

Annual Report 2024



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Vision, Mission and Values

In Sri Lanka, ChildFund works across 12 districts, serving over 400,000 children, families, and communities. In FY24, ChildFund invested LKR 596,313,048 in programs aiming to realize long-term, sustainable change for children, youth, and their families. Through ChildFund's sponsorship programming and external grant funding, ChildFund has long-standing relationships with civil society organizations (CSOs) and the government at District and National level for the well-being of children, youth and communities.



Vision

"A world in which every child realizes their rights and archives their potential"

Mission



Build the capacity of deprived, excluded, and vulnerable children to improve their lives and become leaders who bring lasting and positive change to their communities;



Promote societies whose individuals and institutions value, protect and advance the worth and rights of children



Enrich supporters in such a way that their support enhances children's lives and also enriches the supporters' **lives'**

Values

We base our work on our values of,

Connection

Honesty

Innovation

Learning

Diversity, equity
and inclusion

Message from the country director

Aditi Ghosh

Country Director

ChildFund Sri Lanka



“ Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and supportive environment where they are free from violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination.

ChildFund Sri Lanka has been unwavering in its mission to nurture and uplift children nationwide. As a dedicated non-profit organization, we are committed to fostering the holistic development of children and youth, ensuring they have access to quality education, healthcare, nutrition, and protection from abuse and exploitation. Our comprehensive approach recognizes that a child's growth involves their physical, emotional, social, and cognitive development. By addressing these interconnected aspects, we empower children to thrive and build brighter futures for themselves and their communities.

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Every child deserves to grow up in a safe and supportive environment, free from violence, abuse, neglect, exploitation, and discrimination. For over 40 years, ChildFund Sri Lanka has collaborated with local partners, governments, and stakeholders to create such environments. Through our comprehensive life-stage approach, we have tailored programs to meet the evolving needs of children at every phase of their journey—from early childhood to young adulthood. These efforts ensure children grow up healthy and secure, gain access to quality education, build their confidence, and acquire essential skills to navigate adulthood successfully.

In FY 2024 (July 2023 - June 2024), our programs reached over 400,000 children, youth, and their family members, creating meaningful and sustainable change in their lives. This milestone reflects the dedication of our teams and partners who work tirelessly to ensure that no child is left behind.

Our commitment to Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) is central to our work. We prioritize disability inclusion, ensuring children and youth with disabilities have equitable access to opportunities. This year, in partnership with the Department of Social Services, we introduced five vocational skill training curricula to empower youth with disabilities. We launched a Digital Learning program to enhance numeracy and literacy among marginalized girls and boys. By strengthening our climate action initiatives, we aim to foster sustainable and resilient communities. Through these efforts, we continue to create inclusive, impactful programs for children and youth across Sri Lanka.

Looking ahead, as part of our Sri Lanka Country Strategic Plan and the global strategy, Growing Connections 2030, we are committed to amplifying our impact. Our goal is ambitious but clear: to expand our reach to benefit 1 million children, youth, and their families in Sri Lanka. We aim to achieve this by building stronger partnerships, deepening community engagement, and leveraging innovative approaches. At ChildFund, our vision is for a world where every child realizes their rights and achieves their full potential. Guided by our values of Connection, Honesty, Innovation, Learning, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (CHILD), we strive to create an environment where diversity of thought, people, and experiences is celebrated, and everyone feels equally welcomed and valued.

Thank you for your continued support and for joining us on this incredible journey

Impact

FY 24 Highlights



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LKR 596,313,048

Financial Investment



416,058

Children and family members
reached through programs.



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Number of institutional donors



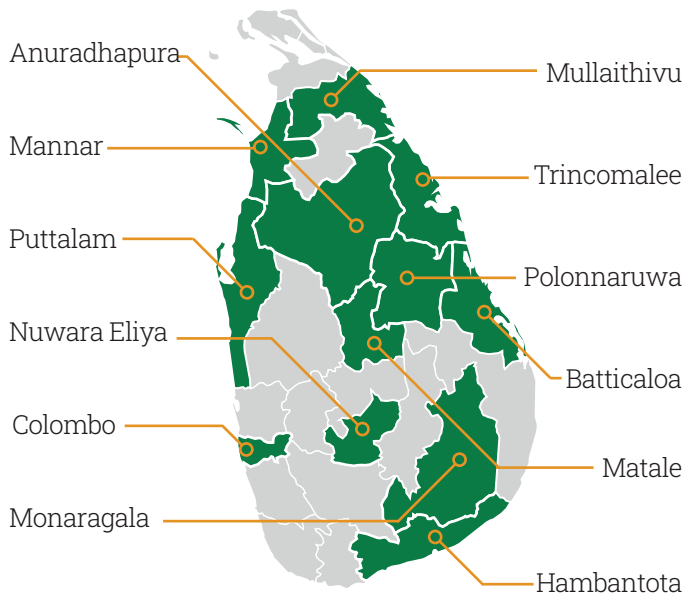
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Number of corporate donors



Operating in

12 districts.



