

Strategic Intervention Plan - 5 I P [2020-2025]



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ABSTRACT

The Federation of Media Employees Trade Union -FMETU, Sri Lanka was established in the year, 2000. This plan has been prepared by FMETU members with the support of International Federation of Journalists. This plan explains FMETU's strategic interventions that are planned for the next 3 years, starting from October 2020.

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FMETU General Secretary's Message

The professional journalist (Male & Female) is a professional who mediates to speak about other people's problems and intervenes regularly to bring out solutions for their issues. The journalist is addressed and identified by special honorary names such as 'Watch dog' and 'Fourth Citizen' of the society.

The majority of the journalists (Male & Female) who are engaged and employed in the industry of journalism are not entitled to most of rights enjoyed by members of other professions. Journalists are a group of professionals who are not at least entitled to the 'Right to Organize' which is an accepted norm by the cultured world as part of human rights. You have thoroughly understood that the owners and heads of media institutions are not most often not prepared to present or authorize professional entitlement.

This strategic plan has been designed to formally organize mainstream Colombo based journalists and media workers and also those within the whole range of 25 districts from the print and electronic media. The regional journalists (Male & Female) are treated and acknowledged as the back bone of the media industry of Sri Lanka. We are committed to bringing together all journalists and media workers to work collectively, in unity under one flag.

As a media personal (Male & Female) you represent some organization already. Our strategic plan focuses on you purely, with a true mind of a journalist. We do not to look at the media industry by the angle of politicians, black marketers, vigorous social destroyers etc.

FMETU also wishes to shift your focus to the rights of a journalist, driven by the rights of the people. WE strive to prepare and activate journalists as leaders of an industry entering a new era of a 'Public service focused media', which is the modern trend in the media world, outside the traditional trade union model.

Finally, I take this opportunity to convey a special thank you to Rainbow Institute Lanka (Pvt) Ltd and resource persons, Mr, W.M.R. Wijekoon and Rangika Wickramage. I also wish to express my deep appreciation to the FMETU leadership and members who participated to develop this Strategic Intervention Plan (SIP).

Our special thanks go out to the International Federation of Journalists, (Asia Pacific), especially Ms Jane Worthington who has guided and supported us to make this project a success and continues to be our strength in every step we take.

Background of FMETU

Federation of Media Workers Trade Union (FMETU) herein after referred to as FMETU or Union in this document is a collective body of employee unions of media organizations /institutes represented by journalists and media workers of Sri Lanka.

The current membership of FMETU comprises the following:

#	Member Unions
1.	Lake House Employees Union
2.	Sri Lanka Lanka Broad Casters Union
3.	Sri Lanka Rupavahini Program Producers Union
4.	Independent Television Networks T O Union
5.	Polonnaruwa District Journalists Union
6.	Matara District Journalists Union
7.	Matale District Journalists Union
8.	Badulla District Journalists Union
9.	Kandy District Journalists Union
10.	Nuwera Eliya District Journalists Union
11.	Ratnapura District Journalists Union
12.	Kegalle District Journalists Union
13.	Galle District Journalists Union
14.	Hambantota District Journalists Union
15.	Moneragala District Journalists Union
16.	Kurunegala District Journalists Union
17.	Puttalam District Journalists Union
18.	Anuradhapura District Journalists Union
19.	Trincomalee District Journalists Union
20.	Batticaloa District Journalists Union

21.	Ampara District Journalists Union
22.	Jaffna District Journalists Union
23.	Vavuniya District Journalists Union
24.	Mannar District Journalists Union
25.	Kilinochchi District Journalists Union
26.	Mulathiv District Journalists Union
27.	Kalutara District Journalists Union
28.	Gampaha District Journalists Union
29.	Colombo District Journalists Union

The FMETU was established in the year 2000 and registered with the Registrar of Trade Unions as an affiliation of trade unions of journalists and the media workers within the Media Industry in Sri Lanka .It is the main trade union that represents and appears to safeguard the rights of journalists and media employees in general and always takes the lead to solve any issue of its memberships and protect their profession . FMETU is the first Sri Lankan media organization which obtained the full membership of the International Federation of Journalists, in the year 2000.

