

Message from the Hon. Minister of Healthcare & Nutrition

Access to health being a right of the people, the government of Sri Lanka takes all possible measures to ensure provision of free health to its people. This is considered an investment for the future economic development of the country. Therefore successive governments in the past have continued to invest on the health of the people by continuing its social security measures like provision of free health and free education.

National Health Development Fund was established by an act of Parliament in the year 1981. The objective of the Fund is to supplement and complement those activities that could not be funded through the national budget. Funds are collected from the health development lottery, from donors and philanthropists.

The Fund is managed by a Board of Directors chaired by the Secretary to the Ministry of Health. The money spent is monitored by the Auditor-General to ensure accountability and transparency of the Fund. Any individual could donate to the Fund for an identified purpose. Board of Directors has ensured that all money collected are spent wisely to uplift the health of the people of Sri Lanka. The Ministry would appreciate if individuals or donors could contribute to the Fund and assist the Ministry to achieve the above objectives.

I earnestly hope that the web site launched recently would support the efforts undertaken by the Fund to attract more donors to contribute to this worthy cause.

I wish the National Health Development Fund success in all their future endeavours.

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