

“A man never stands as tall as when he kneels to help a child”

Arobanam Children Fund

Charity No: 1082803



Supporting Children in need in North and East of Sri Lanka

Welcome to the Arobanam Children Fund Newsletter – December 2015

Arobanam Children Fund web-site: www.arobanam.com

Our Urgent Flood Appeal

As you may be aware, South India and Sri Lanka has suffered torrential rain and widespread flooding.

Sadly, several hundred thousand people in the Northern Province and districts of Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Batticaloa, have been among the worst hit by the floods and this has caused their displacement to temporary camps, damage to their property and loss of income.

We have been in contact with our partners in these areas and can report that all our projects have been severely affected as a result, and require urgent support.

As such, we are providing immediate relief and ongoing assistance for our children in these regions. In the season of goodwill, please consider donating to this urgent appeal using the following link: <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/Floodreliefandrehabilitation>. We would like to thank all those who have generously made donations; the total raised (including gift aid) currently stands at £3,163.75.



Children in Batticaloa struggle to make their journey to school.



In areas of critical flooding, families have been displaced to relief camps.



Pre-school children who are supported through our day care centres are unable to leave their homes, and the threat of waterborne diseases is rife. We have organised relief packs for such families at a cost of £20.



Offices used by our partners have flooded causing difficulties in the day to day management of our projects.



There is a lack of clean water in the Kilinochchi region directly affecting the children at our Mahadeva Ashram Home.

For further information, please contact one of our committee members at:
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E-mail: Rama: vijayanathanr@yahoo.co.uk, Thenuka: thenup@hotmail.com
Together We Can Make A Difference

Arobanam Boys' Home, Kilinochchi, experienced water levels rising up to 3 feet. The compound surrounding the Home has become waterlogged and consequently, the children are unable to move from one block to another.



Due to the lack of dry firewood at Arobanam Boys' Home, there is difficulty in preparing food for the children.



The Home reported that several boys have contracted a skin disease on their feet as a consequence of the flood water carrying sewage and other harmful substances.



Arobanam Boys' Home play area seen in this photo, is almost immersed in water rendering the area unsafe for use.

Chairman's Visit – Sri Lanka

During the latter part of September, our Chairman, Mr V Ramakrishnan visited a number of ACF Homes and Foster Care Schemes in Sri Lanka.

The trip allowed the Chairman to monitor progress of ACF's projects and assess the current needs and requirements of our children.



The Chairman was pleased to spend time with the young boys at Arobanam Boys' Home.

A visit was also made to the Good Shepherd's Convent in Mankulam.



A Trip for our Children – Madurai, India

We are organising a trip for our children at the Anaiyoor Refugee Camp in Madurai, India, in the New Year.

ACF now support 84 children here, of which, 60 reside within the Camp itself and 24 differently abled children (who require special needs care), are accommodated in the Home.



These children rarely get a chance to leave their residence and a trip away would not only promote well-being but, would be a wonderful treat. We require £300 to fund the trip. Please consider donating towards this appeal and email us at:

arobanamchildrenfund@gmail.com.

School Bags

ACF continually strives to deliver resources that are necessary for our children's welfare. One such need was identified and all the children in our Foster Care Scheme in Mankulam, were recently provided with rucksacks for school use. Prior to this, the children were struggling to carry their books and equipment to and from school, so these new bags were a much welcome support.



Sponsor a Child

We still have over 200 children requiring sponsorship and this number is rising.

Please consider sponsoring a child this holiday season and give them the opportunity to secure a brighter future for themselves and for further generations.

Make a difference, become a sponsor today.

?? Questions or More Information ??

If you have any questions or would like more information about any aspects of the work we do, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

You can reach us via email at:

arobanamchildrenfund@gmail.com

Or take a look at our website:

www.arobanam.com



Arobanam Children Fund would like to wish you and your families a Christmas full of Peace and Joy, as well as a prosperous New Year



****SAVE THE DATE****

Our Annual Charity Dinner will be held on Saturday 12th March 2016 at Archbishop Lanfranc School, Mitcham Road, Croydon CR9 3AS. As always, we will provide an update about the work we have been undertaking over the past year.

Please pencil this event in your diaries!



“உதவுவதால் மனிதன் உயர்வடைகிறான்”

ஆரோபணம் சிறுவர் நிதியம் - செய்தித்தாள் மார்கழி 2015

வெள்ள நிவாரணத்திற்கான வேண்டுகோள்

அண்மையில் பெய்த கடும் மழையால் ஏற்பட்ட வெள்ளத்தினால் இலங்கையிலும் தென் இந்தியாவிலும் அதிக பாதிப்புக்கள் ஏற்பட்டமை யாவரும் அறிந்ததே.

