

**SCHEME FOR THE GRANT OF MONETARY RELIEF TO VICTIMS
OF THE EASTER ATTACK, APRIL 2019.**

1. Premise for grant of monetary relief.

Grant of monetary relief to victims and families is one (01) eight (08) interventions recognized in the Policy document formulated by the Office for Reparations. It's accepted that no amount of money can compensate for the loss of a family member or for an injury that impacts on a victim's ability to lead a normal life including the capacity to generate an income as previously. Monetary relief granted in the realm of reparations is therefore to assist these victims even marginally, to deal with the resulting situation.

This scheme is formulated in response to the Order of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka made in its judgment of January 12, 2023 in SCFR Nos. 163/2019, 165/2019, 166/2019, 184/2019, 188/2019, 191/2019, 193/2019, 195/2019, 196/2019, 197/2019, 198/2019, and 293/2019 that *"A Victim Fund must be established at the Office for Reparations, which must formulate a scheme to award the sums ordered as compensation in a fair and equitable manner to the victims and families."*

2. Principles applicable to ensure scheme is "fair and equitable"

- a. Victim centrality – Grant of monetary relief will be based primarily on the needs of the victims.
- b. Prioritizing – The needs of the most vulnerable of the survivors, (disabled, elders, children, women) who require urgent relief will be given priority.
- c. Quantum of relief - The quantum of relief to be released to each victim/family will be determined based on the amounts available in the Victim Fund.

3. Methodology

- a. A Needs assessment will be conducted initially among –
 - i. the families of those who lost their lives; and
 - ii. those who are permanently disabled
- b. The needs assessment will be conducted among those who wish to be considered for further relief, with their consent.
- c. Based on willingness to participate in the assessment, continuing needs will be assessed. A questionnaire will be used.

4. Scheme

- a. Criteria that will be adopted to assess needs will be –
 - i. Medical needs of the disabled (long term and short term). Where necessary, professional advice from medical personnel will be sought to assess medical needs
 - ii. Needs of the elderly who were dependent on a family member that died
 - iii. Educational needs of students
 - iv. Other urgent needs of families including households headed by women
- b. The quantum of monetary relief will be determined based on the sum available in the Victim Fund.

**Members of the Office for Reparations,
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