It was established in order to achieve followings;

- To mobilize and organize all employees attached to electronic and print media institutions and regional journalists' associations in Sri Lanka, under one federation
- To scrutinize, protect and improve the rights, benefits and entitlements of members.
- To uplift the economic status of members.
- To provide following benefits for members
 - Support against intimidation and harassment faced by members due to union actions or professional struggles to secure relief and employment rights
 - Provide legal assistance and advice for their employment related issues when required.
- To **strengthen formal relationships in** between the federation and other related groups and amongst members of the federation
- To represent members in professional disputes

• To intervene in matters of national importance affecting the media community.

Purpose and process adopted for this - Strategic Intervention Plan (SIP)

Purpose:

The Purpose of this strategic intervention plan (SIP) is to provide a guiding document for the management of FMETU with specific interventions to be implemented during the next 03 years, starting from Oct 2020, to Sep 2023, with the intention of strengthening FMETU as an organization to reach its next level of development by expanding its services to its' membership.

Process:

- 1. Consultation with FMETU members : It was a prime prerequisite to consult members of the FMETU in developing this SIP to embed their views, ideas to buy- in this plan .Thus, an initial meeting was conducted with the General Secretary of the FMETU along with the Executive Director of Rainbow Institute¹ to get the initial insights of key needs .
- 2. Based on that, a one-day workshop was conducted at the Rainbow Institute premises in Colombo. 15 members of FMETU, representing a cross section of provinces and media. (List of participants is attached)



¹ Rainbow Institute Lanka (<u>www.rainbow.lk</u>), a Sri Lankan Consultancy and Training Company, has been supporting and partnering FMETU in organizational development and projects since 2010.



The one-day workshop was segmented to four Sessions;

Session one: Individual and Group consensus building activity to understand and agree on where are we now as an organization Session two: Group activity to build consensus and agree on where we want to be Session three: Plenary presentations and collectively agreement on KEY areas of Strategic interventions Session four: Group activity on how do we get there? Identify main actions (action planning)

3. The workshop was facilitated with adult friendly learning by engaging in exercises to get inputs from the members on an individual basis and then get validated as groups to build group consensuses for the brainstormed ideas.

FMETU members were extremely enthusiastic and successfully identified key strategic interventions (SIs) to be implemented during October 2020 to September 2023 a three-year period. Seven Expected results to be achieved in the three-year period were identified by the FMETU. These seven expected results have been translated in to specific objectives as detailed below. Key Performance Indicators have been identified viz a viz the Objectives. These means of verifications will ensure the accomplishment of the interventions.

The process included the following elements

- Continuous Facilitation
- Individual and Group work
- Plenary group discussion/presentation

• Individual analysis/work

Vision and Mission of FMETU

The members of the FMETU put their heads together and came up with the following vision statement for the FMETU;

Vision: To be the Journalist's ancestral home (haven) of Sri Lanka; It is accurately described in the Sinhala language as "Jana Madyawedinge Mahagedera" and in Tamil as "Oodagangalin Pughalidam"

Mission:

To build a strong independent media industry in Sri Lanka, by producing an independent group of employees with strong organizing ability within a secured profession within the media industry.

'Organizing all the Journalists and media employees in the country under one flag, towards an ethical media practice, while ensuring professionalism, employee rights and welfare.

Prioritized Strategic Interventions - SIs

No		Strategic Interventions	Expected Result
	1	Building and strengthening national and	
		international Relations for FMETU	To improve the relationship with international journalist's
	2	Identify and building national and	networks, International Federation of Journalists and other
		International networks	networks.
	3	Uplifting the professional status of	To facilitate the union members to work together towards
		Journalists.	professional improvement of members and non-member
			journalists and media workers in the industry.
	4	Intervening on cases of gender-based	To establish a Gender policy and a mechanism to respond to

	violence/harassment against journalists (especially on women journalists)	gender-based violence/harassment against journalists
5	Intervening for policy matters related to media	To establish a functioning campaign mechanism implemented throughout the 03-year period on selected priority issues related to professional journalism in Sri Lanka
6	Intervening on labor and rights related issues/cases of journalists and Media workers	To intervene on labor related matters of members and non- member journalists and media workers in Sri Lanka.
7	Ensuring the welfare of Journalists and Media workers	To establish a welfare mechanism for members.
8	Institutional Development of FMETU	To establish an organizational development mechanism for FMETU

