

Lama Piyasa

the place where 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 two main aims of the project were:

- better management of children who have faced all forms of violence
- the prevention of violence against children



The best interest of the child is the key and several teams of health professionals and other sectors are involved in the management.

- They come with burns and broken bones.....
- They come with pregnancies....
- They come with attempted suicides.....

We heal their little bodies and minds and provide care for the families. 792 Children have been cared for in the facility since its inception. **A dedicated unit like Lama Piyasa, can achieve so much more than when these services are provided in busy paediatric wards.**



To meet the first aim to provide holistic care for children who have faced violence, a child protection unit (Lama Piyasa), was established at the Colombo North Teaching Hospital, Ragama, in 2015.

The facility is under the administration of the Director of the Hospital and consists of :



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

A video-evidence recording studio, for the recording of evidence to courts. This reduces the re-traumatization of children by preventing the need for repeating the story of violence again in a court of law several years later. This unit is manned by officers of the National Child Protection Authority.



The logo of **Lama Piyasa** is the lotus flower. It depicts the aim of provision of care for children who have been in muddled circumstances to rise above the mud, with no mud sticking on them, 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 8 other Provinces in the country. **Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle has been identified as the next place to establish a *Lama Piyasa*.**

Roshan Mahanama Trust in partnership with the College of Paediatricians are now in the process of establishing the **second *Lama Piyasa* in Galle**. The estimated cost to construct and equip the center is estimated at **Approx Rs. 75 million**.

We seek your support to make a difference in these innocent lives. Your assistance will help us to integrate them back into society as productive citizens!



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