

Curriculum Vitae

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2 Educational Qualifications

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M.B.B.S: [Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery]; 1992
Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

- **Post Graduate degrees:**

M.Sc. Community Medicine: [Master of Science in Community
Medicine]; 1998
Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

M.D. in Community Medicine: [Doctor of Medicine in Community Medicine];
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Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

- **Post-Doctoral Training:**

Honorary visiting fellow:
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3 Summary

I Dr.Neil Thalagala am a public health specialist from Sri Lanka having a Basic Medical Degree (MBBS) and Master's and Doctoral qualifications in the field of Community Medicine.

Presently, I work as a freelance consultant specializing in medical and health research, health system costing and national health accounts production.

I have a fair amount of research experience in conducting health/medical research, and supervision of doctoral, PhD and masters students conducting post graduate degrees in medical and allied health sciences fields.

I also function as a visiting consultant to the Health Economics Unit of the Ministry of Health Sri Lanka. I was the former head of the research unit of the Maternal and Child Health Bureau of the Ministry of Health Sri Lanka.

I have advanced level skills in statistical software SPSS, STATA, R , and Excel programming. and QGIS. I also have advanced level skills and experience in using WHO OneHealth Tool (OHT) and WHO Health Account Production tool.

I have considerable experience in costing health programs and strategic plans in many countries covering diverse program areas (e.g. Essential Health Care Packages, Primary Health Care, RMNCAH, NCD, Mental Health, HIV, Viral hepatitis, etc...)

I have also designed context-specific training packages on the OneHealth tool (OHT) and conducted OHT training in several countries. For example, I developed a curriculum and conducted training on how to use OHT in costing strategic plans and health programs in the Malaysia Ministry of Health. I also conducted tailor-made training programs on OHT to cost Every Newborn Action plan in South Asian Countries, and using OHT in Sri Lanka.

I have also participated as a trainer in the WHO and Avenir Health-organized OHT training programs held in India, Nepal, Armenia, Bhutan and China.

I have proven experience as a freelance consultant to National Health Account production in Bhutan and Sri Lanka. I have also conducted "health accounts production tool" (HAPT) software training for national health accountants from Nepal, Sri Lanka, East Timor, and Bhutan. I have been involved in testing the new HAPT and participated in several international expert group meetings on National Health Accounting as an expert national health accountant. I also work as an expert advisor to the WHO SEARO regional office.

As indicated above I have considerable experience in medial/health research, supervising research degree students, health program costing and national

health accounting. Overall I have both full-time and part-time work experience from 1992 up to 2022 in the field of medical research, public health and health economics.

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4 Research publications

1. Mohamed A Jama, Abdullahi A, Ismail , Ibrahim M, Nur, Nur A, Mohamud, Teri Reynolds, Reza Majdzadeh, John Fogarty, Andre Griekspoor, **Neil Thalagala**, Marina Madeo, Mamunur, R, Malik and Fawziya A Nur. (2024). Developing Somalia's Essential Package of Health Services, An Integrated People-Centered Approach. Working Paper 11, Disease Control Priorities 4th Edition, Volume 1 Disease Control Priorities in Action.
2. Mohamed A Jama, , Teri Reynolds, Ibrahim M Nur, Abdullahi A Ismail, Nur A Mohamud, Andre Griekspoor, **Neil Thalagala**, John Fogarty, Mamunur SK Malik & Fawziya A Nur. (2023). Revising the essential package of health services through stakeholder alignment, Somalia. Bulletin of the World Health Organization, 101 (11), Nov 2023, 681- 748.
3. Peiris H, Mudduwa L, **Thalagala, N**, Jayathilake K. (2020). Relapse profile and recurrence-free survival of breast cancer patients – bridging the gap in Sri Lanka. *Journal of the University of Ruhuna*, 8(2), pp.67–82. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.4038/jur.v8i2.7934>
4. De Silva MDK, **Thalagala NI**, Karthikeyan. P. Rubasinghe MS (2020). Burden of work and workload indicator based staffing needs of public health midwives in Sri Lanka. *Journal OF College of Community Physicians Sri Lanka*. 26(3) pp 148-153
5. Validity of St Gallen risk categories in prognostication of breast cancer patients in Southern Sri Lanka. Peiris H, Mudduwa L, **Thalagala N**, Jayatilake K. *BMC Women's Health*. 2018 Jan 31; 18(1):30
6. Do Breast Cancer Risk Factors Affect the Survival of Breast Cancer Patients in Southern Sri Lanka? Peiris HH, Mudduwa LK, **Thalagala NI**, Jayatilaka KA. *Asian Pac J Cancer Prev*. 2017 Jan 1;18(1):69-79.
7. The value of Nottingham grade in breast cancer re-visited in the Sri Lankan setting. Peiris H, Mudduwa L, **Thalagala N**, Jayatialake K. *Malays J Pathol*. 2017 Aug;39(2):141-148.

8. Peiris HH., Mudduwa L, **Thalagala NI**, Jaythilaka K. Association between age at presentation and pathological features of breast cancer and its effect on survival; a comparative study was done in Sri Lanka. 2015. *Annals of Medical and Biomedical Sciences*,
9. Lokuketagoda BUWP, **Thalagala N**, Fonseka P, Tran T. (2016). Early Development Standards for Children Aged 2 to 12 Months in a Low-Income Setting. *Sage Open*. (Oct-Dec) Available from: <http://sgo.sagepub.com/content/6/4/2158244016673128.full-text.pdf+html>
10. **Thalagala N**, Tissera H, Palihawadana P, Amarasinghe A, Ambagahawita A, Wilder-Smith A, et al. (2016) Costs of Dengue Control Activities and Hospitalizations in the Public Health Sector during an Epidemic Year in Urban Sri Lanka. *PLoS Negl Trop Dis* 10(2): e0004466. doi: 10.1371/journal.pntd.000446.
11. **Thalagala NI** (2015). Windows of achievement for development milestones of Sri Lankan infants and toddlers: estimation through statistical modeling. *Child, Care, Health & Development*. 41 (6):1030-1039.
12. **Thalagala NI**, Lokubalasooriya A, Danansuriya MN, Godakande SP. (20-14). National Youth Survey 2012-13: Health profile and risk behavior of the Sinhalese, Buddhists, Unmarried Youth Stratum. *Journal of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka*; 19(02):03-10.
13. **Thalagala NI**. (2013) Early Child Development Standards for Sri Lankan Infants and Toddlers. Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka, Electronic publication, Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood E-News Flash (June 2013, Issue 56). Available from: http://www.arnec.net/cos/o.x?ptid=1036083&c=/swt_arnec/articles&func=view&rid=460 or from [http://www.unicef.org/srilanka/ECDS_report_new\(3\).pdf](http://www.unicef.org/srilanka/ECDS_report_new(3).pdf)
14. **Thalagala NI**. (2013) Early Child Development Standards for Sri Lankan Infants and Toddlers. Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka [ISBN 978-955-1503-10-0].
15. **Thalagala N.I.** (2012).Unsafe abortion in Sri Lanka - Facts and risk profile. *Journal of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka*; 15 (1):1-12.
16. **Thalagala NI**. (2011). Health status of People Exposed to the Civil War in Sri Lanka. Colombo, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. [ISBN 978-955-1503-05-5].
17. **Thalagala N.I.** (2011). Suicide trends in Sri Lanka 1880-2006: Social, demographic and geographic variations. *Journal of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka*; 14(01):24-32.

