

RIGHT TO LIFE HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

16' Annual Report



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1. Right to Life Human Rights Center

Right to Life Human Rights Center located at Katunayake, is one of the Non-Governmental Organizations aiming to promote and strengthen fundamental Human Rights of the people in Sri Lanka as well as support victims of various harassment by Government institutes by providing legal and financial assistance to seek social justice. The organization started as “We in the Zone” in 1991 involving in labour related issues of employee of Katunayake Zone. The organization initially started its interventions by organizing training and awareness programs for the employees working in the Katunayake Zone with the intention of educating them on labour laws and regulations, and about the potential situation of Human Rights violations and encouraging them to take necessary actions within the legal framework of the country. In 2003, we were able to register the organization as “Right to Life”.

At the beginning, the organization confined its operations to the Katunayake Zone and its suburbs with specific objectives. Later on, in addition to the labour rights initiatives, it had to expand the scope of its work due to various kinds of Human Rights violations that occurred in the country and reported to the organization. The organization therefore intervened in matters such as police torture, disappearances, health negligence and other Fundamental Rights violations on behalf of the victims and their families or relatives.

According to the analysis carried out by the organization it was revealed that Human Rights violations and negligence takes place primarily due to the lack of awareness of laws, regulations and the legal system of the country. Accordingly, the Right to Life focused more attention on Human Rights training programs, seminars and workshops for vulnerable communities in the country to safeguard them from future victimization. Right to Life then started to focus on building up Human Rights Defenders in grass-root level.

In the meantime Right to life human right center took the initiative to form the network of the civil societies in 2009 called “Platform for Freedom” and in 2014 “VeediyeVirodaya” to address the risen problem on politics in Sri Lanka. “Platform for Freedom” mainly focused on the themes of Right to speech and Right to life. “VeediyeVirodaya” mainly focused on the reform in the country’s constitution.

In 2011 & 2016 Right to Life took the initiative to prepare an alternative Joint UNCAT report combined of 11 civil society organizations & 20 civil society organizations respectively on torture, extra judiciary killings and disappearance. Right to life was the convener and continues to prepare the shadow report.

Right to Life organization presently works in ten districts, Hambanthota, Matara, Puttalam, Kurunegala, Galle, Anuradhapura, Mannar, Vavuniya, Badulla, Monaragale, Colombo and Gampaha in collaboration with Human Rights Defendant Groups (HRDG), civil society and other Non-Governmental Organizations that have similar interests of working on behalf of vulnerable and marginalized groups in rural areas.

2. Executive Director's Message



Right to Life Human Rights Center established in 2002 committed to respect for the multi-ethnic, multi-religious and multi-cultural society, recognizing equality and respect for the Right to Life of the citizenry.

With that purpose R2L is continuing for 15 years promoting human rights, rights of human rights violators, providing them legal and medical assistance and ensuring their security, to report on human rights in Sri Lanka to national and international institutions, as well as to win peace and democratic rights to engage with other civil organizations, mainly to initiate to create “Platform for Freedom” and “WeediyeWirodaya” national movements.

We have assisted thousands of victims during this period, taking legal action for the rights of the victims and acting against the lawsuits filed by the police against many of the innocent victims, and about 150 cases have been filed in the same manner supported by the organization.

However, in the past, collapse of criminal investigation in Sri Lanka and the serious collapse of the judiciary, many victims who seek justice have been subjected to more and more compromising demands for justice to seek justice instead of receiving justice. During this period as Human Rights Defenders we faced enormous tragedy because of two cases which we have filed. The two cases are one Police Torture murder of Gerald Mervin Perera, a resident of Wattala, Police Torture murder of Sugath Nishantha who was a resident of Negombo.

Changes in the status of context led by the new government in 2015 and as a result of it in 2016 we won five cases that we filed and was able to obtain justice for the victims as well as to us as an organization, apart from it, in general as Human Rights achievements.

Similarly, actions taken to pass both the Acts “Victim and Witness Protection Act” and “Right to Information Act” and also the present Human Rights Commission to take prompt action against cases of human rights violations. It is also a developmental feature in the field of Human Rights in comparison to the last year.

In the meantime, immediately the given promises of the current government such as the establishment of a new Constitution, the Office of the Missing Persons, the Truth Commission, the office of Reparation and Right to Justice, reforming the Attorney General's Department, the Judicial Medical Service, to make the criminal investigations process and judicial services more efficient should be implemented.

In 2017, achieving the same goal of reforming could be the year in which civil society should be strengthened.

Philip Dissanayake
Executive Director

3. Vision, Mission, Values and Objectives

Vision

A multi ethnic and multi religious society of citizens that protect justice, equality, respect for life

Mission

To be placed as an active Centre for establishing a society against human rights violations including torture, extra judicial killings, standing for national harmony and democratic reforms

Values

The Organization in its action will be active on the following values and these values shall be reflected in individual and common actions of the Organization;

