

Shining Life

twenty years of support for the families of Sri Lanka



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The **£450,000** raised since 1997 means Shining Life has supported:

Vocational training

Shining Life has supported parents to learn new practical skills to provide an income for their families. This vocational training has helped them to earn a living through: dress making, sweet making, leather products, mushroom cultivation, soap making, dairy farming, recycled paper products, book binding and incense sticks.

Health

Our projects help improve the health of the communities we support. Our work on the ground has seen malnutrition in under-fives drop significantly, and access to healthcare reach almost 100 per cent. Our projects really do have teeth, with one leading to over 130 local children seeing the dentists for the first time.

Help in a crisis

Following the devastating 2004 tsunami, Shining Life played a pivotal role on the ground, organising the rapid distribution of international aid arriving at the airport to those most in need.

We continued to support communities to recover through longer-term projects and being part of the Government's post-tsunami advisory board.

Education

Your fundraising has paid to train 21 teachers; set up or improve 15 nurseries, and stock and open 16 libraries. Our educational projects usually see school attendances rise close to 100 per cent.

Improving communities

Shining Life has worked with communities to establish positive links with local government officials, encouraging them to provide new roads, regular rubbish collections and better sewers.

Looking ahead

Through our 20 year celebration, we will be raising money to support our new project working with three villages in Anaradhapura district, north central Sri Lanka.

The communities face the challenge of chronic poverty. With a local economy based on agriculture but located in the dry zone of Sri Lanka, water is a scarce commodity and this creates health and economic hardships. Shining Life will be working in partnership with the community to improve health facilities, education and sports facilities for children, and widen the opportunities for families to earn an income.



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