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General Information

Name of the organization : - **Women's Development Centre**

Project Name : - **Access to Education and Training for Youths Affected by War.**

Project Period : - **2004 – 2008.**

Funding support in 2004 :- **LKR 3,697,500.00**

Funding support in 2005 :- **LKR 3,327,500.00**

Funding support in 2006 :- **LKR 4,255,100.00**

Brief description of the project:-

Our organization implemented this project in the year 2004 in 5 villages. Those villages are Sithamparapuram, Madeenanagar, Poonthottam, Sriramapuram, and Muthaliyarkulam. In the year 2005 we added 2 more villages named Annanagar and Mankulam. This project works with the youths, children, widows, and parents to overcome from their economic problems and to equal among the society in these selected villages.

Back to school:-

The youths and children, who lost their education opportunities due to war, be helped to return to schools or future implement of their education.

Skill Training Aimed at Employment Generation: - Older youths who don't want, or are not in a position to continue with normal schooling, will be given skill training either by WDC or will be sent to further vocational trainings at other existing institutes.

Peace Promotion through the Youth Club: - The youths who are connected and mobilized by WDC as a member in the youth club to promote peace, gender balance, and leadership among the youths.

Project Objective

Long-term objective:-

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

Specific Objectives:-

- ❖ Youth that dropped out from schools 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 organized and contribute to peace and development in the country.

Results Achieved in the Year of Reporting

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Activities	Achievement 2004	Achievement 2005	Target 2006	Achievement 2006	Achievement 2006					
					T	M	S	M	F	D
Catch – up	303	332	500	256	222	34	-	133	123	2
Community base Rehabilitation of Disabled & Traumatized youth	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Assisted with startup support fund	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Members in Youth Club.	300	100	90	294	215	79	-	141	153	-
Skill Training	80	70	40	53	50	03	-	40	13	-
Parents Involved in different assistance	159	240	100	383	313	70	-	118	265	-
Widows involved in different assistance	-	-	20	30	29	1	-	-	30	-
Language skill	-	-	210	144	113	31	-	64	80	-

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

Follow – up of previous year activities

Activities	Achievement of year 04	Achievement of year 05	Achievement of year 06	Present status. (How many of them are employed/ using knowledge/ Readmitted to school etc)
Catch – up	303	332	256	Year 2004 – All of them were sent back to the school. Year 2005 – All of them were sent back to the school. Year 2006 – 318 were recruited in to the catch up education program. 265 students are promoted back to school.
Youth assisted with start up support fund		10	-	Year 2005 – we have provided this support for 10 youths. They still continue the work. Year 2006- we didn't provide any assistance for the youths because the skill training courses are not finished and this amount is given for the parents.

Skill Training	80	70	53	2004 -41 are employed and 24 displaced 3 of them are involving in different jobs (House wiring, computer).
			Photography – 25	
			Computer hardware – 12.	2005 – 42 are employed and 9 of them are drop out the rest 19 are following further study.
			Mobile Phone Repairing -	Year 2006 – The course is on-going result will be given later.

Brief description of the activity

1. Catch up

School Name	Total no of students	Promoted students	Students not promoted	Drop outs
Sriramapuram Thiruganasampanthar Vidyalaya	64	58	6	-
Poonthottam MahaVidyalaya	36	33	3	-
Annanagar Parameshwara vidyalaya	34	18	12	4
MadeenaVid	28	19	-	09
Muthaliyarkulam .vidyalaya	45	25	20	-
Mankulam Alhamiya M.V	49	49	-	-
Sithamparapuram	62	54	8	-

2. Skill Training.

1. Photography

Duration of this course is six month and the resource person hired by WDC. The was started on last week of August 2006 it will end up on last week of February 2007. At present there are 25 youths following the studies (7 girls and 18 Boys). The WDC in a process of placing the trainees for OJT (On the job training)

2. Mobile Phone Repairing:-

Duration of this course is six months. Resource person himself has a mobile phone mechanical shop in Vavuniya. Venue of the course is this mechanical shop. At present there are 16 students (2 Girls and 14 Boys) are following the course. It was started in August of 2006 and will end up on February 2007.