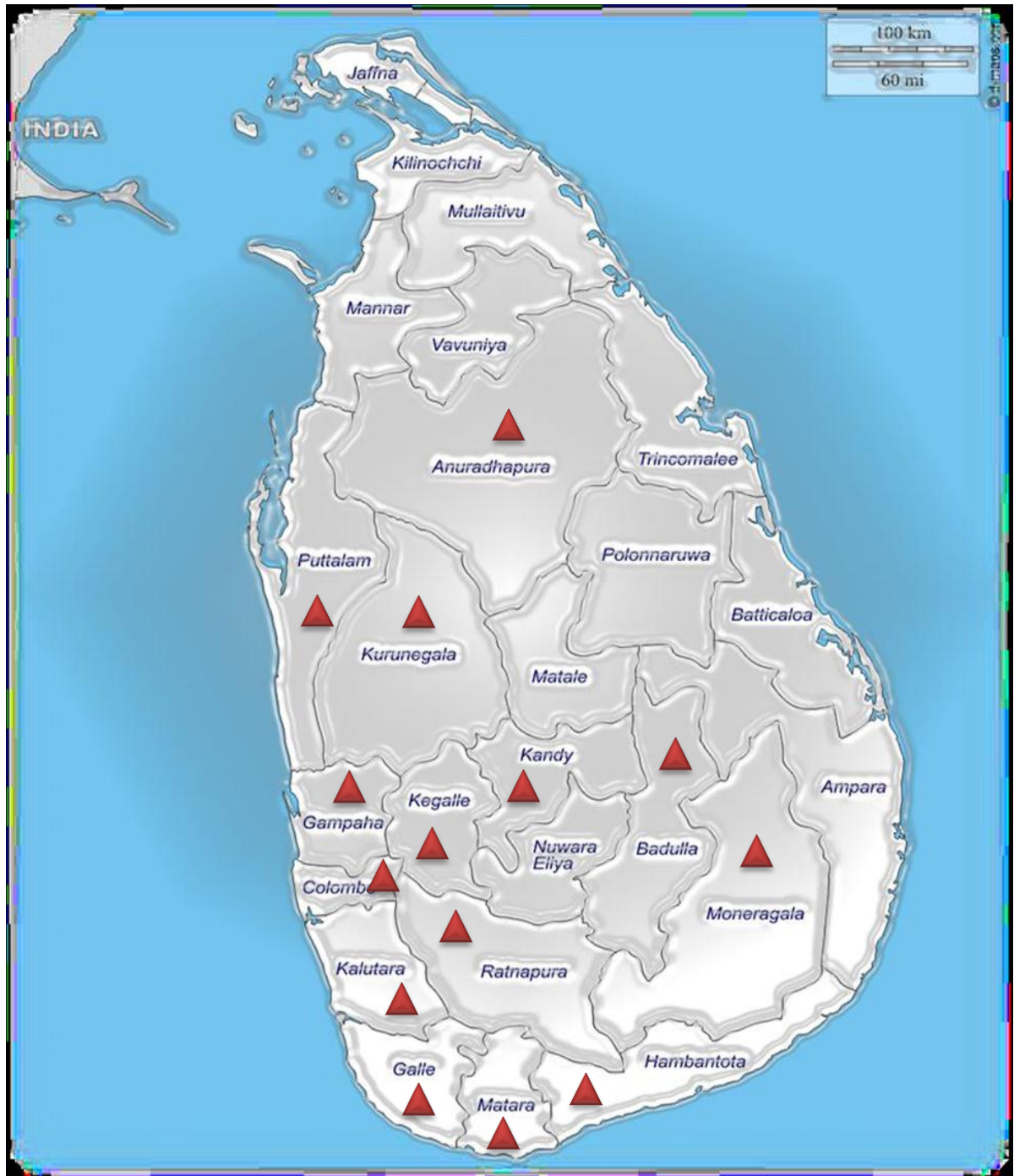
- Gender sensitivity - Respect for all forms of gender identities
- Impartiality - When Human Rights violations such as Torture, for example judicial killings or disappearances occur we act impartially without consideration to political party affiliation, ethnicity, caste, religion or status.
- Transparency - Financial and fiduciary transparency in the head office and district networks
- Accountability - Accountability to the community, beneficiary groups, donors and stakeholders

Strategic Objectives



4. Geographical Areas of Operation

Gampaha, Colombo, Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Badulla, Monaragala, Puttalam, Kandy, Kegalle, Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Ratnapura & Kalutara



5. Operational Context in 2016

The political context was changed, as a consequence of the presidential and general elections in 2015, producing a conducive climate for democracy and Good Governance and judicial integrity to revive. This political transformation opened up space for civil society to effectively engage in governance and R2L wanted to capitalize on this opportunity to consolidate on democratic reforms. Free and fair elections, curtailment of executive power, re-appointment of independent commissions, improved conditions for freedom of association and expression, protection for victims through the victim and witness protection act, and right to information act have been recognized as some of the key improvements, which took place in this period.

The present context the democratic space has further widened by creating space for a new constitution, process on transitional justice, etc. consultations for public opinion for what should consist in the constitution was held at district level. This is the first time such consultations were held before making the constitution. Also legal reforms such as amendments to penal code, enactment of the Right to Information act etc... are positive developments. The independent commissions such as the HRCSL /NPC are working more independently. For instance for the first time the HRCSL submitted a shadow report on its own to the Committee against Torture and a member of the commission participated on behalf of the commission at the review of Sri Lanka by the CAT committee in November 2016.



6. Programs

6.1 Activities

1. Awareness training programs for Human Rights Defenders

Training Human Rights Defender Groups (HRDGs')

The purpose of the trainings planned for HRDGs' is to strengthen skills and knowledge of the HRDGs', who already actively engaged with the civil society activism against torture and expand the number of HRDGs' in Gampaha, Galle, Matara, Hambanthota, Badulla and Monaragala districts to firm up the civil society network and for effectively engaging with relevant institutions, and also to establish Human Rights First Aid Centers in those districts. New comers also trained with this Human Rights training programs. The trainings were conducted in three categories, 1. Basic Training Program, 2. Advance Training Program, 3. Training Program for the Civil Society representatives in above mentioned districts.



