Proposal for Funding: Sustainable WASH Practices and Drug-Free Lives for Students in WP/NP Dungalpitiya Vidyalaya, Negombo



A Call to Transform Dungalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya, Negombo

Despite being a peri-urban school with government-provided resources, Dungalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya faces substantial health, hygiene, and drug addiction challenges. The students, from low-income families primarily engaged in labor and fishing, are vulnerable to inadequate WASH practices and societal issues that lead to addiction, severely impacting their health and education.

Kansarmen SL Foundation seeks to intervene through a comprehensive project aimed at empowering students, teachers, and parents with knowledge and practical skills in water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH), conscious consumerism, and drug addiction prevention. This project is a call to transform their lives, restore dignity, and ensure a sustainable, healthier future.

The Current Situation

Dungalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya is home to 110 students (40 male and 70 female), 14 teachers, and 110 parents, all struggling with inadequate health practices and a growing issue of drug addiction among students. Despite the newly provided WASH facilities by Kansarmen SL Foundation, many students and parents lack the knowledge and skills to use and maintain them effectively, threatening the long-term viability of the infrastructure.







Moreover, an alarming number of students have been caught in the web of drug addiction due to peer pressure, familial neglect, and socio-economic hardships, further jeopardizing their future. Without proper education and intervention, these problems continue to fester, putting students' health, education, and well-being at risk.

Our Vision for Change

We envision a future where every student at Dungalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya is equipped with the knowledge and skills to maintain proper WASH practices, make conscious decisions about their health and consumption, and resist the lure of drug addiction. This transformation will be achieved through a series of workshops that are not only informative but also engaging and empowering.

The Project Will Involve:

WASH Education Workshops: Practical demonstrations and hands-on activities to ensure proper use and maintenance of WASH facilities.

Conscious Consumerism Training: Teaching students and parents responsible water use and sustainable habits.

Drug Addiction Awareness Programs: Informative and supportive sessions on the dangers of drug addiction, with strategies for prevention and recovery.

Art and Craft Activities: Creative workshops to help students internalize WASH concepts and healthy habits in an engaging manner.

Performance-Based Recognition: Reward systems for students actively participating in and applying the teachings of the workshops.

Aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This project addresses several of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation): Ensures that students understand the importance of maintaining clean and sustainable WASH practices.

SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being): Improves health and reduces disease transmission through better hygiene practices and addiction prevention.

SDG 4 (Quality Education): Promotes a better learning environment by addressing health and social issues.

SDG 5 (Gender Equality): Targets equal participation from both male and female students and ensures gender-sensitive approaches to WASH and health education.

SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production): Instills sustainable and responsible habits among students and their families.

Why This Project Matters

At the heart of this project is the belief that every child, regardless of their socio-economic background or school size, deserves a safe, clean, and healthy learning environment. This initiative aims to restore dignity and hope to the students of Dungalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya by addressing both health and addiction challenges in a comprehensive manner.

The ripple effect of this intervention will extend beyond the school, fostering better health practices and drug prevention within the entire community. By supporting this project, you are investing not only in infrastructure but also in the long-term well-being and future of these students and their families.

Community Engagement and Impact

This project will actively involve the local community, including parents and community leaders, in the workshops. Their participation will reinforce the lessons learned, ensuring sustainability and a shared commitment to the well-being of the children. By engaging the broader community, this project will foster a stronger, healthier, and more resilient community that can address both environmental and social challenges.

Call to Action

We invite you to join us in transforming the lives of these vulnerable students. Your support will help build not just physical infrastructure but also mental resilience, healthier habits, and a brighter future for the students of Dungalpitiya Kanishta Vidyalaya. Together, we can empower them to overcome the challenges they face and create a lasting impact on their community.

Donate today and be a part of transforming lives for a sustainable, drug-free future.