3. Computer Hardware:-

Duration of this course is six months. Resource person himself has a computer centre in Vavuniya. At present there are 12 students (4 Girls and 8 Boys) following the course. It was started September 2006 and it will be end up on March 2007.

3. Youths Assisted with Start-up Support funds:-

We didn't give this grant to them because the courses are ongoing. But the allocated amount to their parents (women headed families and widows) for starting self employment.

4. Members in Youth Club:-

Village name	Cumulative achievement 2004 - 2005	Achievement for 2006	Male	Female	Tamil	Muslim
Annanagar	400	38	20	18	38	0
Sriramapuram		43	13	30	43	0
Muthaliyarkulam		53	20	33	43	10
Matheenanagar		88	48	40	29	59
Poonthottam		22	12	10	22	0
Mankulam		20	15	5	10	10
Sithampapuram		30	13	17	30	-

There are seven youth clubs organised by the WDC at the village level. The district level youth network which is an apex body of all seven youth clubs, is functioning for information sharing and for district level youth club activities such as, sport meets, training, Sharamadana (free labour sharing) and the involvement of catch up education.

5. Parents Involved in Different Awareness Program: -

Parents involvement in the different training and meeting is to enhance the youth participation and catch-up education in our project activities. Parents are sharing their problems and getting advises from WDC field staff and coordinator in these meetings. During these meeting and trainings, the parents discuss the progress of catch-up education and progress of vocational training. They have more attention and care in their children's studies after these meetings. For example – parents participation in the school meetings are significantly increased.

6. Widows Involved in different Assistance: -

This year we had targeted 20 widows for Income generation grants. But we have given grants for 30 widows. For these extra widows we have taken the amount from the budget head "youth assisted with start-up funds" because our skill training course is on going so that we were unable to give assistance for that students. So we have given this amount for those training students' family. We selected these widows on the basis that their children involved in one of our programs. And that family should be a female headed family and the number in the family also is an indicator for selection. (Refer the annex 1 for more details)

7. Establishment of Resource centre: - We have established resource centre at Poonthottam school on 10.06.2006. For this we have purchased story books, O/L & A/L past question paper books, and facilitated for purchasing daily news papers. The sports materials also kept here. This centre is used by catch up students, youths, and parents. Registers are kept for maintaining for the books. The books are given for them to read in rotation method for every person. Many of the peoples are coming to the resource centre for reading news papers and Books. For every month meetings are conducted for the regular comers.

8. Staffs Training: - Monitoring and evaluation" training conducted to WDC staffs for two days. Contents of this training are following, Common Field Rules, Introduction of Monitoring. Main parts of Monitoring. Steps of monitoring. Technical of Monitoring, Introduction and aim of Evaluation, Varieties of evaluation.

9. Quality Improvement Training:- We didn't provide this training because we were unable to get a good recourse person in Vavuniya so we arranged a resource person from Colombo to conduct this training on September but that person also didn't come because of fear of security to come here.

10. Entrepreneur Development: - We were unable to do this training because the change of our project officer but we will surely conduct this training on March.

11. Small Scale IGP Grants; - This grant is planned for deserving youths who follow vocational training. As the training programmes are not completed in the year, this was used to support assistance for widows. Please see 6 above.

12. Youth club Materials: - Sports materials are provided for all seven village youth clubs to improve and encourage them in sports and other extracurricular activities. The provided sports materials are bats, balls, badminton racquet , carom, chess, net ball, cricket set, volley ball and football. They are participating in sports and conducting sports among them with seven villages.

14. Training for school voluntary teachers: - This training is provided for these teachers to improve their teaching knowledge and about how to move with the children and teaching method.

