate of 130:1. Of this sum approximately LKR67M has been received and banked/sent to the NHDF. There is LKR 118M(USD911) still due from our sponsors and donors, some of whom will be paying according to expectations and some who wish to see some progress with the project before parting with more funds to the NHDF.

The Government has provided for its share of the cost by making provisions for LKR 25M to be spent this year (to start the pile foundations) and will be allowing for the remainder of the building in the 2015/6 budget. We are assured of this by senior officials of the Ministry of Health.

## **OUR STATUS**

As advised in the annual report last year, the Australian Charities and Not-for Profit Commission (ACNC), approved our application for Charitable Trust status and has granted us a sub-type 4 registration. This means that our entity is no longer a tax paying entity and this has been back- dated to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2012.

Unfortunately, we have not simultaneously succeeded in gaining tax deductible status for our Australian donors, despite a second attempt being made to a new Federal Government agency in the Dept. of Foreign Affairs.

The process is difficult and the application time consuming, but with help from a sub-committee of volunteers including Ronnie Lym, Marcus O'Connor and myself, the application will be re-submitted again.

### ***Temporary solution for tax deductibility***

Our temporary solution to the lack of tax deductibility for Australian donors continues to be through our association with Rotary, which through Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS) will provide a tax deduction for donations made to our Foundation and its project. Please refer to our website [www.projectbeap.org](http://www.projectbeap.org) which provides interested Australian donors a link to the RAWCS website for on-line donations. These will be acknowledged and receipted. Alternatively, the donation can be made using the form in the RAWCS website and sent to us with a cheque made out to Rotary for us to pass on and for the donor to be receipted.

RAWCS retain 3% of the donated amount for their administration and overseas remittance costs.

### **ROTARY**

One of the highlights of this year's achievements has been the forging of strong links with the Rotary movement. Our project, having been adopted by the Rotary Club of Strathmore (district no: 9790) have in turn enlisted the Rotary Clubs of Colombo East and Batticaloa (both in district no: 3220) to co-sponsor our project and support us with material and equipment which they obtain from their extensive network. With the help of several Clubs in Melbourne, we have recently been provided with more machinery and equipment for despatch to Batticaloa. The replacement values for these items and other machinery and equipment are mentioned later in this report.

We are very grateful to Peter Dunn and David Meller, both Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Strathmore, for the enthusiastic support and involvement with us. Peter Dunn has willingly joined our Advisory Council and continues to be a source of inspiration and support to the Foundation whilst David Meller works tirelessly in gaining access to valuable material and equipment.

Mention must be made of a visit by Dr Bruce Anderson and his wife Marilyn, to Rotary Clubs in Colombo and to the Ministry of Health in connection with an initiative of Rotary to provide Vocational Training to three operational staff personnel from the Batticaloa and Ragama Teaching Hospitals to train for up to three weeks in Reception, Triage, Assessment, Resuscitation and Operating theatre work in Victorian Hospitals. Likewise, three personnel from Victoria will be selected to do a short stint in similar areas in the hospitals in Sri Lanka. This program is well under way to being implemented as part of the fellowship training we hope to provide to the staff at the hospital to be constructed.

The Rotary Club of Strathmore, it's Presidents Past and Present and several Clubs in the district joined hands to help us conduct a very successful fund raiser at the Crown Palladium with Mr Don Argus as the main speaker. Upwards of \$75,000 was raised from the sale of memorabilia, raffle draws and donations from participants to boost our fund. Some members and guests contributed handsomely by paying good prices for the memorabilia and services that were auctioned at the Fund Raiser functions.

Past Presidents Peter Dunn and Graeme Lawrie deserve special mention for their tireless efforts in regard to this function.

## **THE FOUNDATION**

We are delighted that the following people have joined our Foundation in various capacities to help us in our endeavours:

- Mr Ralph D'Silva, a prominent Melbourne businessman, best known as an owner of a leading Holden Dealership, will assist and advise on Marketing & Fundraising strategies
- Dr Sharmila Balanathan, a Vascular Surgeon will help with liaison with the Alfred Hospital, with whom we hope to enter into a partnership for training and development of staff in future years
- Dr Reshan Godwin, an Orthopaedic Surgeon formerly an Army Medical Officer from Sri Lanka, completing some studies here at present and having good links to the Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka.
- Mr Rohan Deepak Maharaja, an IT support person who gives us invaluable help in this area of our work.

There were more changes at the Ministry of Health following the appointment of a new Health Secretary. Ms S Karunaratne replaced Dr Nihal Jayathilaka as Health Secretary.

