

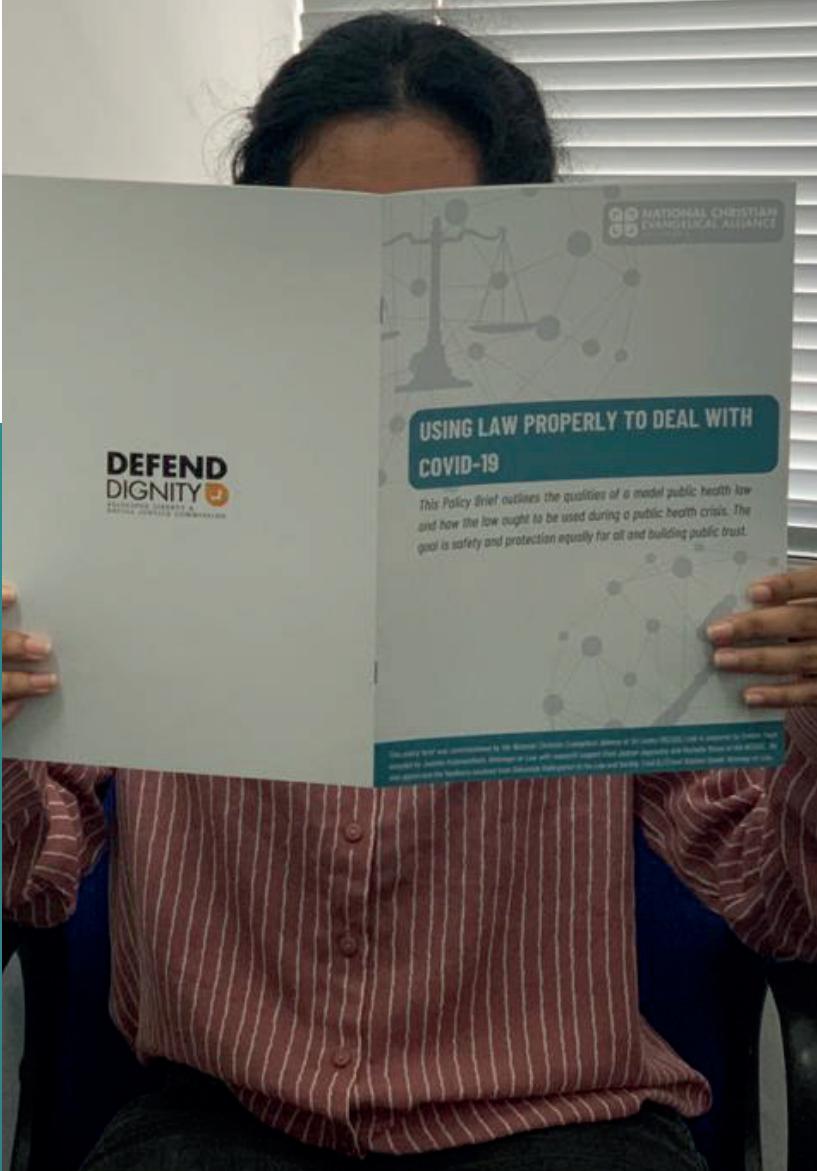
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Policy Brief on *'USING LAW PROPERLY TO DEAL WITH COVID-19'*



EQUIP
ADVOCATE
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The NCEASL commissioned a trilingual policy brief outlining qualities of a model public health law and how it ought to be used during a public health crisis. The goal is safety and protection for all, equally, while building public trust.

Copies of this publication were sent to the respective ministries and state institutions involved in handling the COVID-19 crisis. This policy brief was collated by the Religious Liberty and Social Justice Commission (RLC).



The MinorMatters platform carried out a trilingual social media campaign promoting the highlights and key information from the policy brief as well.