Altogether there were 229 Human Rights Defenders have been trained in Gampaha, Galle, Matara, Hambanthota, Badulla and Monaragala districts (168 males 73.4% and 61 females 26.6%).



Public Awareness Campaign & Human Rights First Aid Centers (HRFAC)

R2L raised awareness among General public in using the existing provisions to get the benefit out of the selected Independent Commissions on preventing police torture and extra judiciary killings as well as to give publicity for the Human Rights First Aid Centers, which is being functioned voluntarily by HRDGs' through Public Awareness raising Campaign in Gampaha, Galle, Matara, Hambanthota, Badulla and Monaragala districts. Distribution of Leaflets, pasting Posters in several parts of the districts were done along with the HRDGs' within the district. Approximately 400 have taken part in the selected districts for the Public Awareness Campaign and opening of HRFACs'.

- Matara - Matara, Weligama, Denipitiya, Akuressa and Kamburupitiya
- Hambantota - Hambanthota, Angunakolapelessa, Tangalle, Ranna, Hungama & Ambalanthota

- Gampaha - Negombo, Gampaha & Minuwangoda
- Galle - Galle Town, Weligama & Habaraduwa



2. Education Program & Public Seminars on Transitional Justice (TJ)

In Galle, Matara and Hambanthota Districts Human Rights Defenders, Civil Society Activists and Village Leaders have been trained through one day Training of Trainees. There were input talks from the lectures, sharing of experiences, and discussions on Transitional Justice in these three districts. The main objective of the program was to make the people understand what



really TJ is, its process and the need of TJ at present to Sri Lanka. There were 99 who took part at the Education program and then in each district they conducted unit group meetings altogether there were 21 unit group meetings held.

After the training, trainees were given responsibility to spread the learning that they had with the people in the villages. The trained Human Rights Defenders have met the general public in several places in the Districts and create awareness among general public on Transitional Justice. Approximately 548 people have been taken part at

the unit group meetings from grass-root level.

We conducted public Seminars on Transitional Justice in Southern Community. In all three districts we had good discussion with General Public during the Seminar and we were able to create a discourse among the general public through Social media and mass and print media. There were 253 took part for Discourse through Public Seminar.



3. Opening of HRFAC and publicity Campaigns

	<u>District</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
01.	Matara	9 th July, 2016	“Gemi Piyasa” Kamburagama, Matara
02.	Hambantota	10 th July, 2016	“Bahukarya Madyastanaya” Ekkassa, Ambalantota
03.	Gampaha	17 th September, 2016	“Janavabodaya Center” Negombo
04.	Galle	19 th December, 2016	“Cooperative Center” Pettigalawatte, Galle



4. Workshop to Review the Role of the Torture Network and for the Preparation for the CAT Alternative (Shadow) Report

R2L conducted Two days' workshop to Review the Role of the Torture Network and for the Preparation for the CAT Alternative (Shadow) Report. The workshop was held on 12th and 13th of May, 2016 at Global Towers Hotel, Colombo. The purpose of event was to prepare the civil society organizations of the Network against Torture to produce a successful shadow report for submitting UNCAT in October 2016. Furthermore, the event was used to review the role of the network members as to effectively contribute to prepare the shadow report. Thirty One representatives from Civil Society Organizations of the network participated at the event.



6.2 Events / Forums

1. Commemoration of International Day in Support of Torture Survivors

On 27th of June 2016, Right to Life Human Rights Center commemorated the International Day in support of torture survivors on the theme of **“Let’s join together to support the victims of Torture”** along with all sectors and especially with the presence of torture survivors at Olympic House, Independence Avenue, Colombo 07.

Dr. Deepika Udagama, the Chairperson of Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka along with Mr. P. D. Liyanarachchi, Media Officer of National Police Commission, Mr. Brijo Francis, Executive Director of Asian Human Rights Commission and Civil Society leaders and many of the people took part for this event. R2L facilitated an event that drew 137 participants (58 women 79 men and 14 youth)



A documentary film entitled as "Silence in the Courts" was created by famous film director Mr. Prasanna Vithanage, also screening at the commemoration ceremony. And also Mr. Basil Fernando, Mr. Lakshan Dias and Mr. Upul Kumarapperuma three Lawyers were awarded with the Human Rights Defender's Award for standing fearlessly for the Rights of others.



2. The 68th Human Rights Day Commemoration

On 10th of December 2016, the 68th Human Rights Day was commemorated jointly by “Weediye Wirodaya” movement and “Platform for Freedom” at Mahaweli Center auditorium, Colombo 07. R2L facilitated the event and that drew 201 participants. The event was attended by HRDs from 15 districts, CSOs, politicians, religious leaders and diplomatic missions.



3. Launch of the Shadow Report on Torture and Extrajudicial Killings

Before the Civil Society Network submitted the joint shadow report on incidents of Torture and Extrajudicial Killings to the United Nations Committee Against Torture (UNCAT) in Geneva, Switzerland, an event was held on 13th of October 2016 at Lakshaman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations & Strategic Studies, in Colombo 07 to launch the report in Sri Lanka. 97 people, including members of the public, CSO' representatives, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Commissioner of the HRCSL participated in the event (24 women, 73 males). Officially a copy of the report was handed over to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at the event before it is submitted to UN CAT.



