



Colombo Friend-in-Need Society

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Approved Charity – Reg. No. 66516 / 144/84

Reg. No. L. 66516 (NGO)

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8th September 2026

President

Visakha Alumnae Association of Southern California (VAASOCAL)

Dear Madam,

Partnership with VAASOCAL in Support of the Colombo Friend in Need Society, Sri Lanka

Warm greetings from the **Colombo Friend in Need Society (CFINS)**.

Established in **1831**, CFINS is Sri Lanka's oldest charitable organization, dedicated to restoring mobility, dignity, and hope to individuals with limb loss and disabilities.

CFINS is a registered non-governmental organization in Sri Lanka under the Ministry of Social Services (Registration No: L.66516 / NGO Certificate No: 66516/144/84). The organisation is governed by a Board of Management comprising eminent professionals and community leaders who serve in an honorary capacity and provide oversight for the responsible administration of the organisation and its resources.

Over the years, CFINS has provided more than **42,000 prosthetic limbs to over 14,000 beneficiaries** across Sri Lanka. Our services are provided **entirely free of charge** and include:

- **Custom-made prosthetic limbs and orthotic devices**
- **Physiotherapy and rehabilitation**
- **Psychological counselling and mental health support**
- **Tele-rehabilitation and remote counselling**
- **Mobile prosthetic limb camps and health-screening programmes**
- **Educational support for children and young limb users**
- **Vocational training and self-employment assistance**
- **The annual AIDEX sports festival for prosthetic limb users and their families**

Our main centre in Colombo includes a prosthetic and orthotic workshop, physiotherapy and rehabilitation facilities, counselling services and a 30-bed hostel, which provides free accommodation and meals for patients travelling from other parts of the country for treatment. Through our mobile outreach programmes, we also take essential prosthetic, screening and rehabilitation services to underserved communities across the island.

CFINS is deeply grateful to the **Visakha Alumnae Association of Southern California (VAASOCAL)** for initiating a charity fundraiser in support of our work. We are pleased to partner with VAASOCAL

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in this endeavour and warmly seek the support of prospective sponsors, donors and well-wishers as the Association raises funds on behalf of CFINS.

As the fundraiser is not restricted to a specific project, the funds received will be directed towards CFINS's most pressing needs, as determined by the organisation. This will enable us to respond where support is most urgently required, including the provision of prosthetic limbs, rehabilitation services, mobile outreach programmes and other essential assistance for our beneficiaries.

With the support of VAASOCAL and its generous sponsors, we can continue ensuring that no person in Sri Lanka who requires a prosthetic limb or rehabilitation is left behind due to a lack of financial resources.

Further information about CFINS and our work is available at www.cfins.org and all our official social media channels can be accessed on linktr.ee/cfins

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ranjan Dias

President

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Jaipur Foot Centre – Sri Lanka

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