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# Hope4Child Relief Mission Post-Secondary Scholarship Program

— One child at a time —

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# Meet the Team

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## Committee Co-Chairs

- Ashwin Vadivelu
- Shamara Nadarajah

## Committee Members

- Andrew Curtis
- Dhiviyam Valentine
- Rebecca Curtis

# About the Program

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- Working with Hope4Child's established partners, the scholarship program hopes to bridge the financial gap to allow young people to pursue post-secondary education
- The program focuses on students in the North and East parts of Sri Lanka
- The program hopes to empower students to better their future prospects for themselves, their families and their communities
- The scholarships assists each recipient student with the necessary funds to cover their post-secondary education expenses, i.e. tuition, books, transportation, living, and additional costs

# Our Partners

- At this time the Post Secondary Scholarship Program is working with three of our established on-the-ground partners:
  - YGRO → North and East
  - ABLE - Action for Better Living → Kilinochchi
  - CACM - Church of the American Ceylon Mission → Jaffna
- The Partners roles are crucial to the successful implementation of this program

## OUR PARTNERS

Assemblies of God, Killinochi

Canaan Children's Home,  
Badulla



CACM - Church of the American  
Ceylon Mission



Four Square Gospel Church,  
Matara

Grace Church, Mannar

Grace Church, Vallaichennai



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# Our Partners (continued)

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- 1) Applications for the program are sent to the partners to administer to students they deem in need of financial assistance
- 2) Partners work with their students to fill out the applications and provide necessary documentation
- 3) Partners provide applications to committee for review and selection process
- 4) Once selection process has been completed, partners administer agreements that are to be signed by selected students
- 5) Partners administer funds and provide regular reporting of student progress

# Selection Process

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- The committee created a guideline to review each application against to ensure objectivity and standardization
- Each application was reviewed and then presented to the committee to do a final consensus check whether the application is to be approved
- All concerns or questions are routed to the Partner
- Committee ensures that all necessary documentation is provided for each student (School enrollment)
- Applications must have proof of program admittance and A Level and O Level (if applicable) results

# Applications at a Glance

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Application Statistics							
	Applications	Approved	University	Vocational	Male	Female	
YGRO North	18	17	11	6	5	12	
ABLE	6	3	3	0	1	2	
<i>YGRO East (Pending)</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	
<i>CACM (Pending)</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	

# Funding Commitments

LKR:CAD 150

Funding Req.	Year 1 Costs		Total Commitment	
	LKR	CAD	LKR	CAD
YGRO North	1,075,200	\$7,168	1,962,200	\$13,081
ABLE	270,000	\$1,800	630,000	\$4,200
<b>Approved Programs</b>	<b>1,345,200</b>	<b>\$8,968</b>	<b>2,592,200</b>	<b>\$17,281</b>
<i>YGRO East (Pending)</i>	<i>450,000</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>1,125,000</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>
<i>CACM (Pending)</i>	<i>450,000</i>	<i>\$3,000</i>	<i>1,125,000</i>	<i>\$7,500</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,245,200</b>	<b>\$14,968</b>	<b>4,842,200</b>	<b>\$32,281</b>

\*3 laptops being physically provided by H4C, 1 to be purchased (LKR 115k), 1 sewing machine to be purchased (LKR 50k)

\*Program terms vary from 1-4 years, funding levels per student vary based on situation



# Funding Sources & Forecast

Funding Sources		
	LKR	CAD
Collected Donations for Scholarship Fund	3,039,300	\$20,262
CACM Funds	483,450	\$3,223
<b>Total Program Costs</b>	<b>3,522,750</b>	<b>\$23,485</b>
Year 1 Scholarship Cost	2,245,200	\$14,968
<b>Year 1 Remaining Balance</b>		<b>\$8,517</b>
<b>Future Commitment</b>		<b>\$8,796</b>

# Sample Applications Received

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(Above) Participating students in Career Guidance courses who have applied towards this program