SWOT analysis of the FMETU

Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats analysis of the FMETU

Strengths:	Weaknesses:
 International Relations/Relationship with IFJ. Experience in working on media projects with international partners, IFJ, Internews, Institute of War and Peace Reporting and International Research and Exchange (IREX) Experience and skills of member journalists Existing national and regional network of journalists Reputation of the Trade union movement in the country Reputation of FMETU 	 Lack of Financial resources Lack of employee privileges and labour rights of journalists Lack of job security of mainstream and provincial journalists Inadequate welfare facilities for Members/Journalists Absences of proper mechanism to address gender -based violence against journalists Lack of commitment of members in making the membership payment No Proper Fundraising mechanism in place Journalists membership is scattered throughout Sri Lanka
 Opportunities: Union's recognition in the country International support both technical and financial Linkages with stakeholders including other media organizations and trade unions Linkages with stakeholders of members International training and exposures 	 Threats: Influence and interference for vested interests of Media owners Influence and interference of Politicians Government employees functioning as journalists Safety and Security of Journalists Difficulties in obtaining Press Identification Card for freelance/local Journalists

• Wide spread of membership in all districts of Sri Lanka.	

Strategic Intervention Plan with time line and responsibilities

Implementation Timeline for the first year

No	Activity	Sub Activity	Timeline	1	2	3	4	5 6	5	7 8	9	10	11	12
Obje	ctive 1.1: Union has a me	chanism established for the i	mprovement o	f Nation	al	and	inte	erna	nti	onal	rela	tions		
inclu	ncluding relationship with International Federation of Journalists.													
1.1.	Appointing a	1.1.1.1 Appointing a	Long term to											
1	volunteer International	Volunteer International	be appointed											
	Coordinator for the	Coordinator at the annual	Immediately											
	union	General Meeting												
		1.1.1.2 Development of	Long term to											
		Terms of reference (ToR)	be carried											
		for the International	out											
		Coordinator	immediately											
		1.1.1.3 Sharing of monthly	Long term											
		updates of International												
		Coordinator with the												
		Members/executive board												
		1.1.1.4 Releasing	Long term to											
		international	be started at											
		announcements in the	the 04 th											
		event of special incidents	month of the											

	1.1.2.Stregthening union's links with National Stakeholders	(termination or suspension of Journalists, intimidation, harassment , injury) 1.1.2.1.staring discussions in relationship building with stakeholders and start a monthly dialogue	implementat ion Long-term to be started from January 2021							
Ohie	ctive 1 2: Union has min	mechanism with them imum facilities to maintain i	nternational re	lations						
1.2. 1	Procurement/Obtainin g from a donor or allocating a personal Laptop for the use of International Coordinator		Mid-term, to be started immediately							
Obje	ctive 2.1: Union has a jou	irnalist's professional develo	pment plan up	dated an	inua	lly				
2.1. 1	Support members to uplift their status in the sector	 2.1.1.1 Support members to obtain the International Press Card 2.1.1.2 Union intervention to obtain the Press Identity card for journalists who do not have an identification from a media company/institute 	Longer term, to be started in 2021 Long term, to be started in 2021							
		2.1.1.3 Unions starts discussion with Media Minister, Director General, Government Information Department on burning issues experienced by	Long term, to be started in 2021							

		journalists										
		2.1.1.4 Union initiates and	Long term,									
		continues discussions on	to be started									
		obtaining employee	in 2021									
		privileges such as social										
		security rights, such as										
		EPF, ETF and Gratuity										
		compensation etc. with										
		Minister of Mass Media,										
		Ministry of Labour Affairs										
		and DG of Information										
		Department										
		2.1.1.5 Plan and organize	Long term,									
		an e-campaign focusing on	to be started									
		the above rights	in the									
			middle of									
			2021									
		rs at least 100 journalists wit	h training or a	ny other	nati	onal	or int	erna	tiona	l cap	acity	7
	ling opportunity	1										
2.2.	Creating Training	2.2.1.1 Providing	Long term,									
1	opportunities for	International Training	on going									
	Journalists	opportunities for at least 04										
		journalists										
		2.2.1.2 Conduct at least	On going									
		national 04 trainings										
		targeting 120 journalists on										
		important subjects such as										
		professional responsibility										
		and ethics, Investigative										
		Journalism, anti										
		corruption, media and										