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19. **Thalagala NI.** (2010) Economic perspectives of unsafe abortion in Sri Lanka. Colombo, Family Planning Association Sri Lanka- International Planned Parenthood Federation (South Asia Regional Office).[ISBN 978-955-8876-17-6]
20. **Thalagala NI.** (2010) Process, determinants and unsafe abortion in Sri Lanka. Colombo, Family Planning Association Sri Lanka- International Planned Parenthood Federation (South Asia Regional Office).[ISBN 978-955-8876-16-9].
21. Mudduwa LKB, **Thalagala NI** (2010). Cancer in Asia Pacific Region countries, Most common cancers Asia Pacific Region, Sri Lanka. In AM Tuncer,ed. *Cancer Report 2010*. Ankara, Turkey: Asian Pacific Organization for Cancer Prevention. Ch.5.2.37.
22. Siriwardana HV, **Thalagala N**, Karunaweera ND (2010). Clinical and epidemiological studies on the cutaneous leishmaniasis caused by *Leishmania (Leishmania) donovani* in Sri Lanka. *Ann Trop Med Parasitol*;104(3):213-23.
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24. **Thalagala N.**, Gunawardena N. (2006). Adolescent's interest in sexual and reproductive health is seen through informant-generated questions. Plan Sri Lanka. Colombo.
25. **Thalagala N.I.**, Gunawardena N (2005). Adolescents' Interests on Sexual and Reproductive Information, Informant generated questions, Unpublished report, Plan Sri Lanka, Colombo.
26. **Thalagala N.I.** , Gunawardena N (2005). Evaluation of "UdavuYauvanaya ", as an Educational Document Providing Sexual and Reproductive Health Information to Adolescents in Schools of Sri Lanka Unpublished report, Plan Sri Lanka, Colombo
27. **Thalagala N.I.** Tissera P.A.D., Gunawardena N., Gunathunga W.(2004). Review of Women's reproductive health and poverty in Sri Lanka, Unpublished Report. World Bank Office, Colombo.
28. **Thalagala N.I.** Rajapakse L. (2004).National survey on the emerging issues among adolescents in Sri Lanka, UNICEF, Colombo.
29. **Thalagala N.I.** (2004). An index to Measure Socio-Economic Status: Asset Approach.,*The Journal of College of Community physicians Sri Lanka*; (9), 32-39.

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31. **Thalagala N.I.**, Tissera P.A.D. (2003) Evaluation Report: Strategies for Sexual and Reproductive Health of Adolescents and Youth- Country-level activities under ASIA regional project in Sri Lanka[RAS /00/PO5]. Unpublished report. Family Planning Association, Sri Lanka
32. **Thalagala N. I.**(2003). Physical, Emotional and Sexual Abuse of Children in Sri Lanka, Parents' and Children's perspective. A National Survey. UNICEF. Colombo
33. Fernandopulle S., **Thalagala N.**, Barraclough S. (2002). Mental health in Sri Lanka: Challenges for Primary Care. *Australian Journal of Primary Health*, 8(2),31-8.
34. Hill S, Broom A, **Thalagala N**, Stoelwinder J, Silburn, Hitchcock T.(2002). Do Not Attempt Resuscitation, Ongoing meta-analysis, Cochrane Consumers and Communications, and Review Group. Melbourne, Australia
35. Broom A, **Thalagala N. I.** (2002).Overview of epidemiological methods. Reviewers Manual for Cochrane Consumers and Communications and Review Group. Melbourne, Australia.
36. **Thalagala, N.I.** (2000). Attempted suicides in Sri Lanka- antecedents and consequences. Thesis (MD). Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.
37. **Thalagala, N.I.** (1997). KAP on Reproductive Health among school children in Sri Lanka. Dissertation (MSc). Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo.

5 Theses/ Dissertation supervision

1. Dimensions and associated factors of physical activity among elderly in the Colombo district, By Laksitha Ranasinghe. (2022)- Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
2. Prevalence, factors associated and burden of alcohol consumption among adult males in Colombo district in clinical and economic perspectives, By Mahesh Kumbukage.(2021)- Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
3. Mother to infant attachment in Colombo Regional Director of Health Services Area; Attachment patterns, factors associated and educational intervention to improve maternal attachment to their infants. By Vihanga Maddumadewa (2021)- Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
4. 'Parenting Self Efficacy among mothers of 3–5-year-old children: Determinants and effectiveness of mobile health (mHealth) intervention in Colombo District' By. Abeysinghe WSP (2021)- Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
5. Prevalence of Psychological Distress and Associated Influencing Factors among Elderly in Elderly Care Facilities in Colombo District. MSc. Dissertation, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. By Janapriya MN (2020) Post Graduate Degree in Master of Community Medicine
6. Normative reference standards of cognitive functions and its correlates among primary school child population in Colombo district. MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. By Hevamalage, A. P. (2015)- Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
7. Effectiveness of homemade supplementary foods in improving the weight gain of moderately acute malnourished children between 3 to 5 years in Kopay Medical Officer of Health Area. MSc, Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, the University of Colombo by Shivashanker J.T (2014)- Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine

8. Risk of low birth weight on developmental delay among children during 2nd year of life in Piliyandala MOH area. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Alagiyawanna A.M.A.D.K. (2011). _ Post Graduate Degree in Master of Community Medicine
9. Rates and correlates of survival of females with breast cancer., By Peiris H, (2011).- Ph.D. Thesis, Allied Health Sciences Degree Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna
10. Early child care developmental standards for children aged 2 to 12 months in Gampaha District. MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Lokuketagoda B. (2011). Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
11. Prevalence and determinants of undernutrition among under-five children in estate population in the district of Badulla, MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Gamagedara M S. (2011). Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
12. Predisposing factors of teenage pregnancies in Batticaloa district. MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Arul Kumaran S. (2011). Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Community Medicine
13. Prevalence, characteristics and associated factors of school violence among grade ten students in Kesbewa Educational Division - self-reported perspectives. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Hewamalage AP (2010). Post Graduate Degree in Master of Community Medicine
14. Prevalence and associations of depression among school-going late adolescents in Galle Municipality Area. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Janaki. H. G.S. (2010). Post Graduate Degree in Master of Community Medicine
15. Health status of recently resettled communities in Trincomalee. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of

