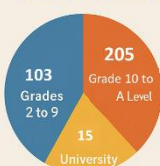




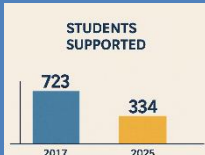
CFCD Student Educational Support Program.

Sponsorship Program

STUDENTS SUPPORTED



MONTHLY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



49 Pending Requests

Investing in Futures: Uplifting Education through Community Sponsorship.

The Centre for Child Development (CFCD), while successfully implementing large-scale initiatives in Resettlement, Reintegration, Social Cohesion, and Community Empowerment with the support of key partners such as UNDP, IOM, and others, continues to prioritize one of its most heartfelt missions—the **Student Educational Support Program**. This sponsorship program stands as a core and ongoing commitment of CFCD, ensuring educational continuity and emotional stability for the most vulnerable children in Northern Sri Lanka.

Since its inception, this program has been a lifeline for students from families experiencing extreme financial hardship. Many of these children are from war-affected, women-headed households or those burdened by chronic poverty. Through consistent, tailored financial support, we ensure they remain in school, gain confidence, and progress toward achieving their academic and life goals.

Strong Partnerships, Trusted Systems

CFCD delivers this program in close collaboration with **Divisional Secretariats** and **Child Rights Promotion Officers (CRPOs)**. Financial disbursements occur physically at DS offices, ensuring transparency and stakeholder engagement. These disbursements are often attended by CRPOs and, when possible, by Divisional Secretaries or other senior officials, reaffirming institutional oversight and support.

Before each payment cycle, CFCD staff engage with beneficiaries, their parents or guardians to discuss the child's academic performance. We collect and verify school progress reports, ensuring accountability and tracking student development. A summary report is shared periodically with the respective District Secretariats to maintain alignment with local governance mechanisms.

Who We Support

In 2025, CFCD is supporting **334 students**, classified as follows:

- **122** students from **Grades 2 to 10**
- **191** students preparing for **O/Level and A/Level** exams
- **15** university **undergraduates**
- **6** students with disabilities

Each student receives bi-monthly financial assistance, with monthly values set at:

- **Rs. 2,000** for Grades 2 to 10
- **Rs. 3,000** for O/L and A/L students
- **Rs. 5,000** for university students
- **Rs. 2,000** for students with disabilities

Students' payments are made every other month, ensuring two-month allocations reach students in a structured and predictable manner. In addition to financial aid, CFCD also provides stationery packages at the start of each school year, further easing the burden on families.

Impact and Achievements

This program not only relieves economic stress for families but also enhances student retention, academic performance, and future opportunities. In the most recent cycle:

- **31 out of 41 A/Level students supported by CFCD passed** their examinations.
- **4 students achieved 3A grades**, showcasing academic excellence despite adversity.

Such outcomes underscore the transformative power of this program and its ability to build self-reliant, educated future leaders.

Current Funding and Donor Support

CFCD operates this program with the generous backing of both institutional and individual donors. Current donors include: **Child First (UK), Ceylon Students Education Fund (Australia), Tech Outreach (Malaysia), Peoples Bank Staff**, and some dedicated individuals.

CFCD gratefully acknowledges that most donors provide financial support on an **annual or biannual basis**, enabling the consistent delivery of sponsorship assistance throughout the year. This predictable funding cycle plays a crucial role in maintaining program stability, timely disbursement of funds, and effective planning to meet the educational needs of supported students. CFCD remains committed to transparent reporting and regular updates to all donor partners. Our **total budget for 2025 stands just over Rs. 12 million**, limiting our reach compared to previous years. In 2017, CFCD proudly supported **723 students**. Today, we can only assist **334** - a stark reminder of funding constraints.

We currently hold **74 pending applications** from equally deserving children whose needs we are unable to meet due to lack of donor support.

Looking Ahead: Your Role in Their Future

CFCD is seeking new and compassionate donors who can stand beside us to expand this program. Every contribution, regardless of size, changes lives. Together, we can ensure that no child is left behind due to circumstances beyond their control.

We are committed to maintaining full transparency. Donors receive timely updates, photographs, and progress reports of the students they support.

