



# *Sri Lanka Verein Hamburg e.V.*

## Supplying schools with learning materials



In principle, the free school system in Sri Lanka offers free access to education for all sections of the population. However, the specific learning conditions often depend on whether parents can pay for the school supplies and books their children need. However, since many families cannot afford this and the available learning materials are inadequate, the quality of instruction suffers for many students.

Another measure to support the four selected schools is the purchase and provision of learning materials. To this end, our local coordinator, Anslem Nanayakkara, in cooperation with the school principals, first classified the students by class to determine the type, quality, and quantity of books and materials needed for instruction. For each class level, a range of workbooks was defined, which can be used to implement the prescribed curriculum. Finally, the need for learning materials for each grade was determined based on the number of children being taught. In addition to the workbooks, each student was given a set of pens.

The next step involved visiting several book suppliers to explore availability and find high-quality, affordable options. The final decision was made to work with Chandrasekera & Company in Kandy, which has sufficient stocks of high-quality (brand-name) books. In addition to widely varying prices, most other suppliers do not have sufficient stocks of the requested materials, due to paper shortages and other issues. Given the considerable volume of materials requested (5,751 workbooks), significant discounts were negotiated, approaching wholesale prices. The distribution of the books, stationery, and bags was handled by the respective school principals, who thank all donors for their contributions.

The following tables show the allocation of learning materials for the four selected schools.



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Specification of Learning Materials	pages	Number of Books by Grade											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Single Rule Book	80	74	114	200	276	328	240	256	260	330	372	348	2,798
	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	33	62	58	179
	200	0	0	0	0	0	30	64	52	66	62	58	332
Single Rule Book	120	0	38	50	46	41	60	64	52	66	62	58	537
	200	37	38	50	46	41	30	32	26	33	31	29	393
Single Rule CR Book	160	37	38	50	46	41	30	32	26	33	62	58	453
	200	37	38	50	46	41	30	32	26	33	31	29	393
Drawing Book Medium	80	74	76	100	92	82	60	64	52	66	0	0	666
Total Books		260	344	503	556	579	486	551	528	669	692	649	5,751
Carbo Pens		37	38	50	46	41	30	32	26	33	31	29	393