4. Hold Discussions with Government and Independent Institutes

Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka (HRCSL) and National Police Commission (NPC)

The Civil Society Network members had 3 meetings each with the HRCSL and NPC. At the first met Chairman and Chairperson of the Commissions and had discussions about the current situation about the Human Rights violations related to Torture and the gaps in institutional and legal mechanisms in monitoring and taking actions against these violations. HRCSL requested the Civil Society Network to provide recommendations from the Civil Society to improve the mechanism for addressing the current issues in the system. Ten members of the Civil Society Network (representing Seven Organizations) participated at the meeting with HRCSL. At the second meeting, six members of the Civil Society Collective against Torture representing five CSOs' met with the HRCSL to discuss the role and scope of the HRCSL and its future activities. The HRCSL invited the Collective to join them in planning and implementing the institution's activities. The third meeting focused on preparing a joint action plan between Civil Society and the HRCSL to implement the CAT Committee recommendations. Seven members from five organizations joined this discussion. The first meeting with NPC was attended by thirteen members from seven CSOs'. The meeting focused on a common agenda for preventing Torture and Extra Judicial Killings in the country. The second, follow-up meeting was held with the Secretary of the NPC who formally instructed NPC officials to liaise with the CSOs' Human Rights desks in Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Badulla, Monaragala and Gampaha districts. Eight members from Six CSOs' participated at the meeting. The third meeting was held with the Secretary and Media Officer of the NPC. Main focus was to obtain support of the Commission

for the implementation of UN CAT recommendations. The Civil Society organizations joined these meetings with HRCSL and NPC are R2L, FOD, Rights Now, IMADR, LST, Rule of Law Foundation, FRC, Shramabhimani, JanawabodaKendraya, NPC, INFORM, CID. Apart from this individuals who are part of the network joined in these discussions. (Example ErmizaTegal AAL, PriyalalSirisena, AAL)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)

Seven members representing five CSOs' met with the Additional Secretary and Senior Director General (EU, Multilateral Treaties and Commonwealth) and other officials at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The discussions focused on harnessing policy support for the prevention of torture, the submissions on the status of human rights in Sri Lanka at the UNHRC sessions in November 2016 and the submission of the Civil Society joint alternative report to the UNCAT. The second follow up meeting was held with two consultants appeared on behalf of the Ministry to consult Civil Society for preparation of the chapter on Torture prevention in the National Human Rights Action Plan 2017-2021. Eleven members from Eight Civil Society organizations joined the meeting.

Ministry of Justice (MoJ)

Eight members of the Civil Society Collective against Torture (CSCT) representing six organizations met with the Secretary to the Ministry of Justice to submit a report comprising issues and recommendations to the Ministry. Issues discussed in the meeting include the frequent delays in court proceedings and hearings; the failure to implement or revise the Convention Against Torture And Other Cruel, Inhuman Or Degrading Treatment Or Punishment Act (No. 22 of 1994); the need to amend or replace the PTA with new legislation that takes into account the use of torture, degrading or inhuman treatment on detainees; and allocating funds to establish an operational structure needed for the effective implementation of the Assistance to and Protection of Victims of Crime and Witnesses Act.



6.3 Networking

1. National Civil Society Network against Torture

The two meetings, which have been planned to hold with the Civil Society Network (comprised organizations and activists) for advocating against torture and extra judicial killings, was held in April and December in 2016. The purpose of meeting was to prepare a discussion outline for meetings with Human Rights Commission (HRC) and National Police Commission (NPC). Agendas for the meetings with HRC and NPC were developed at this meeting.



2. Political Network (Weediye Wirodaya & Platform For Freedom)

After the establishment of good governance Government in 2015, Right to Life Human Rights Center was closely associated with other organizations and networks to achieve two main objectives.

1. To win wider Democratic Rights as Civil Society Collective
2. To prevent Torture and Extra Judicial Killings as Civil Society Collective

1. Civil Society Collective to win wider Democratic Rights

Civil Society Collective worked together in 2016 to win wider democratic rights highlighting the need of the establishment a New Constitution, a Transitional Justice process for building peace and reconciliation, establishment of Independence Commissions and to ensure Rule of Law, and to create a public discourse on the Law reform process in the South, including the establishment of a Democratic Government.

At First we commenced our work as “Platform for Freedom” and “Weediye Wirodaya” movement conducting meetings called ‘Citizen Dialogue’ to create awareness among the general public on New Constitution at 10 districts we have conducted 15 Public Meetings which eventually contributed to the public hearing conducted under Mr. Lal Wijenayake, who was appointed by the for the Public Hearings for the new constitution by the government.

Thereafter along with 60 activists representing 18 districts, we conducted two day workshop on the challenges faced by civil society and how to take proper steps to avoid it.

Later we conducted two major protests in May and June of 2016 was held in Colombo against the white van Abduction and the Assault on our leading Human Rights Activist and Journalist Mr. Freddie Gamage.

Further delay of the political reforms agreed by the new government the Civil Society Collective conducted 4 seminars on “Yahapalana Anduwe Anagathaya” (Future of Good Governance).

2. Civil Society Collective to prevent Torture and Extra Judicial Killings

In 2011, there were 11 Organizations were present at this Collective but in 2016 the number of the organizations in the Collective increased to 20 organizations who joined hands due to the seriousness of the torture and extrajudicial killing in the country.



