

# **Annual progress Report – 2005-ODW**

## **General Information**

<b>Name of the organization</b>	- North East Rehabilitation Training and Research Association (NERTRA)
<b>Project Name:</b>	- Development of Skills to Promote Economic Development and Peace.
<b>Project Period:</b>	2004-2008
<b>Funding support in 2004:</b>	LKR 1 4 99 800
<b>Funding support in 2005:</b>	LKR 16 44 256

## **Brief description of the project**

This project works with school drop outs and youths who were affected by the ethnic conflict in Batticaloa district. The project provides catch-up education, vocational training and implements peace building activities among the youth from different ethnic groups.

NERTRA works in poor and remote villages inside the LTTE controlled areas as well as the government controlled areas.

## **Project Objective**

### **Long-term objective:**

To give marginalized youth an opportunity for education and promote peaceful co-existence among the different ethnic groups.

## **Specific Objectives**

1. To provide youth tutoring and vocational trainings that will lead to employment.
2. To increase interactions/understanding between ethnic groups.

## Results Achieved In the Year of Reporting

Activities	Achievement 2004	Target 2005	Achievement 2005	T	M	S	M	F	D
1.Catch up Education	57	61	84	84	-	-	51	34	01
2. Sewing Training	45	100	110	110	-	-	-	110	01
3 Computer training	-	50	51	46	05	-	20	31	-
4.House wiring	-	25	14	14	-	-	14		-
5Language competency	60	205	175	170	5	-			
6.Youth & their families educated on conflict resolution and peace related activities	1300	500	500	500					

**T- Tamil, M-Muslim, S-Sinhalese, M-Male, F-Female, D-Disable**

## Quality achievement of the progress

Activities	Achievement Year 2004	Achievement Year 2005	Present status. (How many of them are employed and the places)
1.Catch up Education	57	84	62 re- admitted Govt. schools
2. Sewing Training	45	110	30 employed in dress making 13 at shop+ 17 self employed
3 Computer training	-	51	8 employed in private centers one went abroad. 20 following higher studies in computer
4.House wiring	-	14	working under 3 skilled person in 3 groups
5. Language competency	60	175	Use in their own
6.Youth & their families educated on conflict resolution and peace related activities	1300	500	Aware on

**Brief description of the activity**

## Catch up education

Catch up education is aimed the students who left the school at half of the way. The classes will be conducted for one year continuously. The student assessment will be held once in three month, and those who found eligible to catch the certain grade studies will be admitted to government schools. Rest of them will be re taught for further knowledge.

The target of year 2005 is 62 but achievement is 84. 62 out of the achievement were re admitted to government schools. The ODW staffs of NERTRA and the Department of Education are doing regular monitoring in order to achieve the progress.

Additional fund received in the year 2005 to the following purpose,

- Repair the class room in Mahiladiththivu
- Add another teacher in Mahiladiththivu
- Increment of the teacher salary.3500 / 5000

The Kurunthayadi drop out centre has been closed down in the year 2004 and a new centre Mahiladiththivu has been started in the year 2005. Main reasons for this changes are that early marriage and displacement.

Tutoring centre	No of students remained from 2004	No of students recruited - 2005	No of students returned to school	
			2004	2005
Unit 40	13	4	12	2
Silikodiyru	8	17	-	12
Mahiladithivu	-	43	-	36
Total			12	50

## **2-Vocational Training;-**

### **Sewing**

Those who 16- 21 years old girls, affected by armed conflict and lost their formal education were given vocational training. Through the youth group, an advertisement published and made aware among the community for enrollment. Basic educational qualification expected, to able to complete the course. The willingness too expected for involvement of self-employment. The instructor was a diploma holder and skilled and experienced in dress making. We linked with Divisional secretary and other non-government organization for employment.

16 skilled students from former two batches (2004 & 2005) were identified by an exam and given Jucky training for 15 days at FIOH, Badulla. Youths from back warded area had opportunities to mix with up country Sinhalese youths. In addition, they enjoyed by traveling to other part of Sri Lanka.

Four sewing machines and salary increment (Rs.2000) provided by ODW/PSO in addition to the year 2004.