Program Portfolio

Health and Nutrition

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ChildFund's health initiatives revolve around ensuring health and nutrition, accelerating stunting reduction, maternal and child health, safe drinking water and sanitation, and sexual reproductive health.

ChildFund's Responsive and Protective Parenting (RPP) program is a global program model that provides a set of technical and content standards based on the Nurturing Care Framework and Early Childhood Development foundational concepts such as brain development, health, nutrition, early stimulation/learning, safety and security, preventative child protection, responsive caregiving, and caregiver well-being. The RPP program model aims to empower parents and other primary caregivers with the knowledge and practical skills they need to give children a strong start in life. ChildFund Sri Lanka has rolled out the RPP program model to provide tools to over 7000 parents and other caregivers with the aim of giving young children a strong start in life.

Program Highlights

The program reached a total of **11,895** children and engaged **7,616** communities in activities focused on child protection, responsive parenting, and early childhood development.

284 Lead Mothers were trained to cascade knowledge about responsive and protective parenting practices, ensuring sustainability at the community level.

The program developed and disseminated a comprehensive **Responsive and Protective Parenting curriculum**, with **14 sessions** designed to provide parents with practical skills on nurturing care, creating safe environments, and supporting children's growth.

Networking and Capacity Building: In both Monaragala and Puttalam, the program strengthened local networks and resource pools, empowering **Lead Mothers** and **community stakeholders** to lead and continue the program's activities within their communities.

Early Detection of Development Delays of Children: Initiated the pilot project to introduce Ragama Early Assessment of Children (REACH) tool for pre-school teachers to detect development of delays of children in their preschools. **427 pre-school teachers** in Monaragala district were trained during the pilot project and **2421 children** were administered through this tool.



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Fighting Malnutrition....

Pahasara's Journey to an Enriched and Nutritious Childhood

Pahasara was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition when he was just 3 months old. "I thought he was disabled," his mother, Sumitra, recalls. When Pahasara turned to 1 year, a lead mother from ChildFund's Responsive Parenting Program in the village reached out to Sumitra and discussed how they were beginning a program in the area that would help families have healthier children by providing healthy, affordable meals that children would like with ingredients that are found locally. Sumitra was given seeds, equipment, and training to establish a healthy backyard garden where today she grows peanuts, papaya, potatoes, greens, lentils, and moringa.

Now, Pahasara is up to 23 pounds in weight. He has shown steady improvement. The last time they weighed him, I was so happy I almost cried. Today, he is playing and active. It gives me such joy to see him like this. I feel like he might become an athlete one day, he loves running around so much. He's even learning to ride a tricycle" Says Sumitra.



Program Portfolio Education

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ChildFund's education programs aim to provide children with access to quality education, which is essential for their growth and development. ChildFund's education portfolio currently has a strong focus on the intersection of protection and education, particularly school-based violence prevention initiatives, but also focuses on quality education interventions aimed at literacy and numeracy skills and teacher training, caregiver engagement in children's education, and social-emotional learning, and providing 21st-century skills essential for students to succeed in their careers and promoting science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for children.

Literacy & Numeracy Programs

A module-based literacy and numeracy program was implemented in project schools, impacting **53,913 children and 1,824 educators**.

Digital Education

SURALA program for Numeracy improvement : **45 children** in Monaragala district and **595 children** in Batticaloa District aiming children in primary grades.

English and Digital for Girls' Education for girls aged 13-19 to improve English Literacy and ICT.

780 teen girls Puttalam, Nuwara Eliya and Monaragala Districts.

Child Resource Centers & Digital Learning hubs.

28 Child Resource Centres and 28 Digital Learning Hubs were continued in the program locations, benefiting 17653 children.

School Safety

The Comprehensive School Safety and Disaster Management Project was implemented in **15 schools** across Siyabalanduwa Education Zone in Moneragala, Manmunai West in Batticaloa, and Trincomalee, benefiting **7,500 students**.

Key activities included conducting Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Training of Trainers workshops, establishing 15 school safety committees, preparing school safety plans, and supporting a tsunami simulation drill at Al Nooriya Maha Vidyalaya, Trincomalee.

The project also built the capacity of 45 school safety focal points and engaged 15 key community leaders, including Grama Niladharis, Public Health Inspectors, and Police Officers, fostering collaboration in school disaster preparedness.

Social & Emotional Learning (SEL)

Various activities, such as SEL events and teacher training programs, helped **4714 children** and **583 community** members by increasing awareness and skills around children's mental health, well-being, and positive behaviors.

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Smart Classrooms

The introduction of smart classrooms in 12 schools, benefiting 1,577 students, improved the learning environment by supporting child-centered, inclusive, and digital-based education.

