



# Rural Community Development



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📍 Sri Lanka - Dambulla and Hanguranketha

Discover rural Sri Lanka amidst the historical settings and contribute to improving the lives and living standards of local people there. Contribute to the development of the rural community in the ancient settings of Dambulla or in Hanguranketha, among the misty hills. In this program, you will be able to work to support rural community development by engaging in renovation work, preschool teaching and evening classes for village kids.

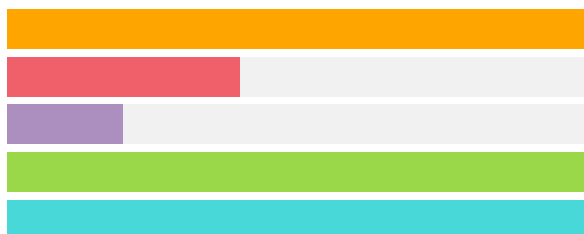
Culture

Learning

Leisure

Community Engagement

Physical Demand



## Program Description

In this program, there are three project options to choose from. You will be able to select one of these projects depending on availability. The projects are located in Dambulla and Hanguranketha and you will be assigned to a location depending on the communal needs and availability. The main activities we engage in this program include,

### Renovation

If you select this program, you will be working in a temple by painting the walls and cleaning the surroundings of the temple. This would be a great experience, if you want to take a taste of the traditional food served in Sri Lanka since the hospitable villagers will serve you delicious food for the work you are doing to support them.

### Preschool Teaching

If you select the program during a time in which the preschools are operating, you will be able to support the local children by teaching them some basic English words and phrases, playing with them and coming up with creative ways to make their learning process more interesting. The preschool teaching would take place in the morning. You can use the afternoon hours to prepare lessons or you can choose the village kids option below.

### Village Kids

These areas are far away from the hustle and bustle of the busy streets of the capital and hence, people do not enjoy the same benefits as it is in the city. The school education is free in government schools in Sri Lanka, but it is not sufficient for the children to compete with the children in the city who have more advantages. The community is relatively less privileged and has a limited means of resources for education apart from what they learn at the school.

At times, the schools do not have enough teachers to conduct classes. Therefore, we conduct classes for children in the village. These classes take place in the afternoons. We focus on teaching English to the kids and encouraging them to improve their communication skills. Since this project will be carried out only for 2 to 3 hours in the afternoon, it is suggested that you combine this with another project, which takes place in the morning.

## Program Duration & Availability

**Min duration (weeks):** 1

## Aims & Objectives

The project aims to develop and help the local community in enhancing their living standards and supporting the kids for their education.

## Schedule

### Monday to Friday

#### Dambulla/Hanguranketha

##### Renovation:

- Cleaning the surroundings of the temple
- Painting the walls and other required areas in the temple premises
- Painting and restoration of artwork (Only if required, under the permission of the head monk)

##### Preschool Teaching:

- Teaching basic English lessons for children
- Support the local teachers in organizing activities
- Coming up with creative lesson plans to make the learning process interesting
- Teaching songs and poems to children

##### Village Kids

- Teaching English lessons to kids in different age groups
- Playing educational games
- Engaging in interactive activities to improve self confidence and communication skills

**This schedule can be changed and/or amended depending on weather conditions, local conditions and unforeseen circumstances.**

## Starting Dates

### During 2019

This program starts every week.

### During 2020

This program starts every week.

## Participant Criteria & Requirements

<b>Minimum age:</b>	-
<b>Maximum age:</b>	-
<b>Minimum English level:</b>	Basic
<b>CRB required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Passport copy required:</b>	On Signup
<b>Resume copy required:</b>	No
<b>Required qualification:</b>	None

### Additional Requirements

- Participants below the age of 18 should have parental consent.
- Participants above the age of 65 should have medical clearance.

## Additional Equipment

There are no specific equipments. But you are more than welcome to bring small supplies for the kids and help them to learn better!