



**Letter to the Editor & Correction Requested for July 18, 2017 article in the Tamil Guardian on
Sleeping Children Around the World's July 2017 Bedkit Distribution in Sri Lanka**

TORONTO, ON – July 21st, 2017 – Sleeping Children Around the World, a 100% charity, today emailed the following to the editors of the Tamil Guardian in Sri Lanka.

**Subject: Letter to the Editor & Correction Requested for July 18, 2017 article on Sleeping Children
Around the World**

Dear Editor:

On July 18, 2017, your publication published [an article](#) about Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) distributing bedkits to Sri Lankan children in Batticaloa and Amparai. In your article, SCAW is portrayed to have partnered with the Sri Lankan Army on this distribution and I want to bring it to your kind attention that that is not true.

Since its founding in 1970, Sleeping Children Around the World has raised over \$40 million to provide bedkits for a good night's sleep to over 1.5 million children in 34 countries.

For the July 2017 Sri Lankan bedkit distribution, SCAW's partnership was with the Rotary Club of Kelaniya in Colombo. This is standard Rotary practice as they feel the Army can get into areas where help is needed. In this case, the Sri Lankan Army was only responsible for assisting with transportation and logistics of the distribution site.

The bedkit items that the children received were provided via generous donations from primarily Canadian donors, and are not gifts from the Sri Lankan Army. Sleeping Children Around the World believes that it is the basic right of every child to have a comfortable night's sleep and we verify that each bedkit is received by a child in need. These have been our organization's guiding principles since 1970.

I am requesting that you republish your article with all inaccuracies corrected.

Sincerely,

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