# Sample Application Received

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Gender: *Female*

Age: *19*

Partner: *YGRO*

Type of Post-Studies: *Vocational Course*

Area of Study: *Tailoring*

Request: *To cover tailoring course costs and for a sewing machine*

Answer to Personal Question:

*I am from kantharodai. I am 19 years old. My father left our family before I was born. I have one brother. We lives in a government gifted house. Government funds are the only income for our family. My brother is a recovered pressure patient. I also have [an illness]. Because of my illness I failed to focus in my studies. Apart from study I have much more interest in tailoring. So I like study tailoring course in vocational training center. I have the responsibility for look after my family. My ambition is to Become specialize in tailoring and I want to take my family status to a higher level. My hobbies are tailoring and singing.*

# Sample Application Received

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Gender: *Female*

Age: *21*

Partner: *YGRO*

Type of Post-Studies: *University (University of Sri Jayewardenepura)*

Area of Study: *Management*

Personal Story:

*I am from Anaikoddai. I am 21 years old. There are five members in my family. I have two sisters they are married. We are living in a government gifted house. My father is a labor. He cuts fire woods, trees in houses for money. This is the only income for our family. We have lots of loan to settle. But his income is not enough for all needs. So I studied hard to settle all my family loan. Now I passed A/L and I got Admission in Jayawardanapura University in Colombo. My Ambition is to become and accountant and raise lift my family condition up. I want to treat my parents like a king and queen.*

# Sample Application Received

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Gender: *Male*

Age: 22

Type of Post-Studies: *University (University of Jaffna)*

Area of Study: *Arts*

Request: *University*

Personal Story:

*I am from Uduvil. I am 22 years old. I am studying at University of Jaffna in Arts faculty. I choose Arts stream because I studied Arts in A/L and so choosing arts stream will be easy to continue my higher studies. The financial support will be helpful for my studies. We are living in a government gifted house. My father does stone masonry and my mother is a housewife. I have one brother and a sister. Due to this pandemic situation, there is no work for my father he goes to work twice or thrice in a week. My father's income is not enough for our daily needs, so I decided to conduct tuition classes for the children near my house. But it's hard to do because of my studies. But there is no other way to look after my family. But one day I will change this condition My hobbies are playing cricket and doing workouts.*

# Utharshan Sivakumar

Gender: *Male*

Partner: *YGRO*

Type of Post-Studies: *University of Peradeniya*

Area of Study: *Engineering*

Message from Partner regarding student:

*Utharshan is a second year Engineering university student. He joined the education program at the GCE OL and went on to do excel in his A Levels. It was such a joy to see that one of the students coming out of our program entering the Engineering faculty. God used H4C to support [his] education. The house in the background in the following picture is a tin house that was provided to them through YGRO. This was provided to Utharshan's family as his mother is a single-mother who brought him up alone while living in a hut type of house.*



# Student Applications Received



*(Above) pictures of female student candidates supported by YGRO*

# Reporting / Accountability

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- Scholarship Agreements signed between Hope4Child, NGO partner, and student recipient
- All funds directly to selected students, through our NGO partners
- Partners will provide semi annual reporting for student progress and details with their studies with insight into student progress, academic status, financial reconciliation, etc.
- Students & Partners will also provide a report 6-months post-completion of post-secondary program on outcomes achieved



# Future of the Program

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- We will need to raise ~\$10K in 2022 in order to sustain the program for the current students as a baseline
- A mentorship piece is being reviewed to be added to the program. The aim is to connect students to individuals within Sri Lanka or in the diaspora within the same career fields
- Students also require laptops and we are not able to fund every single request → the committee is reviewing a laptop drive for gently used laptops to be included in next year's fundraising efforts

# Thank you

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Thank you for your prayers, support and donations for this initiative!

We know that this program will be able to enrich the lives of many deserving students in the North and East of Sri Lanka, and we look forward to continuing this great work in the years to come.

One Student at a Time.

