



# Annual Report and Financial Statements 2022

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# Preface

2022 has been a whirlwind of a year! At Little Leaders Foundation we have experienced exponential growth in the size of our organization and heron forth, the impact of our projects! In order to expand our volunteering team we reached out to The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Where students have been able to sign up for an internship to gain experience in the public sector by volunteering at our organization! In exchange for their commitment to our organization, the interns received EC (European Credits) to further their education. We were beyond excited to welcome over a dozen new volunteers this past year, which has garnered more productivity towards our new projects!


In the spring of 2022, another dream of the co-founders of Little Leaders Foundation came to fruition. We were approached by local NGO Bridging Lanka and Husk, to partner up on a new project: [to build a preschool in Mannar, Sri Lanka!](#) We decided to join them in their ambitious efforts to foster unity in the post-war-torn community of Mannar. By establishing a holistic preschool that will function as a pillar of society and a safe haven for mothers to hone their skills.

In October of 2022, we travelled to Sri Lanka to oversee our ongoing projects, meet with volunteers and visit the preschool construction site. It was during this journey that we decided to refurbish our Sponsor A Child project into Rural Education And Development (READ). This project has been in development ever since and will be managed by one of our newest volunteers and program managers, named Chula Samarawickrama in 2023. At last, we visited Mannar for the first time and got to know the people behind the Bridging Lanka and Husk organizations. This entire experience taught us how to operate better on grassroots levels and how to deeply listen to a community's needs.

We ended the year with anointing a leadership team. Another step towards a more efficiently operating organization.

Sincerely,

Kintan van Leeuwen  
Chairman





**“ALONE WE CAN DO SO  
LITTLE, **TOGETHER** WE  
CAN DO SO MUCH.”**

**- HELEN KELLER**



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# About Little Leaders Foundation

## The organization

Little Leaders Foundation is a public benefit organization based in the Netherlands. We support Children's Rights by contributing to the Right to Education, the Right to Healthcare and the Right to Be Heard. We strive for a future in which equal rights result in equal opportunities for all children.

### Mission

We aim to make education accessible to all children across the world. Education provides a child with the tools to become a leader for their environments.

### Our plan

By intervening at the grassroots we aim to create an impact with longevity, that will benefit both the child and the community. All of our projects share one common objective: to educate!

### Who we stand for

We believe in the potential of every child, regardless of their origin, gender, beliefs, religion or culture.

Education stands at the core of all of our projects because we believe that education is the one true vehicle to foster societal development. We are committed to helping those who haven't been given the opportunity to develop their skills and talents optimally.

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Beogende Instelling

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***Recognized as Public Benefit  
Organization since januari 1st 2021.***



# Additional information

**Statutory name** Stichting Little Leaders Foundation

**Date of establishment** 13th of November 2018

**Website** [littleleadersfoundation.org](http://littleleadersfoundation.org)

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# Sri Lanka

## Work trip 2022

We spend the first part of our work trip in Galle, where we donated school packages with our Sponsor A Child project for the school year of 2021 and 2022. The goal of our stay in Galle, Sri Lanka, was to execute research on the impact of the current economic crisis on the educational system in Sri Lanka. With the results of this research, we planned to reshape Sponsor A Child into a project that would support children's education in Sri Lanka more effectively and be adaptive to the economic crisis. We executed this research with our new program manager, Chula Samarawickrama, who is very experienced in the field of Social Work and Charity.



Positive change starts with *education*.



We travelled to Mannar island for the second week in Sri Lanka to visit our ongoing project, the construction of the preschool Little Trees Nurtury, to visit other projects of our partner Bridging Lanka, other preschools and primary schools in the area and organize an activity day with the children from Mannar. We were joined by our Social Media Manager Ashwini Karunathilaka, as well as the architect of Little Trees Nurtury, Wathmi Fernando.

# Field Research in Galle

## Results

The importance of this research is to highlight what kind of support the students and schools need to be able to develop further, especially now the economic circumstances have changed. We planned to visit a couple of schools in the area of Galle, amongst which a school where we annually donate school packages to Little Leaders for our Sponsor A Child project. We wanted to evaluate the impact of this project and find out how we can improve it, if necessary. During our research, we focused on analysing the socio-economic problems that Sri Lankan families in our target groups are faced with. Additionally, we were looking to find more suitable solutions to the harsh realities that children from low-income families face during their childhood and educational journey. In this matter, we mainly chose to focus on schools and children who are most negatively impacted by the current economic crisis.

