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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Supporters,

As we reflect on 2024, I am filled with immense gratitude for the unwavering support that has enabled Vanni Hope to create lasting change in vulnerable communities across Sri Lanka. This year has been one of growth, impact, and transformation, as we strengthened our commitment to addressing the urgent and evolving needs of vulnerable populations.

Vanni Hope's work spans six core pillars: Community Development, Education Support, Emergency Response, Health Enhancement, Sustainable Livelihoods, and Women's Empowerment.

Through these targeted initiatives, we have delivered life-changing programs that build resilience, improve access to essential resources, and uplift those who need it most. One of the most significant steps we took this year was refining our strategic focus to ensure that our projects align with both immediate humanitarian needs and long-term sustainability. The reorganisation of our six pillars reflects this vision, ensuring that every initiative we undertake is impactful, measurable, and contributes to lasting progress.



RANJAN SIVAGNANASUNDARAM

Chairman of Vanni Hope

Our achievements in 2024 would not have been possible without the generosity and dedication of our supporters, partners, and volunteers. As we move forward, we remain committed to expanding our reach, strengthening our programs, and continuing to empower communities across Sri Lanka.

Thank you for standing with us on this journey of transformation, and for being the reason someone in Sri Lanka smiles today!



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Strengthening the Foundations of Rural Communities

In many rural and underserved areas across Sri Lanka, basic infrastructure is either non-existent or in a state of disrepair. Poor access to clean drinking water leads to serious health risks, while the lack of recreational and sports facilities prevents youth from engaging in healthy activities. Families without stable housing live in unsafe and unhygienic conditions, making it difficult for children to study and for adults to secure stable employment.

In 2024, Vanni Hope's Community Development initiatives focused on improving essential services and infrastructure to create thriving, resilient communities across Sri Lanka. From providing safety for children through our Boys and Girls Homes (Illams) to supporting vulnerable preschoolers with our nutrition programs and improving care for the elderly in Elders Homes, we worked to meet diverse community needs.

Projects such as *Water for Life* ensured clean drinking water for families, while *Shelter for Life* projects provided secure housing for those in need. Our Moral Development Schools offered value-based education, and sports empowerment initiatives promoted gender equality and community wellbeing.

In every project, from wildlife conservation efforts to hygiene and sanitation programs, we remain dedicated to empowering communities and enhancing quality of life.



PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

✳ W.A.S.H & Shelter Projects – Providing Access to Basic Necessities

Access to clean and safe drinking water, secure shelter & sanitation facilities remains one of the most pressing issues in Sri Lanka's underserved communities. With 2.6 million Sri Lankan's in urban, estate and rural areas not having adequate or regular access to safe drinking water *(United Nation, 2023)*. In 2024, we constructed and rehabilitated multiple wells and water purification systems to provide long-term access to clean water to 200+ families, built 50+ houses for families, and even more hygiene and sanitation facilities for both families and schools across rural parts of Sri Lanka.

200+

Families can now access clean water

50+

Houses built for families

$226,000 +

Spent on Community Development Projects

✳ Sports Empowerment – Moolai Victory Women's Cricket Team

Sports play a vital role in fostering community spirit, promoting health, and breaking societal barriers. One of the most remarkable achievements under our Sports Empowerment program this year was our continued support for the Moolai Victory Women's Cricket Team, the first & only women's cricket team from Sri Lanka's Northern Province. Winning the Colombo District Women's Cricket Association Championship marked a historic moment for women's sports in the region.





EDUCATION SUPPORT

Investing in Future Generations

In 2024, Vanni Hope focused on expanding access to quality education in rural communities by improving learning environments and providing essential resources. Our Smart Classrooms initiative brought digital tools into rural schools, transforming how students learn and bridging the technology gap. We also developed Model Mathematics Classrooms, equipping them with modern teaching aids to enhance learning outcomes in mathematics.



Preschool development continued to be a key focus, with upgrades to early learning centres and teacher training aimed at improving the quality of early education. Additionally, we supported schools with computers, educational materials, and teacher training to strengthen teaching outcomes and ensure students have access to necessary resources.