Missions Support

-  809 dry ration packs
- 200 sanitizer packs
- 1590 face masks
- 20 financial grants
-  176 educational scholarships
-  1300+ booklets of "Survival Manual in Times of Crisis" distributed to pastors and people in the lockdown areas.
-  83 training webinars for programme leaders and church leaders



The Alliance Development Trust (ADT) celebrated Children's Day conducting several activities. Through the Karagampitiya community police, we gifted 4 children with bags and shoes. We also conducted a programme for 14 children in Badowita on the importance of loving our country.

Further to this we distributed gift packs consisting of reusable face masks, milk packets and leaflets on COVID-19 to 15 children from Banku-Watta, Dehiwala.



"We Can"



The 'We Can' programme was especially initiated to promote home gardening as a livelihood among vulnerable communities in Mannar, Batticaloa and Trincomalee. The Business Development Unit (BDU) distributed a variety of vegetable seeds as well as coordinated with the Rotary Club of Mannar to provide a seed husk separator to this community.



PALAN PROJECT SUCCESS

The global pandemic and the curfew that followed left many people in vulnerable situations. The ADT launched the *Palan Project* to educate and equip pastors on home gardening so that they could initiate such practices amongst their communities.

Read on to see how Pastor Moorthy was a blessing to his community through his home garden produce during COVID-19.

"During COVID many of us were forced to stay in our homes and because of that most people including us did not have access to food. Thanks to the Palan Project we were able to grow vegetables such as tomatoes and chilies and distribute the yield among the families affected in our community. Through this, we were able to share the resources we had and build beautiful bonds with the people in our community. Many were able to sustain themselves for over 2 months and not go hungry. Several people in the community came forward and thanked us for helping them in their time of need."

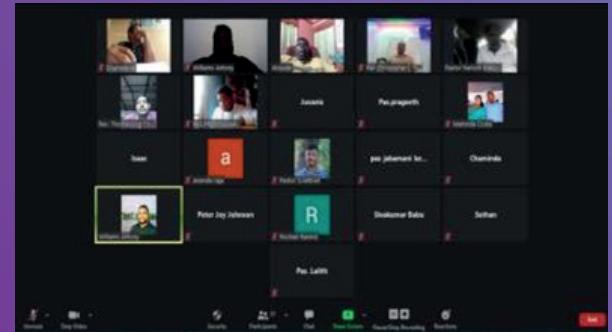
- Pastor Moorthy (Chavakachcheri)

WEBINARS & ONLINE TRAINING



The ADT conducted an online training session on financial planning for 17 pastors who have applied for livelihood assistance from the Nuwara Eliya District on the 13th of November.

ACT NOW intends to submit a proposal for the new constitution of Sri Lanka. Four Zoom meetings were held to get suggestions and ideas from 70 volunteer participants. An initial meeting with Dr. R. Ramesh (Lecturer, Political Science department, University of Peradeniya) was held to give them a basic idea on how to make proposals. Later, regional meetings for Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Ampara and Monaragala were held.



Twenty three National Steering Committee members participated in a meeting over Zoom on the 16th of November to discuss and plan activities in relation to leprosy and COVID-19 for the upcoming year.

An Interactive Discussion on Preventing and Controlling Diabetes during the Pandemic

DR. NOEL SOMASUNDARAM
Consultant Endocrinologist
Diabetes and Hormone Center

DR. SINHA WICKREMASINGHE
Protection Delegate
Canadian Red Cross

DR. GNANI SOMASUNDARAM
Consultant Physician

MR. RAGHU BALACHANDRAN
Host/Head of R&D
Alliance Development Trust

MR. PRAVEEN GOMEZ
Moderator

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 5 - 6 PM
CLICK ON THE LINK TO REGISTER

world diabetes day
14 November

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An interactive discussion on the importance of Preventing and Controlling Diabetes during the Pandemic was held on World Diabetes Day.

Over 50 people attended the webinar. The speakers present at this discussion were Dr. Noel Somasundaram, Dr. Gnani Somasundaram, Dr. Sinha Wickremasinghe and Raghu Balachandran.