		democracy, gender									
		sensitivity, data									
		journalism, public service									
		journalism, social media,									
		national languages and									
		English etc.									
Ohie	ctive 3.1. Gender Policy i	s prepared and in place for th	ne union								
3.1.	Increasing women	3.1.1.1 Appointing female	Short term,				TT				
1	membership in the	representation of 30% for	to be								
1	Executive committee	the Executive Committee at	completed								
			1								
	by 50 %	the 2020 AGIVI	5 6 5								
		2112 Appointing A									
			,								
			•								
		Secretary or Treasurer)									
0.1											—
			Mid-term								
2	1 0										
	0										
	participation										
	by 30% the 2020 AGM by January 2021 3.1.1.2 Appointing A female member at least for 01 key position (President, Secretary or Treasurer) 2021 3.1.2 Conduct at least 02 educational programmes on increasing women participation the importance of increasing women participation for decision making 00 bjective 3.2: Union has a 'standard operating Procedure' in responding or intervening for any Gender based violence/harassment incident against member or non-member journalists and media workers.										
				and me	dia wo	rkers	.				
3.2.	Development of a	3.2.1.1 Drafting the	Longer term,								
1	Standard Operating	Standard Operating	to be								
	Procedure (SoP) on	Procedure (SoP) with	completed								
	responding for GBV	support of an external	August 2021								
	related issues	consultant									

Obje	ctive 3.3: A GBV compla	in mechanism with a dedicate	ed focal person	is estab	lish	ed								
3.3.	A complaint	3.3.1.1 A complaint	Longer term,											
1	mechanism is	mechanism on GBV issues	to be started											
	established within the	on journalists is established	by											
	union		September											
			2021											
		3.3.1.2 Appointing a	To be											1
		dedicated volunteer GBV	completed											l
		Focal person at the AGM	by January											l
			2021											
		3.3.1.3 Awareness on GBV	Mid-term, to											
		Complain mechanism for	be started by											
		journalists (02 activities per	September											
		annum)	2021											
		3.3.1.4 Establishment of a	Short term to											
		pool of lawyers committed	be started by											
		to provide legal support on	august 2021											
		GBV related issues against												
		women media workers and												
		journalists												
		line and a functioning campa	aign plan devel	loped fo	cusi	ng r	elat	ed a	nd	tim	nely	imp	orta	nt
goals				1	1									
4.1.	Formation of a	4.1.1 Calling for names	Short term to											
1	campaign committee	from interested members	be started by											
	by the Executive		February											
	committee		2021											
		4.1.2 Finalizing the names	Short term,											
		and formation of the	to be											
		committee by the executive	completed											

		committee. The campaign committee is to comprise 10 members 4.1.3 Campaign Committee develops a campaign plan focusing on timely required issues/policies to be addressed 4.1.4 Preparation of a plan for the implementation of activities identified to be included in the 'Handbook' 4.1.5 Designing and dissemination of an	by March 2021 Short term, to be completed by March 2021 Long term to be started from March 2021 Mid-term to be started									
		International Newsletter	from 2021 May and to									
			be printed quarterly									
	ctive 4.2:Union to imple try related to journalists	ment at least 04 major activiti	ies per annum	focusing	a tim	ely ir	npor	tant i	ssue	of th	ie	
4.2. 1	Implementation of campaign activities	4.2.1.1.Implementation of at least 04 major activities identified in the campaign plan focusing a timely	Mid-term, to be started May 2021									
		issue related to journalists 4.2.1.2 Review of the	To be									
		4.2.1.2 Review of the campaign plan and updating with new campaign activities	completed by January 2022									
		campulgit activities										

-		oning with a response mecha	nism on labou	r issues a	against	jou	rnali	sts to	be w	vorki	ing	on
	plaint basis	1		1								
5.1	Establishing a	5.1.1.1 Preparing a SoP and	Longer term									
	complaint mechanism	a mechanism for	to be started									
	on for labour issues	complaints on labour	by end of									
	experienced by the	matters relevant to	2021									
	journalists	journalists with the										
		support of an external										
		resource person										
		5.1.2 E-awareness on	Longer term									
		complaint mechanism	and to be									
		among the journalists	started by									
			December									
			2021									
		5.1.3 identify and list a	Short-term,									
		pool of accessible and	to be started									
		committed lawyers for	immediately									
		legal support on labour	-									
		matters										
Obje	ctive 6.1: A Welfare Fund	d developed and managed w	ith support of 1	nembers	and w	vell-	wisł	lers				
6.1.	Initiating a welfare	6.1.1 Development of a	Long term to									
1	support mechanism	welfare policy approved by	be started by									
	for members	the Executive Committee	May 2021									
		on the eligibility, limits and										
		other conditions etc										
		6.1.3 Support for members	Long term to									
		in need as approved in the	be started									
		welfare policy (at least 12	preliminary									
		per annum)	activities by									
		- ,	January 2021									
Obje	ctive 6.2: A fund raising	system in place for the unior	1	• 		· ·		· ·				

