



Free and alive in body and spirit.

Emerge grew out of Ma-Sevana, the only facility in Sri Lanka for young women, ages 10 - 18, who are victims of rape or incest. Beginning as a jewelry workshop, EmERGE flourished into a powerful tool for personal transformation. Through the act of crafting jewelry, these young women found a means of rejuvenation. EmERGE was born as a way to help them sustain their work, connecting them to supplies and training, a global market, and a global community of support.

Emerge strives to facilitate avenues for economic empowerment that promote joy, responsibility, self-worth and confidence to teenage mothers in Sri Lanka so that these women can feel free and alive in body and spirit.



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*We see their reality
of both strength and pain,
where dreams have no means to blossom.*

*We believe that joy and creativity heal,
that a livelihood empowers,
and that a community inspires*

*We aim to give a voice to those silenced,
and to build the reality where every woman
can emerge into her own.*

Emerge works with a group of persevering sexually-abused teenage mothers in Sri Lanka, providing them with the tools they need to transform their lives.

BEAD PROGRAM



Through the Bead Program, Emerge has changed the lives of more than 40 girls. Girls who wouldn't speak, now speak. Girls who had no confidence now proudly showcase their favorite works. Girls who isolated themselves now spend time beading, collaborating, and teaching each other. These successes amount to a new foundation, where each girl's individual aspirations can thrive.

Working a maximum of a few hours each week and only when they are inspired, the women of Ma-Sevana create beautiful, one-of-a-kind pieces of jewelry. Through their artistry, they build self-worth, a sense of responsibility, and economic independence.

Emerge supports their work by providing supplies and facilitating the sale of their jewelry. Each woman generates savings off of the products she makes, which are deposited into her savings account and made available to her for withdrawal at the age of 18. This financial capital lays the foundation for the life she hopes to lead.

VILLAGE

Emerge is expanding beyond the Bead Program by building a community in Sri Lanka with homes, a school, and a women's cooperative. Due to lack of facilities, many minors are kept in the prison system for their own "protection" as they testify in court against the man who raped them, who is often their own father. Many live in prison for years before being released.

In building this community, Emerge aspires to provide a safe haven for minor girls who have been referred from the prison system; to foster an environment of caring and respect; to build a familial community for these women who have been rejected from their own; and to equip and educate them with the tools and knowledge needed to support themselves financially.

Moreover, Emerge aims for this village to be self-sustaining by partnering with the local community to provide goods such as agricultural products, services such as access to computers and other business equipment. The village will maintain an international connection, allowing it to continually profit from projects like the Bead Program.



An architect's concept of the village

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The Emerge Sponsorship Program provides each girl with her own tools and supplies for the year. Throughout the year, Emerge photographs each girl's favorite work for her own portfolio. At the end of the year, sponsors receive a book showcasing the girl's favorite pieces. This will enable the sponsor to see how the beads were used and watch as the girl's style develops. The portfolio gives a sense of completion and accomplishment to each artist and encourages them to take pride in their work.

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