



Foundation Supporting A National Trauma Service In Sri Lanka

The Batticaloa Teaching Hospital Emergency & Accident Project (BEAP)



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The Rotary Club of Colombo East, Batticaloa & Strathmore in Victoria Australia

have partnered with the Foundation to provide support for the furniture & equipments for the hospital



Vision

To extend and enhance the National Trauma Service in Regional Sri Lanka

We were prompted by the events that followed the devastating Tsunami of Boxing Day 2000; the catastrophic event that saw over 30,000 lives lost and hundreds of thousands injured and some permanently injured.

Our overriding vision was to do something lasting in the way of a charitable project for Sri Lanka.

We chose a healthcare project and focused on the importance of modern state of the art Accident & Emergency (A&E) Trauma Treatment facilities in regional Sri Lanka.

We zoomed in on Batticaloa, the capital of the Eastern Province, which had a large teaching hospital.

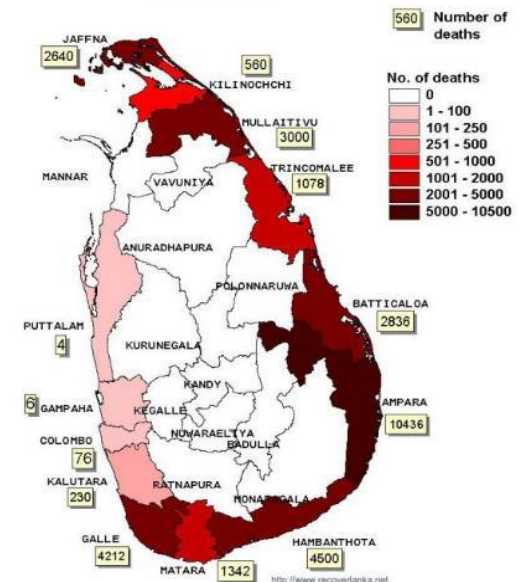
We were led to this place by our founder President, Dr David Young, a visionary who was on site for four days after the tsunami struck, rendering much needed medical assistance to the injured.

His vision was to provide a modern A&E trauma treatment unit to the Teaching Hospital in Batticaloa; enabling it to treat up to 100 patients at any time and be the forerunner of other similar facilities throughout the public hospital system in Sri Lanka.



Tsunami 2004 Disaster - Number of Deaths by District

Data from NCIMC, 15th January, 2005



Mission

Our mission began with the formation of the *Foundation Supporting a National Trauma Service in Sri Lanka Inc* in 2011, by Dr David Young and Nihal de Run.

It was registered in Australia as a 'not for profit' charity and a similar entity was registered in Colombo, Sri Lanka under the name of the *BEAP Trust*. BEAP is the acronym for Batticaloa Emergency & Accident Project.

Professor Dr David de Kretser, former Governor of Victoria, Australia was invited to be Patron, Abbas Akbarally (dec) and Dr Ranjith Hettiarachi were invited to be Vice Patrons. All accepted.

Trustees- Besides David Young and Nihal de Run, other trustees appointed included Dr Greg Hoy, Nalin Pathikirikorale, Arjuna Samarakoon, Indrajith Fernando and Bobby Jordan-Hansen.

A Management Committee and Advisory Councils were formed from the forty or so people that attended our initial briefings about our intentions in the Boardroom of Akbar Bros in Colombo.

Everyone worked as volunteers without any reward.

We met the then Minister of Health, Hon Maithripala Sirisena and conveyed our intention to help the Government of Sri Lanka and Ministry of Health (MoH) with a rupee for rupee donation to build a modern state of the art A&E trauma treatment unit within the confines of the Teaching Hospital Batticaloa (THB) to be then run as a public healthcare facility by the MoH at THB.

The Minister gave us his support and directed us to the Health Secretary at that time Dr Ravindra Ruberu.

Upon presentation of our plan, Dr Ruberu agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), that we the Foundation would provide cash to the value of USD\$2 million and Equipment to the value of USD\$1 million and that the GOSL (MOH) would build and complete the facility within two years.



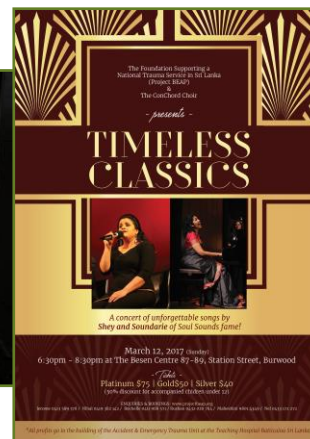
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With the MOU signed, the fund raising commenced in earnest and the project got started.

Majority of the funding came from large Corporations and a wealthy individual in Sri Lanka who wanted to be part of a co-operative solution, which was the first of its kind; a Public Private joint venture, not for profit but to help the people of Sri Lanka.

Many Australian residents and some corporations added to the efforts we made.

In order to further publicise the Project and raise funds, three concerts were held in Sri Lanka and in Melbourne. Performing at these concerts were Soundarie David Rodrigo, Shehara (Shey) Liyanage, accompanied by Christo Prins, Pradeep Rodrigo, and other accomplished musicians. The Melbourne based Conchord Choir led by the multi-talented Rohan Hewawasam, also supported the efforts of the organisers by performing at no cost to the Foundation.