Dr M S Ibralebbe replaced Dr S Muruganandan as Director of the Teaching Hospital in Batticaloa.

To all these people we extend a warm welcome to our project and we thank them for their continued support and co-operation...

## **PROGRESS**

To most of you, progress may appear slow. I can assure you that this is not the case. There is much work going on behind the scenes. The fund raising teams and the project management teams have been extra-ordinarily busy. We recently appointed Dick Siebel, a current member of our team living in Colombo, as Fund Raising Co-Ordinator to follow up on presentations made and appeals pitched at various corporations and individuals, so that there is some continuity of effort after David Young & Nihal de Run leave Sri Lanka having opened doors and laid presented our case.

David Young and Nihal de Run completed their tenth fund-raising trip to Sri Lanka. Each time they have returned with some small advancement in the amount of money pledged for the project. It is not easy to obtain financial support in a country that has deep social and economic wounds that are taking time to heal. People are very suspicious of the Public Sector and its capabilities to deliver. We have to exercise patience and persistence in our fund raising work and hone our diplomatic and HR skills to open the minds of Corporate Captains and CSR Managers, to 'unlock their vaults and authorise substantial payments for this cause.

*To those who have crossed the line we salute you and thank you, for those that are deliberating we urge you to make favourable decisions, to the rest, we will respect your decision to remain on the sidelines hoping that you will see the light and join us in an effort to rebuild, revive and rejuvenate a neglected and less fortunate region of the country.*

**As stated earlier in this report, an increasing number of our corporate donors have expressed a desire to see some tangible progress with the building before committing funds or making further instalment payments.**

## PROJECT DESIGN

It would appear that David Young's call for more Accident & Emergency (Trauma) ETUs around regional Sri Lanka has been heard by some at Government levels.

It is reported that fifteen (15) ETUs are to be constructed around the island from 2018 with funding from a World Bank loan facility.

Our project is not included in this forward plan; instead, it will be a benchmark for Teaching Hospitals and other hospitals to be built in the future.

A draft set of guidelines were circulated in July this year, for the first time and it unveiled the results of a two year study into what the shape and size of the ETUs for various levels of hospitals should be. Teaching Hospitals would have the largest A&E Trauma units whilst Regional and District hospitals will have smaller A&E Trauma units.

**In addition to this development to our surprise, it was revealed that the Teaching Hospital in Batticaloa is to be complemented with four additional free standing Cardiac, Neurology, Surgical (Elective) and Oncology Units, each with at least one operating theatre and sometimes two.**

THESE TWO ANNOUNCEMENTS, TAKEN TOGETHER, HAVE NECESSITATED A RE-THINK ABOUT THE SHAPE AND SIZE OF THE BUILDING WE ARE PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT. WE PLANNED A FIVE STOREY BUILDING WITH PROVISION FOR FOUR EXTRA OPERATING THEATRES TO BE BUILT IN THE FUTURE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR. THIS IS NO LONGER NECESSARY AS THE FREE STANDING NEW UNITS WILL HAVE EXTRA OPERATING THEATRES TO RELIEVE THE SHORTAGE.

Therefore, the Ministry asked us to reconsider the size of the building we planned to construct. They also suggested that instead of two (2) X50 bed, male and female wards on separate floors, a single floor of 86 beds for male and female separated by partitioning would be adequate. This would reduce the scale of the building from five (5) floors to three (3) and bring costs down accordingly.

In the past two months, our Project Architects, Gunaratna Associates ( Locana Gunaratna) working in tandem with the Medical Director of the hospital Dr Ibralebbe, has re-drawn plans and the revised drawings have now been approved by the Ministry. These new drawings are attached for your information.

We are now at the stage where the Consulting Engineers for Civil & Structural Work, Electrical & Mechanical, Water and Sanitation and Fire Safety etc. can be appointed and then we can proceed to do an estimate for the building in its new form. When all the necessary documentation and approvals from the Municipality etc. are in place, tenders will be called for construction.

### **BUILDING CONSTRUCTION-PILE FOUNDATIONS**

The Ministry of Health are calling for tenders to do the pile foundations by December 2014. It is intended that there will be a stone laying ceremony in December to commemorate the commencement of the works. This cost will be met by the Ministry from its government budget.

The Foundation Supporting a National Trauma Service in Sri Lanka in collaboration with the Ministry, will then use funds it has collected and due, to pay for the construction of the ground floor (Reception, Triage, Assessment, Resuscitation etc. and the first floor (three (3) Operating theatres and associated rooms). The Ministry of Health will then build the second floor for a ward of 86 beds and the third floor, leaving provision in the super-structure for the fourth floor in future years.