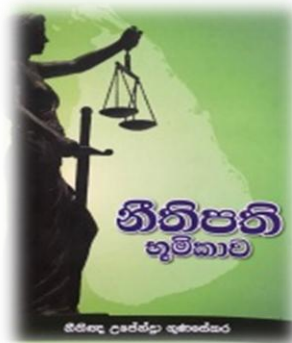
6.4 Publication

1. “Transitional Justice in Sri Lanka” by: *Mr. Prasanga Fernando*

A booklet was written and printed by “Right to Life” Human Rights Center under the name of “Transitional Justice in Sri Lanka” and it contains 40 pages. Mr. Prasanga Fernando (Program Coordinator “Right to Life” Human Rights Center) is the Author of the Book. The booklet has mainly 5 chapters. We have printed 2000 Booklets (1000 each in Sinhala & Tamil Language). The Booklets were distributed to the participants at the TOT programs, and given to the people who took part in the Unit Group Meetings in the villages as well as to those who took part at Public Seminars. Apart from this the booklets were distributed to the Human Rights Defenders in Gampaha, Galle, Matara, Hambanthota, Monaragala, Badulla and distributed at various events conducted by R2L, among the other civil society organizations.



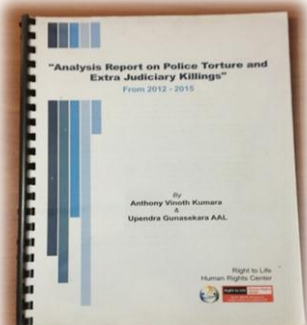
2. “Role of Attorney General” by: *Ms. Upendra Gunasekara AAL*



A publication was done by R2L on the role of Attorney General named “නීතිපති භූමිකාව” (Neethipathi Bhumikawa). R2L Legal Officer Ms. Upendra Gunasekera is the author. The booklet contains history of role of Attorney General, according to the law of Sri Lanka power of Attorney General, responsible of Attorney General to prevent Torture and Rule of Law and Independence of Judiciary. We have printed 500 booklets. The Booklets were distributed at various events conducted by R2L and to the participants at the TOT programs, to the Civil Society Organizations.

3. “Analysis Report on Police Torture and Extra Judiciary Killings from 2012 – 2015” By: *Mr. Antony Vinoth & Ms. Upendra Gunasekara*

An Analysis report was done by R2L analyzing from 2012 to 2015 the situation of torture in Sri Lanka after the 2011 UNCAT Review. And Mr. Anthony Vinoth & Ms. Upendra Gunasekara AAL prepared the report. And the Report has been used with its enriching annexures with paper cuttings, details of the cases that has been reported to R2L and other relevant Civil society organizations both local and internationally.



4. “Joint alternative Report from NGO collective to the Committee Against Torture”



A committee was appointed at the workshop that was held on 13th May for CSOs' against Torture to compile the shadow report to submit UNCAT in 2016. Further to forming the Committee, the members met Five times for drafting the report. The collection of data on Torture and Extra Judicial Killings from various sources was begun. The data was incorporated into the shadow report. 15 hard copies of the report was submitted to the UNCAT on 17th October, 2016.

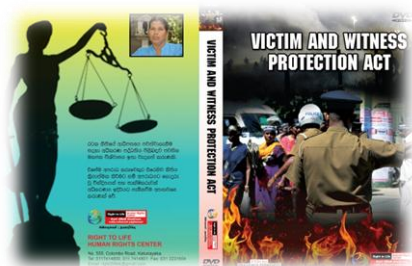
5. මානව හිමිකම් ප්‍රථමාදාර මධ්‍යස්ථාන වැඩසටහන (Functions of Human Rights First Aid Centers) By: R2L

A publication was done by R2L on the program of Human Rights First Aid Centers named “මානව හිමිකම් ප්‍රථමාදාර මධ්‍යස්ථාන වැඩසටහන” (Manawa Himikam Prathamadara Wadasatahana). The booklet contains introduction to the concept of Human Rights First Aid Centers, its objectives, activities that HRFAC will be executing and the Basic criteria of forming and HRFAC. We have printed 20 booklets.



6. Audio Video Documentaries

6.1 “Victim and Witness Protection Act” By: Mr. Prasanga Fernando



R2L produced Two video documentaries. One of these documentaries is on “**Victim and Witness Protection Act**” and its effects on the victims. The 10 minute audiovisual (AV) documentary in Sinhala language on the need to implement legislation that ensures the protection of Victims and Witnesses in Sri Lanka. The documentary was distributed to 34 CSOs', collectives, activists and state institutions including the HRCSL and the NPC.

6.2 “Specific vulnerabilities and challenges of women dealing with Torture issues” By: Ms. Velayudan Jayachithra

The second Video documentary is on “specific vulnerabilities and challenges of women dealing with Torture issues”. The documentary will be distributed to 26 CSOs', 2 international organizations, Asian Human Rights Commission, 6 government institutions including HRCSL / NPC, Ministry of women's affairs, 3 universities and 2 media stations (YA TV, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Cooperation).

6.5 Media

1. Websites

Articles and news items were published in two websites www.aithiya.lk and www.right2lifelanka.org. In the first quarter, 127 (113 in Sinhala and 14 in English). The second quarter contained 258 news articles (210 in Sinhala and 48 in English) and the third quarter 473 news articles (451 in Sinhala and 22 in English) have been posted on R2L's websites.