Medicine, University of Colombo, By Arul Kumaran S, 2003. Post Graduate degree in Master of Community Medicine

16. Parenting styles and Mental Wellbeing of Adolescents. MD Psychiatry Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Jayasinghe J.A.R.C., 2008 Post Graduate Degree in Doctor of Psychological Medicine

6 Policy Analysis & Development

1. **Thalagala N.I. (2006).** Adolescent Policy for the Centre for Excellence of Adolescents, Unpublished Report, International Planned Parenthood Association, (South Asian Regional Office), New Delhi, and Society for Health Education, Maldives, Male’.
2. **Thalagala N.I.(2006).**Review of policies and mapping of partners on adolescents and youth SRHR in Maldives, Unpublished Report, International Planned Parenthood Association (South Asian Regional Office), New Dellhi, and Society for Health Education Maldives, Male’.
3. **Thalagala N.I. (2006)** Adolescent Policy for the Centre for Excellence of Adolescents, Unpublished Report, Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka. Colombo.
4. **Thalagala N.I. (2006)** Review of Policies on Adolescent SRH and rights in Sri Lanka. Unpublished Report, Family Planning Association of Sri Lanka. Colombo.

7 Consultancies opleted – Costing /OneHealth Tool-Related

1. WHO Expert for Training on UHC costing in EMRO countries, *Expert Consultation and Regional Training Workshop on Costing UHC Packages for EMR Member States, 30 Sep.2024 to 03 oct. 2024*, Cairo Egypt. WHO EMRO office, Award Mataria, emrgophc@who.int
2. Consultant, Costing of Common Diseases Study in the UAE. UAE, July-2024 to June 2030. The World Bank. Ref. Valken Cetinkaya.vcetinkaya@worldbank.org

3. Consultant, Costing of primary health care development plan – Palastine. March to April 2024, WHO, Israel, Ref Shanon Berkly. barklys@who.int
4. Consultant, Costing of updated Master Plan for the Multisectoral Prevention of NCDs in Saudi Arabia. Oct to December 2023, The World Bank, Ref, Reem Alsukait, rahsukait@worldbank.org.
5. Consultant- Trainer- Training a group of health staff from The Ministry of Health Malaysia on the use of the OneHealth tool for strategic planning and costing- Ongoing –01- July 2023 to 31 Oct 2023. Ref. wroblewskan@who.int WHO Malaysia
6. Consultant – Costing Basic Health Package in Nepal 2023, WHO Nepal, Ongoing 25 April 2023 to 31 July 2023, Ref. Roshan KARN, NPO Health Financing, WHO Nepal. karnr@who.int
7. Consultant- Costing of pandemic fund proposal, Somalia, WHO Somalia, 28 April 2023 to 18 May 2023. Ref. Shajib HOSSAIN, , WHO Office Somalia, smd@who.int
8. Expert adviser to the development and field testing of Integrated health tool, WHO, June 2022 to Present, Ref. Tessa Edijer. tantorrest@who.int
9. Consultant – Costing Minimum Health Service Package in Yemen, World Bank, October to December 2022- Ref. Rifat Hasan, rhasan@worldbank.org
10. Consultant – Costing the Essential Package for Health Services (EPHS), North Eastern Syria. UOSSM FR / Erbil Mission in NES – October to December 2022. Ref. Abduljabbar Basheer a.basheer@uossm.fr
11. Consultant – Costing of national strategic Plans of viral hepatitis prevention and control in Bangladesh, WHO -HQ HIV & Hepatitis division. August 2022. Ref. Nilus Luhmann, luhmann@who.int
12. Costing National RMNCAH strategic plan 2023 -2027 Somalia, July 28 2022 to 31 August 2022. Ref. Al Umra Umar, umar@who.int
13. Consultant – Cost-benefit analysis of proposed Essential Package of Health Services interventions supported in the Better Lives for Somali Women and Children Programme, 2022-2028. Contracted by Management for Health – Germany- January to March 2022. Ref, Aida Bayou, aida.bayou@m4health.pro
14. Consultant – Costing of Ethiopia Adolescent and Youth Health Care Package 2022 to 2028. Contracted by Management for Health – Germany - January to April 2022- Ref, Aida Bayou, aida.bayou@m4health.pro
15. Consultant - Family Planning Spending Assessment (FPSA) in [Sri Lanka]-2021-Track 20 Project, Contracted by Avenir Health, USA- February 2022. Ref. Michel Tchenche, JMTchenche@avenirhealth.org

16. Consultant – Costing of the Nepal national strategic plan for Viral Hepatitis 2020-2030- 01 Nov to 30 December 2022– Contracted by WHO Nepal. Ref. Lakhe Subhash, lakhes@who.int
17. Consultant – Costing of the Revised Integrated National Strategic Plan for HIV, STIs and Viral Hepatitis, 2022-26- 01kNov to 30 December – Contracted by WHO Timor Leste- Ref Debashish Kundu, kundud@who.int
18. Consultant – Costing of national strategic Plans of viral hepatitis prevention and control in Sudan, , Uganda, WHO -HQ HIV & Hepatitis division. 2021 Sept to November. – Ref. Nilus Luhmann, luhmannn@who.int
19. Consultant- Situation analysis and review of the health financing system in Turkmenistan with special reference to SRH – Aug -Sept 2021. Contracted by the UNFPA Turkmenistan. Ref: Kemal Goshliyev, goshliyev@unfpa.org
20. Consultant – Costing NCD Master Plan n, Saudi Arabia, Sept 2021, Contracted by the World Bank. Ref. Christopher H Herbst, cherbst@worldbank.org
21. Consultant. Costing the Costing of hospital interventions in Libya 2021. – Feb to June. Contracted by- World Bank. Ref. Denizhan Duran, dduran1@worldbank.org
22. Consultant. Costing the Essential Package of Health Services (EPHS) in Libya- 02/2020 to 12/2020. Contracted by- International Rescue Committee. Ref: Kelly Kisarach, Kelly.Kisarach@rescue.org
23. Consultant - Family Planning Spending Assessment (FPSA) in [Sri Lanka]-2020- Track 20 Project, Contracted by Avenir Health, USA- September 2021. Ref: Michel Tchuenche JMTchuenche@avenirhealth.org
24. Consultant. Costing the Revised Essential Package of Health Services (EPHS) in Somalia-2020. June to July . Contracted by- World Health Organization, Somalia- Ref. Mohamed Kamil, kamilmo@who.int
25. Consultant for the development of a reference manual on how to use the OneHealth tool for costing Viral Hepatitis Action Plans, and training Hepatitis Program Managers in the SEARO region on using OHT based on the manual, Contracted by WHO HQ, Strategic Information, Global Hepatitis Program, WHO Headquarters, Aug to Sept 2019. Ref. Yuvan Hutin, hutiny@who.int
26. Consultant/ Facilitator for the Workshop on development of costed action plans for viral hepatitis in South-East Asia Region 19-23 August 2019, Kathmandu, Nepal OHT related. Ref. Yuvan Hutin, hutiny@who.int
27. Lead consultant: Costing of the health sector component of the National Strategic Plan of Indonesia: Contracted by- USAIDS, Palladium International- 2019. Ref. Cathrine Cantelmo, cathrine.cantelmo@thepalladiumgroup.com

