PROGRESS REPORT
AS AT DECEMBER– 2005

General Information

Project Name: Peace and reconciliation through environment education for youths.

Partner Organization: FUTURE IN OUR HANDS DEVELOPMENT FUND

Project Period: 2004 – 2008

Funding Support in 2004 – LKR 7 021 850 (NOK 477 379)

Brief description of the Project

This project aims to mobilize teenagers in the schools as well as outside the schools, to actively participate in environment conservation and peace building activities. The project is implemented in Uva Province of Sri Lanka. The underlying objective is to involve teenagers in the villages, where Singhalese are the majority and in the estates, where Tamil youths are the majority to co-operate together to perform on common activities.

The project organizes school children into environment cadet groups. These groups conduct studies on the Bio-diversity in their local environment and develop plans to conserve areas with bio-diversity. The project provides extensive education programmes for school children in order to mobilize them to take part in the environment protection activities which they themselves plan. The project also supports other related activities proposed by the youth.

Networking among estate Tamil and village Singhalese youths will be facilitated and encouraged. The project also provides Tamil language education for Singhalese youths in order to enhance communication across the ethnic groups (Tamil youth know Singhalese in this area). Working together and networking on a long term basis will develop harmony among the ethnic groups and will positively contribute towards a sustainable peace in the country.

Long Term Objective:

Sustainable peace and development achieved through education and environment action.

Specific Objectives:

- To create an environment where youths from different ethnic groups interact positively.
- To provide better education and employment opportunities to youths.
- To promote sustainable resource in order to use among youths.

Results achieved in the year of reporting:

During the year 2005, we have achieved satisfactory results.
(Pl. Refer ***Annex. I***)

<u>Brief Description of each and every activity:</u>

Recruitment & Awareness Program:

B.1.6 **Conduct Awareness Program in selected schools:**

Among the 8 Schools selected from Badulla and Moneragala Districts, 351 youths were engaged in the Environmental Youth Cadets by creating awareness to the youth. These children took part in the awareness programmes with regard to several environmental activities of their area such as identifying environmental problems and appropriate alternative steps to solve those problems.

B.1.7 **Conduct Awareness Program for Youth Clubs, Children's Clubs, CBO's:**

Through the ICOs established in the area, awareness was created among the youths regarding the mobilization, generating savings, managing credit and also the importance of the project in order to engage the youths in these environmental activities.

B.2 **Camps and Workshops:**

B.2.1 **Selection candidates for cadetship:**

1593 youths in the year 2004 and 1272 youths in the year 2005have been participated in the programme. Accordingly, awareness was created among the youths on environmental problems and ethnic harmony. Conducted an exam for the youths and provided certificates for those who have performed satisfactory results.

B.2.2 **5 Days Residential TOT programmes for selected youths (1 Programme):**

The youths selected in the year 2004 are engaged in TOT follow up programs in order to strengthen the youth clubs.

B. 2.3 **TOT Follow Up Programme:**

8 TOT follow up training were conducted with the participation of 22 TOT members trained in year 2004. Accordingly, with the knowledge gained through the TOT training, the youth clubs were strengthened as a result. This training has also been helpful to perform participatory planning of the youth activities.

B.2.4 **Conduct 5 days Residential Training Program on Eco Peace Education:**

An Eco Peace Educational Training Program was conducted to the environmental youth cadets for 5 days in the environmental camps. Out of 5 days, 3 days were spent on Environment Education, identifying the flora and fauna, Global Issues within the camps. Thereafter, to study about the environmental sensitive areas and the water catchments, these youths visited the surrounding area and fallow up program for 2 days. In this manner, we have conducted 8 Eco Peace Educational Training Program with the participation of 451 youths.

B.2.5 **Conduct communication/street drama Skill Development Program:**

Street drama was performed by 148 youths in 5 Cluster/Region under the caption of Environmental problems and Peace with the aim of conveying the message to the community on ways of minimizing the environment pollutions and to restore peace.

