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**SRI LANKA**

# MEET YOUR PARTNER, THE CHURCH OF CEYLON



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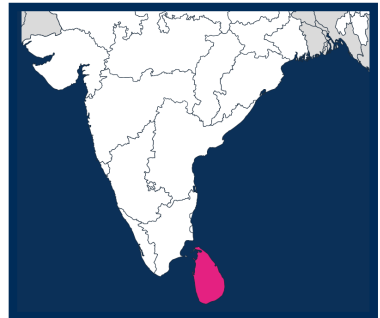
# THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH THE CHURCH OF CEYLON

By supporting your partner in Sri Lanka, you are helping fund authentic programmes that make a real, tangible difference by meeting the needs of those in the Church's own community.

Here, you can read about the amazing ways in which your kind donations are being used by the Church of Sri Lanka.

## **The Estate Community Development Mission (ECDM) programme**

This programme was set up by the Church of Ceylon to support tea plantation workers in Sri Lanka. The church has a long-term commitment to advocacy work amongst Sri Lanka's plantation communities, seeking legal rights for tea plantation workers and their families and the ECDM grew out of this.



The ECDM seeks to serve all plantation workers, irrespective of religion, caste or ethnicity. One key aspect of the ECDM's work focuses on the children of tea plantation workers, ensuring that they have access to a good education. The programme runs five pre-schools, catering for 120 children. It provides extra coaching and guidance to children to enhance their knowledge and social skills and integration; at present, 163 children benefit from the programme in this way.

The programme also holds seminars at primary and secondary school level for students who are preparing to sit major school exams. For those who have completed school and are either in or considering further education, the ECDM offers assistance to university students to complete their studies and go on to find employment. Alongside the focus on children's education, the ECDM also looks after children's health and physical wellbeing by providing meals in its preschools.

The ECDM aims to inspire and empower the family unit with counselling programmes for parents, focusing not only on women but also on men with a men's care programme. For this, the ECDM has teamed up with another initiative by the Diocese of Colombo called 'The World Needs a Father'.

Advocacy and social justice are also an important part of the ECDM's work, so it educates plantation workers on human rights and helps them get their identification documents in order. It also runs grassroots women's groups.



## How to support your partner church

The Partners in Mission scheme allows you to support one of seven churches around the world in serving their local communities in the love of Jesus.

When you partner with a church, 100% of your donations go towards funding these vital programmes, making an incredible difference to local communities.

If you've joined as a church, here are some options for how to support your partner:

- Make one-off donations through your [Partners in Mission Hub](#)
- Set up a [Direct Debit](#)
- Or alternatively, individuals in the congregation may like to support by setting up their own [Direct Debits](#)

If you're an individual, we welcome you to support by setting up a [Direct Debit](#), whether you are part of a church who has become a partner or you're supporting independently.

If appropriate we'd be grateful if you could tick the Gift Aid box, as this helps your donation go even further towards meeting the important needs of local communities.

## Getting to know your partner

We'll send you regular updates about the impact your donations are having, including prayer requests and the latest stories about the fantastic work being done by your partner.

If you have become a partner as a church, you can also invite a USPG speaker to visit, and you can find lots of resources to share with your congregation on your [Partners in Mission hub](#).

## Resources

You can find posters, content for your social media, information booklets and lots more, all on your bespoke [Partners in Mission hub](#).

## Making a donation

Individuals are encouraged to set up a Direct Debit either [online](#) or by filling out one of our [forms](#). For other donations:

- **Online:** <https://partners-in-mission-sri-lanka.raisely.com>
- **BACS:** Please get in touch with us on the details below to arrange a bank transfer
- **Cheque:** Make cheques payable to USPG and include a covering letter stating who it is from, that is for Partners in Mission, and which partner you're supporting
- **Phone:** Call +44 (0)20 7921 2200 to make a card donation over the phone

## Further information

For more details of any of our programmes, please visit our website [www.uspg.org.uk](http://www.uspg.org.uk)

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