Impact & Highlights

EDGE clubs conducted the SHEROS competition showcasing the English, Digital and Social Skills gained through the club activities.

The projects reached 93477 children and impacted 2468 community members, improving literacy, numeracy, and digital learning opportunities. They also enhanced school safety and emotional well-being through SEL activities.

Comprehensive school Safety and DRM project has improved school safety management mechanism in 15 schools benefiting 7500 no. of children.



Education

Shenupa's Triumph over Learning Mathematics. ^{596,313,048}

Learning math has always been a challenge for Shanupa. He was not able to keep up with his class mates and was not able to grasp what was being taught. When Shanupa was assessed on his numeracy skills, he was on the basic number recognition level. He was not able to complete any math problems on his own. During this period only Shenupa started attending ChildFund's child resource center and enrolled in SURALA project.

SURALA uses digital learning educational methods rather than traditional conservative ways and has self-learning facilities. With the new interactive way, math was taught through SURALA, Shenupa's interest soon grew and he was able to grasp what was being taught. He loves to learn maths and doesn't miss coming to the center to learn.



Program Portfolio

Skills and Livelihoods

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We recognize that adolescents and youth are resourceful and resilient. We also know that the transition to adulthood represents a unique and challenging period for young people.

To enable adolescents and youth to become skilled and involved in their families and communities, programs are designed as specialized, age-appropriate interventions that meet their unique needs. Nearly 70,080 youths were engaged through our programs.

Key Activities and Impact:

Leadership & Soft Skills Development

61 training programs were conducted, benefiting over **1,480 youth**.

Media Literacy Program

3565 youth participated, improving their media literacy and critical thinking.

Youth Clubs & Movements

Strengthened youth clubs, with **5117 youth** actively involved.

Vocational & Career Development

Organized vocational fairs and career guidance sessions, impacting over **15,639 youth**.

Entrepreneurship Development

422 youth trained in business knowledge and financial literacy.

Environmental Engagement

Comprehensive school Safety and DRM project has improved school safety management mechanism in **15 schools** benefiting **7500 children**.

Community Projects

Youth implemented micro-projects like the renovation of community halls, benefiting over **12,273 community members**.

Youth and Climate Action

100 youth participated youth summit on Climate Action in Colombo to showcase their work on Youth for Nature Campaign.

Overall Impact

70,080 youth impacted

Youth developed critical skills in leadership, entrepreneurship, career planning, fundamental knowledge on climate change and social responsibility.

Empowered youth to contribute to community development and sustainability.



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Program Portfolio

Child Protection

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Our child protection and advocacy programming is driven by our belief that every child has the right to receive the care, support, and protection to grow up healthy, educated, and safe while being allowed space to voice their opinions.

The Child Protection and Advocacy (CPA) program focuses on making children in Sri Lanka free from violence, abuse, exploitation, and neglect. Child Protection interventions were designed to advance access to quality child protection services for all children and youth while Childfund core advocacy efforts for FY 24 were focused on eliminating Violence against children with a special focus on banning corporal punishment in both school and home environments.



Children Reached
42,541



Youth Reached
17,957



Communities Engaged
7,240

Capacity Building for Children, Youth and the Community

- Strengthened Community Based Child Protection Mechanisms (CBCPMs) in district, divisional and village level.
- Strengthened Alliance of Youth to End Violence against Children (AYEVAC)

Policy and Advocacy Engagement

- Secured cabinet approval on corporal punishment on May 19, 2024, through research, advocacy, and partnerships, demonstrating ChildFund Sri Lanka's commitment to child protection and positive discipline.
- Facilitated consultations to address gaps in child protection policies in National and District levels, particularly in combating Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children (OSEAC).

Research and Studies

- Published the report on Gaps in Child Protection Service Delivery across 9 districts in Sri Lanka.
- Web Safe and Wise Community Consultation Report was published on the impacts of online abuse in Sri Lanka.



Digital Safety and Awareness Campaigns

Conducted the “Web Safe and Wise” campaign to promote ethical online behavior and protect children from digital threats.

Capacitate the community through social media campaigns.

Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

Established child-friendly spaces offering relaxation, artistic, and play activities for children.

Trained teachers to provide psychological first aid, equipping them to address mental health challenges effectively.

Education on Drug Prevention and Human Trafficking

Delivered school-level drug prevention programs to foster informed choices and a drug-free culture.

Conducted workshops on human trafficking and safe labor migration for youth, enhancing their skills and awareness.

Community and School-Level Engagements

Hosted workshops on child rights, domestic violence prevention, and self-protection awareness.

Partnered with schools and local organizations to strengthen protective environments for children.