2. An E-database / Archive on Cases of Torture and Extrajudicial Killings

A national level database (based on Complaints, reports from HRDs'/ District Networks) was developed. It contains victim's information, court cases, complains made to HRCSL/NPC, IGP, AGs' Department regarding incidents of Torture and Extra Judicial Killings in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016. The data was shared with the Civil Society Network against Torture in preparing the joint alternative report for the CAT committee in 2016.



7. Achievements in Land Marked Cases

Right to Life entered 2016 with the winning case of Late. Gerrad Mervin Perera and ended proceeded the year to 2017 by winning the case of Late. Sandun Malinga in 2017, January.

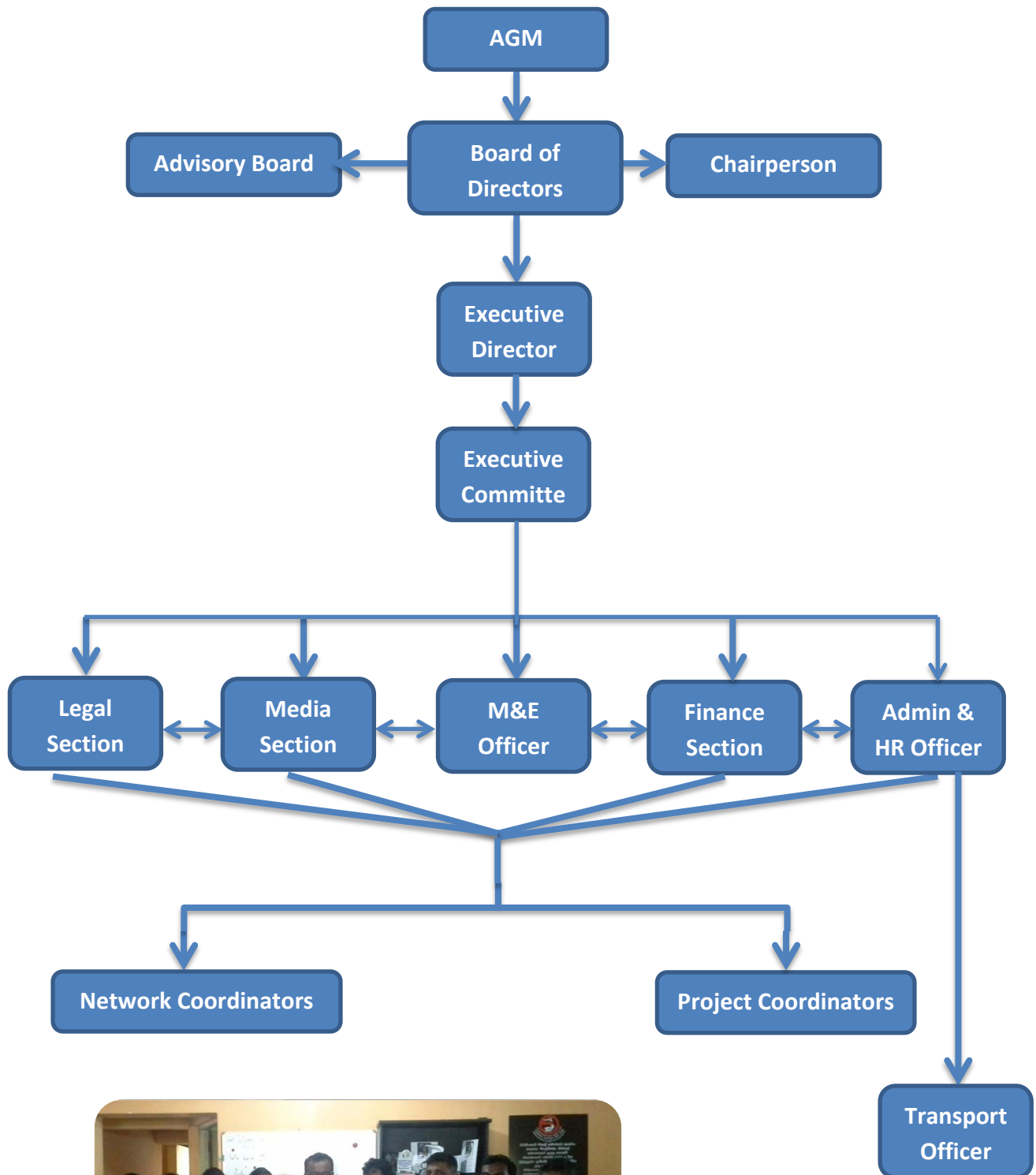
1. In 2015 Murder case of Gerrad Mervin Perera of Wattala, Western Province (High Court - Negombo)
On the 22nd of June, 2015, the judgment ordered death penalty to the two accused persons. (Including a Police Officer)
2. In 2016 Torture Case of Asantha Aravinda of Galle, Southern Province (Supreme Court - Colombo)
On the 02nd of August, 2016 Court states that, OIC attached to Pitabeddara Police station had violated the Fundamental Rights of the victim. The Court ordered to State and Inspector General of Police to pay Rs.200,000.00 compensation to the victim.
3. In 2016 Rape Case of Niluka Krishanthi of Gampaha, Western Province (High Court - Negombo)
On the 10th of August, 2016, in the judgment ordered, punished the accused with rigorous imprisonment for Twenty years (20) and with fine (Rs.20,000.00) and ordered to pay compensation (Rs.400,000.00) to the victim.
4. In 2016 Torture Case of K.A. Hemasiri, Matara, Southern Province (High Court - Matara)
On the 26th of October, 2016, in the judgment, ordered that the accused (former OIC, Hakmana Police Station) was sentenced with the fine.
5. In 2017 Murder Case of Sandun Malinga, Badulla, Uva Province (High Court - Badulla)
On the 09th of January, 2017, in the judgment, ordered death penalty to the six (06) accused. (All of them are Police Officers)



8. Financial Position

#	Date	Donor	Project Title & Total Budget	Total Grant Amount (LKR)	Description of Project
1.	2016-2017	SPICE	Strengthening civil activism and campaign against torture in Sri Lanka	5,212,720.81	The project focuses on addressing the legal constraints affecting prevention of torture. On the other hand it also monitors the NHRC and NPC to build trust on the independence and effectiveness of the commissions in taking up cases against personnel including police officers accused of human rights violations.
2.	2016-2017	NTT	Enhancing efficiency and accountability of the Human Rights Commission and National Police Commission for the Public	387,705.00	To make the people in the selected districts to make use of the selected Independent Commissions at the same time make the independent Commissions to work more efficiently than in the past.
3.	2016	UNFVT	You are not alone – support torture victims	2,756,372.00	To minimize torture incidents taking place in the country through governmental organizations by lobbying and creating awareness to form a conducive environment in which fundamental human rights are protected and promoted to create a culture of zero tolerance on torture.
4.	2016	OHCHR	Awareness Raising on Transitional Justice Among the Southern Community	641,198.00	To create awareness among the Southern Community on Transitional Justice Process and make them give their opinion to the Consultation Task Force on Transitional Justice as well as to get the real idea of what the transitional Justice mechanism is.
5.	2016	ALRC	A project to promote actual implementation of the UNCAT in the target countries in Asia	685,667.51	To improve rule of law in pre-condition for the prevention of torture.

9. Organizational Structure and Staff



Right to Life Staff in 2016

- Executive Director : Mr. Philip Dissanayake
- Monitoring and Evaluation Officer : Mrs. Buddhika Mendis
- Project Manager : Mr. Wasantha Ranil
- Network Coordinator : Mr. Prasanga Fernando
- Administrative Officer : Mr. Anthony Vinoth
- Legal Officer : Ms. Upendra Gunasekara AAL
Ms. Sulochana Hettiarachchi AAL
Mr. Lakshan Fernando
- Media Coordinator : Mr. Sudesh de Silva
Mr. Suranjan Prasad
- Finance Officer : Mrs. Kalpani Perera
- Database Officer : Mr. Pubudu Randima
- Assistant Finance Officer : Ms. Vinudi Sehansa
- Transport Officer : Mr. Mahesh Channa Fernando



10. Annexures

Number of Cases

Head Office - 44

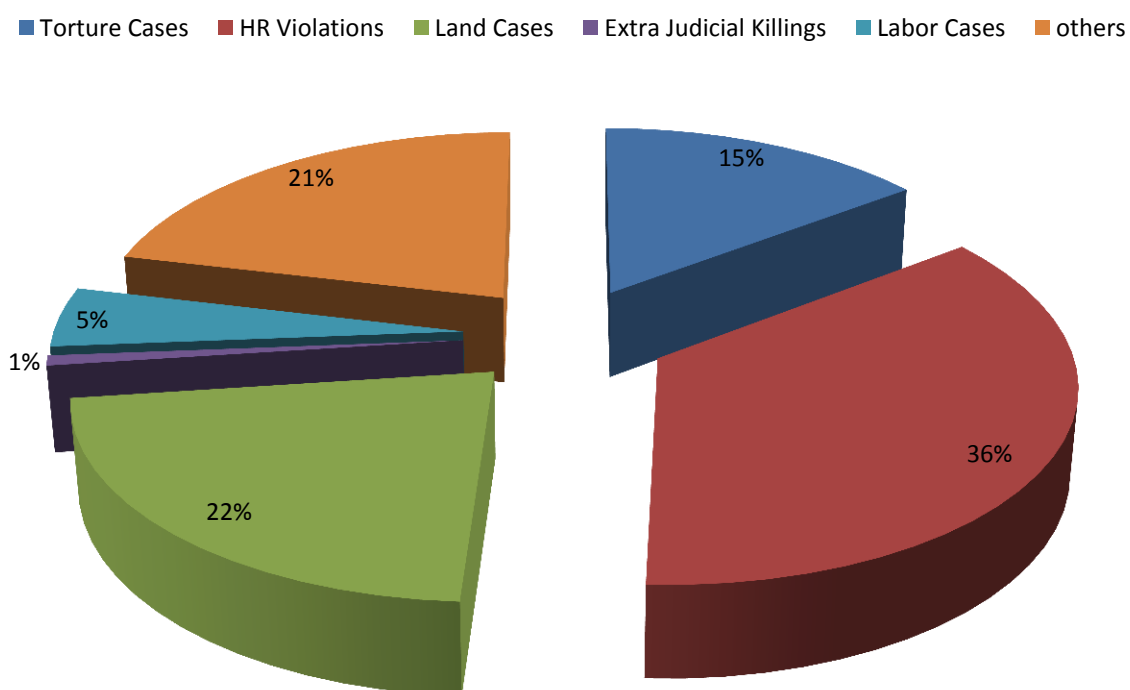
Hambanthoata HRFAC – 29

Gampaha HRFAC - 19

Matara HRFAC – 15

Total - 107

All Complaints



Court Cases in 2016**Supreme Court**

<u>No.</u>	<u>Victim's Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Appeared Lawyer</u>
01.	Seinul Miswar	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 342/2008	Mr.Upul Kumarapperuma
02.	Asantha Aravinda	Torture	SCFR 26/2009	Mr.Upul Kumarapperuma
03.	Amitha Ariyaratne	Torture	SCFR 123/2009	
04.	K.A.Hemasiri	Torture	SCFR 12/2010	Mr.Upul Kumarapperuma
05.	Sameera Sandaruwan (FTZ)	Torture	SCFR 346/2011	Mr.J.C.Weliamuna
06.	Jayathilake (FTZ)	Torture	SCFR 347/2011	Mr.J.C.Weliamuna
07.	Pradeep Kumara (FTZ)	Torture	SCFR 348/2011	Mr.J.C.Weliamuna
08.	R.H.M.Keerthirathne	Torture	SCFR 491/2011	Mr.Upul Kumarapperuma
09.	Nimal Chandrasiri	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 260/2012	Mr.J.C.Weliamuna
10.	Thusitha Rathnayake	Torture	SCFR 521/2012	Ms.Ermiza Teagel
11.	Susil Priyanka	Torture	SCFR 690/2012	Mr.Pulasthi Hewamanne
12.	Jerad Mervin Perera	Murder	SC SPECIAL LA 259/2013	Dr.Jayantha Almeda
13.	Sandun Malinga	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 157/2014	Mr.Lakshan Dias
14.	L.A.Samantha	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 85/2015	Mr.Lakshan Dias
15.	Shantha Lakmal	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 28/2016	Mr.Lakshan Dias
16.	Kalum Subasinghe	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 29/2016	Mr.Lakshan Dias
17.	Sumith Prasanna	Extra Judicial Killing	SCFR 30/2016	Mr.Lakshan Dias/ Mr.Priyalal Sirisena
18.	D.P.Mendis	Torture	SCFR 32/2016	Mr.Lakshan Dias/ Mr.Priyalal Sirisena
19.	Gamage Lasantha	Torture	SCFR 33/2016	Mr.Lakshan Dias/ Mr.Priyalal Sirisena
20.	Gamage Wasantha	Torture	SCFR 34/2016	Mr.Lakshan Dias/ Mr.Priyalal Sirisena

Court of Appeal

<u>No.</u>	<u>Victim's Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Appeared Lawyer</u>
01.	David Amarasinghe	Appeal	C.A. LA-338/11	Mr.J.C.Weliamuna
02.	Sandun Malinga (K.U.Mallika)	Mandamus	C.A. (WRIT) App. No. 375/15	Mr.Lakshan Dias
03.	Nimal Chandrasiri (Dilupa Sudarshani)	Mandamus	C.A. (WRIT) App. No. 473/15	Ms.Wasana Wickramasekara
04.	Jerad Mervin Perera	Appeal	C.A. 151-152/2015	Ms.Himali Jayanetti (SC)

High Court

<u>No.</u>	<u>Victim's Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Appeared Lawyer</u>
01.	Anandi Shashidharan	Disappearance	HC 507/08	Mr.K.S.Rathnawel
02.	Jerad Mervin Perera	Torture	HC 326/2003	Mr.Hansa Abeyrathne
03.	Niluka Krishanthi	Rape	HC 162/2009	Mr.Hansa Abeyrathne
04.	Asantha Aravinda	Torture	HC 44/2012	Mr.Gunawardena
05.	Seinul Miswar	Murder	HC 354/2013	Mr.Hansa Abeyrathne
06.	K.A.Hemasiri	Assault	HC 57/2014	Mr.Nuwan Kaushalya
07.	Sandun Malinga	Murder	HC 01/2015	Mr.Kashyapa Perera

District Court

<u>No.</u>	<u>Victim's Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Appeared Lawyer</u>
01.	Niluka Krishanthi	Compensation	12242/M	Mr.Dileepa Batagoda/Mr.Namal Jayawardena
02.	Brito Fernando & Philip Dissanayake (Elsuwa)	Stay Order	2835/SP	Mr.Sunil Cooray/Mr.Wijesooriya
03.	Asantha Aravinda	Compensation	149/M	
04.	Jesus Danisius	Harassment	14239/M	

Magistrate Court

<u>No.</u>	<u>Victim's Name</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Case Number</u>
01.	Asantha Aravinda	False case	B/2111
02.	Asantha Aravinda & Thushara	False case	B/2113
03.	Asantha Aravinda	False case	B/33921
04.	Asantha Aravinda	False case	B/4860
05.	Aruna Roshantha	Torture	B/3329
06.	Roshen Chanaka	Murder	B/1577
07.	David Amarasingja	Murder	B/678
08.	Jesus Danisius	Assault	B/2455
09.	Susil Priyanka	False case	B/896
10.	Anil Thushara	False case	B/896
11.	K.A Hemasiri	False case	B/66401
12.	. Mdushka Harishka de Silava	Disappearance	B/2894
13.	Nimal Chandrasiri	Murder	B/04561
14.	Weediye Wirodya	Assault	B/21970
15.	D.M Punchibanda	Mass grave	B/1810
16.	S.A.P Samantha Dasanayake	Torture	B/3276
17.	A.S.P Fonseka	Torture	B/15142