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Brief description of the project

The project works with youth in the border area between government and LTTE controlled territories with the main following components:

Back to School: The youths who lost education opportunities will be helped to return to schools.

Skills training aimed at employment generation: Older youth who do not want, or are not in a position to continue with normal schooling, will be given skills training either by WDC, or will be sent further to vocational training at other existing institutions.

Peace promotion through youth clubs: The youth who are contacted by WDC will be mobilized to be members of the youth clubs to promote peace and leadership.

Project Objectives

Long-term objectives

To help youths those were affected by the war to return to normal life and contribute to development and peace.

Specific objectives

- Youth that dropped out from schools can return to normal schools system.
- Youth that receive skill training are successfully involved in economic activities within three to six months.
- The youth that receive assistance from the project are organised and contribute to peace and development in the country.

traumatized youth								
Youth assisted with start-up support of funds	-	50	10	-	10	10	-	-
<i>Members in youth clubs</i>	300	90	100	52	48	53	47	
Skills training for youths	80	90	95	35	60	68	27	-
Parents involved in different assistance	159	100	240	45	195	145	95	-

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 Sewing	69	38	<p><u>Year 2004</u> 28 girls are engaging self employments at their home. And 6 girls are working at the tailoring shops at the town. Another two tailoring shops will be put up in Maharambaikulam and Muthaliyarkulam by the assistance of WDC. There are opportunities for 5 trainees to get the job in the tailoring shop. All the trainees need further guidance to start or improved the business level activities therefore SWOT analysis and business development training will be given them in order to improve the quality of activity.</p> <p>Another 10 machines will be provided for the trainees who were really poor and victim of the war.</p> <p>11 trainees who were trained in the mason, plumber and radio technician will be guided by that particular technical organization. They were not assisted by the ODW funds.</p> <p><u>Year 2005</u> <u>Sewing</u> Trainees of the year 2005 have finished the training on December 2005. 5 girls will be place to Garment factory. 15 of them are wish to start self employment who have</p>

2 Computer	-	32	Yuths have finished the basic computer training on the subject of MS office. But this is not enough to fulfil the present job demand. Therefore the trainees are needed further guidance to start or improved the business level activities, therefore SWOT analysis and business development training will be given them in order to improve the quality of the activity. This has planned for the year 2006.

Brief description of activities

Catch up education

The project target is to reach 500 students who lost education opportunities. In the year 2004 the achievement was 303 out of planned 500. WDC was able to send 135 out of the 303 back to school. 168 are still remaining in the catch-up class and will need more education before sending back to school. In the year 2005, the target is 100. But WDC was able to select and enrol 332 more students. With this number the students in the catch-up classes are 500(168 from last year +332 this year).

Two more schools were added this year. Following activities were conducted in order to reach the above results.

1. Discussions with education department officials
2. Selection of new schools
3. Provide school materials- Exercise books, pens, pencils tool box for old students, bags and above materials for new students, and books, dictionary, teaching aids for teachers.
4. Provide and facilitate 6 follow up training for teachers.
5. Planting activities in schools and villages
6. Formation of children's clubs in each school conduct activities related to education
7. constructing the garden in each school
8. Children competition programme & Prize giving
9. Assessment of students (end of 2005)

Following are the details of enrolment as per schools for the last year leftover and in 2005.
(25 students are displaced to other area)

V/Muthaliyarkulam R.T.M.S	36	55	19	26	24
V/Thirugngnasampantha r Vid	33	55	22	22	35
V/Annanagar Parameshvara Vid	-	55	55	-	19
V/Alhamiah Muslim Maha Vid	-	55	55	-	55
Total	168	500	332	133	314

Special class room Project

Under the Catch up education activity, we have done this project at seven 7 schools the purpose of the student encouragement (hobby, life standard) & environment protection. It was designed as a garden of that school & it will be maintained along by our catch up students.

The youth acquire vocational skill adequate for gainful employment

Following table shows the enrolment of youths for vocational training in the year 2005.

Vocational training Courses	Male	Female	Muslims	Tamils	Singala	Disabled	Total
Sewing	-	38	17	21	-	-	38
Computer	14	18	07	25	-	-	32
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Sewing:

38 youths were enrolled in two villages namely Matheena and Mankulam. The training in Matheena started on 2nd of May and Mankulam on 1st of June. The training is for 6 months.

