‘DengueFreeChild’ app from Mobitel

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(L-R): Sunil Hettiarachchi, Secretary, Ministry of Education; P G Kumarasinghe Sirisena, Chairman, Sri Lanka Telecom and Mobitel and; Dr Sarath Amunugama, Deputy Director General, Public Health Services officially launching the ‘DengueFreeChild’ app

Mobitel launched the ‘DengueFreeChild’ mobile app to help combat the spread of Dengue among school children in Sri Lanka.

The app was developed by Mobitel in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the University of Colombo and the Nanyang Technological University in Singapore.

The app enables users to proactively report Dengue or suspected Dengue fever so that action can be taken regarding a premises where the infection is prevalent, mosquito breeding areas and to alert parents to keep an eye on Dengue-like symptoms in their children.

“Early diagnosis of Dengue can save a child’s life,” said Dr Hasitha Tissera, National Coordinator of the National Dengue Control Unit. “We have found that early diagnosis of Dengue and immediate treatment almost always leads to a complete

recovery. The need for parents and carers to be alert and aware of the possibility of Dengue symptoms in their children cannot be overstated.”

The ‘DengueFreeChild’ app has been created with separate user access for government officials and school authorities, in addition to the general public use of sharing and accessing information about Dengue patients.

“Dengue has become a very critical national health issue. We are proud to collaborate with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, University of Colombo and Nanyang Technological University in Singapore to design and to develop this much-needed application,” said Isuru Dissanayake, Senior General Manager Marketing, Mobitel.

The ‘DengueFreeChild’ app by Mobitel is now available for free download by Android Users on Google Play Store.