28. Consultant to the project: Costing the PHC System in relation to GBD and SDG, Indonesia 2018. Sept to Oct. Contracted by - Health Systems Governance and Financing Unit WHO HQ, REF: Tessa Edijer, tantorrest@who.int
29. Principal Consultant, Cost of the health sector component of the national nutrition program Sri Lanka. Ministry of Health Sri Lanka 2017. Contracted by UNICEF Sri Lanka. Ref. Deepika Attigalle, dattygalle@unicef.org
30. Consultant -Developing and conducting a tailor-made training program on OneHealth Tool to cost Every New-born Action Plan in the South Asian Region. Contracted by UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia, 2016. OHT related. Ref. Deepika Attigalle, dattygalle@unicef.org
31. Consultant -Costing of Improvement Plan of Action based on EmONC Strategic Plan 2016-2019 East Timor, March 2016 Contracted by UNFPA East Timor. Ref. Chandani Galwaduge, galwaduge@unfpa.org
32. Consultant -Provide expert guidance to the process of costing of National NCD Strategic Plan Sri Lanka 2015-2020 using OneHealth Tool and adaptation of training package for a regional workshop on OneHealth Tool. Contracted by - Secretariat for the Global Coordination Mechanism on NCD. Geneva, January 2016. Ref Sophie Geney Diliautas - galeaq@who.int
33. Consultant -Costing of National HIV Strategic Plan 2016-2020, Myanmar. Contracted by WHO Myanmar & National AIDS Program Ministry of Health, Myanmar. February 2016. Ref. Masami Fujita, fujitam@who.int
34. Consultant-Costing of Dengue Control Activities and Hospitalizations in the Public Health Sector during an Epidemic Year in Urban Sri Lanka. Contracted by Epidemiology Unit, Ministry of Health Sri Lanka (2015). Ref. Hasitha Tissera. dr_korelege@yahoo.co.uk
35. Consultant -Costing of National Strategic Plan on Hepatitis, Prevention, control, and Treatment in East Timor 2016-2020. East Timor, Contracted by WHO-Country office East Timor Oct- 2015. Ref Sudath Peiris peiristsr@yahoo.com
36. Facilitator, Capacity Building Workshop on how to use OneHealth tool for costing Universal Health Coverage (UHC), Contracted by Public Health Foundation of India. Kerala, India.OHT related Ref. Shathiwail shakti@phfi.org
37. Consultant -Costing of the National Strategic Plan on Newborn and Child Health 2015-2018. Myanmar, May- June 2015, Contracted by UNICEF Myanmar. Ref Sarabibi Thuzarwin, sthuzarwin@unicef.org

38. Consultant Costing of Maternal & Child Health program, Using the WHO One Health tool. Family Health Bureau, Contracted by Ministry of Health. Sri Lanka 2014. Ref Director Maternal and child health fhb.dmch@gmail.com
39. Consultant -Development of "Data Gathering guide for costing health systems using OneHealth Tool. Contracted by WHO EURO. June 2015. Ref Martin Weber, weberm@euro.who.int
40. Consultant -Facilitator, Regional One Health workshop WHO EURO; Armenia 2015, Yerevan Contracted by WHO EURO Ref Martin Weber, weberm@euro.who.int
41. Consultant -Facilitator, Regional One Health workshop for Newborn Action Plan; 23-27 Mar 2015, Kathmandu. Contracted by UNICEF/WHO Ref. Lalitha Gurun , lqurung@unicef.org, Rajesh Mehta, mehtara@who.int
42. Consultant -Facilitator, Training workshop on One Health tool, Oct- 2014· Beijing, China. Contracted by UNICEF/China National Health Development Centre. Ref. Tao Li, liweishi69@126.com
43. Consultant -Facilitator, One Health training workshop, Contracted by WHO SEARO office New Delhi. From 8-11 July 2014. Ref: Rajesh Mehta, mehtara@who.int
44. Consultant Designing a locally adapted training program and materials and training of a group of health workers involved in health planning on the use of WHO One health tool on health program management and costing. Contracted by WHO Colombo & Ministry of Health Sri Lanka. 2014. Ref. Anoma Jayathilake, jayathilakac@searo.who.int

8 Training related to OneHealth tool

1. .WHO training on using the TB module of the Integrated Health Tool. Conducted by WHO TB Unit November 2024
2. Inter-Agency Working Group on Costing Meeting in WHO HQ Geneva, 3-4 December 2019.
3. Training on Generalized cost-effectiveness analysis, held in Jakarta, Indonesia- National Institute of Health Research and Development and Health systems governance and financing unit, WHO Head Quarters
4. Country Validation Meeting on Resource Needs for Primary Health Care, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland 2018 September

5. Regional training on One health costing tool (WHO), Jakarta, Indonesia, March 2013
6. Inter-Agency Working Group meeting on Costing held in UNFPA, New York, 18-19 November 2013
7. Regional training on One health costing tool (WHO), Colombo Sri Lanka, November 2012

