

Emerge Overview



Emerge Lanka Foundation is a charitable organization that supports Sri Lankan girls, aged 10-18, who have been placed in shelters while they courageously testify in court against abuse or the threat of abuse.

Emerge partners with these shelters, which are often under resourced, to transform them into entrepreneurship hubs, where girls develop the tools for self-sufficiency through a comprehensive curriculum emphasizing life skills, leadership, and business acumen. Emerge also provides comprehensive reintegration support as young women transition from shelters into society. Emerge currently works in three homes with up to 100 teenage girls at a time.



Beads-to-Business

The girls learn to make high quality jewellery and can use this skill as the foundation for setting up and managing their own small businesses. The curriculum tackles concepts such as budgeting, inventory management, product development, marketing, branding, and financing.



Life Skills

Life Skills covers goal setting, reproductive health, job readiness, money management, communication, crisis management, and community engagement. The curriculum includes outside speakers, demonstrative activities, and journal entries.



Mentorship

Girls are paired with adult role models who cover a curriculum on topics such as body image, childcare, mental health, social responsibility and goal-setting. Participants also return as "Peer Educators" to inspire girls with their own stories.



Reintegration

Emerge supports girls as they transition from the shelters to society by hosting annual alumnae reunions, providing general support and check-ins, and connecting them to a variety of local resources and service providers. Our new Emerge Centre provides a residential empowerment programme for 16 girls exiting shelters at a time.

Programme Model

Girls' individual savings accounts

50%

Selling price of jewellery

50%

Jewellery materials and distribution cost

Every Rs. 100 invested in a girl's supplies, generates more than Rs. 380 in savings!

Impact

692

girls have gone through our programmes

16%

of incoming participants say they can affect change in their communities

77%

of girls leaving Emerge programmes say they can affect change in their communities

\$125K

In jewellery sales so far, directly supporting the girls' education and future financial foundation

Girls have used their Emerge savings to finance future education, child support, medical care, businesses, and even to build homes!

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