13. Language Class: - We are conducting English and Sinhala language class for seven villages.

Centers At	Target	Achievement	Male	Female	Tamil	Muslim	Started	Ends
English Class								
Matheenanagar	210	23	4	19	12	11	6.9.06	6.12.06
Poonthottam		25	12	13	25	-	4.9.06	4.12.06
Sithamparapuram		15	4	11	15	-	11.9.06	11.12.06
Muthaliyarkulam		30	17	13	20	10	4.9.06	4.12.06
Sinhala Class								
Poonthottam		26	14	12	26	-	1.12.06	1.3.07
Mankulam		25	13	12	15	10	1.12.06	1.3.07

How has the project contributed to enhance the following aspect?

Gender balance: - Gender balance is an important area of project and it has contributed to make awareness about gender balance and to the mutual understanding between men and women. WDC being a women's organisation is promoting gender balance in all its activities.

Promotion of peace: - We conducted school level competition sports festival, workshop on rights, monthly and district level youth meetings.

Inclusion of disabled :- We were unable to work with disabled because in our area already 2 organizations are working specially for disabled. So even in our working area the the disabled persons are referred to those organisations.

Inclusion of war victims: - Most of the benefits of this project are war victim. They have affected by war in different ways as displaced, losing their parents, or properties. So this program has included the war victims as the benefits.

Organizing youth: - We have formed youth clubs in each of our targeted village and district youth club with the president, secretaries, treasures and other members. District level meetings held on public holidays at WDC for every month and village level meetings is conducted in a fixed date in each village under the field officers.

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.

We are getting full support and there is no change in the nature of cooperation

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Modification in relation to Long term plan:

There is no modification.

Challenges:

WDC is working in Vavuniya, which is the most tense town in the country now. Entering to Vavuniya and leaving from Vavuniya is a big challenge to all. The checkpoints have very strict procedures and a small suspicion from the side of the security personnel can lead to arrest (under Prevention of Terrorism Act- according to this act there is no need to produce the suspect in courts). So the staff of WDC- all of them women, fears to travel within as well as outside Vavuniya.

Travel to project villages also is a problem as young women all the staff face the above situation. There is no improvement of the situation in the near future. The strategy used by WDC is to attempt to maintain a good relationship with the concerned parties.

Financial status.

		Budget 2006	EXPENDITURE AS AT 31.12.06
A	Capital expent		
A1	Scanner	15,000.00	15,000.00
A2	Furniture for Tailoring Shop	30,000.00	0.00
B	Program Budget		0.00
B2	Workshop/ stakeholders – 1 stages	15,000.00	0.00
B3 - 1	Staff training	20,000.00	16,283.00
B5 - 2	Diploma in computer hardware	115,000.00	42,200.00
B5-3	Photography	265,000.00	217,980.00
B5-4	Mobile phone repairing	300,000.00	222,258.00
B5-5	Quality improvement training (instructor)	30,000.00	4,974.00
B7	Entrepreneur development(Business)	130,000.00	0.00
B9	Small scale IGP grants	150,000.00	150,000.00
B10	Youth club-materials (07 club)	35,000.00	35,000.00
B11	Parental awareness(nutrition health follow up etc)	30,000.00	29,088.50
B12	School material assistance 300 school children/class room arangement	200,000.00	172,451.50
B13	Establishment of Resource centers	105,000.00	93,038.00
B14- 1	Volunteer teachers for schools (7)	588,000.00	588,000.00
B14- 2	Training for school volunter teachers	20,000.00	17,559.00