இந்த வெள்ளத்தினால் யாழ்ப்பாணம், கிளிநொச்சி, முல்லைத்தீவு, மட்டக்களப்பு ஆகிய மாவட்டங்களில் இலட்சக்கணக்கான மக்கள் பெரிதும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டு, தமது உடைமைகளை இழந்து இடம்பெயர்ந்து தற்காலிக முகாம்களில் தஞ்சம் அடைந்துள்ளனர்.

அதுபோலவே, நாம் ஆதரவு வழங்கும் சிறுவர் இல்லங்களும் கடுமையாகப் பாதிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளமை குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது. இதனால் இவர்களுக்கு அவசர உதவிகள் தேவைப்படுகின்றன. இதன் பொருட்டு, பாதிக்கப்பட்ட பகுதிகளில் உள்ள எமது சிறார்களுக்கு அவசர நிவாரணங்களை வழங்குவதுடன் தொடர்ந்து வரும் தேவைகளுக்கும் உதவிக்கொண்டு இருக்கிறோம். இத்தேவைக்கு உதவி புரியுமுகமாக நாம் ஒரு அவசர வேண்டுகோளைப் பின்வரும் நிதி திரட்டும் தளம் வழியாக முன்வைத்திருக்கிறோம்.

<http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/Floodreliefandrehabilitation>

இத் திட்டத்தின் மூலமாக இதுவரையில் £3,163.75 வரையில் சேகரித்துள்ளதுடன் அதில் பெரும்பகுதியை ஏற்கனவே தேவைப்பட்ட இடங்களில் சேர்ப்பிதுள்ளோம். ஆரோபணம் சிறுவர் நிதியத்துடன் ஒருங்கிணைந்து நீங்கள் இந்தச் சிறப்பு அவசர கோரிக்கைக்கு உதவி புரிந்தமைக்கு எமது நன்றிகள்.



தற்போதைய நிலைமை:

- சிறார்கள் பாடசாலைகளுக்குச் செல்லமுடியாமல் உள்ளனர்
- சிறுவர் இல்ல அலுவலகங்கள் வெள்ளத்தில் பாதிக்கப்பட்டதால் செயற்பட முடியாத நிலையில் உள்ளன
- மகாதேவா அஷ்ரத்தில் வசிக்கும் சிறுவர்களுக்கு குடி நீர் பற்றாக்குறை ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது
- மட்டக்களப்புப் பகுதியில் சிறுவர்கள் ஆரம்பப் பள்ளிகளுக்குச் செல்ல முடியாத நிலையில் உள்ளனர். இவர்களின் குடும்பங்களுக்கு நிவாரணங்கள் வழங்குவதற்கான ஒழுங்குகள் நடைபெறுகின்றன

Sponsoring A Child

Sponsoring a child costs just £15 per month. That's only 50p a day. Just think of the difference you can make to a child's life by giving such a small amount. You will be touching a child's heart in the most profound way possible, by helping to provide him or her with a better future. We have well over 200 children awaiting sponsorship in Mannar, Mankulam, Kilinochchi (including Arobanam Boys Home) and Batticaloa.

PLEASE DON'T WAIT - complete a standing order form now. Furthermore, at no cost to yourself, if you tick our Gift Aid Donations (GAD) section, it allows ACF to receive money from the Inland Revenue also. Don't delay – please contact us via the ACF email address if you need further clarification. Visit our new website: www.arobanam.com

Arobanam Sponsorship Scheme

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To the Manager



Name of Bank: _____

Address: _____

City & Postcode: _____

Please pay: Lloyds TSB, New Malden Surrey KT3 4EX
For the credit of: Arobanam Children Fund Charity Reg No: 1082803
A/C No: 02144743 Sort Code: 30-94-77 Ref No. 78721-6-9477

The sum of (in words): _____

Pounds (£15/per child): _____

On the _____ (day), _____ (month), _____ (year)
And thereafter every month until further notice and debit my account accordingly.

Name of account-holder to be debited: _____

Account Number: _____ Sort Code: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Your Address: _____

I would like tax to be reclaimed on my donation under the Gift Aid Scheme. I am a UK tax payer and pay a sum of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that can be reclaimed on my donation.

Please tick: YES NO

Tel No.: _____ Email Address: _____

For future communication please provide your email address. It's the only way you can receive our newsletter.
Be assured that we will never pass your Tel No./email address onto third parties.

If you have any queries please call 01372 812 595.

When completed, please return to:

Mr V Ramakrishnan (Chairman), Arobanam Children Fund, 108 Manor Green Road, Epsom, Surrey KT19 8LN.

We will then send this form onto your bank. Please allow at least 2 weeks between the date you fill this form and the date of your first payment. Thank you.

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