



“HELPING TO OVERCOME A DIFFICULTY”



SUPPORT 100 RURAL SCHOOLS AND OVER 5,000 RURAL SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH THEIR BASIC SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020-2021

BACKGROUND

Tarana Foundation is a registered charity in Sri Lanka (Registration No. GA 00211699), registered under the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 (Sri Lanka), as a Company by Guarantee.

Tarana Foundation had its initial meeting in March 2018 where a few friends gathered to discuss how best the rural communities can be supported. Over the next couple of months, the group increased to more than 30 volunteer members.

FOCUS

The aim of the Foundation is to engage in projects to uplift the economic and social standards of those living in rural communities in Sri Lanka.

In order to achieve our aim, we focus on projects concerning the following 3 key areas

- Education
- Water and Sanitation
- Climate & Environment

CURRENT AND PAST PROJECTS

The signature project of the group for the last two years has been to provide basic school requirements to over 2,700 students in 2018 and over 3,000 students in 2019, in rural schools. We've reached out to the remotest areas in Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Padavi-Siripura, Jaffna, Matugama, Bakamuna, Hiniduma and Dehiattakandiya covering 5 Provinces in Sri Lanka.

The Foundation also supported these rural schools vis-à-vis donation of library books, sports goods, musical instruments, water purification units, and construction of sanitation & hygiene facilities.

During 2020, the Foundation was able to provide educational material and play items to 25 pre-schools in Dehiattakandiya (Ampara District)

Since March 2020, with the Covid-19 situation, the foundation has provided humanitarian services to over 500 families by providing food packs. Also, we were able to provide PPEs to the Dental Surgeons and Staff of the National Dental Hospital and Eye Hospital. Besides, we supported Jeewaayu Foundation by funding and distributing free of charge, a locally produced ayurvedic immunity booster to build immunity against the corona virus.

WE SEEK YOUR SUPPORT

Owing to its free education system, Sri Lanka, with a basic literacy rate of 91.2% and a one to twenty teacher pupil ratio claims an excellent education standard compared to most developing countries. Surprisingly, these statistics conceal the reality of rural schools, where unequal distribution of learning resources and poverty, leads to low standards in education. Conversely, urban schools capable of drawing enough financial resources, being better equipped with modern learning resources, attract more students as well as more resources. This trend continues and expands the gap in the quality of education between rural and urban schools, which has resulted in closing down many such rural schools. This limits the educational opportunities for poor rural children which eventually trap them in to the vicious cycle of poverty. Educational spending based on number of available students in each school, targets on providing funding for recurrent expenditure and physical infrastructure, and ignores raising the bar as a strategy towards human resources development and thereby reducing poverty.

In most parts of the eastern, north-central and northern provinces have less rain, and as a result most of the rural schools in these areas have an issue with regard to having adequate water supply towards sanitary and hygiene requirements. Due to the current Covid-19 situation, these schools face a grave issue of even supporting the basic requirement of washing of hands.

Tarana Foundation wishes to support the immediate needs of the rural schools and their children in 2020-2021.

Your support no doubt will bring a smile to a child of a rural school and help the child towards his or her well-being, and to break out of the cycle of poverty.

So please help us to support rural schools and its children in Sri Lanka.

Our Rural School Projects for 2020-2021, support the following SDGs

- SDG 1 – No Poverty
- SDG 3 – Good Health and Well-being
- SDG 4 – Quality Education
- SDG 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation
- SDG 10 – Reduced Inequality
- SDG 13 – Climate Action

Thank You