



# 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.



### WHO WE ARE?

The charity seeks to provide long term and self-sustainable assistance to the most destitute of families in the North & East of Sri Lanka. We particularly focus on women headed families and vulnerable children who are currently experiencing acute poverty and severe hardship. These problems are not being addressed by any agency of national or local government so therefore the work of Serendip is **crucial** if further suffering is to be avoided. We run many projects (we highlight just a few below). Any donation for which our beneficiaries would be most grateful.



### LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME

(Start up support for small businesses)

We particularly focus on women headed families with vulnerable children, who are currently experiencing acute poverty and severe hardship. To alleviate their condition and protect them from living off aid, we run a Livelihood programme, which aims to fund 'start-up' businesses, primarily via self-employment.

\* To set-up such a business it will cost between £150-200 depending on its' nature. Interested? Please donate via <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/Donate> or contact us for more details.



### AUTISM & ADHD

As part of our ongoing SPECIAL NEEDS project, we are now providing specialist facilities, therapy, and equipment to SN units (particularly in deprived areas) to support children with autism and other special needs. This includes sensory rooms, speech & language, music & dance therapies, and yoga sessions, in our Fine Arts centres (which we physically run).

\* We would like to recruit and pay for a professional therapist for £1200/year. Any contribution towards that figure would of course be most welcome. Contact [info@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:info@serendipchildrenshome.com) for more detail.



Sponsor one-off  
livelihood small business project

**£200 EACH**



## BUILDING A SMALL HOME

Serendip has launched a new project (building a small/modest size home) in response to repeated requests. In particular, Elders who have no place to live and no means of support and mothers who have been abandoned by their husbands, need help! This would consist of building a small home, e.g., a one-bedroom home, to replace the shacks many have to live in.

The below pictures highlight our first constructed home. A similar home would cost between £1,300-£1,500. Can you help?

\* As these are very basic homes the cost is relatively cheap at £1500. Could you house a very poor and homeless family? Please email [trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:trisha@serendipchildrenshome.com) or make a donation towards the cost to <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/Donate>



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

**ANY AMOUNT YOU WISH!**



## BRINGING WATER TO THE PEOPLE!

So many families in numerous villages throughout the north & East, and Central part of the Island have no access to drinking water. Every day they will walk miles to collect water in buckets. We build small common wells or repair existing ones. On average around 50 families benefit from one well.

\* The cost of one well is £350 (the cost of the tank, piping and labour). To bring water however from the mountain springs to houses in the bottom of the mountain cost us £1200-1400. Can you help? If so contact us via [info@serendipchildrenshome.com](mailto:info@serendipchildrenshome.com)

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**£5 ON WARDS...**



## ACADEMIC UPLIFT

We are often approached by students from very poor families who are unable to support their children's higher education. By providing financial support to several deserving law students, we believe we will create the nuclei of a future legal 'community' within the wider Tamil community.

\* Sponsoring such a student only costs **£10/month** and will deliver varied benefits to them and the wider community. Please contact us via e-mail for details.

DONATE: If you would like to simply support our good work you can offer a one-off donation of any amount via <https://www.justgiving.com/serendipchildrenshome/donate>



## HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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