



# NEWS

AND CURRENT EVENTS

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## GIVING IN MOTION

Although Serendip runs some long standing projects we are always looking for new schemes to support. These are just some of our latest initiatives.



### XMAS GIFT FOR THE UNFORTUNATES?

As we enter Winter many of you may be concerned about the more vulnerable members of our community who may have difficult choices to make over heating and the cost of living. In Sri Lanka their cost of living crisis has been relentless, especially for those based in the north, east and, lately, the 'up-country' region of that Island.

A number of you have kindly donated towards our many projects over the years and for that we are grateful. Unfortunately, when times are hard there is less support than before and charity doners have less to offer, but the needs of the unfortunates in Sri Lanka doesn't go away. We want to continue to help but we are totally reliant upon donations.

#### COULD YOU HELP?

If you can help us help the island's unfortunates, please give us a donation (large or small) via <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/donate> or by cheque to our address. Thank you!



Sponsor one-off  
livelihood small business project

**£200 EACH**



### EMERGENCY RELIEF

Many of you will be aware of the economic crisis in Sri Lanka that erupted this year (2022). The result has led to political instability, disorder and even greater poverty. With generous donations and dipping into our reserves we tried to help, predominantly by supplying dry foods to the most vulnerable, especially to the elderly who have barely any income at all.



### SPECIAL NEEDS

A lot of our activities and therapies to help children with special needs largely takes place in our two Centres. For example, we run workshops (sometimes run by outside professionals) for the parents of some of our special needs children, that will ultimately benefit their children's education and lives. Such parents will sometimes also receive assistance via our Livelihood Program i.e., sustainable self-employment.







## UP-COUNTRY SUPPORT

Most charity support has traditionally focused on areas of northern and eastern Sri Lanka. However, many of the citizens in what is called the 'Up-Country' in the centre of the island, live in even more abject poverty. Many have to survive on a subsistence income, usually as tea-plantation workers.

Their wages are extremely low, and their basic needs are barely met e.g., one toilet may have to serve more than 50 people and numerous villages have no access to drinking water. Every day they will walk miles to collect the water in buckets.

To help uplift their conditions, we are using our project resources to help e.g., infrastructure (tube wells/toilets), emergency relief, educational material (for poor children) and Breakfast for Kids.



Sponsor students books & educational material on any of your special occasions

**ANY AMOUNT YOU WISH!**



## FINE ARTS

Serendip has often supported the fine arts, particular those that maintain cultural traditions. Classes in our centres are teaching students the skills and practice on musical instruments, dance and singing e.g., Miruthangam Karnataka Music, Bharatanatyam, Mridanga and Violin as a main part. Learning how to use the flute, tabla, etc. is also added to their skills. The students often showcase their talents in various degrees, often at festivals and competitions at our centre(s) and elsewhere.



Sponsor a child... food & educational material for as little as

**£5 ON WARDS...**



## CHARITY WELL DONE TO ALL!

A number of supporters recently joined Serendip's Annual fundraising walk. A good number walked along the Regent's Canal, crossing Regent's Park and finishing in Camden Town. More importantly, collectively we raised just over £4,000 to go towards our Emergency Relief (in Sri Lanka) and Special Needs projects,

If you can donate something, please do so via <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/donate>



## HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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<https://www.serendipchildrenshome?fref=ts>

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or why not give us a DONATION via <http://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome>