



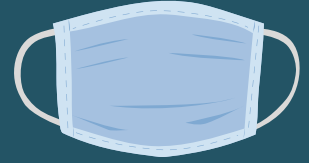
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# VANNI HOPE NEWSLETTER

Our mission is to empower impoverished communities in Sri Lanka by providing them with access to education, clean water and sanitation, and implementing livelihood projects designed to stimulate social and economic development in the community.

# COVID-19 RESPONSE



The ongoing COVID-19 crisis means poverty-stricken families continue to suffer immense hardship. With the assistance of Upcountry Social Development Forum (USDF), People's Service Council (PSC), NewAROW, Warakapola Tamil Social Development Society (WTSDS) and the support from our sponsors, Vanni Hope has assisted over 2000 beneficiaries by providing face masks to Trincomalee, Jaffna, Nuwara Eliya and Kegalle Districts. We have provided dry food rations to the most impoverished, low-income families. By supplying over 600 rations, we have been able to feed over 1400 beneficiaries. Furthermore, we have also provided women's hygiene supplies to Trincomalee.



## HOME BASED AGRICULTURAL PROJECT



With the contribution of Tamil Forum Malaysia (TFM) and the assistance of PSC, Vanni Hope has implemented sustainable agriculture projects in Thampalakamam District. The project promotes local agriculture production in order to manage the food shortage as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. By providing vegetable seeds and plants for home gardening, over 150 families have benefitted from it and the self-sustaining nature of this project means the community will generate an income, thus improving their livelihoods.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



## SHELTER FOR LIFE PROJECT

Many families in areas devastated by the war live in temporary shelters fashioned from pieces of timber with metal roofs, or in mud homes with thatched roofs. Thus, with the assistance of our global sponsors, Vanni Hope has approved the development of 15 shelters. With the assistance of various loyal sponsors and TFM and assistance from PSC, we have commenced building permanent homes for these families in the Trincomalee district. Each home will consist of an open veranda, two rooms and an external toilet.



## WATER ACCESS PROJECT

Unfortunately, many families living in war-affected communities do not have access to clean and safe water. With the help of our sponsors and PSC, in collaboration with the Sri Lankan National Water Board, we have provided water pipe access to a multitude of homes in the Trincomalee district and over 100 families have benefitted. Sponsored by Alaka Foundation Malaysia, we are developing 2 community wells in the Mullaitheevu district, which will benefit 30 families. By working with government officers and USDF, we have constructed toilets in the Kegalle and Jaffna districts.



# EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT



## COMPUTER PROJECTS

Access to quality education and skill development opportunities is crucial to breaking the poverty cycle, and access to the internet is a valuable pathway to knowledge and has become vital to learning in our technologically advanced world. Alongside USDF and our sponsorships via Panaron Malaysia and TFM, we have provided computers with printers to 12 schools across the Vanni region in Sri Lanka. This project benefits students by providing them with the opportunity to expand their technological competence.



OVER  
**1500**  
*students benefitted*

ACROSS  
**12**  
*schools*

## ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



Without the hardwork and dedication of teachers, we would not be able to learn and expand our knowledge of the world. Vanni Hope understands that supporting teachers is just as vital to enhancing the education system as supporting students. With the assistance of the Northern Province Education Council and USDF, we ran a professional English language development workshop for 25 primary teachers in the Kilinochchi District. This project is extremely important and we hope to see the skills taught during the workshop reflected in the work of the students.

## TEACHING AID

Implemented by NewAROW in Sri Lanka, Sinnan Siru Kalvimankal Preschool Development Project provided 35 children with teaching aids, furniture and quality education. The preschool creates a positive and welcoming environment and encourages and ensures children continue with foundational education.



## STUDENT SPONSORSHIPS

With the help of our donors and local NGO's, Vanni Hope is sponsoring 60 school students varying from Grade 4 to A/L and 75 University students completing degrees in Science, Engineering, Business, Medicine, Commerce and Arts. Previously sponsored students have successfully graduated and are currently working in a range of fields. The scholarship sponsorship program has allowed disadvantaged children to explore different career paths and regain hope in fulfilling their passion

# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT



## SAKTHI ILLAM: GIRLS' HOME

The Shakthi Illam Girls home accommodates around 40 girls aged 10 to 19 who are lacking adequate resources and funds for basic needs. Sponsored by Vanni Hope and implemented by New Arrow, we supplied new dresses for the New Years festival to all the girls, kitchen utensils and mobile phones. We hope to create a positive and encouraging environment with the given resources and will continue to support them by providing other necessary items.



## SMALL COTTAGE INDUSTRY

The Small cottage industry aims to empower the disadvantaged women in the community to allow them to become financially stable in the long-term. Vanni Hope in conjunction with USDF has now provided vocational training to 26 women over a 15 week period. By the culmination of the tailoring course, the ladies were able to sew beautiful handbags, shoulder bags and backpacks. In addition, the women assisted with combatting Covid-19 by sewing regulation facemasks to be sold to the public.



# HEALTH & WELLBEING



## MOBILE PHYSIOTHERAPY SESSIONS

Vanni Hope sponsors Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation sessions for differently abled children specifically children with Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Down's Syndrome and Autism. Mobile clinics are implemented by Hope Trinco and involves a physiotherapist making home visits to assess the children individually and tailoring a suitable program. The aim is to improve their strength, coordination, reduce stiffness and ultimately, improve their quality of life. Personal hygiene and sanitary items are also supplied to the children by Vanni Hope.

