



Fact sheet Sambodhi Institute Baddegama – Sri Lanka

Country

Sri Lanka

Project name

Sambodhi Institute

Description

Since 2010 the Vebeego Foundation has been involved in the Sambodhi Institute in Baddegama, a house where 35 disabled women live together with their two carers. During the initial introduction in 2009, the residential buildings and the sanitary facilities were in poor condition. Roofs leaked, sleeping quarters were dark and there was little daylight. In consultation with the local contractor and the carers, a plan was prepared to renovate the building and to once again make it habitable. The Vebeego Foundation renovated the residential buildings and the kitchen, built an infirmary and built a corridor that connects the buildings with each other. All of the furniture was also repainted.

The participants in the building trips contributed to the construction during the building period and, thanks to financial donations to pay for facilities such as a new water tank, kitchen suppliers and cleaning items.

The completely renovated Sambodhi Institute was ready in late 2012 and in 2013 the building was officially opened with a festive ceremony.

In June 2013 a fire destroyed a portion of the residential building. The roof suffered damage and the walls also needed to be rebuilt. Other parties then took up the cause, which meant that initially the Foundation did not donate to the renovation.

Period

2010 - 2012

Number of building trips

Year 2010 – 1

Year 2011 – 1

Year 2012 – 1

In total 3 building trips to this project

Number of ambassadors

In total 52 employees actively participated in the construction of this project during 3 building trips in the years 2010 - 2012

Investments in € and time

Year 2010 - €56,275

Year 2011 - €39,597

Year 2012 - €45,143

What did we learn?

Where do we go from here...?

In future Sambodhi Institute can continue without direct assistance from the Foundation. Through the embedding in the local society the monks have a supervisory role and the living expenses of the residents are provided for by means of dana¹.

¹ Giving dana is a Buddhist custom. The population gives 'dana' on holidays to people and institutions that need it. Dana means the sharing of the meal. On holidays families bring dana to the Sambodhi Institute for the residents to eat. Eating the dana is preceded by a Buddhist ceremony.