9 Assignments completed – National Health Accounts Related

1. WHO consultant to the National Health Account production in Bhutan, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka . 2019 to 2022 Ref. wijesundarac@who.int
2. Expert contribution to the Technical Workshop and the 19th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, August, Kaul Lumpur, Malaysia WHO OECD. 2024. tsilaajvt@who.int
3. Expert advisor to the Technical Workshop and the 18th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, Soule, South Korea/ WHO OECD. 2023
4. Consultant- capacity building of a Bhutan National Team on the production of NHAs (for FYs 2020/21, 2021/22, 2-22.23). Contracted by BASYS, Reisingerstr. 25, D-86159 Augsburg, Germany, Markus Schneider, ms@basys.de
5. SEARO exprt consultant on NHA Capacity building training and 18th Bi-Regional WHO-OECD NHA Conference -Feb - September 10 2023. Ref. TSILAAJAY, Tsolmongerel, tsilaajvt@who.int ,
6. Consultant /Trainer - For the training of a group of national health accountants from Bhutan, Nepal, East Timor, and Sri Lanka on the new web-based HAPT tool. May 2021. Contracted by WHO-HQ-UHL UHC/Life course unit. Ref. Chandika Indikadahena, IndikadahenaC@who.int
7. Expert advisor for testing the new health accounts production tool from March to May 2021. Contracted by WHO-HQ-UHL UHC/Life course unit. Tessa Edijer, tantorrest@who.int
8. WHO consultant to the National Health Account production in Bhutan, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan. 2018/19 to 2019/20. May 2020.to May 2021 Ref. Tshring Wandi twangdi@health.gov.bt
9. Team lead of the National Health Account production in Sri Lanka, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka 2017 and 2018. Ref..Jan to Dec 2019. Ref. Dileep de Silva, dileepdesilva@dental.pdn.ac.lk
10. WHO consultant to the National Health Account production in Bhutan, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan. 2016/17 & 2017/18 Ref. Sonam Yangchen yangchens@who.int

11. Team Lead, National Health Accounts 2014, 21015, 2016 production team, Ministry of Health Sri Lanka. Jan to Dec 2017. Ref. Dileep de Silva, dileepdesilva@dental.pdn.ac.lk
12. WHO consultant to the National Health Account production in Bhutan, Ministry of Health, Royal Government of Bhutan. 2014/15 & 2015/16. Ref. Suraj Shrestha shresthasu@who.int
13. WHO consultant: Production of health expenditure time series for GHED, for 15 years according to SHA 2011 methodology. Sri Lanka 2000 to 2015. WHO HQ Health Systems Governance & Financing Unit 2017. Ref. Chandika Indikadahena, IndikadahenaC@who.int
14. WHO consultant; Production of health expenditure time series for GHED, for 15 years according to SHA 2011 methodology. Bhutan 2000 to 2015. WHO HQ Health Systems Governance & Financing Unit 2017 Ref. Chandika Indikadahena, IndikadahenaC@who.int
15. WHO consultant Facilitator: WHO workshop on System of Health Accounts (SHA), WHO/HQ, WHO CO Nepal & Bhutan, Kathmandu, Nepal, China National Health Development Research Centre, Beijing, China. 26th to 30th September 2016. Ref. Chandika Indikadahena, IndikadahenaC@who.int
16. WHO consultant Facilitator: WHO workshop on System Of Health Accounts (SHA), WHO and China National Health Development Research Centre, Beijing, China. Feb 29- March 4 2016. Ref. Chandika Indikadahena, IndikadahenaC@who.int
17. Consultant- Facilitator, National Health Accounts training workshop organized by WHO India Country office from January 19-24th. 2015 , NIHFV, Munirka, New Delhi, India. Ref. Chandika Indikadahena, IndikadahenaC@who.int
18. Team Lead: Production of Sri Lankan National Health Account 2013. Health Economics Unit, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. Ref. Dileep de Silva, dileepdesilva@dental.pdn.ac.lk

10 Training and expert workshops related to NHA

1. WHO training on using the new Health Accounts Production Tool. Online. Conducted by WHO HQ, UHC/Life course unit. December 2020 Expert contribution to the Technical Workshop and the 19th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, Malaysia, WHO OECD. 2024
2. Expert contribution to the Technical Workshop and the 17th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, Virtual WHO OECD. 2021

3. Expert contribution to the Technical Workshop and the 16th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, Virtual WHO OECD. 2021
4. Expert contribution to the 14th Annual Meeting of Asia Pacific Health Accounts Experts, 24-26 April 2018, Seoul, Republic of Korea
5. Expert contribution to Global Technical Health Accounts Consultants Workshop (WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, Feb 2018)
6. Expert contribution to the 3rd Global Disease Resource Tracking Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2017
7. Participant of the Global Health Accounts Peer Learning Workshop. Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 28 to 2nd Dec, 2016
8. Participant of the Training on disease-specific expenditure tracking in SHA 2011, Geneva, Health systems governance and financing unit, WHO Head Quarters (16- 20th March 2015)
9. Expert contribution to the Technical Workshop and the 12th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, Seoul, South Korea. 2016
10. Expert contribution to the Workshop of tracking disease-specific expenditure using the System of Health Accounts (SHA) 2011 A standardized approach Geneva, Switzerland, 16-20 March, 2015
11. Participant of the Training on Health Account Production & Analysis Tools and SHA 2011, Colombo Sri Lanka by WHO 2014 September

11 Other Assignments

1. Principal Investigator National Survey on Maternal and child nutrition Sri Lanka. Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health Sri Lanka. 2022
2. Project consultant- Early Child Development Project World Bank & Ministry of Children and Child Affairs, Sri Lanka - 2018
3. Principal Consultant & coordinator for the development of the National Strategic Plan on Child Health Sri Lanka 2018-2025.
4. Principal Consultant, Baseline assessment and situational analysis of the GSK Project on the Maternal Child Health and Nutrition of Communities in Tea Small Holding Communities of Pasgoda, Morawaka, And Kotapola MOH areas, Save the Children Sri Lanka 2018.
5. Consultant-Baseline Survey on nutritional and child health statuses of mothers and children in Tea Estates focused on Ethical Certification. Save The Children International, Colombo January 2015.
6. Revamping of the child development strategies in the PHC program in Sri Lanka. Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. . Principal Consultant
7. Principal consultant for the development of National Strategic Plan for children with special needs

8. Designing a special need program that can be integrated into the PHC program in Sri Lanka. Principal Consultant
9. Development of Early Child Development Standards for children under 3 years in Sri Lanka 2012-13- UNICEF Colombo – Sri Lankan Government Initiative
Role: Principal Investigator
10. Evaluation of the “BESAFE” project. Creating Safe Environments for Children in Sri Lanka. A Canadian Red Cross initiative. (2010-11). Canadian Red Cross Sri Lanka. Commissioned research –Role: Principal Investigator
11. Health status of People Exposed to the Civil War in Sri Lanka. 2011. PSL Sri Lanka- European Union commissioned research –Role: Principal Investigator
12. End-line assessment of CRC-SLRCS community-based maternal and child health projects (2010). Canadian Red Cross Sri Lanka. Commissioned research
Role: Principal Investigator
13. Baseline Indicators of Community Based Maternal & child Health Projects (2009). Canadian Red Cross Sri Lanka Commissioned Research Role: Principal Investigator
14. Psychosocial and cultural perspectives of induced abortions in Sri Lanka, IPPF SARO commissioned research (2010) Role: Principal Investigator
15. Psychosocial and cultural perspectives of induced abortions in the Maldives, IPPF SARO commissioned research (2006-7)
Role: Principal Investigator
16. Review of policies and mapping of partners on adolescents and youth SRHR in the Maldives, commissioned by International Planned Parenthood Association (South Asian Regional Office), New Delhi, and Society for Health Education Maldives, Male'.(2006) Role: Principal Investigator
17. Review of policies and mapping of partners on adolescents and youth SRHR in Sri Lanka, commissioned by International Planned Parenthood Association (South Asian Regional Office), New Delhi, and Family Planning Association Sri Lanka, Male'. (2005), Role: Principal Investigator
18. National Survey on Emerging issues among adolescents in Sri Lanka, commissioned by UNICEF (2003-2004) Role: Principal Investigator
19. Review of Women’s reproductive health and poverty in Sri Lanka, commissioned by World Bank (2004) Role: Principal Investigator