B16	Awareness programme follow up / environment conservation rights for youths/others activetes/meeting	30,000.00	26,839.00
B16-1	Awareness program peace & Gender Development for youth	30,000.00	12,300.00
B17	Sports festivals	30,000.00	27,416.00
B18	Youth exposure / exchange	50,000.00	0.00
B19	Environment /human rights / women's day campaigns	20,000.00	10,000.00
B20	Program monitoring committee (meeting)	15,000.00	7,008.00
B23	Monitoring and Evaluvation Catch - up Education	167,000.00	158,598.00
B24	Training for analysis of starength & weakness of past trainers	90,000.00	0.00
B25	Language class	70,000.00	43,709.00
C	Recurrent Exp		0.00
C1	Stationary , telephone , postage etc	230,000.00	202,043.61
C2	Documentation / Photographs	72,000.00	61,673.00
C3	Program Officer (1)	198,000.00	198,000.00
C4	Office assistant	108,000.00	108,000.00
C5	Computer personal (operator) (1)	108,000.00	108,000.00
C8	Driver/care taker (1)	72,000.00	72,000.00
C10	Field officer (7)	588,000.00	588,000.00
C13	Travel (Bus fare)	60,000.00	60,000.00
C14	Fuel/Maintenance	36,000.00	35,573.00
C15	Travel transport 1500km-Month	60,000.00	60,000.00
C16	E.P.F & ETF	161,100.00	161,100.00
C17	Accountant Allowance	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Total Project cost	4,255,100.00	3,556,091.61

Balance B/F from year 2005 **187,792.94**

Funds Disbursed from 01.01.2006 - 31.12.2006 **3,817,307.06**

Total **4,005,100.00**

Total Expenditure from 01.01.2006 - 31.12.2006 **3,556,091.61**

Balance available as at 31.12.2006 **449,008.39**

Annex 1

Small Scale IGP grants beneficiaries Details.

<u>Name</u>	<u>village</u>	<u>Employment</u>
<u>K.Chanthiravathana</u>	<u>Matheenanagar</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>S.Kamala</u>	<u>Matheenanagar</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>U.Thilakeshwari</u>	<u>Matheenanagar</u>	<u>Goat rearing</u>
<u>N.Seithulbegam</u>	<u>Matheenanagar</u>	<u>Small hotel</u>
<u>V.Balasarojinidevi</u>	<u>Matheenanagar</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>B.Chanthiraleka</u>	<u>Sithamparapuram</u>	<u>Small shop</u>
<u>R.Inthirani</u>	<u>Sithamparapuram</u>	<u>Farming</u>
<u>M.Elizabeth</u>	<u>Sithamparapuram</u>	<u>Farming</u>
<u>N.Jesintha</u>	<u>Sithamparapuram</u>	<u>Small shop</u>
<u>J.Rajakumari</u>	<u>Sithamparapuram</u>	<u>Goat rearing</u>
<u>V.Kantharosa</u>	<u>Sithamparapuram</u>	<u>Goat rearing</u>
<u>I.Ariyanachi</u>	<u>Sriramapuram</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>I.Seethai</u>	<u>Sriramapuram</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>N.Rasamani</u>	<u>Sriramapuram</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>Mariyayi</u>	<u>Sriramapuram</u>	<u>Goat rearing</u>
<u>A.Nageshwari</u>	<u>Sriramapuram</u>	<u>Farming</u>
<u>Maty jesi</u>	<u>Sriramapuram</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>R.Kowsiya</u>	<u>Muthaliyarkulam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>N.Krishnaveni</u>	<u>Muthaliyarkulam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>M.Manonmani</u>	<u>Muthaliyarkulam</u>	<u>Cow</u>
<u>R.Prema</u>	<u>Muthaliyarkulam</u>	<u>Cow</u>
<u>V.Vallinayagi</u>	<u>Muthaliyarkulam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>P.Loothmary</u>	<u>Muthaliyarkulam</u>	<u>Goat</u>
<u>N.Seethalachumi</u>	<u>Poonthottam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>K.Yasothara</u>	<u>Poonthottam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>R.Uthayachanthira</u>	<u>Poonthottam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>S.Annapooranam</u>	<u>Poonthottam</u>	<u>Goat</u>
<u>P.Rajeshwari</u>	<u>Poonthottam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>Jegatheeswari</u>	<u>Poonthottam</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>
<u>V.Balasarojinidevi</u>	<u>Matheenanagar</u>	<u>Poultry in house</u>