

Annual Progress Report – 2007

General Information

Name of the organization: - Women Development Centre

Project Name: - Access to Education and training for youth affected by War

Project Period: - 2004 - 2011

Funding support in 2007: -

Allocated funds – 5,417,450.00

Spend funds - 5,247,220.98

Brief description of the project

The following 12 villages have included into the ODW project for year 2007.

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Poonthottam | Chettikulam |
| Sriramapuram | Annanagar |
| Komarasankulam | Muthaliyarkulam |
| Matheenanagar | Sithamparapuram |
| Veerapuram | Sooduvanthapulavu |
| Vavuniya town (2 schools) | |

➤ **Long-term objective:** -

Children who lost their opportunities during the war are successfully re-integrated to the society and contribute towards lasting peace.

➤ **Specific Objectives :-**

- **Youths back to School:** - The youths who lost education opportunities will be supported 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, depending on their interests and level of competence, 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. Peace education and actions programs will be implemented through these clubs

Results Achieved in the Year of Reporting –

| Activities | Achievement 2004 | Achievement 2005 | Achievement 2006 | Target 2007 | Achievement 2007 | Achievement 2007 | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---|------------------|-----|-----|----|---|----|
| | | | | | | M | F | T | M | S | D |
| 1.Back to school with project interventions | 303 | 332 | 256 | 540 | 557 Note: 20 number of students displaced and join after the program started | 375 | 182 | 556 | 1 | | 35 |
| 2.Youth assisted with start-up support of funds | | 10 | | 16 | 16 | 13 | 3 | 14 | 2 | | - |
| 3.Members in youth clubs | 300 | 100 | 294 | 90 | 96 | 51 | 45 | 87 | 9 | | - |
| 4.Skills training for youths | 69 | 70 | 51 | Office Equipment Repairing – 20. | 21 | 14 | 7 | 21 | - | | - |
| | | | | T.V. Radio Mechanism – 20. | 20 | 18 | 2 | 18 | 2 | | - |
| 5. Language Skills | - | - | 144 | 150 | 154 | 70 | 84 | 128 | 26 | | |
| 6.Parents involved in different assistance | 159 | 240 | 383 | 300 | 607parents have formed under the previous parents groups at 7 villages and also we have formed extra new parents group in 5 new villages. | 488 | 119 | 544 | 62 | 1 | - |

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Follow – up of previous year activities

| <u>Activity</u> | <u>Ach - 04</u> | <u>Ach -05</u> | <u>Ach- 06</u> | <u>Ach 07</u> | Present status. (How many of them are employed/ using knowledge/ Readmitted to school etc) |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--|
| 1 Sewing | 69 | 38 | - | - | 59 are working at tailoring shops, 14 are working in other fields, 24 are displaced and 10 are foreign employed. |
| 2 Computer | - | 32 | - | - | 11 are working in computer shops, 18 are studying and 3 are displaced. |
| 3 Computer Hardware | - | - | 10 | - | 4 are teaching in the computer centre and 2 are working in the computer hardware center & 4 are displaced. |
| 4 Mobile Phone Repairing | - | - | 16 | - | All are working in different phone shops. |
| 5 Photography | - | - | 25 | - | 22 are working at studio and 3 are dropout |

- **Ach** - Achievements

| <u>VT Trainings</u> | Cumulative achievements as at 07 December | Employment as at 07 December |
|----------------------------|--|---|
| Sewing | 107 | 59 |
| Computer | 32 | 11 |
| Computer Hardware | 10 | 6 |
| Photography | 25 | 22 |
| Mobile Phone | 16 | 16 |
| Office Equipment | 21 | - |
| TV / Radio Mechanics | 20 | - |
| Total | 231 | 114 |
| | | |

Brief description of the activities

1) Back to school with project interventions (Catch up education)

Number of recruited students of the year 2007 was 557, including 533 that remained from the year 2006. First we have selected 7 schools with 290 students, and then two schools were replaced by two new schools, because of the security problems.

Further more, there are severe needs for catch up education observed in few places, and the WDC made request to PSO. Consequently the WDC has added further five new schools targeted with 260 students. Following main activities were carried out in order to achieve the intended results on the year 2007.

- Discussions with Zonal Director, education department officers, and principals.
- Provide school materials- Exercise books, pens, pencils tool box, bags, note books and above materials for students, and teaching aids for teachers.
- Provide and facilitate 02 follow up training for teachers.