20. Physical, Emotional and Sexual Abuse of Children in Sri Lanka, Parents' and Children's perspective. A National Survey. Commissioned by UNICEF. (2004)
Role: Principal Investigator
21. Drafting the TOR and strategies for the newly formed Health Economics Unit of the Ministry of Health Sri Lanka. Includes organization of national health accounts using SHA 2011.
22. Research on Economic perspectives of induced abortions in Sri Lanka, IPPF SARO commissioned research (2010) Role: Principal Investigator
23. Introduction of cost concepts and the use of WHO One Health Tool in costing health programs to the Master's courses in Community Medicine and Medical Administration. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. Sri Lanka.

12 Job Experience

12.1 Head of the Research Unit, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health Sri Lanka

Since 2019 to December 31 2022.

Official roles

- Review and develop research agenda on Reproductive Maternal, Child, Adolescent, youth and women's health and family planning (RMNCAYWH-FP).
- Conducting relevant operational and health system research
- Training post graduate students in public health
- Contribute to the evidence generation in the fields of RMNCAYWH-FP

12.2 Program Manager – Child Health and Development Ministry of Health Sri Lanka

Consultant Community Physician, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health ,Sri Lanka :

A National Consultant/Program Manager for the Child Health Program of the Ministry of Health Sri Lanka

Since 2002 - up to 2019

Official roles:

- National Program manager: Child development and special need Program (since 2007 up to now)

- National coordinator: expanded Program of immunization (Implementation and Review) in Sri Lanka (since 2006-2009)
- National Program manager: Integrated Management in Childhood Illnesses (IMCI) Program- Family Health Bureau, Sri Lanka (since 2004- 2010)
- National Program Manager: surveillance of childhood morbidity and mortality(since 2007 -2010)
- National Program Manager: women's health program Family Health Bureau (FHB), Ministry of Sri Lanka (2002- 2003)

Job functions

- Policy and strategic review and advocate Central Ministry of Health and Provincial Health Authorities on child health issues
- Design, implementation, review of evidence-based interventions, and integration of those to the child health Program/ Piloting and scaling up of effective health Programs
- Adaptation and development of training manuals and other BCC materials to suit Sri Lankan health system
- Provide consulting advice to primary health care programs in reproductive health, women's health, gender issues, adolescent health, family planning, and counseling
- Conducting operational research and Program evaluations related to the above subjects.
- Coordinating partnership projects of UNFPA, WHO, World Bank with the FHB.
- Organizing & conducting training programs of all levels of health staff health

12.3 Visiting Consultant Health Economics Unit Ministry of Health Sri Lanka.

Costing and Health Accounting

Team Lead National Health Account team Sri Lanka.

12.4 Visiting Lecturer to the Post graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Faculty of Medicine Colombo.

Since 2002 up to now

- Teaching statistics, epidemiology and statistical computing to post-graduate students in .
 - i. MD in Chemical Pathology,
 - ii. MSc & MD in Community Medicine
 - iii. Msc& MD in Medical Administration,

- iv. MSc Medical Bio Informatics
- v. MD in Parasitology
- vi. MD in Gynecology & Obstetrics
- vii. MD in Psychiatry
- viii. Post graduate Diploma in Laboratory Sciences
- ix. Post graduate Diploma in Molecular Medicine
- x. Post Graduate Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety,
- xi. Post Graduate Diploma in Reproductive Health
- Examiner in Community Medicine for Medical Council Examinations
- Teaching medical undergraduates on maternal and child health program

12.5 Examiner -The Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Faculty of Medicine Colombo.

Since 2007 up to now

- i. MSc In Community Medicine
- ii. MD in Community Medicine
- iii. Post-Graduateduate Diploma in Molecular Medicine

12.6 Postgraduate Doctoral (MD) Trainee at the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Since 1998 January – 2000 May

Participated in the MD training course; Conducted a research titled “Attempted suicides- Antecedent & Consequences” and successfully defended the same in the MD examination; Supervised the learning and research activities and community health projects of medical students; Demonstration of statistical computing techniques MSc post graduate students

12.7 Masters degree (MSc) Trainee at the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo

From 1997 January to December

Participated in 1 year MSc course; Completed a dissertation;
Sat for MSc Examination

12.8 Divisional Director of Health Services- Polgahawela

From 1993 April to January 1997

Functioned as the middle level health manager, responsible for the primary health care of approximately 100,000 populations; Supervised and was responsible for the administration of a primary health care health team of 180 personnel [community health staff & staff of 5 local hospitals]

12.9 Intern medical officer Teaching hospital Kurunegala Sri Lanka

Form 1992 April – 1993 April

Worked as a house officer at the hospital, 6 months in Gynecology & Obstetric Department, 6 month in Pediatrics supervised by the consultants in- charge of the divisions

12.9.1 Training materials development

1. Thalagala N.I. (2013). Child Development: Concepts, Assessments, Interventions and Problems; Manual for Primary Health Care Workers in Sri Lanka. Family Health Bureau and UNICEF Sri Lanka. Colombo.
2. **Thalagala N.I.** (2006). Management of Sick Children Under 5 Years. Training Manual for Medical Officers at Primary Care Level. Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses Program. Family Health Bureau and World Health Organization. Colombo. (ISBN 955-1503-00-7).
3. De Silva L., Amarasinghe C., Panditha K. **Thalagala N. I.** (2006). Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines for Common Illnesses among Children under 5 Years. Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses Program. Family Health Bureau and World Health Organization. Colombo (ISBN- 955-1503-01-5)
4. **Thalagala N.I.** (2006). Family Planning Counselling, Training Manual for Primary Health Care Workers, Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health Sri Lanka
5. **Thalagala N.I.** Yakandawala, H. Chandrarathne N. (2005) Manual for peer leader training on sexual and reproductive health issues. Plan Sri Lanka Colombo.
6. **Thalagala N.I.** Yakandawala, H. Chandrarathne N.(2005). Facilitators guide for peer leader training on sexual and reproductive health issues, Plan Sri Lanka Colombo.
7. Ariyaratne. K., **Thalagala N.I.**, Yakandawala H., Ariyaratne Y.,Buddhakorala K. Malalasekara T., et.al. (2003), “ PiripunThurunuviya”, A *Sinhalese Publication*, National Youth Services Council, Sri Lanka

8. Karunaratne V., Senevirathne H., Wijemanne, S., **Thalagala N.I.**, Hemapriya S., Ranathunga G. A. et.al. (2004). Subfertility, Manual for the primary health care provider. Family Health Bureau, Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka.