By improving school infrastructure and expanding access to innovative learning tools, Vanni Hope's efforts in 2024 have helped rural students build stronger academic foundations and brighter futures.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

- **The 1st University Department of Optometry**
  In 2024, we provided equipment such as Focimeter, Vision Charts, Trial Lens Boxes, etc., to help set up the first University Department of Optometry in Sri Lanka at The University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

- **Student Sponsorships**
  Provided financial assistance to 150+ students in need from across the island, ensuring they could continue their education without financial barriers.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Providing Swift Relief and Supporting Long-Term Recovery

Natural disasters continue to pose severe challenges for vulnerable communities in Sri Lanka. From flooding and landslides to storms and economic shocks, these crises disrupt lives, destroy homes, and leave families without essential resources. Vanni Hope's Emergency Response initiatives focus on delivering immediate humanitarian aid while also working towards long-term recovery and resilience-building.

In late November 2024, Cyclone Fengal caused widespread devastation across Sri Lanka, bringing heavy rains, flooding, and displacement to thousands of families. The hardest-hit regions saw homes submerged, agricultural lands destroyed, and infrastructure severely damaged. Vanni Hope acted swiftly to provide food relief, emergency shelter, and essential supplies to the affected communities, ensuring that the most vulnerable children, the elderly, and low-income families received urgent assistance. Once immediate needs were met, our focus shifted to assessing damages, restoring livelihoods, and helping families rebuild.



1000+

Flood-affected individuals received dry food rations

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

- **Emergency Relief – Cyclone Fengal**
  Distributed dry food rations & other support including health screening programs to flood-affected communities, ensuring access to nutritious meals and basic necessities during a critical period.

- **Rebuilt Homes After Disaster**
  We rebuilt a home for the Kandasamy family after their house burnt down due to an electrical malfunction and enabled healthcare for the father, who suffered severe burns.





HEALTH ENHANCEMENT

Bridging Gaps in Rural Healthcare

Healthcare disparities in remote regions mean that many individuals suffer from preventable diseases, undiagnosed conditions, and limited access to specialist care. Vanni Hope's Health Enhancement initiatives aim to bridge these gaps by strengthening healthcare infrastructure, expanding diagnostic capabilities, and providing direct community-based health support.



In 2024, Vanni Hope strengthened healthcare access in rural areas by providing essential medical equipment, improving hospital infrastructure, and organising community health screenings. The donation of medical equipment to rural hospitals significantly enhanced diagnostic capabilities, allowing for quicker and more accurate patient care. Our community health screening programs connected hundreds of individuals with early diagnosis and treatment options, addressing preventable diseases and improving overall health outcomes.



These efforts reflect our ongoing mission to ensure that healthcare is accessible to everyone, regardless of where they live.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

- **Community Health Programs**
  Organised free health screenings across rural districts, identifying undiagnosed conditions and providing early interventions for at-risk individuals such as the elderly.

- **Medical Equpiment Donations**
  Donated portable ultrasound scanners to Kaluwanchikudy Base Hospital and Ampara General Hospital, significantly improving diagnostic capabilities in rural hospitals.


Blood Lancets

SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

Creating Economic Stability for Rural Families



200,000+

Fingerlings provided to fish farmers

5,000 - 10,000 LKR

Profits made by each fishermen daily

Vanni Hope's Sustainable Livelihoods initiatives empower individuals by providing them with the resources, skills, and financial support needed to establish stable and sustainable incomes. Economic insecurity remains a significant challenge for many families in Sri Lanka, particularly those in rural and estate communities with limited employment opportunities. Many households struggle with financial stability, relying on seasonal work or low-income jobs that fail to meet their basic needs.

In 2024, Vanni Hope strengthened livelihoods across rural Sri Lanka by promoting sustainable income-generating opportunities and reducing financial vulnerability. The inland fisheries initiative provided small-scale fish farmers with training and resources, enabling them to increase their daily profits and secure long-term economic stability. Our home garden program encouraged families to grow their own food, promoting food security and reducing household expenses.

We also focused on empowering local artisans and handicraft producers, helping them access markets and create sustainable businesses. Additionally, Vanni Hope provided microloans and revolving credit facilities to rural entrepreneurs, allowing them to expand their businesses and improve financial independence. Vocational training programs gave youth the opportunity to learn essential skills, enhancing their employability in local industries.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

- **Inland Fishings**
  Provided training, 200,000+ fingerlings, and equipment to local fish farmers, helping them establish sustainable and profitable businesses, with each fisherman taking 5,000-10,000 LKR back to their families every day.