6.2.	Establishment of a	6.2.1.1 Establishment of a	Long term to								
1	welfare fund for the	welfare fund with support	be started by								
	union	of members, well-wishers	January 2021								
		and donors up to the limit									
		of one million LKR by 2021									
Obje	ctive 7.1: Organization d	evelopment plan is in place v	vith prioritized	l activitie	es					I	
7.1.	Development of an	7.1.1.1 Preparing an annual	Long term,								
1	annual organizational	organizational	to be started								
	development timeline	development timeline for	by March								
		the union	2021								
7.1.	Establishment of a	7.1.2.1	Long term to								
2	branch network in 25	Formation/reformation of	be started								
	districts for the union	branch unions in 25	first phase								
		districts	by January								
			2021								
		7.1.2.2 Revise and update	Mid-term to								
		Facebook page for the	be initiated								
		branch network and	by March								
-		members	2021					 			
		7.1.2.3 Creation of a	Short-term								
		WhatsApp group for the	to be started								
		executive committee	by October								
			2020								
		work of effectively function		s all over	the:	cou	ntry		1		
7.2.	Formation/restructuri	7.2.1.1	Long term to								
1	ng of 20 branch unions	Formation/restructuring	be started by								
	in districts	of 20 branch unions in	June 2022								
		district level	and to be								
			completed								
			by August								
			2023								

Monitoring AND Evaluation plan

Monitoring and Evaluation plan

Number	Expected result	Objectives	Indic	ators	Mean Verif	s of ication	Frequency of measurement
1	To improve the relationship with international journalist's networks, International Federation of Journalists and other networks.	 1.1 Union has a mechanism established for the improvement of international relations including relationship with International Federation of Journalists. 1.2 Union has minimum facilities to maintain international relationship 	1.1.1 1.1.2 1.1.3	An International relations Coordinator is appointed by the executive board Four media announcemen ts released internationall y per year and increased in case of any relevant incident Union executive board is updated monthly by the International	1.1.1. 1.1.2 1.1.3 1.2.1 over	Appointment letter of International Coordinator Copies of announceme nts Copy of monthly update Handing letter of the p and Internet	1.1.1. Annually 1.1.2.Quarterly 1.1.3.Quarterly 1.2.1.First quarter

2	To enable the union to work the professional Improvement of member and non- member journalists	2.1 Union has a journalist's professional development plan updated annually 2.2 Union caters to at least 100 journalists with training or any other national or	 Coordinator on the status of managing international relations. 1.2.1 The international Coordinator is equipped with a Lap top Computer with internet access 2.1.1 Annual professional development plan for journalists is prepared. 2.2.1.100 Journalists are benefitted annually by the union or by the 	2.1.1 Copy of professional development plan 2.2.1 Training reports/Photo evidence	2.1.1 annually 2.2.1.Quarterly
		international capacity building opportunity	opportunities created by the union		
3	To establish a Gender policy and a mechanism to respond for gender based violence/harassment	3.1 Gender Policy is prepared and in place for the union3.2 Union has a 'standard operating	3.1.1 Gender Policy is approved by the Executive Board and distributed among members	3.1.1 Copy of approved gender policy	3.1.1.End of related quarter

	against journalists	Procedure' in responding or intervening for any Gender based violence/harassment incident against member or non- member journalists 3.3 A GBV complain mechanism with a dedicated focal person is established	 3.2.1 Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) FOR Gender based violence/harassment is approved by the Executive Committee and in place 3.3.1 A focal person for GBV in behalf of the organization is appointed 3.3.2 A contact telephone number is shared among journalists 3.3.3 GBV case response files are maintained throughout the year in a confidential manner. 	 3.2.1 Copy of approved SoP 3.3.1 Appointment letter/committee decision of appointing a focal person 3.3.2 Email evidence of a sharing of Contact Number 3.3.3 Copies of front pages of the files 	 3.2.1.End of related quarter 3.3.1.End of related quarter 3.3.2 End of related quarter 3.3.3.Quarterly
			manner.		
4	To establish a functioning campaign mechanism implemented focusing policy	4.1 Union has a tagline and a functioning campaign plan developed focusing related and timely important goals	4.1.1 Advocacy campaign plan is prepared and updated annually	4.1.1 Approved advocacy campaign plan	4.1.1.Annually

