

Digital Education for Rural Children

Summary

For many rural children in Sri Lanka, a computer is not a learning tool but an unreachable dream. Poverty and limited educational resources deny them access to the digital skills now essential for education and future employment. Sathkara Social Service Foundation has worked to change this reality by operating two free IT learning labs in Kalutara and Angunakolapalassa for more than four years. During this time, over 500 children have already benefited from our programs. This project will expand these efforts to support 200 more vulnerable children with free computer education, digital literacy training, and safe learning spaces. By opening the door to technology, we are opening the door to hope, confidence, and brighter futures.

What is the problem?

In many rural communities in Sri Lanka, children grow up with dreams but without the tools to achieve them. While technology shapes modern education and employment, many low-income families cannot afford computers, internet access, or private IT education. As a result, children are left behind not because of lack of ability, but because of lack of opportunity. This digital divide deepens inequality and limits future success. Without access to technology and digital learning, vulnerable children face barriers that continue the cycle of poverty and exclusion.

How will this project solve the problem?

Sathkara Social Service Foundation already operates two community IT labs in Kalutara and Angunakolapalassa, providing free digital education for over four years. More than 500 students have gained valuable computer skills through these centres. This project will strengthen and expand our work by purchasing computers, furniture, and learning materials while improving access to quality IT education. Approximately 200 children from vulnerable families will receive free digital literacy and computer training in safe, supportive, and inspiring environments where they can learn, grow, and believe in their potential.

Potential Long-Term Impact

Education changes lives, but digital education transforms futures. This project is not only about computers; it is about giving children the confidence, knowledge, and opportunities they deserve. By strengthening our IT labs and expanding access to technology, we will prepare young people for higher education, employment, and lifelong learning. Over time, this initiative will help reduce inequality, strengthen communities, and empower children to break free from poverty through knowledge and digital opportunity.