B.2.6. **Establishing and Maintaining Street Drama teams:**

As a result of quality training, 5 street drama teams were established. This street drama team participated in experience exchange programs and also these youths were trained to exhibit street dramas in public places where the community gathers in common, in order to improve the mutual relationship among the communities.

B.2.7. **Conduct training camps on Leadership and Cadetship:**

By participating in leadership training, the youths were able to be leaders as cadets and handle their responsibilities independently. For this purpose, 296 youths were trained in 8 programs. As a result of these training programs, the youths were able to strengthen their own youth clubs as well as youth forums by proper leadership.

B.2.8 **Conduct Workshop on the subject of Lobby and Advocacy:**

In the events of negative effects of the policies of globalization, these youth groups have undergone 3 day comprehensive training program on the subject. After formation of cluster level youth forum, the learning will be putting in to practice on the policy advocacy as a pressure group.8 participants were participated in this program.

B.2.9 **Conduct Workshop on Conflict Resolution for Religious Leaders:**
Please refer Item No. 10 of Annex***. I***

B.2.10. **Identify, mapping and conservation of Catchments/Environmentally sensitive areas:**

In Badulla and Monaragala Districts, the youth cadets had to shoulder important tasks of identifying the environment sensitive areas like water catchments, hotspots .Based on the identification mapping was done and thereafter, made a conservation plan. Accordingly, in 2004 and 2005, the numbers of water catchments mapped were increased up to 45. Presently, planting completed in 42 catchments.

Description	Year 2004	Year 2005	Cumulative Total	Mapping	Planting completed
Catchments	18	27	45	45	42

33,993 plants were supplied by FIOH and planting was completed. Besides this, the youth clubs also have procured 12,674 plants by establishing plant nurseries by themselves. These types of activities have been carried out in the schools and plantations and rural areas as well, where youth clubs were formed. In order to create awareness among the community, 200 display boards were prepared and exhibited, depicting various environment issues.

B.3 **Skill Development & Educational Facilities:**

B.3.1 **Conduct Language Classes:**

With the intention of improving the mutual relationship among the nations, identifying problems has been done as the first step. It was identified that language problem is one of the major problems prevailing in this area. As a measure of solving this problem, Sinhala language classes have been conducted to 56 Tamil youths and also Tamil language classes to 211 Singhalese youths. Accordingly, monthly tests have been conducted to check their knowledge level and at the end of these classes, examinations were held to award certificates to those who got through the examination.

B.3.2. **Selection and providing sponsorship on Organic Agriculture course & Natural Resource Management in applied science faculty of sabaragamuwa Camps:**

For the first time in Sri Lanka, University has designed special course to suit the minimum qualifications of youths. At the same time, University Courses are established in village level.22 youths are participating in this course. This organic Agriculture course has been conducted by Applied Sciences faculty in Buttala of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka.
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Agriculture for Livelihood Development (Open University):

A course on the above subject was conducted for selected 15 youths in Mahiyanganaya and 11 youths in Welimada. The duration of this certificate course is 12 months

The expectations of this course are:

- Create more awareness among the community on organic farming
- To establish chemical free organic home-gardens
- Train the youth on how to sustain with organic farming
- To produce non toxic vegetable and fruit cultivation which are favorable to health conditions

. This program is successfully continuing

B.3.3 **Conduct seminars for O/L, A/L Students:**

A program has been implemented to identify the youths who are weak inG.C.E. (O/L) subjects, especially in mathematics, science and English and accordingly, seminars have been conducted on those subjects for plantation sector as well as village sector.541 students who are eligible for G.C.E. OL exam in year 2005 were participated in these seminars

B.3.4. **Provide assistance for students to attend to Vocational Training Courses:**

In the year 2005, 53 youths were selected for vocational training courses conducted in various centers. We have provided training fee and traveling expenses.