We visited four schools in total, amongst which two were well-functioning schools, and two others were in urgent need of support. Both of those schools were in more remote areas, with only an attendance of 10 to 20 children. One of the schools was funded by the government, and the other one was an estate school, but both were lacking financial support, school supplies, and safe playground equipment, amongst other things. The teachers at these schools were carrying a serious responsibility, educationally, but also mentally and financially. The students are from families with extremely low incomes and were facing difficulties because of the economic crisis. The teachers provide their students with lunch packages, as parents sometimes can't afford food. The home situations of most of the children are also problematic, as they suffer the consequences of poverty, abuse and neglect.

It was clear to us that the school supplies we once provided were not enough to support children with their education, as children also need food, transport and other things (such as glasses, and sanitary pads) to be able to attend school. Students in remote areas were also facing the most obstacles in attending school. This is why we concluded to reshape the Sponsor A Child project into the Rural Education and Development program (READ).







# Building a school

## Little Trees Nurtury

In 2022, Bridging Lanka, Hüsk and Little Leaders Foundation have united forces to build a preschool, Little Trees Nurtury, in Mannar, Sri Lanka. The preschool will nurture a fresh approach to early childhood education with the love of learning, deep environmental connection and care for their community.

In Mannar, we visited the construction of the preschool, with the architect Wathmi Fernando, who explained her ideas and thoughts of what will later become Little Trees Nurtury. She designed the school from a child's perspective, to make it as suitable and stimulating for a child as it can be. The preschool will be a centre in the community, welcoming both children and parents of any religion. It will provide holistic education to preschool students and pedagogic counselling for parents.

We also visited other schools in Mannar, to introduce ourselves and find out what obstacles they face while providing education during the economic crisis. Apart from that, the Bridging Lanka team gave us a tour of their projects and introduced us to the community that we are also trying to help. On our last day in Mannar, we organized an activity day with the children in Mannar, where we made necklaces and bracelets and ended the day with a dance activity, musical chairs!





# Financial Statements 2022

## Balance sheet of 31-12-2022

ASSETS	2022	2021	LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	2022	2021
<u>Liquid assets</u>			<u>Equity</u>		
1.Cash	€ 3.542,67	€ 1.543,04	2. Reserves	€ 1543,04	€ 397,54
			3.Retained Earning	€ 1999,63	€ 1.145,50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 3.542,67</b>	<b>€ 1.543,04</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€ 3542,67</b>	<b>€ 1.543,04</b>

## Income statement

IN EUROS €	2022	2021
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>€ 6.233,41</b>	<b>€ 4.754,55</b>
4. Donations	€ 4.483,41	€ 1.054,55
5. Donations work-trip	€ 1.750,00	
6. Sponsor A Child - Class of 2021		€ 540,00
Sponsor A Child - Class of 2022		€ 3.160,00
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>€ 4.233,78</b>	<b>€ 3.609,05</b>
7 Advertising	€ 659,48	€ 117,97
8 Bank Expenses	€ 181,45	€ 175,37
9 Others	€ 62,40	€ 394,73
10 "Sponsor a child" Expenses		€ 2.575,00
11 Transfer Expenses		€ 75,00
12 Transportation Expenses		
13 Travel expenses	€ 3.215,51	
14 Volunteer Allowance	€ 20,00	€ 40,00
15 Website Expenses	€ 94,94	€ 230,98
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>€ 1.999,63</b>	<b>€ 1.145,50</b>

# Notes

- 1 Cash available at 31-12-2022
- 2 Reserves from last year
- 3 Earnings earned this year
- 4 Donations received
- 5 Donations specifically related to the worktrip to Sri Lanka
- 6 Sponsor A Child donations (€50 per child)
- 7 Social media expenses
- 8 Paid to Triodos Bank, including €20 per year for a card
- 9 2022 - KvK costs and christmas party
- 10 Money transferred to Sri Lanka to Sponsor a child
- 11 Paid for transferring money to Sri Lanka
- 12 Transportation costs between the Netherlands and Sri Lanka
- 13 Travel expenses for trip to Sri lanka, e.g. flights, accomodation, visa
- 14 Expenses made by the Board members and volunteers
- 15 Expenses for retaining a website, email etc

# We thank you for your trust and support



on behalf of our team, the Little Leaders and their parents.



**Have any questions?  
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