Current Organization Structure

Foundation Supporting a National Trauma Service in Sri Lanka Inc

Dr David A Young is President, Nihal de Run is Executive Vice President and CEO.

They are supported by Dr Greg Hoy as Vice President, Lorraine Fernando as Executive Secretary, Dave Paramanandan as Deputy CEO, Sathanantha Kirupanantha as Treasurer and Jerome Adams as immediate Past CEO.

Indrajith Fernando is Financial Controller and Treasurer in Sri Lanka.



The Rotary Connection

The Foundation has strong links to the Rotary movement through the Rotary Club of Strathmore No 9790 in the Victorian District and Rotary Clubs of Colombo East and Colombo North.

Through this link we could facilitate tax deductible donations for Australian donors via donations made through the Rotary Australia World Communities Service (RAWCS)



The Facility



This building won a Gold Award from the Green Buildings authority in Sri Lanka and we are proud of the achievements of our team; especially the Architect Gunaratna Associates and its CEO Dr Locana Gunaratna

We needed Neurosurgical facilities, Plastic Surgery, Paediatric Surgical facilities and Eye Surgery facilities. These facilities were scattered throughout the vast hospital premises and not localised in an A&E Unit. This has changed since the new A&E was built.

The Present Position

Why patients are brought to THB

Following are the main reasons why people come to the THB:

- Motor vehicle injuries
- Bites and stings from stray dogs, wasps, bees, snakes and similar accidental injuries
- Vision impairment
- Maternity related mishaps
- Congenital deformities

Although we have the space and a modern facility, we still need more doctors, surgeons, trained nurses as well as more sophisticated equipment to better diagnose and treat patients.

An extraordinary need arose on Easter Sunday 2019 when over 100 seriously injured people were brought to this facility following the bomb blast of the fateful day in Sri Lanka in general and in Batticaloa in particular. Of the number that were brought to the newly constructed A&E, 26 were dead on arrival, another 5 died later, The majority were admitted and treated in the A&E unit and then transferred for more specialised treatment to hospitals in other parts of the country. There are some who have still not recovered from their serious injuries; some never will.

The Foundation had hollow contentment from knowing that their efforts proved so useful and helpful in the crisis and the A&E unit came to the fore due to the demand for urgent help to those injured.

24 April 2019



Mid Oct 2019



The Present Position

As an extension of our work a special concert was organised with help from Melbourne based Savoy Singers and guest artistes, Andrea Marr, Soundarie David Rodrigo and Rushan Hewawasm.

In excess of A\$24000 was raised and this is funding a joint venture between Brandix Lanka Ltd and our Foundation to pay for a Tamil speaking well qualified Psycho Social Counsellor that we brought out from India, for a three month stint at providing Psych Social Counselling and training at THB.

There is also an ongoing commitment to share with Brandix Lanka Ltd , the cost of specialist medical surgeries in helping Rebecca (skin grafting) and Debbie (loss of sight) improve their condition.

Patient Demand

Patient demand has been rising exponentially as people come from as far away as Pottuvil in the South, Trincomalee in the North and Polonnaruwa in the West.

The number of patients has steadily risen from 14,318 patients in 2012, 15,688 in 2013, 16,974 in 2014 to about 18,000 in 2015.

Today, more than 200 patients per day are first received at the new A&E Unit, assessed and then admitted to the A&E treatment unit or directed to other parts of the hospital.

The 86 short-term beds at the new facility are fully utilised and where necessary, some patients are transferred to the main hospital or to the National Hospital of Colombo.



The Way Forward

In 2020 The Foundation modified its goals to be one of a supportive and consultative organisation and not one that will undertake a whole new project.

Rather than building new resources we intend to assist with the maintenance of the existing facility we have helped to construct and ensure long-term sustainability.

We have pledged a contribution of USD\$300K towards the procurement of a 'state of the art' 128 slice C T Scanner. We have half the funds needed for this item but still need funds for the balance.

We also intend to continue supporting financially the supply of essential spare parts for the machinery and equipment in the facility as called for, from time to time.

There is also an intention to continue the provision of training and development of key staff at the nursing level and the exchange program between Wangaratta Hospital in Victoria and THB. This is planned to continue each year going forward.

We Need Your Help

How you can support our ongoing requirements?

We still seek USD\$200K to complete our pledge to the Government of Sri Lanka and the Ministry of Health, for the procurement of a new, state of the art 128 slice minimum C T Scanner.

We need funding to support maintenance of the specialised machinery and equipment as a breakdown would render the A&E less efficient in proving immediate diagnosis and treatment to patients.

Waiting for the bureaucracy to act would take too long; hence our intention is to be readily available to provide funding for spare parts.



Making Contributions

Contributions/donations can be made directly to the following Bank accounts



Australia

ANZ Banking Corporation
687, Glenferrie Road, Glenferrie
VIC 3122

Account Number: 1840 – 37528
BSB: 013 332



Sri Lanka

Commercial Bank of Sri Lanka
21 Bristol Street, Colombo 01

Account Number: 1416300101
Swift Code: CCEYLKLX

IMPORTANT

To obtain a Tax deduction in Australia, Australian Resident Tax Payers MUST direct their donations to Rotary Australia World Communities Service (RAWCS). Refer our website <http://www.projectbeap.org> or RAWCS website <https://rawcs.org.au> for further details.

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BEAP team on way to Batticaloa

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