Financial Report

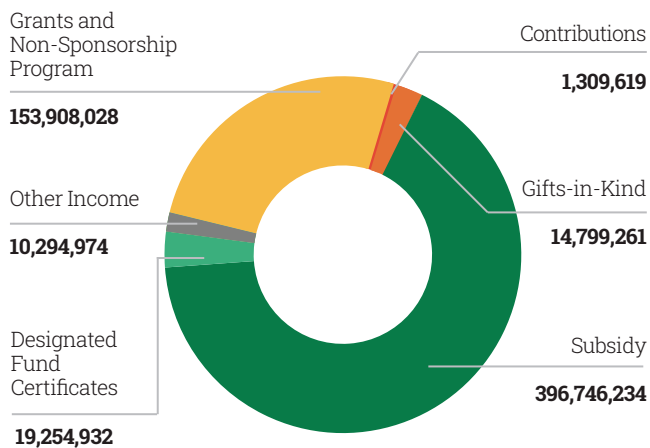
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Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	Rs.	Rs.
ASSETS			
Non Current Asset			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	-	-
Current Assets			
Inventory - Goods in kind		771,848	7,531,688
Grant and Receivables	5	38,713,595	22,412,923
Cash and Cash Equivalents	6	129,176,856	67,729,967
		168,662,299	97,674,577
Total Assets		168,662,299	97,674,577
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity			
Unrestricted Fund	7	(14,011,576)	(29,346,192)
		(14,011,576)	(29,346,192)
Non-Current Liabilities			
	8		
Retirement Benefit Obligation - Gratuity	9	15,631,096	14,336,231
Compensation	10	40,427,051	52,182,341
Accrued Paid Time Off		5,245,861	3,964,387
		61,304,008	70,482,959
Current Liabilities			
	11		
Grants and Other Payables	12	116,584,324	41,630,544
Tax Payable		4,785,543	14,907,266
		121,369,867	56,537,810
Total Equity and Liabilities		168,662,299	97,674,577

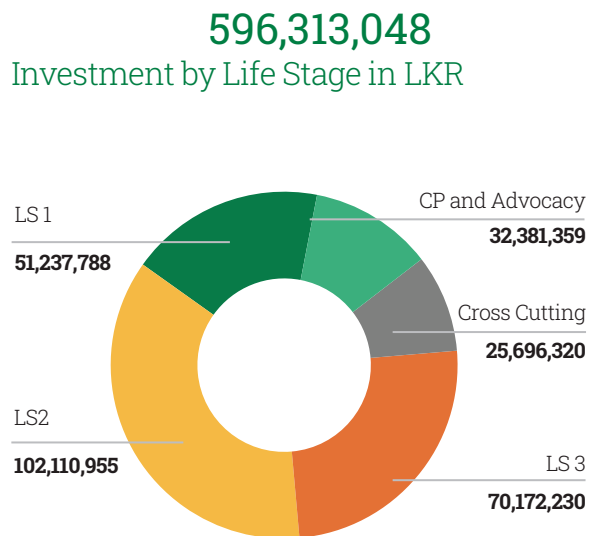
Financial Data

Direct Programme Funding Sources in LKR



Total: **596,313,048**

Investment by Life Stage in LKR



Total: **281,598,652**

Leadership Team



Aditi Ghosh
Country Director



Dr. Rajan Thavaseelan
Programs and
Sponsorships Director



Dinantha Thambavita
Resource Development
Director



Odrie Egbuji
Director Finance



Vijay Naugain
Director Human Resources

Looking Forward....

Empowering Women and Children for a Resilient and Inclusive Future with WiDE Lanka.

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As we look to the future, ChildFund is excited to announce the launch of a local entity, WiDE Lanka, dedicated to empowering women and children across Sri Lanka.

Our mission is to create lasting change by advancing their rights, well-being, and opportunities through innovative programs that address critical issues in education, economic empowerment, health, protection, and climate resilience.

Our vision is clear: a world where gender equality and social inclusion are the cornerstones of development. We are working toward a future where every woman and child can thrive, free from systemic barriers, and contribute to their communities' sustainable growth.

WiDE Lanka is dedicated to promoting the rights, agency, and leadership of women and girls, while also creating pathways for economic independence through skill-building and entrepreneurship. We continue to push for improved access to quality education, ensuring that girls and boys alike are equipped with the tools they need to succeed.

In the health and nutrition sector, we will continue our efforts to improve the well-being of women and children, ensuring they have the resources and knowledge necessary to lead healthy lives. Our focus on climate resilience will empower communities to adapt to the evolving challenges posed by climate change, promoting sustainable practices and environmental awareness.

With social inclusion at the heart of our work, we will break down the barriers that marginalize individuals, ensuring equal opportunities for all. Our advocacy and partnerships with local communities remain essential to fostering a society where no one is left behind.

Looking forward, WiDE Lanka will continue to lead the charge in creating a more inclusive, resilient, and equitable Sri Lanka, where every woman and child could realize their full potential.





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