12.10 Awards

1. Precedent's Award for Scientific Publication- 2018: Thalagala N, Tissera H, Palihawadana P, Amarasinghe A, Ambagahawita A, Wilder-Smith A, et al. (2016) Costs of Dengue Control Activities and Hospitalizations in the Public Health Sector during an Epidemic Year in Urban Sri Lanka. PLoS Negl Trop Dis 10(2): e0004466. doi: 10.1371/journal.pntd.000446.
2. National Research Council Merit Award for Scientific Publication **Thalagala NI** (2015). Windows of achievement for development milestones of Sri Lankan infants and toddlers: estimation through statistical modeling. Child, Care, Health & Development. 41 (6):1030-1039. Child Care Health & Development 2015, Vol 41, Issue. 6,pp 1030-1039
3. Peiris H, Mudduwa L, **Thalagala, NI**, Jayathilake K. Best Oral presentation, 73rd annual academic sessions, September 2014, Galle Medical Association, "Tumour characteristics in relation to the age at presentation of breast cancer"
4. National Research Council Merit Award for Scientific Publication 2010: for the research published in 2010.

12.11 Presentations

1. "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis of Adolescent and Youth Interventions in Ethiopia" 2023 IHEA
2. **Thalagala N I**. Future resource needs for Primary Health Care: generating estimates for Indonesia, IHEA 2019 World Congress on Health Economics, pre-congress session (Component of WHO session) Basel, Switzerland.
3. **Thalagala N. I**. Investment needs for achieving Universal RMNCAH by 2030, July 2021. Symposium 1. 26th Annual Academic Sessions of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka.
4. M Danansuriya, **N Thalagala**, A Lokubalasoorya, S Godakandage, S Dhanapala, D.Perera, C. de Silva (2017) Knowledge on Sexual &

Reproductive Health among 15-24year old Sri Lankan Youth: National Youth Health Survey 2012/13, Sri Lanka; 3rd Biennial Meeting of South Asian Society for Sexual Medicine (SASSM) -2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 19-21st November 2017

5. M Danansuriya, **N Thalagala**, A Lokubalasoorya, S Godakandage, S Dhanapala, D.Perera, C. de Silva (2017) Contraceptive Use by 15-24year old Sri Lankan Youth: Insights from the National Youth Health Survey 2012/13, Sri Lanka; 3rd Biennial Meeting of South Asian Society for Sexual Medicine (SASSM) -2017, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 19-21st November 2017
6. Manjula Danansuriya, Ayesha Lokubalasoorya, **Neil Thalagala**, Dhanapala Sapumal, Sanjeewa Godakandage, Chitramalee de Silva (2017) Psychosocial Health Vulnerabilities of Adolescents in Sri Lanka: Evidence from National Youth Health Survey 2012/13; 6th Global Congress for Consensus in Pediatrics & Child Health (CIP) 2017, PP 02, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 12-15th November 2017
7. **Thalagala NI**. MCH Cost in Sri Lanka, Annual Sessions of College of Community Physicians Sri Lanka, **2014**.
8. **Thalagala N.I**. (April 2014). Research Concepts. SAITM Research Symposium - Medical 2014, Department of Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine, South Asian Institute of Technology and Medicine. Malabe. Colombo.
9. **Thalagala N.I (March 2014)**. ECD Policy Sri Lanka. Current Status of Implementation. Bangladesh, National ECD Conference, Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology. Dhaka.
10. **Thalagala N.I**. Sri Lankan experience on country level use of Who One Health Tool in Health program costing. The Inter-Agency Working Group on Costing Meeting in New York, UNFPA Headquarters, New York. 18-19 November 2013
11. **Thalagala N.I**. Sri Lankan experience on country level use of WHO One Health Tool in Health program costing. The Inter-Agency Working Group on Costing Meeting in New York, UNFPA Headquarters, New York. 18-19 November 2013
12. **Thalagala N.I**. (July 2013). Research Methodology & Statistics - Univariate & Multivariate Analysis -SPSS software applications, Higher Education For The

Twenty First Century (HETC) project, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

13. **Thalagala N.I. (February 2013).** Introduction To Post Graduate Research-, Higher Education For The Twenty-First Century (HETC) project, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.
14. **Thalagala N.I. (2012).** The burden due to Unsafe Abortions. Annual Scientific Sessions, Sri Lanka College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists SLCOG congress
15. **Thalagala N.I. (2012).** Analysis of DMFT index, using Poisson, Negative Binomial and zero-inflated models. Annual scientific sessions 2012, College of Community Dentistry Sri Lanka.
16. **Thalagala N.I. (2011).** The national program for children with special needs: past, present and future. Guest lecture. Pre-Congress workshop on early intervention of children with development disorders -2011, Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians.
17. **Thalagala N.I. (2010).** Statistics for research. Guest lecture on annual sessions 2010. College of Microbiologists Sri Lanka.
18. **Thalagala N.I. (2006).** The policy framework for adolescent reproductive health and the place of adolescents in the policy discourse at the round table conference on reproductive health initiatives for young people in Sri Lanka, Guest lecture. 23rd September 2006, Colombo.
19. **Thalagala N.I. (2005)** Emerging Issues among adolescents in Sri Lanka, Symposium on adolescent's issues, Pre Annual Sessions, Sri Lanka College of Community Physicians.
20. **Thalagala N. I. (2001).** Attempted suicides, Antecedents and Consequences. Annual Sessions, Sri Lanka College of Community Physicians

13 Theses/ Dissertation supervision

17. Dimensions and associated factors of physical activity among elderly in the Colombo district, By Laksitha Ranasinghe. (2022)
18. Prevalence, factors associated and burden of alcohol consumption among adult males in Colombo district in clinical and economic perspectives, By Mahesh Kumbukage.(2021)

