

Kripasaran Children's Home Update December 2022

Life at the Children's Home has been gradually getting back to normal after the difficult last two years when lives and routines have been disrupted by Covid. Whilst the Home usually provides a safe haven for up to 100 children, there have been about 70 children living there over the last six to nine months. This will increase to 100 after the winter school holidays which have just started.

A major achievement - the underground water storage tank which is vital to the water harvesting project, was successfully completed and now contributes to the ongoing water supply at the Home. Whilst the final phase of construction has been on hold temporarily pending the transfer of monies under the government's new financial regulations, there have been many other activities going on which benefit the young people.



Maths tuition has been funded so that the older students can catch up after missing so much face-to-face teaching during Covid. This is a subject with which many feel they have the most difficulty and the classes, which take place at weekends, are always well attended.

Maintaining and enhancing the mental and physical well-being of the students continues to be a major concern. After the stresses of Covid the benefits of yoga have been introduced and with a great local teacher, the classes have been enthusiastically received. On-going health monitoring continues to be an important issue and there are regular visits by a doctor and nurses, who identify any problems so the children are rapidly treated. Specialist input has also been provided and there have been weekend dental and eye camps to identify problems and ensure treatment.



Meanwhile the vocational training continues and is enjoyed by the older girls who are learning skills that they will be able to use in their future lives' potentially using them to create an income if necessary.



In all, a very successful year which has hugely benefitted the children at the Home!