

Progress Report 2021 & 2022



A foundation since 2016
We envision a society returning
to humanity.



Our mission

We aim to empower the youth of Sri Lanka to rise above challenges, unlock their potential, and shape a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

Join us in nurturing
potential,
one life at a time.

450 lives
impacted
in two years



MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGING TRUSTEE



**"We need to change our attitudes,
habits and core values,"**

- Nimal Martinus

"We're at a crossroads. On one side, is a nation suffering from severe economic crisis in the aftermath of a worldwide pandemic. On the other, is the urgent need for sustainable development.

Poverty is a vicious cycle that violates human rights, forcing generations to suffer with little to no escape. We need significant change. In this effort, we chose education as our tool of empowerment. By ensuring that the youth, especially those in difficult backgrounds, receive the opportunity to explore options.

The journey ahead is arduous but with the generous contributions of patrons as well as the hard work and unwavering determination of our team, we are confident to make a positive change."

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We hope our efforts enable creativity,
foster togetherness and inspire our
younger generations to find their way
back to humanity.**

Education as a tool of empowerment

Many rural youth, especially males, tend to drop out of school to drive a three-wheeler as they think it's an easy way to make money. They don't bother with school, roam around idly during the day and are often lazy and unproductive. This behaviour contributes to labour shortages in the country.

Sadly, parents are not aware and sometimes, not interested in guiding their children. They are too occupied with their own affairs to look after their families.

Domestic violence, alcoholism and substance abuse greatly contribute to disharmony within these families.

Similarly, females tend to join massage parlours because they aren't qualified. Many of them end up facing unsafe situations where they are left helpless.



It was estimated that by the end of 2022, 40% of Sri Lanka's population were below the poverty line.



Our aim is to help the youth find better alternatives to pursue meaningful and lucrative careers that would eventually help them overcome these socio-economic challenges. We focus on providing opportunities for formal and non-formal education.

Fatima Boys Home

This is a probationary care facility that looks after children from broken families and troubled backgrounds.

Some children live here, while others live at home and visit the centre for academics and sports. The boys love music, dance, art and sports and are given the space and the freedom to pursue their hobbies. They receive health checkups and counselling sessions too.

With the pandemic, the boys did not follow any significant academic training due to many not having access to the internet or computers at home. However, matrons tried their best to conduct online classes.

We contribute to the operational costs and facility maintenance to support 44 boys in the past two years.

A Story of Determination....

Costa is 17 years old and wants to become a Catholic Priest when he grows up. He loves sports, singing and dancing.

His father is a drug addict and his mother ran away with another man. He lived with his grandmother until she passed away leaving him without a guardian or a loving home. One of his aunts reluctantly took charge of him but she too left him and went abroad.

At the time, Costa was devastated and needed psychiatric help. He arrived at the Home via the Battaramulla Courts.

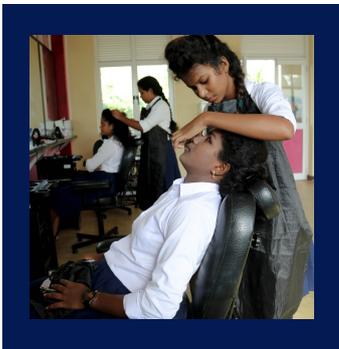


Mosvold Educational Centre, Balapitiya



We began our Educational Centre back in 2018 to help young women follow their dreams.

By 2022, we supported a total of 198 students since inception.



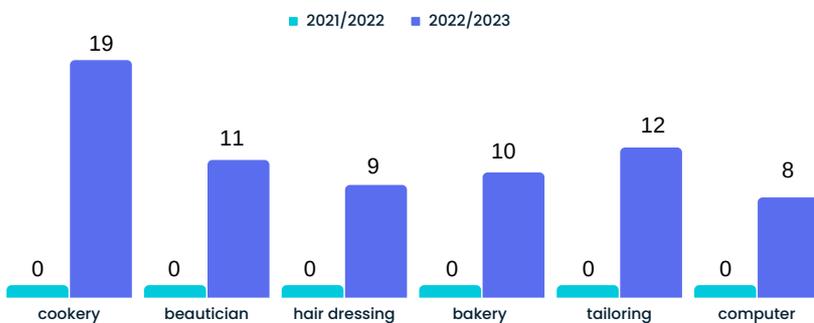
We ensure that young girls from rural backgrounds receive vocational training in six subjects such as cookery, beauty, hair dressing, tailoring and computer.

We also host personal and spiritual development sessions where they can introspect beyond the scope of a livelihood.



A Story of Perseverance...

