

ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20 & 2020/21

Welcome to all members, donors, and well-wishers.

Our charity has been providing assistance to all of you over the past 25 years, recognizing the needs of our community in Nainative and acting as a bridge between our community living in the UK and also making our contribution to the British community.

The new Executive Committee for the year 2019/2021 was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 29/09/2019 under the Presidency of Mr. S Varathanathan and it was decided to better celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Association by uniting our youth.

However, due to the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic, the organization's activities were hampered and even the annual general meeting for 2020 could not be held.

During these difficult times and during the period 2019/20 and 2020/21 the association has rendered its services to our community in Nainativu and the British community as much as possible. The management of the association would like to thank all those who helped us to carry out our activities during this difficult time.

25th Anniversary Event

The Board of Directors and Patrons worked day and night from October 2019 to celebrate the Association's 25th Anniversary on 11 April 2020 at Dorking Hall. Due to the continuous outbreak of COVID-19 and its subsequent effects on the public in Britain and other countries, including Sri Lanka, we could not be able to celebrate our 25th anniversary event in April 2020.

Youngsters Get together and New Year Family Get Together

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the association and to unite the youth in the activities of the association, a youth gathering was organised on 22 December 2019 and an action committee was selected at the youth level to coordinate and organize the activities of the association. Southern Co-op donated £ 1,000 for the youth event, as well as water, soft drinks and selected dry foods. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the management of Southern Co-op.

On the request of the youngsters, the association also arranged New Year Get together in January 2020. Our youngsters and families enjoyed the event.

Nainativu Educational Project

Although the education program initiated by the association continued until March 2020, it has been suspended from April 2020 due to the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic as per the instructions of the Government of Sri Lanka. Until March 2020, the association continued to fund the education program in Nainativu, considering the importance of educational development of students in Nainative.

Flood Relief – North and East of Sri Lanka

During the rainy season of 2020, floods in the north and east of Sri Lanka caused massive destruction and people suffered various hardships. In this situation, the association provided dry food parcels to a selected affected people in the Vanni through Tamil Virutsam organization and to a selected affected people in the Batticaloa district through the Member of Parliament Mr. Yogeswaran.

In addition, families affected by the floods in Nainital were identified and given small compensation by the association. Our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Nainativu branch of our association who correctly identified the victims and implemented the project.

Support During COVID-19 Pandemic – Sri Lanka

Through the "Tamil Virutsam" organization, the association provided dry food parcels to the selected families in the Vanni who had lost income due to the COVID-19 epidemic. We also distributed dry food for the citizens of Nainativu along with other diaspora organizations.

Support During COVID-19 Pandemic – UK

Our association donated £ 350 to the Imperial Health Charity during the period of 2020 when the COVID-19 epidemic intensified and faced a major crisis in obtaining masks and gloves for British hospitals, doctors and nurses. We also did our best to fulfill our social

responsibility as a UK-based charity by donating £ 150 to the charity Bernardo's to help children affected by the economic devastation caused by the COVID-19 epidemic.

COVID-19 Awareness Zoom Conference

The Association organized a Zoom conference on 07/03/2021 to clarify the procedures to be followed to control the spread of COVID-19 and in which many of our community from all over the world participated and benefited.

Project Funded by the National Lottery Community Fund

People who are not allowed to take employment in UK suffered various hardships due to the COVID-19 epidemic. A draft project to help them was submitted to the National Lottery Board for approval and they approved the project donated £ 1,250 to carry out the project. We used the funds to identify and assist those in need of refugee status from various countries and to extend our assistance to Kingston Food Bank.

Renovation of Nainativu Divisional Hospital Maternity Ward

We funded for the renovation of Nainativu Divisional Hospital Maternity Ward and the project not yet be started due to the COVID-19 outbreak in Sri Lanka.

Sports Day and Pongal Festival -2020

We could not be able to organise the Sports Day and Pongal Festival in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all members, donors and well wishes for the support extended to us to carry out the projects even during this difficult time

Thanking you

Secretary

Nainai Manimekalai Welfare Association