

RSL Annual Review 2024

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Chairman's message

Welcome to our 20th Annual Review!!!

I hope that you will find it interesting to read about some of the successes we achieved and difficulties we overcame in 2024.

RSL has been active since December 2004 and continues to provide support and raise awareness regarding the plight of poor & marginalised people throughout the country. All RSL UK team work entirely for free to ensure that our administrative costs are kept as low as possible and to maximise our impact on the ground.

I would like to thank our staff, trustees, donors and volunteers who have contributed so much to RSL's successes. I would like to thank Clare Allen, RSL's Operations Director who has worked tirelessly both in the UK and in Sri Lanka to improve the conditions of those affected by poverty, homelessness, conflict, disability, disease and disaster.

Best wishes,



Stephen Honour

Chairman

16/10/2025

Structure Governance & Management

The trust deed provides for a minimum of three trustees.

Risk Management

All significant activities undertaken are subject to a risk review as part of the initial project assessment and implementation. Major risks are identified and ranked in terms of their potential impact and likelihood. Major risks for this purpose are those that have a significant effect on:

- Operational performance, including risks to our personnel and visiting donors
- Meeting the expectations of our donors and recipients.

The trustees review these risks on an on-going basis to satisfy themselves that adequate systems and procedures are in place to manage the risks identified. The following framework is central to ensuring adequate risk assurance:

- Regular monitoring of major risks
- A clear structure of delegated authority and control
- Always maintaining adequate reserves
- Regular summary reports on risk management to the trustees

In assessing risk our trustees recognise that some areas of our work require the acceptance and management of risk if our key objectives are to be achieved.

Achievements and Performance

Medical

RSL continue to provide vital medical supplies and cleaning equipment to Urugasmanhandiya hospital.

Empowering affected communities

RSL maintain a presence in the areas where we work.

Funding

Rebuilding Sri Lanka has funded the following programmes:

- *Restore Sri Lanka* – RSL has provided substantial grants to fund “special cases” and the running costs of The Rohana School. All located in the Matara district.
- In 2010, RSL with the assistance of Mr Wanni at TDA identified 30 “tsunami widows” whose children had formally been pupils at the TDA. Their situations were dire. Many of the families were shunned by society and forced to live on less than £2 per day. Over the years we have supported these families on a monthly basis. This project was forced to close due to lack of funding in December 2020.

Education, Training and Skills

Uragasmanhandiya Educational Facility

Towards the end of 2006 RSL began to conduct fieldwork encompassing a 16km radius in the Elpitiya district to ascertain what services would be of greatest value to these communities. The research incorporated many schools, hospitals and five new villages, which are now home to relocated tsunami affected families. It was RSL’s intention to create a high quality educational facility to enable these new residents to feel an integral part of their new community and to provide existing residents with resources otherwise unavailable to them.

In March 2007 the first stone was laid in Uragasmanhandiya and on 18th August 2007 the RSL Library, David Pope Auditorium, IT Unit and “Hansa” Pre School was officially opened.

There are 770 million illiterate adults in the world. 2/3rds of them are women. At the RSL library 70% of our members are female.

It continues to be a beacon in the local community and has been endorsed by all local dignitaries and by the Department of Education.

It is regarded as the most comprehensive, high quality facility outside the capital Colombo. The Pre School itself has won best Pre School in Southern District nine years in a row.

In 2024 we saw 140 children enrol and 7,500 active library members.

The John Allen Library and The William Crook Library

Two smaller libraries were added to the Uragasmanhandiya facility in 2011. The John Allen Library holds old novels and over 250 maps. The William Crook Library holds reference books, DVDs and CDs. Both are as busy as the main library.

Galpoththa School Library

Our 4th Library, a small school library was opened at Galpoththa school in October 2010. It is run by the school themselves

Neluwa Library

In January (19th) 2012 RSL opened library number 5 in Neluwa. Many local dignitaries including Anoja Weerasinghe and the head of World Vision attended the opening.

Sadly, this library was closed on 30th June 2016 due to lack of funds.

Mathugama Library

On January 16th 2013 RSL opened Library number 6 in Mathugama. Loughborough Grammar School sponsored this library. It was our biggest library. (1,000 square feet). It was the "jewel" in our library group. Sadly, this library had to be closed in September 2020 due to lack of funding. This was an extremely sad day.

Killinochchi Library

On December 5th, 2013 RSL opened our 7th library in Killinochchi. Killinochchi is the main town of Killinochchi District, the Northern Province of Sri Lanka and is situated on the A9 road some 100 km (62 miles) southeast of Jaffna. It was the administrative center and de facto capital of the LTTE (Tamil Tigers) until 2 January 2009, when troops of the Sri Lankan Army recaptured the city. The people there are still deeply traumatized and resources of any kind are almost non-existent. In order to establish this facility, we had to seek the permission of the MOD in Colombo.

This Library was funded by The Tolkien Trust.

Sadly, their funding ceased, and we were unable to find another donor. This library closed 31st August 2016.

Ambalanthota Library

On 3rd September 2014 we opened our 8th library in Ambalanthota town. Sadly, this library was closed on July 31st, 2017 due to lack of funds. Resources, books, computers etc were all returned for use at Uragasmanhandiya Centre.

Kaithady Library

On 27th November 2014 we opened our 9th library at the Kaithady School for the deaf and blind. This is an invaluable resource for them having suffered very badly during the war. Additionally, the deaf, blind and other disabled people in Sri Lanka face terrible stigma and discrimination in their communities.

David Pope Library at Rohana

This library was opened on 17th June 2015 at the Rohana special school in Matara. The students at Rohana School have exclusive use of this library.

Batukanththa School

Was built and fully furnished by RSL. It is now fully self-sufficient.

Galapothhawala Primary School

RSL are still managing to get occasional food parcels to families of the children from this school.

Maresri Home in Kalutara

No longer funded by RSL due to a change in management at Maresri who felt they no longer needed our support. Clare still visits the children regularly. Doni graduated in 2023

Kirimatiyawa School, Elpitva District.

RSL still provide occasional small food parcels to the families in this area.

Hambantota Widows.

Over the years we have supported these families on a monthly basis. This project was forced to close due to lack of funding in December 2020.

Financial Review

During the year the charity raised £44,028 from donations, grants and various fundraising initiatives.

The operational costs were £6,563, banking £251 and fundraising initiative costs £4,147.

The total expenditure for the year on our charitable activities was £50,000.

At the year end the total unrestricted funds were £32,639 and the trustees were satisfied that we had adequate reserves to sustain our current initiatives.



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

REBUILDING SRI LANKA

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

Set out on pages

3-4

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 08/10/2025

Name:

TIMOTHY COOMER FCA

Relevant professional
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INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND & WALES

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REBUILDING SRI LANKA

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2024

To

31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	44,029	-	-	44,029	64,719
Gift Aid Received	1,045	-	-	1,045	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,074	-	-	45,074	64,719
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,074	-	-	45,074	64,719
A3 Payments					
Costs of Generating Funds	4,147	-	-	4,147	296
Grants Payable	50,000	-	-	50,000	30,000
Management & Administration	6,564	-	-	6,564	819
Interest Expense & Bank Charges	251	-	-	251	235
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	60,962	-	-	60,962	31,350
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	60,962	-	-	60,962	31,350
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 15,888	-	-	- 15,888	33,369
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,223	-	-	48,223	14,854
Cash funds this year end	32,335	-	-	32,335	48,223

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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