



# Sri Lanka Verein Hamburg e.V.

## Supporting an orphanage in Kilinochchi



The *Mahadeva Children's Home* is in the Tamil-populated area near Kilinochchi. The home is quite large, consisting of several buildings and has its own bus for school transportation. It also owns extensive gardens, cultivated with its own equipment, where bananas, coconuts, and other fruits are grown. There is a small self-sufficient dairy farm. There is also a large outdoor playground.

The home cares for various groups: younger boys and girls aged 6 to 10, and teenagers who live at the home until they graduate. The younger children are taught in classrooms, while the older children take the bus to a nearby school. Most of them are orphans, half-orphans, or children of parents who cannot support them. The home provides accommodation, meals, schooling, and vocational training. Since 2019, the government has been trying to place the children near their ancestral families.

Following an initial visit in 2011, the Sri Lanka Association provided the orphanage with funding from *Lemonaid & ChariTea e.V.* for the following measures: purchase of a two-wheel tractor with a plow and four computers (2012), construction of sanitary facilities (2013), implementation of mathematics and English courses (2014), construction of a shed for storing rice and vegetables (2015), construction of a soccer field, purchase of table tennis tables, tailoring training courses (2016), cultivation of 15 hectares of fallow land for growing bananas and vegetables for self-sufficiency, training courses for school leavers in tailoring and computer skills (2017), cultivation of an additional 5 hectares of fallow land for growing bananas and vegetables, construction of wells and irrigation systems, sewing courses, and English lessons (2018).

After the home director passed away, contact with the successor was lost despite repeated requests, so our support was finally discontinued.





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