Targeted for the year 2005 is 100 and achievement was 110. NERTRA has opened 2 tailoring shops at the location of Kaluwanchikudy and Palugamam. 13 no of youths working in the shop. 20 no of youths are self employment. Average income is one thousand and five hundred rupees per month and it perhaps more than that during the seasonal time.

Further, the NERTRA planned to open another tailor shop at kokkoddicholai but we could not because of the security stress. Others will be starting self employments through NDTF (National Development Trust Fund) micro credit fund.

### **3-Computer training:**

51 school leavers enrolled for this training in 2 batches, the minimum qualification requested for this course is English with O.L. The institute name "System for Information Technology" hired this purpose. Both Tamils and Muslim students were enrolled together.

### **4- House wiring:**

**30** Youths were enrolled in to this course. This is very useful course because house wiring provides more opportunity for self-employment specially after the Tsunami.16 youths were dropped out because some other NGOs providing training with allowance and lodging facilities and some of them went as a labor in the 'cash for work program' under the Tsunami rehabilitation projects. Tool kit has provided to the youths who have completed the course. All the completed youths are working and earn average three thousand rupees per month.

### **5- Peace building**

The peace promotion activities are aimed to the Muslim and Tamil boarder villages. NERTRA has facilitated to form small Stir groups such as parents group, youth's group, Government and non government group, children's group. These groups are facilitating to NERTRA for overall implementation of the programs. Emerging of the conflict analysis training the involvement of the peace initiative has been performing at the various aspects such as cultural exchange, participation of common social activities, shramadana and religious festivals.

Further there is a CBO is functioning consist of 30 members combined with Muslim and Tamil which to build the relationship in order promote the peace and development activities. All these group members had been trained to build up their capacity and the Positive communication

### **6. Language competency**

The language training has been affiliated with the vocational trainings. Those who were followed sewing, computer and house wiring trainings. 175 youths benefited. 5 of them were Muslims out of the total beneficiaries. Singhala language taught to the sewing trainees like as the English language to computer and house wiring trainees.

## **7. University course**

According to the discussion had with University, 10 youths who studied agriculture and Science had been sent for interview to follow Diploma in sustainable agriculture. 3 only selected. As to the change of environment and got married they too dropped out. **We feel sorry for unsuccessful.**

**How has the project contributed to enhance the following aspect?**

### **Gender balance**

The NERTRA is very much keen on gender balance of the over all performance. But there are some special circumstances which we failed to follow the gender balance while the selection process of some vocational trainings such as sewing and house wiring.

At the youth net work level there are equal positions for both boys and girls.

### **Promotion of peace**

The project it self has such activities to promote peace in order to achieve the objective. Please refer the particular no 5 under the brief description of activities.

### **Inclusion of disable**

Disabilities were given opportunities to follow the course with maximum help. The normal students accepted them with one of their siblings.

### **Inclusion of war victims**

War victims included into this programmers. They do not felt guilty. In early stage, other students were fear of them. However, days latter behaved all are friends.

### **Organizing youth**

7 youth groups formed in 6 D.S Division. Total numbers of members at present are 347. A district level organization is formed by selecting 5 members from each group. A steering committee of District committee consist 13 members. This group is coordinating with the NERTRA board. The activities of Central committee are empowering village level youth groups by awareness program, Language studies, Accounts keeping, and CBO management, Support to sustainable development

**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.**

No any significant changes in the cooperation between PSO and NERTRA.

**Please attach some case studies or success stories by the project intervention.**

Attached-

### **DF/PSO assessment of the project**

NERTRA has significant improvement compare to the previous year even though the project had new coordinator. Two years performance of the catch up education has tremendous progress. Still the quality is improving as the recommendations of the observations monitoring. The NERTRA has a full time Director to over all management. This also one of the factors to improve their quality works. Even though the NERTRA needs further strength on the following aspect,

1. Quality reports
2. Youth structure and related activities
3. Peace related activities
4. Job placement
5. Quality improvement of the VT courses.

The PSO intended to assist to fulfill the above mention factor in the year 2006. And also the PSO has close watching on the Micro credit which has given under the Tsunami rehabilitation project.