Vishma (17) studies Tailoring and Computers. She was abandoned by both her parents and two of her siblings ran away. Her eldest sister who works at a hospital, is her guardian. She wants to work hard at MEC so she can become independent one day.



In 2021, the centre was closed due to Covid-19, but in 2022, 19 students enrolled to follow a combination of subjects as above.



OneCo Vaigarai Education Center, Vavuniya

This is a vocational training institute where girls receive a combination of classroom and on-the-job training in beauty culture, tailoring, computer, hairdressing, cooking and bakery.

The centre organises workshops on team building, personality development, leadership and career counselling too.



In 2021, 24 students were in attendance when the centre had to close due to the pandemic. They reopened in March 2022 with the same batch of students so they could complete their syllabus.

A Story of Courage...

Kulanthai (21) studies Tailoring and Bakery. She was the sole survivor in her family after the war. Salvadorian sisters took her in and she lived in an orphanage for 10 years before she started her studies here.



Don Bosco Technical Centre , Negombo

This centre provides vocational training to discerning youth in the area. They offer 14 courses including automobile, metal fabrication, electrical, bakery, carpentry and so on.

In 2021, we renovated the electrical section to enhance the learning experience of the 40-50 students with a modern and safe setting. We also installed 3-panel boards and the wiring and cabling.

We initiated a Green Project by installing 67 solar panels to help students switch to sustainable technology.



In 2022, we renovated the automobile section and purchased modern tools and equipment.

We further added 34 solar panels making it a total of 101 panels that earns them an additional \$300 monthly which goes into a fund for scholarships.





Child Action Lanka, Galle

CAL provides free pre-school learning and after-school tuition for secondary school students in the area while also offering them lunch and a place for them to play together and engage in sports, dance and music. They also work with the parents of the students to ensure that their child is looked after.

We contribute to their operational expenses.

Mama Papa Home, Kalutara

This home looks after children with physical and mental impairments.

In the past two years, we renovated the kitchen and living quarters of thirty children, provided ten stainless steel cots, installed a hot water system and replaced furniture to make them more comfortable.



Community Concern, Dehiwala

This charity helps vulnerable women develop to develop employable skills.

In 2021, they conducted a child protection and mental health training for 119 mothers. Another 49 women participated in a 2-day training on good business practices. Participants were empowered to eventually start earning an income by making fast food, sewing garments and so on.

However, this partner did not continue with us in 2022.





AKO Scholarship Fund

The AKO Scholarship Programme was initiated in 2018 to support economically-disadvantaged youth in their higher education.

1,752 scholarships were awarded at LKR 5000 per month for the first five years from 2018 - 2023.

2021/2022

We provided scholarships for 245 students in 6 vocational training institutes and 170 undergraduates from 3 universities while directly supporting 23 students, bringing the total number of undergraduates supported to 193 in 2021.

2022/2023

We were able to increase the number of scholarships from 438 in 2021 to 565 in 2022.



Financial Summary 2021/2022 and 2022/2023

	Financial Year 2021/2022	Financial Year 2022/2023
Funds Received on 16th March 2021, USD 62,500 @ LKR 197	12,312,500	
Funds Received on 28th September 2021, USD 62,500 @ LKR 201	12,562,500	
Funds Received on 13th December 2021, NOK 100,000 @ LKR 22.30	2,228,500	
Funds Received on 16th March 2022, USD 65,000 @ LKR 267		17,352,500
Funds Received on 16th May 2022, USD 65,000 @ LKR 365		23,722,500
Total Receipts	27,103,500	41,075,000
<i>FUNDS DISBURSED TO PARTNERS</i>		
Mosvold Education Centre, Balapitiya	-	5,500,000
VAIGARAI Vocational Training Centre, Vavuniya	-	6,173,330
Fatima Boys Home, Kochchikade	857,000	1,584,000
Child Action Lanka, Galle	1,042,720	1,887,520
Mama and Papa Home, Kalutara	2,596,650	4,955,938
Don Bosco Refurbishment and Green Technology Project, Negombo	5,837,400	10,000,000
Community Concern, Dehiwala	1,246,311	-
Total Receipts	11,580,081	30,100,788
Carried Forward Balances as at 31st March	15,523,419	10,974,212

Notes: LKR 15.5 Mn. balance for the financial year 2021/2022 was due to the closure of Mosvold Education Centre and Vaigarai Vocational Training Centre in response to Covid-19. LKR 10.9 Mn. balance for the financial year 2022/2023 was due to the exchange gain.

GRATITUDE

Our heartfelt gratitude to our donors for being a part of this incredible journey to uplift our people and empower them to rise out of poverty.

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