- **Entrepreneurship Support**
  Assisted small-scale entrepreneurs in producing and selling handcrafted goods, ensuring they receive fair prices and market access for their work.





WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Helping Women Achieve Economic Independence

Women in Sri Lanka continue to face barriers to economic participation, with limited access to employment, entrepreneurship opportunities, and financial independence. Many women, especially in rural and estate communities, lack the resources and training to establish sustainable income sources, leaving them financially dependent on family members or unstable job markets.

Vanni Hope's Women's Empowerment initiatives are designed to bridge this gap by providing entrepreneurial support, financial literacy training, and business development resources. Our focus is on helping women build financially independent futures, ensuring they have the means to support themselves and their families.

One of the most successful areas of our work has been helping women establish their own agricultural and farming initiatives, particularly livestock farming, and small-scale agribusinesses. Many women in Sri Lanka have agrarian experience, but lack the capital and infrastructure needed to scale their work into profitable businesses. By providing training, revolving/micro-loans, and guidance, we have empowered hundreds of women to start their own farming enterprises, create local jobs, and generate reliable incomes, without being burdened by high-interest loans.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHTS

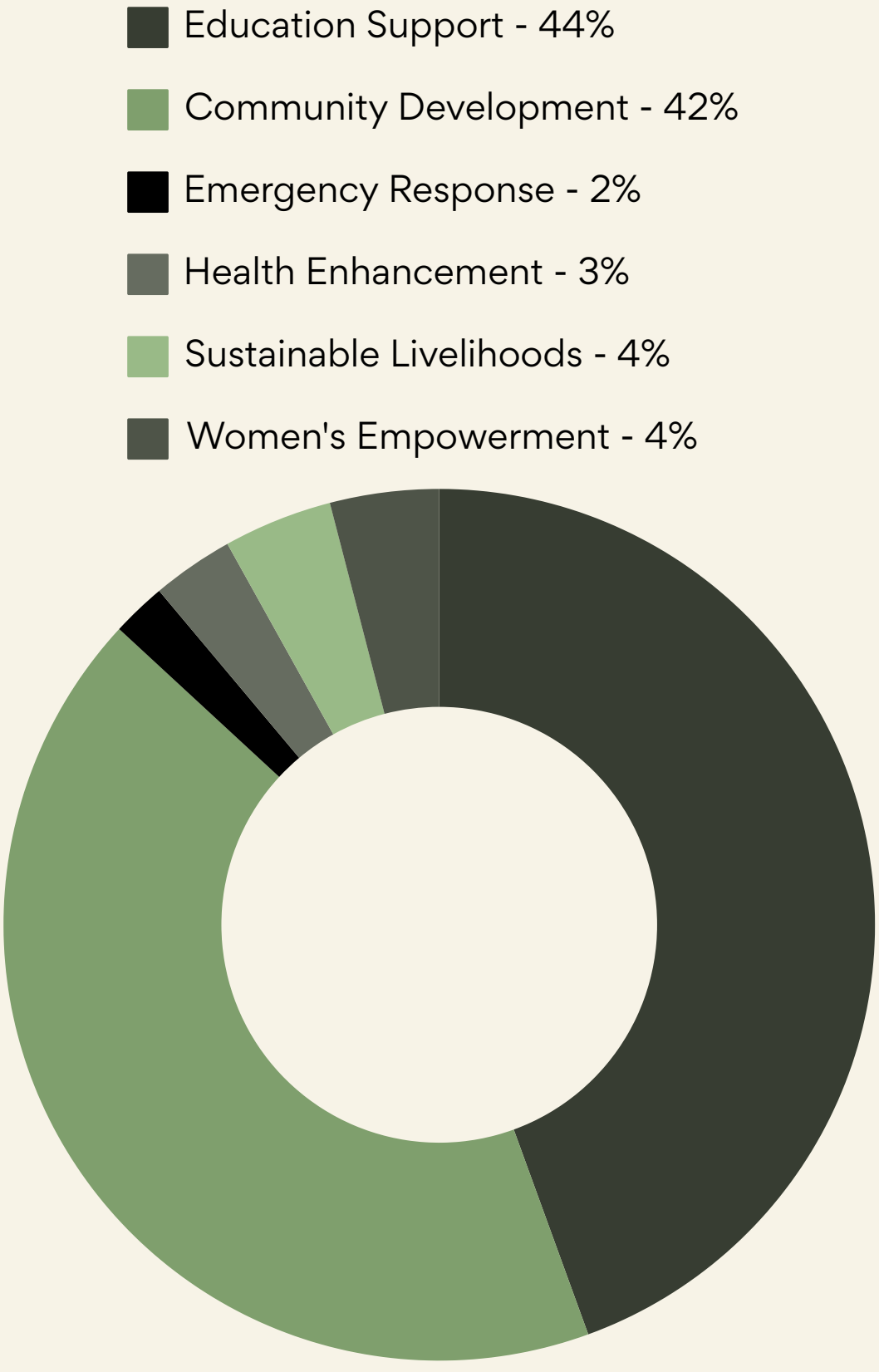
- **Women in Agriculture**
  Helped women establish poultry farming and other agribusiness ventures. Which included providing training, equipment, livestock, and financial support.

