

We are...

a private, non-commercial organization aimed at supporting the education of needy children in Sri Lanka.

We support...

children and students at multiple schools in Sri Lanka. Our donations cover the costs of the education, teaching material and travel expenses. We exclusively support children and/or young persons who depend on financial assistance and, without our donations, would not have a chance to receive comprehensive schooling.

We assume...

or arrange personal sponsorships "private-to-private". There are *no overhead costs* or other fees.

**100% of the donations
get through to the
foster children!**

We are in need of...

families, individuals, or other organizations who are willing to sponsor a child or student or donate funds to support our activities. With one family dinner less in a restaurant, we can safeguard the future of a young person!

Your support is welcome!

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Information Brochure
about our
Organization & Projects

Project 1: Scholarships

Pre-condition for good career opportunities is a qualified education. This is also true in Sri Lanka. However, many families cannot afford the school tuition for their children – they are just happy to be able to feed themselves. This is where we want to help with school scholarships.

Since 1993, we have developed excellent relationships with schools in Sri Lanka. Scholarships have been arranged for 390 needy children to date. The cost of the sponsorship is \$50 per month (including English at school and English tuition on weekends). Trustworthy third parties on-site periodically provide us with the names and "stories" of needy cases who we try to find sponsors for. The photos below were taken from the list.



Melani

Chamod



Eranga



Nethmi



Pubudu



Deesha

Intended Purpose of the Scholarships:

- Support of the school education of needy children. All children live in poor families and/or humble conditions as a result of the tsunami of late 2004 or other circumstances.
- The children attend pre-schools (4 to 6 years old), schools offering "Ordinary Level" graduation (O/L, ca. 15 years old) or "Advanced Level" graduation (A/L, ca. 18 years old).
- English education. We attach high importance to qualified English schooling because good English knowledge is essential and indispensable for good career opportunities in Sri Lanka.

Rules of the Scholarships:

- All sponsorships are voluntary. The donations are directly transferred to the children – no „overhead“.
- If so desired, we can assume responsibility for money transfers to Sri Lanka and assist in the translation of the correspondence.

Advantages of the Scholarships:

Usually, personal relationships develop from the scholarship (e.g., through correspondence with the child or his/her family). In many cases, sponsors have even visited with their foster children and taken them on tour when touring the country.

If you are interested in assuming a foster child sponsorship, you can select a child from our list. You will then receive the particulars about the child, including photo, address and personal information about the child and his/her family. Usually, the child or the family begins the correspondence with "small" letters. This may then result in close personal contact or even visits on site in Sri Lanka.

The sponsorship can be cancelled at any time. If cancelled prior to the child's graduation, the Hikkaduwa Verein e.V. will adopt the scholarship until a new sponsor can be found.

Project 2: „St. Mary's Convent" School

The tsunami of 2004 destroyed 163 schools in Sri Lanka., among them the St. Mary's Convent School in Matara on the South Coast. Thanks to donations from about 900 private and public donors, Hikkaduwa Verein could contribute the amount of 165,000 Euro to build the new school complex and the access road. In January 2018, the school celebrated its 10th anniversary.



St. Mary's Convent (January 2005)



New School on Browns Hill (January 2008)

Project 3: Improvement of Living Conditions

Affected or not affected by the tsunami, many families still live in conditions which are unacceptable even under Sri Lankan circumstances. In a number of cases, we could help restoring or acquiring homes for the most needy families.



Preethika Home, Baddegama (December 2007)



Restored Home (February 2008)



Home Hiruni, Baddegama (October 2014)



Newly Built Home (April 2015)

Additional projects are being conducted or under preparation depending on available funds. Any help is welcome!