



SERENDIP WATER PROJECT PROPOSAL

2024




ABOUT US

Established in May 2009, Serendip Children's Home is a UK-registered charity that responded to the urgent needs of those affected by Sri Lanka's civil war. We provided essential support to orphaned children, widows, and destitute families in the war-ravaged north and east of the country.

Since then, Sri Lanka has faced a succession of crises. In response, we have expanded our reach to include vulnerable communities in the central and southern provinces as well. Our unwavering objective is to uplift the most vulnerable people in Sri Lanka. To achieve this, our programmes prioritise the needs of children, youth, women, the elderly, and marginalised communities.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project: Serendip Water Project

Province: Central and Uva

Beneficiaries: Malaiyaha Community

Cost Per Water Supply and Tank: £3497

Exchange rate: £1 to LKR393.27



Sri Lanka's tea industry thrives on the dedication of its Malaiyaha community, descendants of those brought from India by British colonists in 1827. However, despite their vital role, these communities remain among the island's most disadvantaged, forced to live in dilapidated line-houses built during colonial times or newer but smaller mud houses. These dwellings lack basic amenities, denying residents essential dignity and hindering a healthy quality of life. During a 2021 visit, the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, Tomoya Obokata, described their situation as "inhumane and degrading," highlighting the urgency for intervention.

Under our Better Homes programme, we have a dedicated Serendip Water Project where we focus on building water tanks within villages and schools to ensure the Malaiyaha community has access to clean drinking water.





PROBLEM:

Water access relies on gravity-fed systems with spring water piped down mountains. Unfortunately, years of use have caused these PVC pipes to deteriorate or break, and essential storage tanks require repairs. Unable to afford replacements, families are forced to travel long distances to collect water, a burden further exacerbated by the community's growth. New settlements face the additional challenge of lacking the funds to build new tanks and water supply systems, forcing residents to travel even further for their daily needs.

The villages are constantly at risk of drinking contaminated water from nearby rivers. Many fall ill and in a few extreme circumstances this has led to death.

SOLUTION:

Under the Serendip Water Project, new water supply systems and water tanks are built within a village that is on our waiting list. Constructed tanks and repaired water systems provide clean, potable water within settlements. This eliminates long water-collection treks and ensures sufficient water for cooking, cleaning, and daily needs. The dignity, safety, and good health of families will significantly improve.

Each of our construction projects is done in close consultation with the villagers, tea plantation owners, and state authorities. The villagers often participate in the construction, which gives them a sense of pride and ownership over the finished water tank.



MONITORING & EVALUATION

- **Baseline Data Collection:**

- Conduct surveys to gather data on access to water and issues faced by the community.
- Use focus group discussions to understand the community's specific needs and challenges.

- **Ongoing Monitoring:**

- Carry out regular updates on the progress of the project.
- Monthly site visits to assess the quality of work and immediate impacts.

- **Impact Evaluation:**

- Conduct end-term evaluations to assess the overall impact.
- Use pre- and post-intervention surveys to measure changes and the improvement of the lives of the beneficiaries.

HOW TO DONATE

The Serendip Water Project is an ongoing initiative that was started three years ago. The programme is dedicated to improving the living conditions of families in need. Currently, we have a growing list of villages awaiting essential water tanks. Due to limited resources, we can only undertake these repairs as funding becomes available.

Your support can make a significant difference. By donating:

- For £3497, you can provide a new water tank which will support an entire village (66 families).
- or
- For £500, £1000, or £2000 you can help contribute to the construction of a tank.

We warmly welcome your contribution to this vital programme.

Bank Transfer

Bank: Natwest PLC

Account: Serendip Children's Home

Name: Serendip Children's Home

Account no: 11637749

Sort code: 60-04-36

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