### **Financial status.**

<b>A</b>	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>	<b>BUDGET 2005</b>	<b>Expenditure AS AT 30.12.2005</b>
A6	Purchasing photo Copier	100,000.00	100,000.00
A.7	Purchasing furniture for sewing training centre in Navatkudah &"Unit 40 (Cutting table 20 no of chairs with long table "		
A.8	Purchasing Fan		
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>	<b>100,000.00</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Program Expenditure</b>		

B.1.5	Syllabus Preparation(The committee will be formed with 5 member"2 from education department,1 From NERTRA,1 other NGO" 1from LTTE education	4,000.00	3,825.00
B.1.6	Purchasing teaching materials	4,800.00	4,790.00
B.1.7	Purchasing equipment to student	18,000.00	17,908.00
B.1.8	Tea & refreshment for students	43,200.00	38,547.00
B.12	Payment for Teachers	178,000.00	178,000.00
B.13	Conducting monthly,term,annual test and evaluation by Department officials	6,000.00	6,000.00
B.14	Inservices Training to Teachers	8,000.00	7,650.00
B.15	Education Tour	21,000.00	24,075.00
B.16	Sports Equipment to Student	3,000.00	3,000.00
B. 17	Construct a School for Dropouts at Mahiladitheevu	64,456.00	66,290.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>350,456.00</b>	<b>350,085.00</b>
B.2.3	Payment for centre rent only for ( 4 centre)	24,000.00	22,000.00
B.2.4	Payment for Instructor	100,000.00	100,000.00
B.2.5	Purchasing raw materials	60,000.00	59,471.75
B.2.8	Occasion for certificate offering ceremony	7,500.00	7,000.00
B.13	Tea for students of Sewing Centre in Kokkaddisolai	3,000.00	915.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>197,500.00</b>	<b>189,386.75</b>
B.2.1.1	Housewiring		
B.2.1.4	Payment for centre rent only for ( 01 centre)	6,000.00	6,000.00
B.2.1.5	Payment for Instructor	30,000.00	30,000.00
B.2.1.6	Purchasing raw materials	10,000.00	9,950.00
B.2.1.8	Payement for conducting language classes (3 months Sinhalam)	3,000.00	3,000.00
B.2.1.9	Occasion for certificate offering ceremony	1,500.00	1,500.00
B.2.1.11	Providing tools to trainees end of the class	20,000.00	20,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>73,500.00</b>	<b>70,450.00</b>
B.2.2.3	50 Students will be joined in a computer Centre (2500 *50=125000)	125,000.00	125,000.00
B.2.2.5	Payement for conducting language classes ( English Languages )	16,000.00	8,000.00
B.2.2.6	Occasion for certificate offering ceremony	6,000.00	5,500.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>147,000.00</b>	<b>138,500.00</b>
B.3	Ethnic Harmony program		
B.3.4	Leadership workshop for formed group Navatkudah	5,250.00	5,120.00
B.3.6	Workshop for communication skill development	5,250.00	5,100.00
B.3.7	Workshop for conflict & resolution Navatkudah	5,250.00	5,470.00
B.3.10	Workshop for fundamental human rights or counselling Navatkudah	5,250.00	5,245.00
	Exposal Visit	40,000.00	40,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>61,000.00</b>	<b>60,935.00</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Re-Current expenditure</b>		

C.1	Payment for project co-ordinator	167,500.00	167,500.00
C.2	Payment for project Assistant	107,500.00	107,500.00
C.3	Accounts Assistant	107,500.00	100,000.00
C.4	Care taker	52,000.00	52,000.00
C.5	ETF/EPF	65,175.00	64,050.00
C.6	Travelling and Fuel	69,500.00	62,347.49
C.7	Stationery	27,000.00	25,868.50
C.8	Payment of office Rent	12,000.00	10,000.00
C.8.1	Payment of Electricity bill	18,000.00	14,032.93
C.9	Monitoring & evaluation	30,000.00	30,000.00
C.10	Communication	54,625.00	54,499.00
C.11	Bank Charge	4,000.00	5,521.29
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>714,800.00</b>	<b>693,319.21</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,644,256.00</b>	<b>1,602,675.96</b>

<b>BALANCE B/F FROM YEAR 2004</b>	<b>42,463.39</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENT FROM PSO TO NERTRA IN YEAR 2005</b>	<b>1,601,792.61</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,644,256.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE AS AT 30.12.2005</b>	<b>1,602,675.96</b>
<b>BALANCE AS AT 30.12.2005</b>	<b>41,580.04</b>