

Emerge Lanka Foundation

Emerge is a charitable organization that supports the healing and self-sufficiency of Sri Lankan children, aged 10-18, who have been placed in state care while they courageously testify in court due to abuse or the threat of abuse. With the support of the Department of Probation and Child Care Services in Sri Lanka, Emerge enables children who have experienced abuse to heal, develop tools for self-sufficiency, and become leaders of change. Emerge empowers children in shelters and as they transition into society, prevents child sexual abuse, and transforms the systems of care that support survivors.



Emerge by the numbers:

- 143 children supported in shelters in 2023
- 96 frontline staff and officials trained through capacity building, sensitization, and mental health workshops in 2023
- 86% job placement rate through the Emerge Centre for Reintegration
- Over 12M LKR in savings distributed to participants, supporting them in caring for children, pursuing education, launching businesses, and even building homes
- Over 1500 incredible young women in the Emerge community

Your support makes a difference:

- Make a contribution towards the work we do
- Advocate for the cause
- Host a fundraiser / awareness campaign
- Connect us with your network

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www.emergelanka.org

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“When survivors are supported - it only makes the world a better place. That impact reflects back on everything and everyone in society.”

Russel Arnold

Emerge Ambassador

Cricket Legend

+1,500

Programme Participants supported since 2005

+18

Years of collaboration and trust with the Department of Probation and Childcare Services



The Emerge Programmes

01. Shelter Programmes - Emerge partners with existing shelters to provide trauma sensitive programming for girls under age 18 who are living in shelters. This programme aims to provide these brave young survivors with the skills, resources, and education they need to succeed in their adult lives when they transition from shelters into the community. Our curriculum supports them in healing, developing the concrete foundation needed to launch their futures, and in becoming strong, independent women who can create change in their own communities.

The Programme consists of three pillars:

- Life Skills
- Reproductive Health
- Mental Health

02. Emerge Centre for Reintegration - Emerge's trauma informed, residential empowerment programme provides experiential learning as young women transition from shelter into the community. This programme includes practical, hands-on exposure visits, job and educational placements, and continued education in Self-Defense, Reproductive Health, Yoga, IT Skills, English Classes, and more.

Designed to address the challenges that survivors face in the transitional period of leaving the state care system and making a safe space for themselves in the world, the Emerge Centre for Reintegration model has evolved based on participant input, feedback, and outcomes over time and consists of four pillars:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Community of support
- Practical and experiential knowledge of independent living
- Professional or educational placement to support independence

03. Awareness, Advocacy, and Change - Emerge leverages lessons learned from its work with participants to provide training in trauma informed care for key government appointed caregivers and staff, educate the public on child sexual abuse, and advocate for a healing-centred sector that centres children's wellbeing.