### **BEAP LOGISTICS**

Attached to this Report is a list of medical equipment, machinery and furniture that the Foundation has sent to THB since inception. The approximate replacement value of the items is also shown to give the reader an idea of the value of these goods.

### **APPRECIATIONS**

There are so many people, most of whom are volunteers, to whom we owe sincere gratitude. It is not possible in a report such as this to name them all. However, I must mention the following:

- >BPO Connect & Balancing High Pty Ltd (Arjuna Samarakoon) for Financial Accounting, IT and Communication Services.
- >Bartleet Transcapital Ltd (Indrajith Fernando & Marian Bandara) for Colombo Office Secretarial Support.
- Kalinga Pelpola for Project Management Services.
- Wasantha Jayewardena ( Project Manager) and Mr S A Dharmawardhana ( Accountant) of the MOH for their support in various matters concerning the project
- Nalin Pathikirikorale for his leadership and management skills in dealing with prospect donors and government officials.
- David Young's staff for their support
- Ronnie Lym for his work in obtaining ACNC registration and working on the Overseas Aid Tax Deductible Scheme.

- Families of committee members who have been supportive of those that devote many hours voluntarily for the good of the project.
- Last but not least our Sponsors and Donors, without whom we would not be playing this game

## **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

In keeping with all statutory requirements, Annual General Meetings were held in 2013 in Melbourne and in Sri Lanka and will be held again in October 2014 after the end of the financial year and in the months ahead in Sri Lanka... Financial statements with audited accounts will be tabled and lodged with the relevant authorities.

All members are invited to general meetings and are given copies of our reports either at the meeting or by email or post.

Special inquiries are dealt with one on one by the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation. Comments and constructive criticisms are welcome.

Our membership numbers are growing both in Sri Lanka and in Australia. There is no joining fee or annual fee. Readers are encouraged to recruit more members to our Foundation.

Nihal de Run  
Chief Executive Officer  
12th October 2014

## ATTACHMENT TO ANNUAL REPORT

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE DONATED BY THE FOUNDATION AND ITS PARTNERS SINCE 2011

ITEM	NOMINAL VALUE
40 USED HOSPITAL BEDS	\$ 24,000
SPECIALISED BLADE FOR SKIN GRAFTING MACHINE	\$ 8,000
OPERATING TABLE AND ORTHOPAEDIC TRACTION TABLE	\$100,000
CARDIAC VENTILATOR	\$ 6,000
FOUR (4) SURGICAL POWER DRILLS AND SAWS	\$ 4,000
SET OF ARTHROSCOPIC INSTRUMENTS	\$ 10,000

*All of the above was donated by Dr David Young*

84 USED HOSPITAL BEDS WITH MATTRESS	\$ 84,000
THREE (3) SERIES 3000 PHILLIPS ULTRASOUND MACHINES COMPLETE	\$ 15,000
ONE (1) SERIES 5000 PHILLIPS ULTRASOUND MACHINE	\$ 8,000

*All of the above donated by the Rotary Club of  
Strathmore*

TWO (2) LAPOROSCOPIC TOWERS WITH MICROSCOPE	\$ 20,000
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*Above donated by Dr Suren Jayaweera*

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>NOMINAL VALUE</b>
RESPIRATOR	\$2000
VARIETY OF PHYSIOTHERAPY EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL	\$4000
TWO (2) USED ANALOG TOSHIBA X-RAY MACHINES OF QUESTIONABLE VALUE AS THB ARE HAVING TROUBLE CONVERTING TO DIGITAL MACHINE	
FIVE (5) SETS OF ATHROSCOPIC EQUIPMENT COMPLETE WITH CAMERAS, SCOPES AND MONITOS SSOURCED BY DR DAVID YOUNG FROM THE AVENUE HOSPITAL, WINDSOR, VIC	Nominal value \$100,000
<b>TOTAL NOMINAL VALUE OF ALL EQUIPMENT TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$385,000</b>

**DONORS & SPONSORS AS AT OCTOBER  
2014**

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LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF INDIA  
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ACCESS ENGINEERING  
GLOBAL/PURE PLAY  
LOVELL FOUNDATION  
MIND MODELLING  
BRUCE SIMMONS  
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KEN BALENDRA\*  
RICKY & CHARMAINE MENDIS\*  
\*pledge still to be signed**

**DRAWINGS OF THE RE-DESIGNED  
BUILDING FOLLOW**