Our Organization has focused special attention towards the unemployed youths who followed the vocational training courses and suitable measures have been taken to direct these youths to correct paths to find employments. (Please refer Item No. 2 of ***Annexure I***)

B.4 **<u>Capacity Building and Networking:</u>**

B.4.1 **Exposure/Exchange Visit to South / North Participants**

Youth groups from FIOH and youth groups from Kinya Vision, exchanged their experiences respectively. They identified practically about the activities of the youth clubs. Sinhala, Muslim and Tamil youths were able to learn different cultures, socio economic issues and the lifestyles.

Meanwhile, those youths of Kinya Vision visited the exhibition of a Photography Course held in Welimada and exchanged experiences. Thereafter, they visited Uva Highlands Estate to meet the Tamil youth clubs so as to study about their activities. At the same time, they experienced on the life style of the plantation community.

In the meantime, 120 youths from our organization, cleaned the Tsunami ravaged areas through a Shramadana campaign.

56 youths of Nertra Organization of Batticaloa took part in the youth awareness programme conducted by FIOH, Badulla where they learnt participatory planning, mobilization of youths into forums.

In addition, several street dramas on peace were performed by both FIOH Organization as well as the NETRA Organization. Awareness was created by NETRA Organization to the youth of our Organization.

There was a great demand for training of high speed machine operators. Therefore, 20 girls of NERTRA was given residential training for 15 days by FIOH in Badulla. ODW Project facilitated the above training. The expectation of this is to direct the youth to an employment in order to strengthen their income source.

37 Sinhalese youths and 12 Tamil youths extended their cooperation towards Anuradhapura Abhayagiri Stupa reconstruction activities. 52 Youths from Kinya Vision Organization visited FIOH and created awareness on their activities among our Organization youths.

Youths from CFHD, NERTRA, TYDUP and Kinya Vision participated in participatory planning exercises to develop 2006 plan conducted in FIOH, Badulla.

B.4.2 **Capacity Building Programmes for 20 children/youth clubs:**

i) **Capacity Building programme:**
The youth cadets were encouraged to perform knowledge improvingactivities by providing library books. Accordingly, knowledge and skills of youths were improved by participating in activities such as art competitions, quiz competitions, debate competitions, poems / folk tales, etc. As a result of these activities, the youths were able to forward articles through their own knowledge and skills to the magazine namely "Sobhasiri" which is published every 6 months.

ii) Sports skills of the environmental cadets were developed by youths participating in Cricket tournaments, Chess tournaments, 3 day Volleyball tournament was held in Badulla for which, 9 different ethnic group clubs participated. These tournaments were conducted in cluster `` level as well as in District level and finally, the winners were awarded. The winners of the volleyball tournament were Tamilyouths in Atampitiya Estate. Through these tournaments, the youths were able to develop theory and practical side of volleyball and of course, unity among the communities.

B.4.3 **Facilitate District Level and Divisional Level Inter Ethnic/Cultural Activities as a network**:

The youths especially, Sinhala and Tamil youths jointly participated in cultural programmes, religious festivals and special religious occasions to exchange knowledge and experiences among each other on those religious occasions and their histories. Further, the Tamil youths visit the homes of Sinhalese youths and get to know each other and also identify their life styles,habits and religious performances. Also have formed 7 cluster level organizations in this programme and once in a month they review their programme .

B4.4 In the year 2005, Published two magazines annually and this has given opportunity for sharing of knowledge and experiences. Most of the articles were produced by the youths.

B.5 **Programme Monitoring and Evaluation:**

B.5.1 **Held Staff Progress Review Meetings:**

12 activities were carried out to create awareness among the staff for which 160 staff members participated. During these activities, future planning, progress inspection, identification of problems of this field and suitable solutions were discussed.

B.5.2 **Held Participatory Mid Term Evaluation:**

On the 4th of November 2005, an evaluation team visited Badulla FIOH as well as Mahiyanganaya Dehigolla Region FIOH and held discussions with the youths of youth clubs. Thereafter, matters were discussed with the youths of Badalkumbura, Monaragala and Plantation Sector to collect necessary information. Besides this, an evaluation was done on Sinhala Language classes conducted to the youth clubs in Uva Highlands Estate. Recommendations will be used in 2006 planning.