- Formation of children's clubs in each school conduct activities related to education
- Follow up the maintenance of gardening at each school.
- Assessment of students. There is an examination for the students once in 4 months.
- Cultural Program for school students
- Education tour

Entire students of the catch up education classes received materials such worksheets, pencil, pen, eraser, note book, school bag and pair of shoes etc

| No | School Name | Targ et | Recruite d | T | M | S | M | F | D | Promote d |
|----|--|------------|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|--------------|
| 1 | V/ Poonthottam Maha Vidyalayam | 40 | 51 | 51 | - | - | 37 | 14 | 25 | 39 |
| 2 | V/Parameshwara Vid | 20 | 20 | 20 | - | - | 10 | 10 | - | 20 |
| 3 | V/Sri Nagaraja Vid | 45 | 45 | 45 | - | - | 33 | 12 | 3 | 45 |
| 4 | V/Thiruganasampanthar Vid | 45 | 43 | 43 | - | - | 26 | 17 | - | 43 |
| 5 | Manivasagar Vidyalayam veerapuram | 60 | 60 | 60 | - | - | 47 | 13 | - | 42 |
| 6 | Muthaliyarkulam Vidyalayam | 40 | 40 | 40 | | | 26 | 14 | 1 | 40 |
| 7 | Chettikulam Maha Vidyalayam | 40 | 41 | 41 | - | - | 25 | 16 | - | 31 |
| 8 | V/ Vavuniya Tamil Mathiya Mahavidyalayam | 50 | 75 | 75 | - | - | 65 | 10 | 3 | 75 |
| 9 | V / C.C.T.M.S | 50 | 50 | 50 | - | - | 31 | 19 | 1 | 40 |
| 10 | V/Periyakomarasankulam MahaVidyalayam | 50 | 57 | 57 | | | 40 | 17 | 2 | 39 |
| 11 | V / Al Iqubal Vidyalayam | 50 | 50 | - | 50 | - | 22 | 28 | - | 33 |
| 12 | V/Madeena Vidyalayam | 50 | 25 | 24 | 1 | - | 13 | 12 | - | 25 |

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2) Youth assisted with start-up support of funds

We provided the tools such screw drivers, hot gun, lens, multi meter, phone book for the 16 trainees of mobile phone repairing.

3) Members in youth clubs.

Earlier we had 560 youth members. And for this year we have recruited 96 new members from 7 villages. The district level members have a meeting in poya day of each month to build up their club further and to make decisions regarding all activities. We have got register all youth clubs.

Following activities have been implemented

- Gender, Rights awareness program have conducted for youths and making follow up activities E.g.: to bring gender balance at each home
- Siramadana camps were organized in their villages.
- Sports Meet has been conducted among the 7 youth club.

4) Skills training for youths

1. Office Equipment Repairing

Duration of this course is six months; a well qualified instructor who was employed in WUSC has hired for this purpose. Course was started on April 2007 and complete on October 2007. There were 24 youths completed the course out of selected 25 (9 girls & 15 boys) and only 21 are following the OJT, and 3 were dropout.

2. T.V. Radio Mechanism

Duration of this course is six months. NYSC has chosen as service provider for this particular course because they have all facilities to conduct the course. This course was started on June 2007 and completed on December 2007. There were 23 youths completed the course out of the selected 25 (2 girls & 21 boys) and 20 students are following OJT and 3 were dropout.

3. Photography

This course was started on August 2006 and ended on February 2007. At present 25 youths completed the course out of 27 (7 girls and 18 Boys) and they are continuing their job at where they were gone for OJT.

4. Mobile Phone Repairing:-

This course was started on August 2006 and it was completed on February 2007. Finally 16 students (2 Girls and 14 Boys) only fulfilled their course with OJT. 16 trainees have received tool kit in order to commence the work individually.

5. Computer Hardware:-

This course was started on September 2006 and it was completed on March 2007. Resource person himself has a computer centre in

Vavuniya so the trainees were allowed to follow their OJT at the resource person's center. Finally, only 10 trainees completed their course out of selected 14(3 Girls and 7 Boys).

5) Language Class.

First we planned to conduct the language class at poonthottam, sithampapuram, muthaliyarkulam, and srirampapuram youths. But we didn't conduct because unable to get the common places. Then, we have started English classes with two VT participants and the youth club members according to their request.

6) Staff training

Training on "Personality development" to the WDC officers was conducted with 23 staffs. We hired the resource person Mr.Gangatharan from Kachcheri for this training program.

7) Entrepreneur development (Business Development)

Two days training was conducted for previous trainees of office equipment repair, T.V. radio mechanism and mobile phone repairing course. 45 trainees were participated in the training program. We hired the resource person Mr. Alfred from NAITA.