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DR. KUMAR
ABRAHAM



DR. AJANTHA
PERERA



DR. DHARMAKEERTHI
WICKREMASINGHE

'IMBALANCE' was a forum discussion focusing on the importance of Creating Awareness and Finding Environmental Solutions. This was held on the 07th of November. The panel featured speakers Dr. Kumar Abraham, Dr. Ajantha Perera and Dr. Dharmakeerthi Wickremasinghe. There was a participation of 35 people.

COVID-19 OUTREACH

The ADT distributed 50 K95 masks and 25 units of PPE kits to the Dehiwala Police Officers.

They also distributed 10 full PPE kits to PHI's, 50 units of masks and hard hand gloves to the Municipal Council workers of Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia.



Religious leaders in our network across all 25 districts received 320 face mask boxes and 160 hand sanitizers.



NOVEMBER
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2020 YOUTH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

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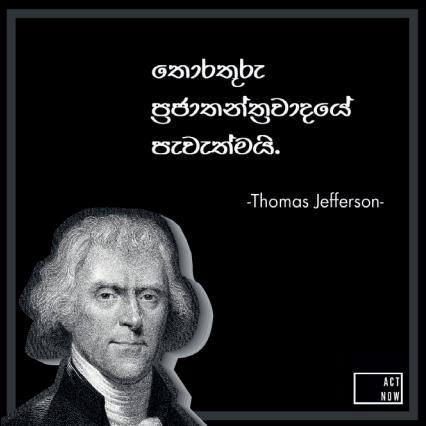
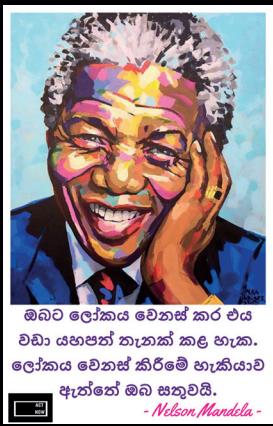


The Youth Evangelical Alliance (YEA) organised the Youth National Day of Prayer on the 28th of November, which is an annual event. This national event unites Christian youth in prayer for the Nation. This year, the event was held in partnership with national youth movements including Youth for Christ Sri Lanka, Voice Youth, History Maker Generation and One Hope Sri Lanka. The event, which was premiered on YouTube, featured Christian leaders from over 25 churches. Over 1000 people attended the live premiere of the event.



The Missions commission hosted an online prayer event to pray for the COVID-19 crisis in the Nation.

This was held on the 23rd of November and over 200 pastors across the island, participated.



ACT NOW carried out a campaign on their Facebook page regarding Democracy and Human Rights.



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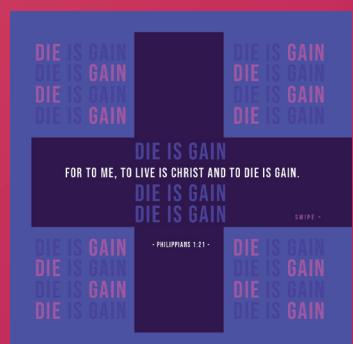
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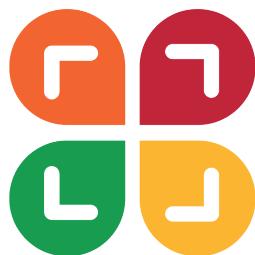
Paankade has begun a series based on the MinorMatters' Digital Citizenship Toolkit (DCT) on its Instagram page, in which they address areas of digital harassment and how one can protect oneself from online harassment.



The Digital Citizen initiated a series of campaigns based on privacy and online scams. Their latest data privacy campaign stemmed from the recent launch of the contact tracing apps in Sri Lanka.

The YEA Instagram platform continued their concept on "Truth Explored" with their post "See No Evil" and "Gain". The "See No Evil" campaign explores the shortcomings in our Christian circles we turn a blind eye to. The series on "Gain" focuses on the cost of discipleship and how we as Christians may misinterpret it.





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