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TRANSFORMING LIVES THROUGH DEDICATED PROJECTS

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



A NOTE FROM SERENDIP

Over the past few months, much of our work has focused on supporting families affected by the cyclone and landslides in the hill country. Although the emergency phase has passed, many families are still rebuilding their lives.

With your support, we have continued to help through roof improvements, water projects, educational materials, livelihood support and care for vulnerable families.

Alongside this recovery work, our regular programmes for children, elders and women have continued. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us stand beside these communities during such a difficult time.



RECOVERY AFTER THE CYCLONE

When Cyclone Ditwah tore through Sri Lanka in November 2025, the damage did not end with the floods and landslides. In the hill country, many families were left in small, fragile homes that could no longer protect them. Since January, Serendip has helped more than 10 households with roof replacements, wall repairs and flooring improvements. We have also started 3 water projects, which will benefit more than 300 families and over 500 people. For families who have lived with fear, dampness and uncertainty, these changes bring back something very precious: safety, comfort and a little peace.



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

ANY AMOUNT YOU WISH!



CARE, LEARNING AND SUPPORT

Our Kilinochchi centre continues to grow into a lively and caring space for children with developmental delays. More than 60 children are now part of the programme, with around 20 to 25 attending on different days during the week for therapy, structured learning, sensory play, creative activities and time with staff who understand their needs. Some children who once found it difficult to settle are now joining activities, enjoying the sensory room, responding to music, movement and art, and slowly building confidence in their own way. As the programme grows, we are grateful to see the centre becoming more than a service. For many children and parents, it has become a place of comfort, trust and belonging.



Sponsor one-off
livelihood small business project

£250 EACH



HELPING CHILDREN

In the hill country, many children start their school day with challenges most of us never see. A heavy shower can be enough to keep a child at home when there is no raincoat, no proper shoes or no dry uniform to wear. For families who are already struggling, even books, bags and stationery can feel out of reach. Through Serendip, we continue to provide these simple but important items, helping children walk into school with a little more confidence and dignity. For them, it is not just a school bag or a raincoat. It is the feeling that their education matters and that someone is standing beside them.

Caring for Our Elders with Dignity

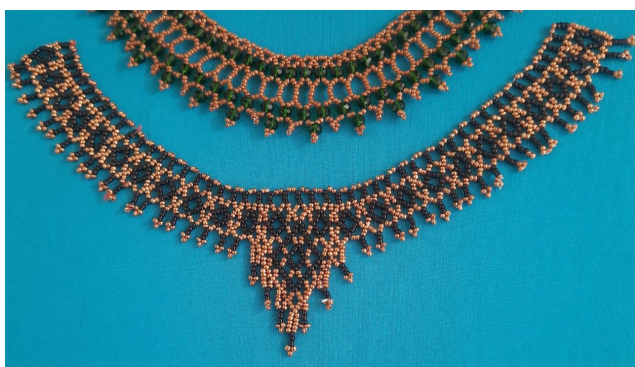
Our dry food programme continues to support over 350 elders on a regular basis, bringing comfort and dignity to those who have very little to depend on in their later years. Many are in their 70s and 80s, living without family support, but when our team visits with food packs, it becomes more than a delivery. It is a reminder that they are seen, remembered and cared for. With this support, elders can manage their daily meals with dignity, without having to ask others for help. Every food pack carries kindness, respect and the message that they still matter.





LEARNING SKILLS, BUILDING CONFIDENCE

For many women who come to our centre, life has been shaped by responsibility, family pressure and very few chances to do something for themselves. Our vocational training programme gives them a space to learn, breathe and believe that they can earn with their own hands. Through ongoing batches in Aari work and bridal beauty training, women are not only gaining practical skills, but also finding friendship, confidence and a sense of purpose. This year, we hope to train over 100 women, helping each one take a small but important step towards independence.



SMALL ACTS, LASTING MEANING

A food pack, a school bag, a repaired roof or a therapy session may look simple from the outside. But for the person receiving it, it can change the way they face the next day. It can help an elder eat with dignity, a child return to school, a parent feel less alone, or a family sleep under a safer roof.



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

£5 ON WARDS...



THANK YOU FOR STANDING BESIDE US

Every part of this newsletter carries the kindness of people who continue to support Serendip. Your help allows us to respond when families are in difficulty, while also keeping our regular work going for children, elders and women who depend on us. We know there is still much more to do, but we also know that small acts of support can reach far beyond what we first imagine. Thank you for trusting our work and for helping us continue with care, patience and hope.



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