Describes planned results that have not been achieved. Explains why they have not been achieved:

The workshops on conflict resolution for religious leaders was postponed. This was due to non availability of the Resource Organization called SCODE. This will be conducted in 2006.

B.1.1, B.1.2, B.1.4 & B.1.5 :
These programmes are carried out without involvement of any expenditure by FIOH, but had happened as an indicator of the voluntarism of the staff of ODW.

Modification in relation to the long-term plan and results not achieved:
We did not modify the long-term plan.

How has the project contributed to enhancing the situation for youth? How have youth participated in the project ?

By mobilizing school drop outs, who had very bleak future, were brought into the mainstream of the society. How this had happened was mobilization, various skill developments, providing vocational training, providing University education, etc. We also created awareness among the Government schools, village leaders (Grama Nilaradhari) and Volunteer Organizations in order to enlist more youths into the project.

How has the project contributed to enhance the following aspects?

i) Gender Balance:

Provide more leadership opportunities in the youth clubs for females; facilitate the females to participate in many training program /workshops.

Majority of the participants are girls in the youth clubs.

ii) Promotion of Peace:

Peace is promoted by facilitating the different ethnic groups (Tamil, Singhalese & Muslim) to jointly participate in cultural activities, "Shramada Campaigns (team work), street dramas, exchange programmes, sports activities, language classes, exposure visits, enlisting Tamil, Singhalese and Muslim youths in environment cadets and camps.

iii) Inclusion of disables & iv) Inclusion of war victims

So far, we have not come across such victims.

Organizing Youth:

The details of youths selected for the project in the year 2004 and 2005 are as follows:

Description	Year		Plantation	Village	Muslim	Total
	2004	2005				
No. of Beneficiaries	1583	1272	744	2036	35	2855
No. of Youth Clubs	54	27	20	60	01	81

Co-operation and Roles:

PSO/ODW – Conduct PMC Meetings (guidance & new directions):

The PMC meeting was held at CFHD Organization in Tholangamuwa to discuss matters with regard to the progress of the activities of partner organizations and threngthen the capacity of different organizations by exchange experiences.

How would you describe the cooperation between the Norwegian Organization and the implementing Organization in the last year? Have there been any changes in the cooperation?

Under the directions and instructions of DF/ODW, 2 member evaluation teams visited and evaluated our youth organizations.

In what way has the local partner fulfilled its technical administrative role in the project?

Sri Lanka Project Office supported us in thorough monitoring and follow-up rogrammes and provided funds accordingly. The Programme Officer visited our location many times and had fruitful discussions to develop the programme.

Please attach some case studies or success stories by the projectintervention.

Please refer attached case study

DF/PSO assessment of the project?

Financial Status.

Code	Output/Activity	BUDGET 2005	EXPENDITURE AS AT 30.12.2005
A	**CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**		
A.1	**Furniture /Equipment**		
	Digital Camera	79,300.00	79,300.00
	Binocular	19,317.00	19,317.00
	Steel table	9,500.00	9,500.00
A.2	**Computer & Accessories**		
	Lap top	58,075.00	58,075.00
A.3	**Motor Cycles (Transport)**	111,320.00	111,320.00
A.4	**Vehicle leasing**	500,000.00	500,000.00
	Sub total	**777,512.00**	**777,512.00**
B	**TOTAL PROJECT COST**		
B.1	**Recruitment & awareness program**		
B.1.1	Advertisement & interview cost for recruitment 05 no of staff members	-	
B.1.2	Conduct 01 Staff orientation training program& 2no of training on Planning.	35,000.00	29,561.00
B.1.3	Conduct 3no of discussions with government & education departments officials	6,000.00	
B.1.4	Identify 20 nos. of eligible schools in 02 districts by surveys and discussions. 10 x 1000	10,000.00	
B.1.5	Identify suitable 20 nos. of youth clubs/ children clubs by surveys and discussions.		
B.1.6	Conduct 10 awareness programs in selected schools.	20,000.00	17,536.00
B.1.7	Conduct 10 awareness programs for youth clubs children's clubs, CBO`s.	20,000.00	19,237.00
	Sub Total	**91,000.00**	**66,334.00**
B.2	**Camps and workshops**		
B.2.1	Selection of 1000 candidates for cadets ship.	100,000.00	104,809.50
B.2.2	05 days residential TOT programme for selected 20 youths (1 Programme)		
B.2.3	TOT Follow up programmes	50,000.00	52,601.50

B.2.4	Conduct 08 nos. 5 days residential training programs on Eco/ peace -Education.(50 participants for each program)	720,624.35	720,624.35
B.2.5	Conduct 02 no. of communication/street drama skill development programs.	102,996.50	102,996.50
B.2.6	Establishing and maintaining 04 street drama teams.	135,000.00	127,324.00
B.2.7	Conduct 08 training camps on Leadership and cadetship.	535,000.00	540,823.85
B.2.8	Conduct 01 workshop on the subject on lobby and advocacy.	70,000.00	70,415.50
B.2.9	Conduct 01nos. of work shop on conflict resolution for religious leaders	-	
B.2.10	Identify,maping and conservation of cathments/Enviornmently sensitive areas.	380,000.00	403,937.50
	Sub Total	**2,093,620.85**	**2,123,532.70**
B.3	**Skill development & educational facilities**		
B.3.1	Conduct 10 language classes. (30 participants for each program)	233,000.00	230,947.50
B.3.2	Selection and providing sponsor ship on organic agriculture course & Natural Resource Management in Buttala camps.	685,000.00	705,055.00
B.3.3	Conduct 12 nos. of seminars for, O/L ,A/lstudents	140,000.00	134,731.00
B.3.4	Provide assistance for 40 students to attend in to vocational training courses.	200,000.00	175,365.32
	Sub Total	**1,258,000.00**	**1,246,098.82**
B.4	**Capacity building and Net working**		
B.4.1	5 Nos. exposure/exchange visit to South / North participants per visit 100 (100 participants for each visit)	335,080.80	345,136.00
B.4.2	Capacity building programs for 20 children / youth clubs	450,000.00	453,637.75
B.4.3	Facilitate 01 district level and 6 divisional level inter ethnic/cultural net works.	310,000.00	315,764.50
B.4.4	Information sharing programs among the benifisheries organization.	60,000.00	61,000.00
B.4.5	Networking with ODW main Network		
	Sub Total	**1,155,080.80**	**1,175,538.25**
B.5	**Programme monitoring and evaluation**		
B.5.1	Held 12 staff progress review meetings.	18,000.00	16,730.40
B.5.2	Held participatory mid term evaluation.	25,000.00	17,667.50

	Sub Total	**43,000.00**	**34,397.90**
C	**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE**		
C.1	**Local staff**		
C.1.1	Coordinator	108,875.00	108,875.00
C.1.2	Assistant Coordinator - I	92,400.00	92,400.00
C.1.3	Assistant Coordinator - II	92,400.00	92,400.00
C.1.4	Assistant Coordinator - III	92,400.00	92,400.00
C.1.5	Assistant Coordinator - IV	81,235.00	81,235.00
C.1.6	Office secretary	93,250.00	93,250.00
C.1.7	EPF/ETF 15%	76,715.25	76,715.25
C.1.8	Gratuity	26,050.00	21,279.16
	Sub Total	**663,325.25**	**658,554.41**
C.2	**Transport & Traveling cost**		
C.2.1	Coordinator	36,000.00	30,272.60
C.2.2	Assistant Coordinator - I	25,476.20	25,115.10
C.2.3	Assistant Coordinator - II	25,825.50	25,825.50
C.2.4	Assistant Coordinator - III	26,539.40	26,539.40
C.2.5	Assistant Coordinator - IV	24,000.00	23,725.00
C.2.6	Vehicle Maintenance cost	109,000.00	113,641.93
	Sub Total	**246,841.10**	**245,119.53**
C.3	**Support Staff Allowance**	393,650.00	392,950.00
C.4	**Other operational expdt. Rent-Sub Office**	36,000.00	36,000.00
C.5	**Project follow up**	36,000.00	34,866.00
C.6	**Adm.support**	215,000.00	217,034.95
	Sub Total	**680,650.00**	**680,850.95**
	Grand Total	**7,009,030.00**	**7,007,938.56**

