

KIDNEY DIALYSIS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 January to 30 June 2024

Since its launch in February 2021, Kidney Dialysis Assistance Programme (KDAP) has been instrumental in providing crucial assistance to patients diagnosed with chronic kidney disease (CKD) who require regular dialysis. These individuals often come from low-income families across various parts of the country. Up until now we have assisted 78 such patients, making a significant impact on their lives.

During the period under review, 1 January to 30 June 2024, CandleAid identified, screened and assisted 7 new patients whose details are given in this Report. Their stories underscore the urgency of our cause. However, the success and expansion of our programme heavily rely on the generosity of individuals like you. Your support can make a profound difference in the lives of these individuals, providing them with access to life-saving dialysis treatments. Your support is not only a donation, but also a lifeline for those battling CKD. Together we can make a positive impact on the lives of these patients and their families.

Total Donations received up to 30.06.2024 **LKR 3,988,467.29**

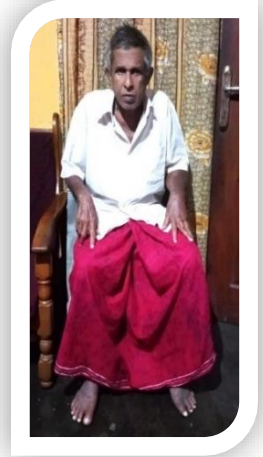
Total Allocated/Disbursed: **LKR 3,789,950.00**

Balance in the KDAP Fund as at 30.06.2024: **LKR 198,517.29**

B C C Mendis - KDAP 72

B C C Mendis, (61) is a father of two married children. Despite needing dialysis twice weekly at Kalubowila Teaching Hospital, he managed with only one due to high demand. Financial constraints prevented him from seeking treatment at a private hospital. His married daughter shouldered the responsibility of transporting him to appointments, while his wife provided daily care.

CandleAid enrolled him for assistance wef March 2024 but sadly he succumbed to his illness in May 2024.



Dinesh Rangana Lakruwan KDAP 73



Dinesh, (35) has been battling chronic kidney disease (CKD) since the age of 6. Both his kidneys were affected. Currently, he is undergoing dialysis every 5 days at Embilipitiya Hospital since September 2020. He needs to incur an expense of LKR 4,000 to 5,000 for transportation alone. With no income, Dinesh and his mother are in desperate need of assistance to sustain his life-saving treatment. CadleAid assists him with a monthly donation of LKR 8,000.

Linton Fernando - KDAP 74

Linton Fernando (52) was diagnosed with kidney disease in June 2022, and he also suffers from paralysis. He lives with his 73-year-old mother, who has had bypass surgery. Linton undergoes dialysis at Negombo Hospital twice a week and as such, is unable to engage in a meaningful livelihood. His mother too is indisposed due to her age and ailments. They rely on support from their neighbours for their livelihood. He is enrolled in CandleAid's KDAP since March 2024.



Duminda Amarasekera Weerasinghe – KDPA 75



Duminda Weerasinghe (29) has been suffering from kidney disease since May 2016, when he was 20 years old. Despite a kidney transplant where his mother was the donor, he developed complications.

He is the primary caregiver for his two children, a son in grade 4 and a daughter in pre-school, as his wife has left the family. His mother works as a domestic helper, and they rely on her modest income to make ends meet. Due to his health condition, he is unable to find employment. CandleAid assists him with his ongoing medical needs as well as helping him to sustain his family.

R P K Jeewan Danushka – KDAP 76

Jeevan Dhanushka (34) was diagnosed with CKD in August 2023. He is in the process of preparing for a kidney transplant at Ragama General Hospital and undergoes haemodialysis twice a week at Vathupitiwela Hospital. His illness has prevented him from earning a livelihood to support his family. He has a 10-year-old son, who is studying in the 5th grade. As he needs constant care, his wife is also unable to work, and the family is struggling to make ends meet. He is being assisted through KDAP since March 2024.



D A G Mudannayaka - KDAP 77



D A G Mudannayake (65) is a father of five married children. He was diagnosed with CKD in 2022. He undergoes dialysis three days a week at the General Hospital. His wife who needs to accompany him on his hospital visits is struggling to hold her job at a cleaning service. All of their children have families of their own and lack a steady income to support their ailing parents. The couple faces significant financial difficulties. CandleAid enrolled him in the KDAP in May 2024.

Indika Fernando - KDAP 78



Indika Fernando (47) has been battling CKD since 2007. He has undergone two kidney transplant surgeries in 2011 and 2014, both of which were unsuccessful. Indika has been undergoing dialysis since 2010, initially three times a week at the General Hospital Colombo, but now only once a week due to high demand. To meet his dialysis needs, he seeks additional treatment at a private hospital, costing LKR 11,950 per session. Indika and his wife, both teachers, struggle to cover medical costs and educate their 14-year-old daughter. CandleAid enrolled Indika in the KDAP in June 2024.

CONCLUSION

All of the above patients are given the monthly assistance for a period of 6 months, and if their situation remains critical, CandleAid endeavours to extend the assistance depending on the availability of funds. Wherever there is provision, CandleAid seeks to assist them through its other assistance programmes as well, such as the Gift A Meal programme.

Unfortunately, many CKD patients are forced to give up their regular forms of employment due to the physical demands of long-term dialysis and other health issues. While patients who find a suitable donor may undergo kidney transplant surgery, most are placed on cadaveric transplant lists, which requires prolonged periods of dialysis. National hospitals offer free dialysis but due to high demand, patients do not get their prescribed number of dialysis which compels them to seek private medical services. Furthermore, patients often have to travel long distances for their free dialysis sessions, which can lead to additional expenses in lieu of transport and other incidental expenses.

We would like to express our gratitude to all Donors who have generously contributed to support CandleAid's Kidney Dialysis Assistance Programme (KDAP). Your contributions have made a meaningful impact in providing much needed assistance to patients suffering the consequences of CKD. Bar none, all these patients come from low-income families who are already burdened with acute financial challenges.

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"It is better by far to light a solitary candle than to curse the darkness."