

PROJECT REPORT & FUNDING CASE

Sathkara Social Service Foundation

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1. Project at a Glance

Many children in rural Sri Lanka are being left behind in an increasingly digital world because their families cannot afford computers, reliable internet access, or private IT education. Sathkara Social Service Foundation is working to close this gap through free community-based IT learning.

PROJECT	Digital Education for Children in Sri Lanka
ORGANIZATION	Sathkara Social Service Foundation
CURRENT REACH	More than 800 students supported over 4+ years
TARGET	200 additional vulnerable children
LOCATIONS	Kalutara and Angunakolapalassa
CORE APPROACH	Free IT training, digital literacy and safe learning spaces

Why this project matters

Digital literacy is no longer an optional skill. It affects how students learn, communicate, access information, complete schoolwork and prepare for employment. For children in low-income rural communities, the first barrier is often simply having access to a computer and a place where they can learn safely and consistently.

This project builds on an existing foundation rather than starting from scratch. The IT labs have already served hundreds of children. Additional support will help strengthen the facilities, increase capacity and reach 200 more vulnerable children.

2. The Challenge

In many rural communities, household income is primarily used for essential needs. A computer, internet connection and paid IT tuition can therefore remain out of reach. Students may attend school without receiving enough practical computer experience to build confidence.

Limited access: Families may not have a computer or suitable device at home.

Financial barriers: Private IT classes and internet costs can be unaffordable for low-income households.

Digital inequality: Students with regular technology access can gain an advantage over students who do not.

Future opportunities: Weak digital skills can limit pathways to further education and modern employment.

3. Our Solution

Sathkara provides a practical, community-based response: free IT education in dedicated learning spaces where children can use computers, practise digital skills and receive guidance without placing additional financial pressure on their families.

01	Equip the Labs	Purchase reliable computers, furniture and essential learning resources to accommodate more learners.
02	Free Education	Provide structured IT and digital literacy training for 200 vulnerable children.
03	Safe Learning	Maintain a supportive environment where children can learn with focus and confidence.
04	Build for the Future	Strengthen an existing programme so its benefits can continue beyond one funding cycle.

4. The Learning Environment in Action

These photographs show children using the computer labs for hands-on learning. They illustrate the practical environment this project is designed to strengthen and expand.









From basic computer use and office applications to guided digital learning, the labs give students an opportunity to learn by doing.

5. Community Learning & Student Engagement

A strong digital education programme is more than a room full of computers. It is a place where children can ask questions, work together, practise new skills and build confidence.





Students learning together • Practical computer use • Supportive community environment

6. Expected Impact

The project is designed to produce practical, long-term benefits for children who have limited access to technology. By combining equipment with structured learning and a safe environment, the programme can help students move from basic exposure to confident use of digital tools.

OUTPUT	EXPECTED RESULT
200 additional children supported	More vulnerable students gain access to free digital education.
Improved lab capacity	More students can learn using functional computers and appropriate furniture.
Digital literacy training	Students strengthen practical skills needed for school and future work.
Safe learning space	Children have a consistent place to study, practise and receive guidance.
Long-term opportunity	Greater confidence and digital capability can support further education and employment pathways.

Our wider vision

We want rural children to see technology not as something reserved for wealthier families, but as a tool they can learn, use and master. Every additional learner reached is a step toward a more inclusive digital future in Sri Lanka.

7. Why Support This Project?

Support for this project will strengthen an established community learning model. The priority is to ensure that more children can access functioning equipment, suitable learning space and free training without their families having to carry the full cost.

COMPUTERS & EQUIPMENT	Reliable devices allow more children to practise essential digital skills.
FURNITURE & LAB SETUP	Better learning spaces can improve capacity, comfort and classroom organisation.
LEARNING MATERIALS	Practical resources help students learn progressively and apply what they are taught.
PROGRAMME ACCESS	Free classes remove a major financial barrier for vulnerable families.



Your support can help transform access into opportunity.

8. A Future Within Reach

For a child in a rural community, access to a computer can be the beginning of something much bigger: better schoolwork, new interests, confidence, access to information and a pathway toward future study or employment.

Sathkara Social Service Foundation is committed to continuing this work and expanding access to digital education for children who need it most. With the right partners, the existing IT labs can reach more students and become stronger community assets for years to come.

“Together, we can bridge the digital gap and give rural children the skills, confidence and hope they deserve.”



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Empowering communities • Expanding opportunity • Building a digital future