



Our five CAL Centres

Our five CAL centres are based in different locations around Sri Lanka. The island is full of natural beauty, but it also has more than its share of poverty and suffering as a result of decades of war. Each CAL centre has a different story to tell depending on its location.



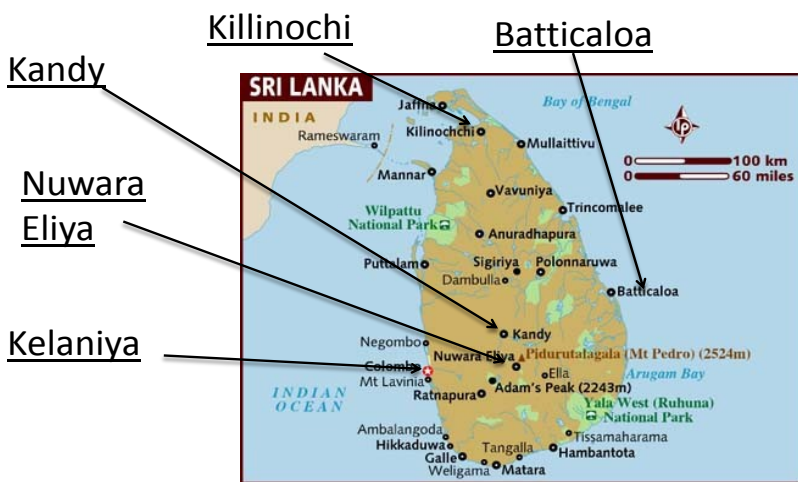
Sisters in Nuwara Eliya

In Nuwara Eliya two sisters aged 5 and 11, are very neglected by their parents, who are both alcoholics. Though their parents earn enough money to manage day-to-day, they don't often spend what they earn on essentials, like food for their daughters. The girls aren't clean and because of that they often get very sick. Rosie*, the youngest girl, was recently sick enough to lose the movement of her limbs. However, instead of taking her to a doctor, her parents followed a practise which involves tying string around her arm.

The centre has a good reputation with local parents and is trying to support them. In this case, project manager Jenny encouraged them to seek medical help, offered to cover the costs and eventually gave Rosie's parents medicine she could take. However, the parents did not give the medicine to her, and took her to see the local witch doctor instead. Rosie has fortunately slowly recovered by herself and the centre is helping her to learn how to manage her own personal hygiene, so that she gets sick less frequently.

In all our projects there is work to be done helping to educate parents to ensure the best possible outcome for their children.

Currently we are running centres in five locations:



Kandy Centre Four (Babies/Toddlers)

Centre Four in Kandy has been kitted out by volunteers who have been and gone, but left a lasting legacy. Most of these babies and toddlers would be with their mums begging on the streets if it were not for the centre. One mum (below) now works at CAL as a helper and cleaner with the babies - life is changing for the better for both her and her children.



Batticaloa (Batti) Centre

In Batti our eleven teachers are from the local community. Most had to stop their education at O' Level because of poverty and war. All want to see the children they are helping get further in their studies than they did. The five rural communities have great need— including for water, electricity and proper housing. Employing the teachers is a double blessing as it means another member of the community is getting a regular salary. Thanks to the generosity of supporters we are now able to fund a further teacher in each village which will make a great difference to the level of support we can provide for the children.





Join us to see lives transformed

Child Action Lanka began six years ago working with street children in Kandy. Debbie and Dilshan Edirisinghe opened the doors to over sixty children who were grateful for a safe place to come and learn, play and have fun. CAL has grown significantly over the last six years and we now have centres in five locations: Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Kelaniya, Killinochchi and Batticaloa.

We would love you to consider partnering with us as we develop and grow as an organisation to give maximum opportunity to the next generation. For further information and how to give time and/or resources to support this important work, please email childaction@sltnet.lk or contact us via our website at www.childactionlanka.org

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS
WHO HAVE MADE THIS WORK POSSIBLE—WE ARE SO
GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT AND HELP.**

Current Needs

We are so excited as we have now secured funding for all five extra teachers in Batticaloa for two years! Its great news and will make a huge difference for the children. Thank you SO much!

This month we would like to mention something we are looking to provide for each CAL centre. We have found **kids 'parachutes'** to be very useful for fun as well as educational activities. We would like to buy a further **seven** of them (mainly for Killinochchi and each community in Batticaloa.) The cost seems to vary but we would be looking at **UK £20 or Aus \$40** per parachute. We will then order them online and ask our next volunteers to bring them out for us.

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