19. Mother to infant attachment in Colombo Regional Director of Health Services Area; Attachment patterns, factors associated and educational intervention to improve maternal attachment to their infants. By Vihanga Maddumadewa (2021).
20. 'Parenting Self Efficacy among mothers of 3–5-year-old children: Determinants and effectiveness of mobile health (mHealth) intervention in Colombo District' By. Abeysinghe WSP (2021)
21. Prevalence of Psychological Distress and Associated Influencing Factors among Elderly in Elderly Care Facilities in Colombo District. MSc. Dissertation, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. By Janapriya MN (2020)
22. Normative reference standards of cognitive functions and its correlates among primary school child population in Colombo district. MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo. By Hevamalage, A. P. (2015).
23. Effectiveness of homemade supplementary foods in improving the weight gain of moderately acute malnourished children between 3 to 5 years in Kopay Medical Officer of Health Area. MSc, Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, the University of Colombo by Shivashanker J.T (2014).
24. Risk of low birth weight on developmental delay among children during 2nd year of life in Piliyandala MOH area. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Alagiyawanna A.M.A.D.K. (2011).
25. Rates and correlates of survival of females with breast cancer. Ph.D. Thesis, Allied Health Sciences Degree Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Ruhuna, By Peiris H, (2011).
26. Early child care developmental standards for children aged 2 to 12 months in Gampaha District. MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Lokuketagoda B. (2011).
27. Prevalence and determinants of undernutrition among under-five children in estate population in the district of Badulla, MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Gamagedara M S. (2011).
28. Predisposing factors of teenage pregnancies in Batticaloa district. MD Community Medicine Thesis, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Arul Kumaran S. (2011).

29. Prevalence, characteristics and associated factors of school violence among grade ten students in Kesbewa Educational Division - self-reported perspectives. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Hewamalage AP (2010).
30. Prevalence and associations of depression among school-going late adolescents in Galle Municipality Area. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation, Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Janaki. H. G.S. (2010).
31. Health status of recently resettled communities in Trincomalee. MSc Community Medicine Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Arul Kumaran S, 2003.
32. Parenting styles and Mental Wellbeing of Adolescents. MD Psychiatry Dissertation. Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, By Jayasinghe J.A.R.C., 2008

14 Professional Training and Workshop Experience:

8. WHO training on using the new Health Accounts Production Tool. Online. Conducted by WHO HQ, UHC/Life course unit. December 2020.
9. Inter-Agency Working Group on Costing Meeting in WHO HQ Geneva, 3-4 December 2019.
10. Training on Generalized cost-effectiveness analysis, held in Jakarta, Indonesia- National Institute of Health Research and Development and Health systems governance and financing unit, WHO Head Quarters
11. Country Validation Meeting on Resource Needs for Primary Health Care, World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland 2018 September
12. Regional training on One health costing tool (WHO), Jakarta, Indonesia, March 2013
13. Inter-Agency Working Group meeting on Costing held in UNFPA, New York, 18-19 November 2013
14. Regional training on One health costing tool (WHO), Colombo Sri Lanka, November 2012
15. 14th Annual Meeting of Asia Pacific Health Accounts Experts, 24-26 April 2018, Seoul, Republic of Korea
16. Global Technical Health Accounts Consultants Workshop (WHO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, Feb 2018

17. 3rd Global Disease Resource Tracking Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2017
18. Global Health Accounts Peer Learning Workshop. Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 28 to 2nd Dec, 2016
19. Training on disease-specific expenditure tracking in SHA 2011, Geneva, Health systems governance and financing unit, WHO Head Quarters (16- 20th March 2015)
20. Technical Workshop and the 12th Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Health Accounts Experts, Seoul, South Korea. 2016
21. Workshop of tracking disease-specific expenditure using the System of Health Accounts (SHA) 2011
22. A standardized approach Geneva, Switzerland, 16-20 March 2015
23. Training on Health Account Production & Analysis Tools and SHA 2011, Colombo Sri Lanka by WHO 2014 September
24. Regional workshop on birth defects surveillance, from 10th to 13th April 2012. Colombo Sri Lanka.
25. Regional workshop for master trainers for the use of middle level managers (MLM) modules (WHO) for training in immunization. National Institute of Health and Family Welfare & WHO (SEARO).
26. Inter country training course on IMCI (Integrated management of childhood illnesses) From 6-12-2004 –to 17 12-2004, Safdarjan Hospital, new Delhi, India, Certificate course.
27. Being the national representative for the Regional Consultation on Improving maternal and newborn health – the role of family planning, 19 to 21 November 2003, WHO Program Chiang Mai, Thailand
28. Training course on life skill based education for master trainers, 29.07.2002- 02.08.202, UNICEF Sri Lanka, Certificate course
29. International training course on reproductive health counseling, 02.09.2002- 13.09.2002, Faculty of Medicine, Siriraj Hospital, Mahidol University, Thailand, Certificate course
30. Development of systematic reviews, Australian Cochrane Center, Monash University, Clayton , Australia, Certificate course
31. Data analysis & Revman Software , Australian Cochrane Center, Monash University, Clayton , Australia., Certificate course.
32. Training program on health administration and management for Divisional Directors of Health, 07.02.1994- 04.05.1994, Sri Lanka Institute of Development and Administration, Sri Lanka, Certificate course
33. A workshop on rational therapy for sexual dysfunction carried out by Dr Michael Crowe – The Mudsley Hospital London, Sri Lanka Medical Association,

15 Involvement of national level actions and other extra Curricular Activities

1. Adviser “Lets Protect Children” Presidential Task Force, on child development & Protection
2. Member of National Early Child Care Steering Committee, Sri Lanka
3. Member of National Committee on Child Rights. Sri Lanka
4. Member of the National Advisory Committee on Newborn and Child Health

5. Member of the Ethical Review Board, National Institute for Mental Health, Sri Lanka.
6. Member of the Ethical Review Board, Lady Ridgeway Hospital for Children, Sri Lanka.
7. Member of the Ethical Review Board, National Institute of mental health Sri Lanka
8. Health ministry focal point for the Consultative Committee of the Children with Special Educational needs at the Ministry of Education Sri Lanka
9. Member of the committee for the differently abled persons at Sri Lanka Medical Association
10. Visiting lecturer and examiner to the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
11. Public health consultant to the National Institute of Education on Curriculum reforms related to Reproductive Health Education and to in-service training programs
12. Visiting lecturer to reproductive health education programs conducted by National Youth Services Council
13. Member- Communicable disease committee - Sri Lanka Medical Association
14. Member of the National Media Forum and involved in health-related media activities, in radio and television and news papers
15. Ex- assistant secretary to the Council of the College of Community Physicians in Sri Lanka
16. Working as a freelance researcher and public health consultant for INGO (UNICEF, UNFPA, WORLDBANK, IPPF & private sector.
17. Hobbies –martial arts, physical fitness, reading, music

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