Other trainings conducted by the project intervention

Staff Training –

There was a staff training conducted to proposal writing and reporting to the field staff who are working with ODW programme. Objective of this workshop is that to provide the knowledge regarding proposal writing & reporting in order to build the staff capacity and to promote the field performances. This was a three days workshop. First day this workshop focus on the following topics on proposal writing

- Purpose
- Prevention
- Action
- Cause
- Data collection
- Figures
- Financial review
- Budget

The second & third days has focussed the following subjects,

- Legal Frame Work
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Problems
- Causes
- Solutions

Entrepreneur Development

This training was targeted to the vocational trainees who under went the ODW project. The training has included many major concepts as follows

- capitalizing,
- selection of place
- customers necessities
- Modifying,
- techniques of business,
- Maintains the accounts,
- Marketing system etc.

We intended to support selected trainees financially to start their own income generation activities. Five sewing trainees who were severely affected by the war has identified as eligible for grants. We have provided non-repayable money (SLR 15000.00) to them. Two of them are working in the tailoring shop started by the WDC in Vavuniya.

Active support to parents

Awareness meetings on the value of education were conducted in 7 villages. These meetings were held with the participation of the education department officials. 220 parents participated in these meetings.

As a follow up of the awareness creation the groups were formed among the parents and savings activities are conducting. The field officers are attending monthly meetings of the parents, and discuss about the catch up education and other programmes.

240 parents were formed into 7 groups in the above villages.

Following awareness programme were also conducted for parents.

- Health
- Gender
- Leadership
- Rights
- Environment conservation

Youth organized into clubs are active in peace promotion.

300 youths were organised into clubs last year and there are 100 more youths organised during the year 2005. They are in 7 clubs. At the district level all the youth clubs have come together and formed a district organisation. 350 youths have come to the district organisation so far.

There is a committee consisting of president, secretary, treasurer and committee members and exact structure has 25 members in board of youth club and which board make decisions and do the programmes in district level. All the clubs are mixed (Muslim and Tamil, Male and Female), and the activities contribute towards building understanding among the communities. WDC also plans to conduct basic awareness.

Following activities have been implemented

- Provided sports materials for 5 villages

Modification in relation to the Long-term Plan and results not achieved

Modifications in relation to long term plan:

- Although the long term plan says WDC will expand into Mannar, the plan has changed due to following reasons. Firstly there are more villages identified in Vavuniya itself and secondly WDC would need more staff and organisational work if it expands to Mannar. Hence the work will not be cost effective
- Community based rehabilitation of the disabled programme is not conducted as there is a major programme going on in the district conducted by two big NGOS. The other NGOs are ORHAN and SEEDS. But WDC will coordinate with these NGOs in order to service disabled in their areas of work. At the same time disabled will be included in WDC training and other programmes without any discrimination.

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

The project is mainly aimed at youths and they participate in providing inputs to the project through youth clubs. WDC is working mainly with youths in the refugee camps and remote villages, where the opportunities are limited for them. All the activities will contribute to enhance the situation of the youth.

4. Co-operation and roles

4.1 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.

There are no changes in the nature of cooperation.

4.2 In what way has the local partner fulfilled its technical and administrative roles in the project?

WDC planned and implemented the project activities. It monitors the project activities at the field level and writes reports financial information to the PSO.

How has the project contributed to enhance the following aspect?

Inclusion of disable

There are more room for disable in the project activities. But only five recruited in to the catch up education.

Inclusion of war victims

More than 90% of the beneficiaries are war victim. Please check with the beneficiaries list.

Organising youth

Please refer the paragraph of ‘youth organized into clubs are active in peace promotion’.

DF/ PSO assessment of the project

The project coordinator is always relay on the district coordinator or Director it create delay on reporting and decision making at the same time she does not have enough experience to write reports.

5. Financial Status

		BUDGET 2005	EXPENDITURE AS AT 30.12.2005
B	Program Budget		
B2	Workshop/ stakeholders – 2 stages	45,000.00	38,410.00
B3 -1	Staff training	20,000.00	19,778.00
B4 - 1	Rental Vocational training center	120,000.00	120,000.00
B4 - 2	Skill trainers (3)	88,000.00	88,000.00
B5	Consumables for Training	210,000.00	176,218.50
B5 - 1	Certificate awarding ceremony	35,000.00	27,686.00
B7	Entrepreneur development	30,000.00	29,040.00
B9	Small scale IGP grants	75,000.00	75,000.00
B10	Youth club-materials	35,000.00	33,445.00
B11	Parental awareness	50,000.00	49,903.00
B12	School material assistance 300 school	120,000.00	119,999.00

