

Lama Piyasa; the place violence ends and healing begins

Creating Safe Communities for Children is a project that was initiated by the Child Protection Committee of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians in 2011.

The main objectives of the project were:

- Better management of children who have faced all forms of violence
- Prevention of violence against children



The affected children's well-being is the priority, and several teams of dedicated health professionals as well as key members of other sectors are involved in the management.

- They come with burns and broken bones
- They come with pregnancies
- They come after attempting suicide

We heal their little bodies and minds and provide care also for their families. 792 Children have been cared for within the facility since its inception. A dedicated unit like Lama Piyasa, can achieve more sustaining results compared to services provided in busy paediatric wards.





1. A homely, 10 bedded facility for the in-house psycho-social rehabilitation and re-integration of children back to society.

2. A video-evidence recording studio, to provide evidence to courts, thereby reducing the re-traumatization of children by preventing repetition of the violent story again in a court of law subsequently. This unit is manned by officers of the National Child Protection Authority.



3. The logo of Lama Piyasa is the lotus flower, depicting the aim of provision of care for children who have been in challenging circumstances to rise above the surface, with no residue visible, like the beautiful lotus flower.

Our need

With the success of the pilot project at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital Ragama, the Child Protection Committee of the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians has recommended the establishment of 8 other such units in the other Provinces in the country. The Teaching Hospital in Karapitiya, Galle has been identified as the next location to establish a Lama Piyasa. The Roshan Mahanama Trust in partnership with the College of Paediatricians is now in the process of establishing the second Lama Piyasa in Galle. The cost to construct and equip the centre is estimated at approx. Rs. 75 million. We seek your support to make a lasting difference in these innocent lives. Your contribution will therefore help us to integrate these children back into society as productive citizens!

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