



SERENDIP ROOF REPAIR PROGRAMME

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 Roof Repair Programme

Province: Central and Uva

Beneficiaries: Malaiyaha Community

Cost Per Roof Repair: £200

Exchange rate: £1 to LKR393.27

Project implementation: September 2024



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 small 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.

The Serendip Roof Repair Programme was initiated three years ago and seeks to address this critical disparity. By repairing roofs, we aim to transform the living conditions of Malaiyaha families in dire need. The main purpose of the project is to provide: safe shelter – this basic improvement will have a profound impact on their well-being and sense of security.





PROBLEM:

As one of Sri Lanka's most impoverished and marginalised groups, the Malaiyaha people have struggled to afford these repairs, a challenge exacerbated by the country's recent economic crisis. Leaky roofs have led to dampness, mold, and rot within homes, contributing to poor health conditions for families.

SOLUTION:

Roof Repairs/Replacement: By installing new tin roofing sheets, the families will no-longer have to worry about leaks during the monsoon season. The mildew can be cleaned and will not return so the families will have overall better living conditions. Typically, the Amona roofing sheets we use will last about 20 years before requiring replacement.

Improved Health and Wellbeing: All these improvements directly contribute to the beneficiaries' well-being. Reduced disease exposure, fosters both better physical and mental health, and a sense of dignity is restored.



MONITORING & EVALUATION

- **Baseline Data Collection:**

- Conduct surveys to gather data on current housing conditions.
- Use focus group discussions to understand the community's specific needs and challenges.

- **Ongoing Monitoring:**

- Carry out regular updates on the progress of the roof repairs.
- 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 in housing conditions, and the improvement of the lives of the beneficiaries.

HOW TO DONATE



The Serendip Roof Repair Programme 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 households awaiting essential roof replacements. Due to limited resources, we can only undertake these repairs as funding becomes available.

Your support can make a significant difference. By donating:

- £2000, you can provide new roofs for ten families., or
- £200, you can help secure a new roof for at least one family.

We warmly welcome your contribution to this vital programme.

Bank Transfer

Bank: Natwest PLC

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Sort code: 60-04-36

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