Proposal for Funding: Transforming Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya, Ragala



A Call to Restore Dignity and Hope for 25 Students

Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya, a small rural school nestled in the remote village of Ragala in the Central Province's Nuwara Eliya District, is home to just 25 students, from grades 1 to 5. Despite their small numbers, these children face tremendous challenges daily—challenges that threaten their right to education, health, and dignity.



The Current Situation

The students of Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya rely on a natural spring in the nearby forest for their water. This source, once a lifeline, is now unreliable, with outdated and broken pipelines and a dilapidated concrete storage tank that can no longer hold enough water. The school's sanitation facilities are equally dire. With only two washrooms, the boys' washroom is blocked and broken, forcing both boys and girls to share the remaining washroom. This situation not only compromises hygiene but also dignity, especially for the young girls.

The students' families, primarily engaged in home gardening and labor work, struggle to make ends meet. With many living in fragmented households under the care of grandparents, they simply cannot afford to finance the much-needed renovations of the school's water and sanitation systems.

The Reality of Being Overlooked

In a world where donor support often prioritizes projects with large beneficiary numbers, schools like Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya, with its mere 25 students, are increasingly overlooked. Yet, the needs of these children are as pressing as those in larger schools. Their right to clean water, proper sanitation, and a safe learning environment is equally important. These students face significant hardships, and this small, close-knit school provides them with a vital sense of community, accessibility, and comfort that would be lost if they were forced to attend a more distant school.



Our Vision for Change

We believe that every child, regardless of their school's size, deserves the opportunity to learn in a safe, dignified environment. By funding this project, you can help transform Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya into a place where students can focus on their studies, free from the worries of inadequate water and sanitation facilities. The project will involve:

Renovating the existing water supply system: Upgrading pipelines, restoring the concrete water storage tank, and ensuring a consistent, clean water supply.

Repairing and expanding sanitation facilities: Fixing the broken washroom and adding new facilities to meet the needs of both boys and girls separately.

Aligning with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

This project is not just about infrastructure; it's about advancing the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):

- SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation): Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
- SDG 1 (No Poverty): Support this impoverished community by reducing the economic burden related to water and sanitation.
- SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being): Improve the health and well-being of the students by providing them with clean water and hygienic sanitation facilities.
- SDG 4 (Quality Education): Enhance the learning environment, enabling students to focus on their education without health-related distractions.
- SDG 5 (Gender Equality): Promote gender justice by ensuring separate and safe sanitation facilities for both boys and girls.
- SDG 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy): Explore opportunities to incorporate renewable energy sources, such as solar power, to support the water supply system.
- SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure): Strengthen the school’s infrastructure, making it resilient and sustainable.
- SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities): Address the inequities faced by this small, marginalized school, ensuring that all students, regardless of their number, receive the resources they need.
- SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities): Foster a sense of community engagement and sustainability within this rural village.
- SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production): Promote efficient use of water resources and sustainable management of facilities.
- SDG 13 (Climate Action): Incorporate climate-resilient practices to ensure the sustainability of water resources in the face of environmental challenges.

Why This Project Matters

Supporting Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya is about more than just building infrastructure—it's about restoring hope and dignity to these 25 young lives. It's about ensuring that every child, regardless of their circumstances, has the right to a safe, clean, and nurturing learning environment. By contributing to this project, you are making a powerful statement that every child matters and that their future is worth investing in.



Community Engagement and Impact

This project will not only benefit the students but also engage the wider community. Local parents, despite their financial struggles, are deeply invested in their children's education and will be involved in the project's implementation. This engagement fosters a sense of ownership and responsibility, ensuring that the facilities are maintained for years to come. Additionally, this project will serve as a model for other small, rural schools, showing that even the smallest initiatives can have a profound impact.

Call to Action

We invite you to join us in making a tangible difference in the lives of these 25 students. Your support will not only provide them with the facilities they desperately need but will also send a powerful message that they are not forgotten—that their education, health, and well-being are just as important as those in larger schools. Together, we can create a lasting impact and help these children thrive.

Donate today and be a part of transforming Rathnayake Pathana Vidyalaya into a school where every child can learn, grow, and dream with dignity.