	changes throughout the 03 year period on selected priority matters related to journalism in the country	4.2 Union is implements at least 04 major activities per annum focusing a timely important issues of the country related to journalists	4.2.1 Four major advocacy activities are completed per annum	4.2.1 Reports of advocacy activities with photos/screen shots	4.2.1 quarterly
5	To intervene on labour issues of the member and non- member journalists	5.1 Union is functioning with a response mechanism on labour issues against journalists to be working on complaint basis	 5.1.1 a dedicated focal person for labour matters is appointed by the union 5.1.2 an addendum is made for the constitution in order to add the Standard Operating Procedure (SoP) for case response 5.1.3 at least one event is organized by union per annum in increasing the labour rights of journalists 	 5.1.1 Appointment letter of the focal person/copy of decision on recruitment 5.1.2 Copy of the addendum 5.1.3 Event report 	 5.1.1.End of related quarter 5.1.2.End of related quarter 5.1.3.Quarterly
6	To establish a welfare mechanism for member	6.1 A welfare fund is developed and managed with support	6.1.1 welfare limits, subjects and welfare policy is approved	6.1.1 Copy of approved policy	6.1.1.End of related quarter

	journalists	wishe 6.2 A	fund raising n is in place for	by the Annual General Meeting 6.1.2 Union support for least 12 members per annum 6.2.1 Fund raising committee is appointed 6.2.2.Fund raising plan for the union is developed 6.23 at least one activity is implemented per annum on improving the fund	 6.1.2 brief reports on the support approved by chairperson 6.2.1 Minutes of fund raising committee meeting 6.2.2 Copy of approved fund raising plan 6.2.3 Activity completion report 	 6.1.2.Quarterly 6.2.1.Monthly 6.2.2.End of related quarter 6.2.3.Annually
7	To establish an organizational development mechanism	1.1 7.2.1	Organization development plan is in place with prioritized activities Union has functioning a network of 25 branches all over the country	 7.1.1 OD plan is prepared and distributed among members 7.1.2 OD Plan is reviewed and updated annually 7.2.1 10 branches are functioning and active 	 7.1.1 Copy of approved OD plan 7.1.2 Updated OD plan 7.2.1 Report of monthly or quarterly meetings of branches 	7.1.1.End of related quarter7.1.2.Annually7.2.1.Quarterly

Detailed Annual Budget 2020-2021

No	Activity	Sub Activity	Budget (LKR)	Budget (\$) Rate=185	Stakeholders	Responsibility
1.1.1	Appointing a volunteer International Coordinator for the union	1.1.1.1 Appointing a Volunteer International Coordinator in the annual General Meeting	4,000.00	22	Internal, IFJ	Executive Committee
		1.1.1.2 Development of a Terms of reference (ToR) for the International Coordinator	-		External Resource	Executive Committee
		1.1.1.3 Sharing monthly update of International Coordinator with the Members/executive board	12,000.00	65	Members	International Coordinator, Executive Committee
		1.1.1.4 Releasing international announcements In special incidents (termination or suspension of Journalists,	12,000.00	65	IFJ	International Coordinator, Executive Committee
		1.1.2.1 starting discussions in relationship building with stakeholders and start a monthly dialogue mechanism with	2,000,000.00	10,753		Executive Committee

		them(initial sensitization and monthly meetings)				
1.2.1	Procurement/Obtaining from a donor or allocating a personal Laptop for the use of International Coordinator	1.2.1.1 Executive Committee decides with the commitment of the members at the Annual General Meeting	150,000	806	Donors, Well wishers	Executive Committee
2.1.1	Support members to uplift their status in the sector	2.1.1.1 Support members to obtain the International Press Card	-		IFJ	Executive Committee
		2.1.1.2 Union intervenes to obtain the Identification card for journalists who do not have certification from a media company/institute	-		Ministry of Media, Director General of Information Department	Executive Committee
		2.1.1.3 Unions starts discussions with media Minister, DG- Information department on the issues experienced by journalists	-		Minister of Media, Director General of Information Department	Executive Committee
		2.1.1.4 Union initiate and continue discussions on obtaining employee	-		Unions in the media companies,	Executive Committee

