

## **Fondation Eagle**

### **Report Form**

**Interim or Final report:** Final Report

**Donor name: Fondation Eagle**

**Fondation Eagle reference:** FF683 - Retaining Wall

**Name of Charity:** Tea Leaf Trust

#### **Introduction:**

We are immensely grateful for the generous support provided by Fondation Eagle. The primary objective of the project was to construct a robust retaining wall. The new retaining wall ensures structural stability, mitigating risks such as water leakage, landslides, and soil erosion. Sri Lanka is one of the top 10 countries suffering from the negative impact of climate change and within the mountainous areas of the tea plantations, where we work, the impact of soil erosion, and extreme weather events causing landslips poses a real danger to our centre and therefore the vital educational resource we offer to our community in Maskeliya, Sri Lanka.

**Date of grant accepted:** 27th September 2023

**Amount:** £13,270

#### **Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency:**

21st October 2023 received £13,270

Rs. Rs 5,175,300 on 16th Nov 2023

Currency exchange rate Rs 390: £1

**Name and exact location of the project:** Retaining Wall Project, Upcot Road, Maskeliya, Central Province, Sri Lanka

**Period of Project:** Dec 23 to May 24

#### **Project beneficiaries:**

250 youth between the ages of 18 and 26

400 parents through meetings held in the building

2,200 local government school children in Grades 4 and 6 as teacher training sessions took place in the building

2,300 local community children aged between 5 and 16 as training sessions for teachers took place in the building

Over 50,000 community members as the planning and development of structured service projects took place in the building

### **Details of the project:**

- We dug out the side of a slope that was slipping into the back wall of our school building and making the inside damp. Left unchanged, at some point, it would have buckled and become very dangerous.
- A reputable and trusted construction company were commissioned to carry out the work.
- It was delayed several times by periods of heavy rain and storms. It started in December 2022 and was concluded at the end of March 2023.
- Due to the heavy storms and landslips, the full retaining wall was not completed as soil excavation work and disposal of the soil added additional and unexpected cost.
- There have been difficulties whilst this work has been taking place due to climate events, which have led to the collapse of soil above the work on two occasions. The excavations for the retaining wall have also revealed that when the initial construction of the building took place, the entire back side of the building was built into the rock and soil with only one cement layer.
- The centre is now safe, the inside is less damp and not leaking and the immediate danger has been averted.
- See table below for impact

### **Before**





During



After



**Detailed budgets and actual expenditure summary and comparison:**

See attached

**Results:**

	<b>Before the Project</b>	<b>After the Project</b>
1	The Interior of the centre was damp and two office rooms were unusable	The interior of the school is much better – the second phase application to replace stones and mud with proper cement bricks to complete
2	Possibility of landslips endangering both building, staff and students	No possibility of landslides and community safety improved

**Follow up:**

We have applied for a follow-on grant, which has been approved to complete the retaining wall and replace the external wall of the bottom section of the building.

**Conclusion:**

We have not completed the objectives due to climate events leading to landslides, which increased the cost of the project. Also, during the excavation work, the construction company discovered that one of the exterior wall sections was made from stones and mud rather than cement bricks. We are very lucky and grateful that Fondation Eagle has agreed to a follow-on grant to cover this.

**Signature and date:**

4th September 2024



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