



OVERVIEW OF VISIONS' SRI LANKA PROGRAMS:

INVESTING IN EDUCATION & BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF LOCAL CIVIL SOCIETY

In many developing and middle-income countries around the world, a quality education is a luxury. The key to achieving development goals & sustainability in international development lies in creating robust educational systems and investing in the human capital of local communities themselves.

Over the past 13 years, Visions has nurtured partnerships with dozens of local civil society organizations that are the change-makers in their own communities – the locally-rooted, innovative problem solvers, idea generators, and program administrators serving the most vulnerable & disadvantaged in their area and helping to stimulate growth.



Visions' secret to success has been in responding to specific needs and opportunities identified by local actors themselves and further empowering them to better create change. Building on the ongoing work of these local partners (many of whom have worked in their respective communities for decades), we help them to develop programs and achieve development goals by supplementing their efforts with our expertise and resources.

We provide support through consultation, training, funding, strategy development, program development, curriculum development, and much more in order to maximize results, while the local partners themselves take ownership over and responsibility for local implementation & management. As always, Visions' goal is to unleash the vast amounts of untapped human potential in the communities we strive to serve.

The following list comprises a few of the local nonprofits and institutions we have lent our assistance to over the years:

- ❖ **CHINMAYA ORGANISATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (COLOMBO, SRI LANKA)**
Working in close partnership with the CORD Sri Lanka team, Visions provided support in developing organizational systems and a marketing strategy & materials. CORD Sri Lanka also facilitated several youth scholarships and the delivery of more than 4,000 library books to schools in Jaffna (2009-2012).
- ❖ **CHUNDIKULI GIRLS COLLEGE (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**
Provided support for 150 Internally Displaced Youth (IDPs) to continue with their education (2010).
- ❖ **CHURCH OF THE AMERICAN CEYLON MISSION (BATTICALOA, SRI LANKA)**
 - Collaborated in the development of a Youth Leadership Academy, in which 112 youth from various isolated & disadvantaged communities in Eastern Sri Lanka have participated in an intensive leadership development program designed to develop skills,

enhance knowledge & understanding of the world, and encourage youth to step forward as leaders for their communities & country (2013 – 2017).

- Supported after-school programs for more than 850 youth whose education was disrupted on account of the civil conflict and/or other hardship in Vaharai, Karadiyanaru, Suthanthirapuram, & Neeravipitty in Eastern Sri Lanka (2011 – 2014).
- Provided scholarship support to a number of high-achieving youth in financial need to pursue higher education or vocational/professional training opportunities.
- Organized various teacher trainings for public school teachers in Batticaloa (2012 – 2015).
- Drawing upon the talents & knowledge of both international and local volunteers, conducted special youth leadership trainings and arts camps in Batticaloa (2011 – 2013).
- Brought 4 staff persons to India for networking, capacity-building, and exposure visit (2010).
- Provided various equipment & resources in support of ongoing educational & community development initiatives (2012 – 2017).

❖ **HINDU BOARD OF EDUCATION (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**

Bank accounts were established and future savings scholarships were provided to 10 young men at this Jaffna-based boys orphanage (2007), following two 2-week youth leadership summer camps that were conducted (2004 – 2005).



❖ **INSTITUTE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**

Provided financial support for the development of an organizational website (www.irdg.org.lk) (2016).

❖ **JAFFNA COLLEGE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**

Provided a new computer lab for students enrolled in the Bachelor of Information Technology (B.I.T.) program (2014).

❖ **JAFFNA FACULTY OF MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**

Visions made a contribution to the Medical Students Welfare Fund (2015).

❖ **KILINCHCHI EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST (KILINCHCHI, SRI LANKA)**

Visions' support enabled 20 war-affected students from a public school in Kilinochchi to participate in an annual sports competition (2012).

❖ **MAGASAKTHY & YOGASAKTHY WOMEN'S FEDERATIONS (KILINCHCHI, SRI LANKA)**

Visions provided general support for 120 Internally Displaced (IDP) youth in Northern Sri Lanka (2010).

❖ **MOOLAI HOSPITAL (MOOLAI, SRI LANKA)**

Provided financial support for the development of a hospital website (www.moolaihospital.com) (2016).

❖ **NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**

Provided support for an e-library and Tamil-language literature e-archiving project (2013).

❖ **SAIVA MANGAIYAR KALAGAM (COLOMBO, SRI LANKA)**

One of our largest undertakings to-date, Visions worked hand-in-hand with Saiva Mangaiyar Kalagam in establishing a 5-story learning center in Colombo directly across the street from the Hindu Ladies College. Additionally, Visions provided scholarships, books, a multimedia center, teacher trainings & support, and a whole host of other assistance throughout the project period (2007-2011).

❖ **ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE (JAFFNA, SRI LANKA)**

Visions has enjoyed a fruitful relationship with this exemplary academic institution over the years, and has provided support for the following projects:

- Support for 222 Internally Displaced Youth (IDPs) to continue with their education (2010).
- Establishment of the Rex T. Arulanantham Memorial Computer Lab & Music Room (2012).
- Support for the development of the school's new IT block (2015).



❖ **STITCH MOVEMENT (COLOMBO, SRI LANKA)**

Implemented an after-school tutoring and support program for the benefit of 84 resettled youth in Jaffna for a 1-year period (2011-2012).

❖ **WOMEN'S EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTRE (COLOMBO, SRI LANKA)**

Support was provided for the purchase of 1 trishaw for a women's livelihoods development & personal empowerment project (2011).

❖ **YOUTH LEAGUE FOR SANATANA DHARMIC PERCEPTION (COLOMBO, SRI LANKA)**

YLSDP conducted an "Effective English Teaching" training program with Visions' support for 63 public school teachers in Eastern Sri Lanka (2007).