## ARANERI CLASS

It is important to be surrounded by a responsible and caring community atmosphere from a young age to foster good moral values and behaviour. Vanni Hope supports Araneri classes on Sundays in remote villages that instil the virtues of kindness, honesty, tolerance and confidence in young children. Sponsors fund nutritional food packages for the children attending these classes and a small allowance for the teachers who volunteer to conduct the classes.

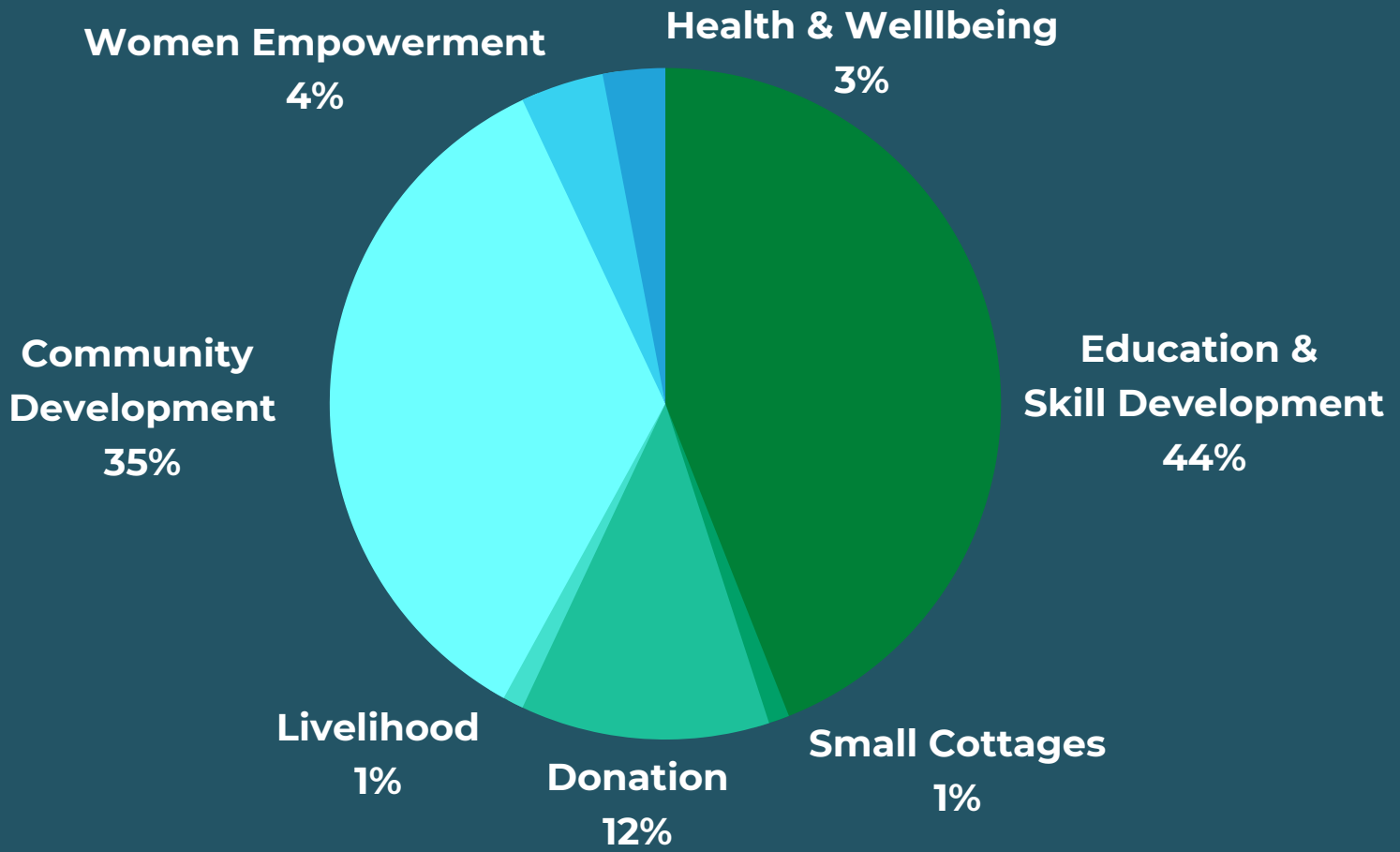


## CLOTHES DISTRIBUTION

Vanni Hope distributes used clothing, sporting equipment, toys, books, shoes, handbags, costume jewellery, bed linen and more to underprivileged families in Sri Lanka. Our NGOs distribute these items to impoverished families.



# UTILISATION OF FUNDS JANUARY - JUNE 2021



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**AUD \$287,750**

LKR 40,284,962

funds raised from  
January to June 2021

**75**

students are  
completing university  
degrees through our  
sponsorships

**OVER 2000**

people benefitted  
from our COVID-19  
Response



We would like to thank the local, hard-working organisations which have assisted in the successful implementation of our projects, namely People's Service Council (PSC), Warakapola Tamil Social Development Society (WTSDS) NewAROW and Upcountry Social Development Forum (USDF). Thank you to our sponsors, as without your generous support, none of this work would be possible.

*Be the reason someone smiles today*