- **Microcredit / Revolving Loans**
  Provided interest-free financial assistance to women entrepreneurs through R.T.D.S, enabling them to launch and expand businesses in agriculture, textiles, and food production, and continue the impact for years to come.



EXPENDITURE DISTIRBUTION

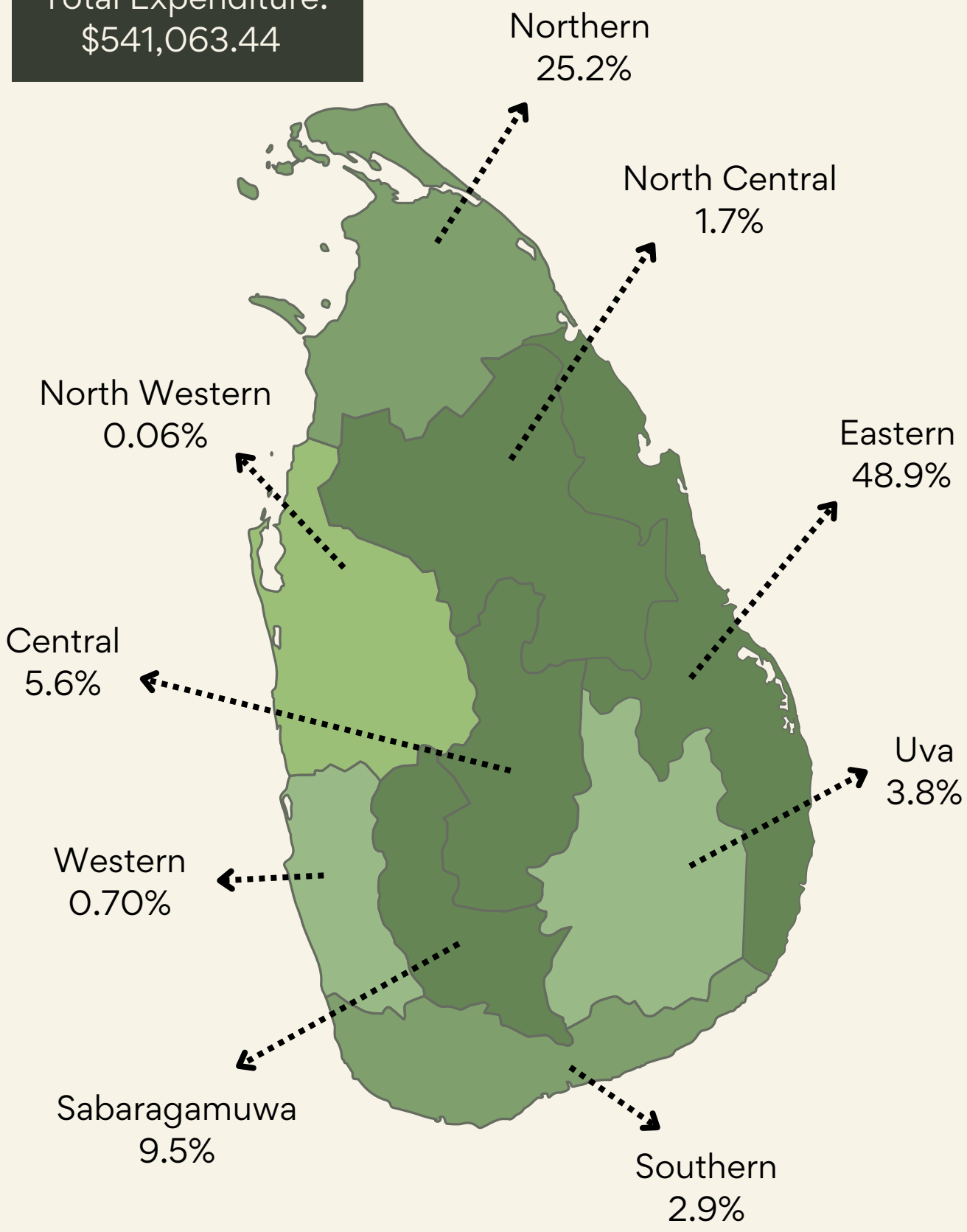
Across our Six Pillars



EXPENDITURE DISTRIBUTION

Across All 9 Provinces of Sri Lanka

Total Expenditure:
$541,063.44



LOOKING TOWARDS 2025

As we enter 2025, Vanni Hope remains committed to deepening our impact, expanding our reach, and strengthening partnerships to ensure sustainable change across Sri Lanka. While we have made significant strides, there is still much work to be done to improve healthcare, education, livelihoods, and disaster resilience for vulnerable communities.

A key focus for the year ahead will be expanding our reach across each of the 9 provinces, ensuring that more communities benefit from our programs. Strengthening partnerships with hospitals, schools, and grassroots organisations will allow us to scale our initiatives, respond effectively to emerging needs, and build long-term community resilience. For instance, the planned construction of a palliative care unit at Tellipalai Base Hospital with our partner Paalam, reflects our commitment to addressing critical healthcare gaps, ensuring patients with life-limiting illnesses receive the dignity and comfort they deserve.

We will also be working towards accreditation with the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), a milestone that will strengthen governance, accountability, and donor confidence. This will reinforce our commitment to delivering high-impact programs with transparency and effectiveness while aligning with international best practices in humanitarian and development work.