		privileges such as EPF,ETF and compensation etc with Minister of Media, Ministry of Labour Affairs and DG- Information Department	50.000	269	Branch Unions Skilled	Executive
		2.1.1.5 Plan and organize an e-campaign focusing the above rights	50,000	269	members of the Union	Committee
2.2.1	Creating Training opportunity for Journalists	2.2.1.1 Providing opportunity of International Training opportunities for at least 04 journalists	-		IFJ, Civil Societies, International Organizations	Executive Committee, International Coordinator
		2.2.1.2 Conduct at least 04 trainings targeting 120 journalists	800,000.00	4301	External Resources, Internal Resource persons	Executive Committee
3.1.1	Increasing women membership in the executive committee by 30%	3.1.1.1 Appointing 30% for the Executive Committee at the 2020 AGM	-		-	Executive Committee
		3.1.1.2 Appointing A female member at least for 01 key position (Chair person, Secretary or Treasurer)	-		-	Executive Committee
3.1.2	02 Education programmes on	3.1.2.1Conduct at least 02 educational	200,000.00	1075	External Resource	Executive Committee

3.3.1	increasing women participation A complaint mechanism is established within the	programmes targeting 60 participants on the importance of increasing women's participation for decision making 3.3.1.1 A complaint mechanism on GBV	20,000.00	108	Persons, Civil Societies Internal Resource	Executive Committee
	union	issues on journalists is established			persons	Committee
		3.3.1.2 Appointing a dedicated volunteer GBV Focal person at the AGM	-		-	GBV Focal Person, Executive Committee
		3.3.1.3 Awareness on GBV Complain mechanism for journalists (02 activities per annum)	200,000.00	1075	External Resources	Executive Committee
4.1.1	Formation of a campaign committee by the Executive committee	4.1.1 Calling for names from interested members	-		Members	Executive Committee
		4.1.2 Finalizing the names and formation of the committee by the exceptive committee consisted with 10 members	-		Members	Executive Committee
		4.1.3 Campaign Committee develops a campaign plan focusing	10,000	54	Members	Executive Committee

		plan for the			Members	Executive Committee
		implementation of activities identified in the 'Hand Book'				
		4.1.5 Designing and dissemination of an International Newsletter (Quarterly)	800,000	4301		
4.2.1	Implementation of the campaign activities	4.2.1.1. Implementation of at least 04 major activities identified in the campaign plan focusing on timely issues related to journalists	1,200,000	6452	Members, Journalists, Other unions	Executive Committee
		5.1.3 identify and list a pool of accessible and committed lawyers for legal support in labour matters	-		Members, Committed Lawyers	Executive Committee
6.1.1	Initiating a welfare support mechanism for members	 6.1.1 Development of a welfare policy approved by the Executive Committee on the eligibility, limits and other conditions etc 6.1.3 Support for 	-		Members, External resource person Welfare	Executive Committee Executive

		members in need as approved in the welfare policy (at least 12 per annum)			Committee	Committee
6.2.1	Establishment of a welfare fund for the union	6.2.1.1 Establishment of a welfare fund with support of members, well-wishers and donors up to the limit of one million LKR by 2021	500,000.00	2688	Civil Societies, Donors, Members	Executive Committee
7.1.1	Development of an annual organizational development timeline	7.1.1.1 Preparing of an annual organizational development timeline for the union	-		Members	Executive Committee
7.1.2	Establishment of a branch network in 25 districts for union	7.1.2.1 Formation/reformation of branch unions in 05 districts	125,000.00	672	Members in Districts	Executive Committee
		7.1.2.2 Creation and maintenance of a FB page for the branch network and members	10,000.00	54	Skilled Members	Executive Committee
		7.1.2.3 Creation of a WhatsApp group for the executive committee	-	22 500	-	Executive Committee
			6,084,000.00	32,709		

Limitation/Challenges and Concluding remarks,

- 1. Need professional third-party support to implement and facilitate implementation process for at least 6 months to one year
- 2. Mobilization and training support / for skills upgrading of the members and fund-raising opportunities
- 3. Maintaining cohesion among the members needs additional support
- 4. There was a challenge in gathering participants for the planning meeting as they are scattered all over the country
- 5. With the given one-day time duration due to the budget limitations, it was challenging in having participation and agreement for each and every sub activity level with a detailed budget.
- 6. Further the time allocation to make the participants aware on the developed objectives and Key performance indicators was less.
- 7. This is a strategic intervention plan and not been named as a comprehensive strategic plan which was prepared in a very limited time.