BALANCE B/F FROM YEAR 2004 **4,037.39**

TOTAL DISBURSEMENT FROM PSO TO FIOH IN YEAR 2005 **7,004,992.61**

TOTAL	**7,009,030.00**
TOTAL EXPENDITURE AS AT 30.12.2005	**7,007,938.56**
BALANCE AS AT 30.12.2005	**1,091.44**

Annex 1

Quality Achievement of the Progress: As at 31st December 2005

Activity	2004		2005		Progress
	No. of Prog.	No. of Partici.	No. of Prog.	No. of Partici.	
1. Identification of catchments, mapping & planting	18	30	24/27	975	Total No. of catchments is 45 out of which, planting done in 42 (46,791 plants) & mapping done in 3.
2. Vocational Training:					
i) Tailoring	1	23	-	-	The participants of 2004 are employed since 2005.
ii) TV & Radio repairing	1	09	1	9	Continue from 2004 for OJT.All 9 are employed in Private Firms
iii) Batik Fabric Printing	-	-	1	5	Training on going
iv) Computer Hardware/Software	-	-	2	13	3 persons in Banks/Private Sector.
v) House Wiring	-	-	1	2	Just completed.
vi) Welding	-	-	1	2	Just completed.
vii) Nursing	-	-	1	1	Employed in Govt. Hospital
viii) Photography	-	-	1	20	Just completed.
ix) Management Diploma	-	-	1	1	Training on going
3. Language Classes:					
i) Sinhala Classes	-	-	2	56	Can understand, read and write sentences.

ii) Tamil Classes	9	202	8	211	- do –
4. Leadership Training	9	300	8	296	With the knowledge gained, Youth Clubs are strengthened.
5. TOT Training	3	22	-	-	The participants of 2004 are continuing in the year 2005. Motivation, training, and strengthening done by these 22 participants.
6. First-Aid training	1	60	-	-	Since year 2005, First-aid camps are in operation on special occasions.
7. Established Street Drama groups	1	20	5	92	6 drama groups established Based on peace and environment. This is very effective way of communicating the massage among the community.
8. Organic Agri. & Livelihood Development (Colombo Open University & Buttala Applied Science Faculty)			1 1	26 22	Trained on sustainable & Organic agriculture both theoretically & practically. Home-gardens are established and created awareness among community by the participants.
9. Capacity Building: i) Sports	50	950	39	800	Sports tournaments conducted among youth clubs, regional level and district level to improve the peace and unity among the Tami, Muslim, Sinhala community.
ii) Library Books/Cupboard	-	-	11	636	Knowledge improved. Ideas used for competitions like art, quiz, debate, poems and articles for magazines & newspapers.
iii) Cultural Programmes			7	800	Exchange experiences and get to know the customs, habits, importance and history of each religious occasion relevant to Buddhist, Hindu and Islam

					religions.
10Educational support: Seminars	8	850	12	541	In Schools in which youth clubs are formed, the youths' weaknesses in subjects especially Maths, English and Science were identified and accordingly seminars were conducted to those school youths. The results after conducting seminars are better than the previous years.
11.Eco Peace Camps	19	1155	8	451	Youths trained and thereafter identify environmental and bio diversity problems of their surroundings. Accordingly implement/ establish activities to minimize environment pollutions, pesticide usage, water contaminations, also protect from destroying forests and conserve water catchment areas. Create awareness and convey messages among the community of the importance of environment by displaying banners and notice boards.
12. Programme monitoring & evaluation	2	50	1	50	Through evaluation, problems and short-comings of youth clubs were identified and strengthened by following suitable measures. A special evaluation done in the plantation sector.