Recognising the increasing impact of natural disasters, Vanni Hope will also focus on disaster preparedness and emergency resilience, ensuring that communities have the resources and infrastructure needed to withstand crises. This will enable us to provide faster, more effective relief when disasters strike.

2025 will be a year of growth, accountability, and impact. Through strategic expansion, stronger partnerships and enhanced organisational capacity, Vanni Hope is committed to reaching more communities, building sustainable solutions, and empowering lives. With the continued support of donors, partners, and volunteers, we are confident that we can make an even greater difference in Sri Lanka, where it's needed most.

VOTE OF THANKS

“To be asked to give is bitter too, until seeing the smiling face of the recipient.”
- Thirukkural



As we reflect on the impact of 2024, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a role in making this year a success. To our staff and volunteers, your dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment on the ground have been instrumental in delivering life-changing programs to communities in need. Your passion and perseverance ensure that our work is not just about providing aid but about creating lasting change.

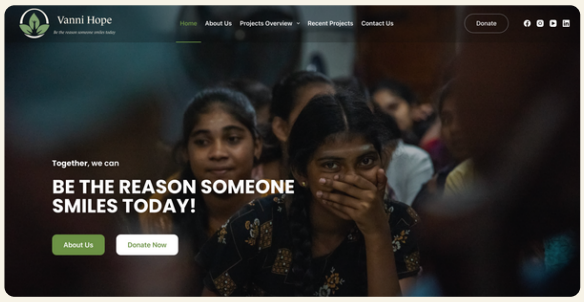
To our donors and supporters, your generosity fuels everything we do. Your belief in our mission allows us to expand essential services in healthcare, education, livelihoods, and community development, reaching those who need it most. To our partners and collaborators, we deeply appreciate your trust and shared commitment to empowering Sri Lanka’s most vulnerable communities. It is through strong partnerships and collective action that we can build a future of resilience, dignity, and opportunity for all.

Thank you for being part of this journey—together, we are creating hope for those in need across Sri Lanka!

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