8) Parents involved in different assistance

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, Youth programme, Vocational Training and other programmes.

216 parents were formed into 12 groups in the above villages Already we had created 7 parents group for this year we have created 5 parents group in new villages.

10) Resource center

We opened a new resource center at srirampapuram village.

- We have opened the library in the Recourse Centre; the Women of this area can make use of this library during their leisure times.

- The children residing nearby can also use the library as we have books for children reading at this library.
- As the School text book, supplementary books and the past question papers are available at this library O/L and A/L students can refer these books individually and read and write with peacefully.

11) Awareness program follow up human rights & other activities / meeting

For the youth club member's gender & human rights programme has been conducted. And monthly youth club meeting are conducted at all villages under our field officers supervision. And also we are conducting district level meeting in public holidays at our WDC center. Special board meeting also conducted among youths during that meeting we discussed about the registration of youth club and get every detail and all the details are given to NYSC for club registration.

12) Education Tour

We went for a tour on 10th Dec – 15th Dec 2007. 390 students were participated in that programme. We went to see the super market, Kalvari (Christian church) and Children Park.

- Rural students were able to see the Railway station, train and the bazaar in the town.
- They have given a chance to go to Super Market in Vavuniya town and to know how to purchases goods at Super Market.
- All were taken to the U.C Park and allowed them to play together and enjoy the sceneries of the park.
- They were given a chance to climb up a hill called “Kalvari” (where a Christian church is situated).
- Totally they were given a opportunity to get to gather, have their meals tea play freely, speak each other very fluently and express their ideas without any hesitation.

13) Sports meet

We have conducted the sports meet among the seven village 150 youths are participated in the program. But mankulam youths are participated only few because of security problem. Conducted Sports are.

1. Cricket
2. Net Ball
3. Running Race (100m, 200m, 400m, 800m)
4. Fancy dress Competition
5. Relay

Prizes are given for the first three winners.

14) Environment / human rights / women's day camping.

We conducted the women's day camping with parents, teachers, youths help. for all schools students village peoples we gave the batch. At every village we gave batches with the help of youths and our field officers also gone among with them.

15) Exchange Program

This program is conducted for one week from 22.06.2007 – 30.06.2007 at Tamil nadu India. The Workshop is arranged by Vivekananda Kendra at Kaniyakumary. It mainly covered 7 main headings.

1. Cost – effective construction technology.
2. Organic Farm
3. Ayurveda , Sidha medicine
4. Biogas Production
5. Sustainable Agriculture.
6. Water Management
7. Renewable sources of energy.

Because of this workshop we can give awareness to the parents youths for maintaining the water, ayurveda sidha medicine, organic farming and renewing the waste things, during the workshops conducted for them. And also we can handle the cost effective construction technology during our organization constructions.

How has the project contributed to enhance the following aspect?

Gender balance: - Gender balance is a huge area or project has contributed to make awareness about gender balance and to the mutual understanding between men & women. Actually village people are very strict in gender discrimination. So our project is bringing the youths towards the gender balance.

Ex :- Participating in sports festival.(Girls & Boys)

Participating in Vocational Trainings.

Conducted gender workshop for youths.

Promotion of peace: - We conducted school level competition, Sports festivals, workshop on rights; Monthly & District level youths meetings.

Inclusion of disable :- We were unable to work with disables because in our area already 2 organization are working specially for disables due to that we could able to identify the disables if we could find even they were the benefit area of that two organization.

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

Expenditure statement - 2007

| Code | Out put/Activities/Input | Annual Budget 2007 | Amended Budget 1 | Amended Budget 2 | Expenditure as at 31.12.2007 |
|-----------|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| A | Capital expend | | | | |
| A1 | Over Head Projector | 40000 | 40000 | 40000 | - |
| B | Program Budget | | | | |
| | Continuation of 2006 trainings | 80000 | 80000 | 80000 | 75900 |
| B1 | Back To School Program | | | | |
| B1-1 | School Materials Assistance to 290 school children | 150000 | 550000 | 550000 | 547909 |
| B1-2 | Education Tour | 100000 | 150000 | 150000 | 120764 |
| B1-3 | Volunteer teachers for 7 schools for 12 months | 672000 | 992000 | 992000 | 992000 |
| B1-4 | Training for volunteer teachers | 20000 | 30000 | 30000 | 20392 |
| B1-5 | Monitoring & Evaluation Catch - up education | 167000 | 236250 | 236250 | 234545 |
| B2 | Youth Program | | | | |

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|----------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| B2-1 | Awareness program follow up, human rights for youths/ other | 35000 | 35000 | 35000 | 29050 |
| B2-2 | