

Annual Report - 2020



Welfare Benefits Board

**Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization &
National Policies**

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020

Name of the institution: Welfare Benefits Board

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- WBB – Welfare Benefits Board
- WB Act – Welfare Benefits Act No 24 of 2002 of the Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka
- WB – World Bank
- WBIU – Welfare Beneficiary Information Unit
- WBS – Welfare Benefit Scheme
- BCP – Business Continuity Plan
- DRMS – Disaster Recovery Management System
- DS – District Secretariat
- HR - Human Resource
- MSD –Management Services Department
- ICT – Information Communication Technology
- ICTA – Information Communication Technology Agency
- IIT – Informatics International Limited
- IT - Information Technology
- IWMS – Integrated Welfare Management System
- IEC – Information Educational & Communication
- SSNP – Social Safety Nets Project
- SRIS – Social Registry Information System
- SRU – Social Registry Unit
- SQL – Structured Query Language
- PMU – Project Management Unit of the Ministry of Finance
- TOR – Terms of Reference

CHAPTER 1 - THE ORGANIZATION

1.1 Mission

The mission of the Welfare Benefits Board was identified and developed in relation to meet the objectives of Act, the Social Safety Nets Project and emerging needs for reform of the Sri Lanka welfare sector. Thus, the Mission statement will be as follows.

“Develop and implement a coherent welfare benefits management system for all targeted benefits schemes ensuring transparency and equity in selecting beneficiaries”.

1.2 Legal Framework

Welfare Benefits Board (WBB) was established in July 2016 in terms of Section 3 of Welfare Benefits Act No. 24 of 2002, which came into operation again on 15th February 2016 under the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No. 1952/22 of 02nd February 2016 of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. The Board comprises Chairman and four members who are appointed in July 2016 for a three-year term by the Minister in charge of the subject of finance in consultation with the Constitutional Council as per Section 2 of WB Act.

The main objectives of the Act will be as follows.

- To provide the legal framework for the payment of all welfare benefits
- To set out a transparent process for identification the recipients of benefits
- Provisions for termination of such benefits

1.3 Functions of Welfare Benefits Board

Following main functions for the realization of the aforesaid objects;

- To exercise, perform and discharge powers, duties and functions conferred on or assigned to it, by the Act.
- To delegate powers to any of District Secretary, Divisional Secretary or Grama Niladhari or public officer any power, duty or function vested in the Board.
- Establishment of Welfare Benefit Schemes
- Develop the criteria for eligibility

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- Specify the financial allocation in terms of a Scheme
- Specify the date of commencement of the Scheme
- Specify the financial or other benefits to be granted
- State the period for which persons are entitled to receive benefits

CHAPTER 2 - OVERVIEW

WBB, which was established under the Welfare Benefits Act (2002) and has the mandate to develop transparent processes for enrollment, grievance redress and payment of beneficiaries of welfare programs. Four main programs will initially be implemented by the WBB. Those programs are Samurdhi, Elderly Allowance, Disability Allowance and Allowance for Chronic Kidney Disease Patients. SSNP is the supporting agency funded by the WB for the establishment of a WBB

The SSNP is being implemented by the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National Policies. The main objective of the Social Safety Nets Project is to improve the equity, efficiency, transparency of welfare programs in Sri Lanka. After completion of successful five years' time, WBB will be responsible body for the system which we known as IWMS.

This IWMS system carried out some significant influence to the Government of Sri Lanka. Mainly through this we can improve efficiency and effectiveness of the targeted welfare delivery programs. As we all aware, there is a massive inclusion and exclusion error occurring with reference to distribution among general public specially in "Samurdhi" program. Through this system we can be made welfare programs more transparent and accountable, in addressing the urgent needs of low-income communities and isolated regions in the country and also minimize errors and promote adoption of the accurate process in selection of beneficiaries by introducing appropriate selection criteria across the programs at divisional secretariat and national level.

In addition to this improve the accessibility and responsiveness of social welfare services, reduce transaction costs to the government and this will be redirect to invest considerable amount of money through this system. Also, this earn money can be used to some other part of the country. Apart from that, we can be improved the necessary ICT and human capacities required to ensure the best use of resources allocated for integrated social welfare management programs and enhance the monitoring and evaluation skills.

CHAPTER 3 – ACTION PLAN & PROGREE REVIEW

3.1 Action plan for 2020

This table presents the details on the activities planned and carried out during the year of 2020.

Strategy	Program	Activities / Sub activities
1. To develop / implement a Integrated welfare management system		
1.1 Strengthen reliability of the SRIS	1.1.1 Implement DRMS for both server and client operations	1.1.1.1 Implement DRMS for server operations
		1.1.1.2 Implement Disaster recovery management system for client operations
		1.1.1.3 Distribute instructions to DS offices according to the BCP
		1.1.1.4 Install and configure staging server for SRIS of ICTA cloud (Install JDK, Tomcat, Pgadmin, Apache, Python etc.)
1.2 Establishment of SRIS	1.2.1 Final project sign - off	1.2.1.1 Conduct knowledge transfer session for WBB from the SRIS contractor
		1.2.1.2 Final project handing over
		1.2.1.3 Prepare and distribute IEC materials of materials of SRIS
1.3 Population of Data	1.3.1 Data migration process	1.3.1.1 Design the Data migration plan
		1.3.1.2 Field mapping
		1.3.1.3 Data cleansing
		1.3.1.4 Validate sample Data
		1.3.1.5 Data migration
		1.3.1.6 Verification and user acceptance
1.4 Population of Data	1.4.1.data verification and SRIS update	1.4.1.1 Develop a mobile application for Data verification
		1.4.1.2 Cross check with existing Data
1.5 Cross -platform client for postage SQL databases	1.5.1 Developing the execute and analyze custom SQL queries to get load browser view data	1.5.1.1 Enable and query data export to CSV/ JSON / XML
		1.5.1.2 Cross - platform support Cross-platform support OSX/Linux/Windows 32/64-bit

2. To ensure sustainability		
2.1 Implementation of IT policy	2.1.1 Introduce an IT and security policy for internal stake holders of SRIS	2.1.1.1 Develop master plan / policy for WBB
		2.1.1.2 Identification of resource personnel
		2.1.1.3 Finalize IT and Security Policy
		2.1.1.4 Official endorsement of IT and security policy
		2.1.1.5 Develop and distribute IT and security policy manuals for SRIS users
		2.1.1.6 Conduct awareness programs on IT and security policy for all SRIS stakeholders and higher authorities
2.2 Capacity development	2.2.1 Conduct HR Develop programs	2.2.1.1 Conduct short term training programs for WBB
		2.2.1.2 Conduct short term training programs for WBIU officers
		2.2.1.3 Conduct long term training programs for SRU Officers
		2.2.1.4 Conduct Knowledge transfer session for WBB from the SRIS contractor
		2.2.1.5 Conduct awareness and training sessions DS
2.3 Continuous improvement of SRIS	2.3.1 Total quality management system	2.3.1.1 Conduct meetings and workshops
		2.3.1.2 Conduct training sessions
		2.3.1.3 Conduct surveys
		2.3.1.4 Organize and implement IT audit while the SRIS is in the live operation.
2.4 Maintenance of records	2.4.1 Inventory management system	2.4.1.1 Asset inventory for IT and network equipment should be formed related to SRIS
2.5 Establishment of policy and procedures	2.5.1 Develop policy and procedure for disposals for modification	2.5.1.1 Develop a formal hardware and records disposal procedure with relevant authorities related to SRIS.
3. To establish institutional setup		
3.1 Strengthen Institutional structure	3.1.1 Restructuring of organizational structure to support live operation of SRIS (WBB/ DS)	3.1.1.1 Create new carder positions and revisit existing carders to support the live operations of SRIS
		3.1.1.2 Prepare and finalize the Terms of reference to support the re-structured organizational structure of WBB

		3.1.1.3 Perform requirement procedure and work assignment for according to the prepared TOR's
		3.1.1.4 Prepare and finalize the Terms of reference to support the DS Level operations
		3.1.1.5 Identify the infrastructure at WBB level
		3.1.1.6 Identify the infrastructure at DS level
		3.1.1.7 Establishment of office setup for Welfare programs DS office
		3.1.1.8 WBIU human resources
		3.1.1.9 Develop a database for WBIU monitoring
4. Establish monitoring system		
4.1 Attending to day to day operations of the SRIS	4.1.1 Live operation of the SRIS system.	4.1.1.1 Establish help desk operations for SRIS
		4.1.1.2 Conduct training sessions
		4.1.1.3 Coordinate on system modifications
		4.1.1.4 Establish SRIS user management and monitoring system
5. Data sharing and develop integrated system		
5.1 Effective communication	5.1.1 Establish formal communication System	5.1.1.1 Develop and communicate the adequate communication strategies among project stake holder
5.2 Move the system from SRIS to IWMS	5.2.1 Develop a complete system including all welfare programs and payment module	5.2.1.1 Study on other all welfare schemes which comes under social safety net
		5.2.1.2 Study on disbursement module

Table 1: Action plan

3.2 Performance based on the Action plan

1. To develop / implement a welfare management system	
Strategy	Progress / Remark
1. Strengthen reliability of the SRIS	We have developed BCP by covering Welfare Benefits Board premises and DS Division offices and we have forwarded a proposal to purchase a server machine for the purpose of electronic data backup.
2. Establishment of SRIS	It has been discussed with IIL, regarding the handing process of the SRIS.
3. Population of Data	2.4 million migrated data has been imported to the staging server

4. Cross - platform client for postage SQL databases	Developed the Business Intelligence (BI) tool to show the migrated data.
3. To ensure sustainability	
1.Implementation of IT policy	It has been developed a basic IT policy for WBB which need to be taken consultation through a professional body.
2.Capacity development	Conducted online training programs for WBIU officers to maintain the sustainability of the SRIS.
3.Continuous improvement of SRIS	Conducted kind of meetings and trainings at different administrative levels (District / Divisional) to announce the status of the SRIS
4. Maintenance of records	Developed an Asset Inventory Management System for SRIS
3. To establish institutional setup	
1.Strengthen Institutional structure	Revoked the existing WBB organization structure. Identified that it is need to have a major structural change in composition of the WBB
4. Data sharing and develop integrated system	
1. Move the system from SRIS to IWMS	Identified the limitations in SRIS and initial actions have been taken to migrate from SRIS to IWMS. This IWMS will be worked as an extension of the SRIS

Table 2: Performance based on the Action plan

CHAPTER 4 - OVERALL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

4.1 Statement of Financial Performance

COMPREHENSIVE INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

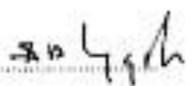
Description	Note	2020	2019 Restated
Revenue			
Government Grant	1	5,082,645	7,967,266
Expenses			
Personal Emoluments	2	4,901,808	7,093,495
Other Operating Expenses	3	894,088	1,624,458
		5,795,896	-8,717,953
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		-713,251	-750,687.32

**WELFARE BENEFIT BOARD
MINISTRY OF FINANCE**

Statement of Financial Position for the year ended 31st December 2020

		2020	2019
	Note	Rs.	Rs.
COMPONENT 01			
Non current assets			
Property Plant & Equipments	04	330,681.52	3,318,772.51
Current assets			
Receivables	05	-	50,000.00
		<u>330,681.52</u>	<u>3,368,772.51</u>
FINANCED BY			
Net asset/Equity			
PPE Reserve		4,584,793.00	4,584,793.00
Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)		- 4,257,134.80	- 1,224,224.47
Total Net assets/Equity		<u>327,658.20</u>	<u>3,360,568.53</u>
Current liabilities			
Accrued Expenses	06	<u>3,023.32</u>	<u>8,203.98</u>
		<u>330,681.52</u>	<u>3,368,772.51</u>

Financial Statements presented in pages from 1 - 3 and other notes to the accounts presented in pages from 4 - 10 are form integral parts of the Financial statements. We hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements/Notes to accounts have been prepared in accordance with the documents and information maintained by the Board



Name & Signature of Secretary
Ministry of Finance

S. R. Attygalle
Secretary to the Treasury and
Secretary to the Ministry of Finance
The Secretariat
Colombo 01



For Chairman
Additional Commissioner (Acting)

F.M.K. Hettiaratchi
Additional Commissioner (Acting)
Welfare Benefits Board
Ministry of Finance

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Accountant

ACCOUNTANT
MINISTRY OF FINANCE



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	Property Plant & Equipment Reserve	Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
Balance as at 01/01/2017	-	-	-
PPE reserve	3,773,670.00		3,773,670.00
PPE reserve for the year	811,123.00		
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	-	(72,390.08)	(72,390.08)
Balance as at 31/12/2016	4,584,793.00	(72,390.08)	3,701,279.92
	Property Plant & Equipment Reserve	Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
Balance as at 01/01/2018	4,584,793.00	(72,390.08)	4,512,402.92
PPE Reserve for the year	-		
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	-	(353,195.07)	(353,195.07)
Balance as at 31/03/2017	4,584,793.00	(425,585.15)	4,159,207.85
	Property Plant & Equipment Reserve	Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
Balance as at 01/01/2019	4,584,793.00	(425,585.15)	4,159,207.85
Audit Fees - 2018		(47,952.00)	(47,952.00)
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	-	(750,687.32)	(750,687.32)
Balance as at 31/12/2019	4,584,793.00	(1,224,224.47)	3,360,568.53
	Property Plant & Equipment Reserve	Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit)	Total
Balance as at 01/01/2020	-	(1,224,224.47)	(1,224,224.47)
Previous year Depreciation		(2,319,659.61)	(2,319,659.61)
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year	-	(713,250.72)	(713,250.72)
Balance as at 31/12/2020	-	(4,257,134.80)	(4,257,134.80)

CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020	
	Rs.	Cts
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus or /(Deficit) during the year	(713,250.72)	
Incremental Operating Cost	-	
<u>Adjustment for:</u>		
<u>Depreciation</u>	1,201,302.27	
Operating profit before working capital change	488,051.55	
Prior year adjustment	(47,952.00)	
(Increase)/Decrease in trade & other payable	(5,180.66)	
(Increase)/Decrease in Receivables	-	
Net cash generated from operating activities	434,918.89	
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	
Net cash (used in) investing activities	-	
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Lease Paid	-	
Net cash used in financing activities	-	
Net increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents during the Year	434,918.89	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year	434,918.89	

Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the Year

The Accounting Policies and Notes annexed form an integral part of these
Financial Statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

01. GENERAL

- 1.1 Welfare Benefits Board (WBB) was established in July 2016 in terms of Section 3 of Welfare Benefits Act No.24 of 2002, which into operation again on 15th February 2016 under the Extraordinary Gazette Notification No.1952/22 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- 1.2 The Board comprises Chairman and four members who are appointed in July 2016 by the minister in charge of the subject of finance in consultation with the Constitutional Council as per Section 2 of WBB Act.
- 1.3 Welfare Benefits Board is located at 1st floor New Building in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National policies, the Secretariat, Colombo - 01.
- 1.4 Objectives of the Welfare Benefits Board
 - The main objective to provide framework for the payment of all welfare benefits.
 - To set out a transparent process for identification the recipients of benefits
 - Provisions for termination of such benefits

The WBB Act also empowers WBB to perform the following main functions for the realization of the aforesaid objects,

- To exercise, perform and discharge powers, duties and functions conferred on or assigned to it by the Act.
- To delegate powers to any of District Secretary, Divisional secretary or Grama Niladhari or public Officer any power duty or function vested in the Board.
- Establishment of welfare Benefit schemes.
- Develop the criteria for eligibility.
- Specify the financial allocation in terms of a Scheme.
- Specify the date of commencement of the Scheme.
- Specify the financial or other benefits to be granted.
- State the period for which persons are entailed to receive benefits.

1.5. Financial Statement

The WBB presents herewith the Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2020.

02. Basis of Preparation Financial Statement

The Financial Statements of Welfare Benefit Board comprise of the Statement of Financial position, Statement of Cash Flows, Comprehensive Income Statement, List of non - current Assets of the WBB, Notes to the Financial Statement. These Financial Statement are prepared in accordance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards and the financial regulation of the government.

2.1 Financial & Presentation Currency

The financial statements are presented in Sri Lanka Rupees.

2.2 Going Concern

WBB planned policies set out below have applies the going concern assumption which is an appropriate method to the Welfare Benefits.

2.3 The accounting policies set out below have been applied for preparing financial statements and WBB expects to apply it consistently to all three years' periods presented in these financial statements, unless stated otherwise.

- **Statement of Financial Position**

All office equipment is initially recorded at cost. The cost of equipment is the cost of acquisition with VAT incurred at the purchasing.

- **Comprehensive Income Statements**

- (a) **Revenue Recognition**

Imprest Received from Government treated as Revenue.

- (b) **Expenditure Recognition**

Expenses are recognized in the statement of expenditure as Administrative & General Expenses, Welfare Benefits expenses communication expenditure WBB All expenditure incurred in the running of the WBB have been charged to the statement of expenditure.

(c) Depreciation

Depreciation on the assets are calculated using straight line basis over their estimated lives as follows.

Furniture & Office Equipment	20%
Machinery	33.33%

(d) Taxation

No payee tax during the year.

4.2 Auditor General's Report.

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<p>The Chairman Welfare Benefits Board</p> <p>Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the Welfare Benefits Board for the year ended 31 December 2020 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.</p>			
<p>1. Financial Statements</p> <p>1.1 Opinion</p> <p>The audit of the financial statements of the Welfare Benefits Board for the year ended 31 December 2020 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2020 and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in net assets and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka read in conjunction with provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and Finance Act No. 38 of 1971. My report to Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154 (6) of the Constitution will be tabled in due course.</p> <p>In my opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Board as at 31 December 2020, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.</p> <p>1.2 Basis for Opinion</p> <p>I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSS). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe</p>			
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that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Board's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Board or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Board's financial reporting process.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the Board is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the Board.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or

in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Board's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Board to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

2.1 National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 include specific provisions for following requirements.

2.1.1 I have obtained all the information and explanation that required for the audit and as far as appears from my examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the Board as per the requirement section 12 (a) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.1.2 The financial statements presented is consistent with the preceding year as per the requirement of section 6 (1) (d) (iii) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.1.3 The financial statements presented includes all the recommendations made by me in the previous year as per the requirement of section 6 (1) (d) (iv) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.2 Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained were limited to matters that are material, nothing has come to my attention;

2.2.1 to state that any member of the governing body of the Board has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the Board which are out of the normal cause of business as per the requirement of section 12 (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.



2.2.2 to state that the Board has not complied with any applicable written law, general and special directions issued by the governing body of the Board as per the requirement of section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.2.3 to state that the Board has not performed according to its powers, functions and duties as per the requirement of section 12 (g) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.2.4 to state that the resources of the Board had not been procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws as per the requirement of section 12 (h) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

3 Other Matters

- (a) According to the Action Plan furnished to audit, the activities scheduled to be completed up to end of the year 2020, i.e. implementation of Disaster Recovery Management System for server operations, establishment of Social Registry Information System (SRIS) and conduct of knowledge transfer session for the Board from the SRIS, introduction of an IT and security policy for internal stakeholders of SRIS, conducting of surveys for total quality management system, organizing and implementation of IT audit for the SRIS is in the operation, development of a formal hardware and records disposal procedure with relevant authorities related to SRIS, restructuring of organizational structure to support live operation of SRIS and establishment of a formal communication system had not been completed according to the plans.



- (b) The actual Cadre of the Board as at 31 December 2020 was 09, compared to the approved cadre of 18. Therefore, 09 posts were existed as vacant including the Chairman post and all employees had been recruited on acting, secondment and temporarily basis. As well, although the Board was established in the year 2016, the Board had failed to prepare a proper recruitment procedure even up to 31 December 2020.


W.P.C. Wickramaratne
Auditor General

4.3 Explanation on the matters as per the Audit Report

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Mr.S.M.D.S. Sudesh Rohitha,
Deputy Auditor General,
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General Treasury.

Report of the Auditor General, on the Financial Statement and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the Welfare Benefits Board for the Year ended 31 December 2020 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018

With your reference letter TRE/B/WBB/01/20/42 dated 30 June 2020, on the above subject.

Point no 2.3.1 and 2.3.2 will be explained below

Social Registry Information System (SRIS) Maintenance document submitted to procurement committee of ministry of finance as well as We are waiting for approvals. Social Safety Nets Project (SSNP) has already completed the Development of Data verification application. As well as Trainings process going on. The uncertainty arising for the covid-19 pandemic situation may increase the challenge of timeline target.

Regarding Cardre approvals had discussion with Secretary to the Treasury. Furthermore, there were several discussions conducted above matter in year 2020 They will be decided Possibility of restructure of Welfare Benefits Board.

Your Cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

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Mr.S.M.D.S. Sudesh Rohitha,
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Detailed Management Audit Report of the Auditor General, on the affairs of the Welfare Benefits Board including the Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2020, Chairman in terms of Section 13(7) (a) of the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971.

This refers to your letter No. TRE/B/WBB/01/20/42 dated 9th July 2021, on the above subject.

Our observations for section 2 to the above report are as follows.

2.1 **Financial Result**

Agreed, with the observation.

3. **Operational Review**

- 3.1 } **Delays in Project of Capital Work, And Human Resources Management**
- 3.2 }

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CHAPTER 5 - HUMAN RESOURCES PROFILE

Employment Category	Designation	Approved No. of employees	Existing No. of employees
	Chairman/Commissioner	1	-
HM 1-1	Additional Commissioner	1	1 (Acting)
MM 1-1	Assistant Commissioner	1	-
HM 1-3	Accountant	1	1 (Acting)
MA - 3	Development Officer	1	1 (Appointed by Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National policies)
MA 1-2	Management Assistant	2	1 (Appointed by Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National policies)
PL-1	Office Assistant	2	2 (Appointed by Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization & National policies)
PL-3	Driver	2	-
	Software Developer	1	1 (Contract base)
	System Administrator	1	1 (Contract base)
	IT Executive	2	1 (Contract base)
	Helpdesk Operator	3	-

Table 3: Human Resources Profile