B17	Sports festivals	30,000.00	29,959.50
B18	Youth exposure / exchange	74,000.00	
B19	Environment /human rights / women's day campaigns	30,000.00	29,480.00
B20	Program monitoring committee (meeting)	15,000.00	14,997.00
B22	Newsletter	50,000.00	47,350.00
B23	Monitoring and Evaluation Catch - up Education	165,000.00	165,000.00
C	Recurrent Exp		
C1	Stationary , telephone , postage etc	120,000.00	115,583.06
C2	Documentation / Photographs	72,000.00	54,535.50
C3	Program Officer (1)	180,000.00	180,000.00
C4	Office assistant	96,000.00	96,000.00
C5	Computer personal (operator) (1)	96,000.00	96,000.00
C8	Driver/care taker (1)	48,000.00	48,000.00
C9	Community immobilizers (5)	43,500.00	43,500.00
C10	Field officer (5)	406,500.00	406,500.00
C13	Travel (Bus fare)	45,000.00	45,000.00
C14	Fuel/Maintenance	36,000.00	35,984.00
C15	Leased vehicle & Running cost	360,000.00	360,000.00
C16	E.P.F & ETF	130,500.00	130,500.00
C17	Gratitude	34,500.00	
	Total Project cost	3,327,500.00	3,139,707.06

BALANCE B/F FROM YEAR 2004 973,964.83

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENT FROM PSO
TO WDC 2,353,535.17**
IN YEAR 2005

TOTAL 3,327,500.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE AS AT
30.12.2005 3,139,707.06**

BALANCE AS AT 30.12.2005 187,792.94

places within vanny area, while she lost her belongs & all the things even without resident place at last she was unable to do anything further to continue their life normally, at that moment her family arrived to poonthoddam welfare centre with out any assistance.

In that time they faced many problems there also, in the during Mr.Allimuththu has left over some where gave up him family & he got another married. While she felt very grief without any console by anyone with her 3 children. She has 2 boys & a girl.

1. A.Alakurajah – 11 years old
2. A.Sujeevan – 03 years old
3. A.Prashanthi – 06 years old

Then she planned to go to labour work to keep her elder son to take care of her other children. In this situation WDC was implemented the Catch up Education Programme in that area. at that time WDC staff visited to the welfare centre & found there that elder son's critical condition, in that case they met Mrs.Allimuththu & talked with her regarding her son's education life & him future.

After that she agreed to recruit her son under the catch up education programme.

At the same time she is a member of WDC – ODW parents group and getting many awareness programmes, in last she told that now she believes that her child will have a good future yet by this programme & she requested us this programme should be continued to the drop outs students like who living welfare centres and other places too affected by war & due to that which families lost their happy life whole of their life time & said that "she is very proud of this catch up education programme supporting by ODW.

2. Name: - N.Koneswary

Village: - Vannikottam,sithambarapuram.

She was living in Nedunkeny in 1990 displaced to India and again to return vannikottam , sithambarapuram Vavuniya in 1992. She says that when they settled in this area it was very back in education, health and water facilities not only that there was no proper communication between boys and girls eg-; youths. As the higher poverty she didn't go to school and at the same time she was able to include in the ODW project implementing by WDC. According to this project WDC has done the following activities in our village.

1. Vocational Training to dropouts.
2. Catch up Education programme.
3. Promotion of youth club and encouraging them towards the peace.
4. Promotion of parents group and creating saving habits among them.
5. Located resource center

Through these all activities our village has get more benefits.

1. Peace.
2. Gender Balance.
3. Child abuse.
4. Childhood marriage.

Our parents also supporting and encouraging involving in these activities. But before the intervention of this project parents won't allow us even to go outside of our village. As much they also aware about this project.

3. Miss Sithy Fareena, Matheena Nagar,

Miss.Sithy Fareetha born in Kandy and settled in Vavuniya at Matheenanagar in 1990. She is saying that when they settled to this area it was very bad in Education, Health habits, and communication between men and women. During this period WDC entered with the project of ODW to improve this village. This project has many activities itself.

Those are

1. Catch up Education
2. Vocational trainings to dropouts who are over 19 years...
3. Formation of youth clubs and encouraging them towards the peace
Through this project they could get more benefits since last two years.
 - 1) Conducted sports meet between the youth clubs of each target villages.
 - 2) Awareness workshop conducted on peace, health, agriculture, and vocational trainings.
 - 3) Planted trees at common places at health centres, schools on the environment day.
 - 4) Created Resource Centre, which is use for youths regarding their education and sports activities.
 - 5) Formatted parents groups and brought saving habits to them.

As this project implementation this village the people living there have been received many benefits.

Due to the poverty many students dropped their Education, now they are able to continue their studies with the help of ODW programme.

Youths who interrupted their education (who are unable to go back to school due to over age for school) are involving in sewing and repairing house hold items which are trained by WDC through the ODW programme..

relationship and they are able to reveal their talents in the meeting also.

- iii. Before they takes into this project they didn't participate any social activities but after they become the beneficiaries of the ODW project they are able to participate common meeting and other social activitieas siramathanam. WDC leads us towards all this improvements with the ODW programme.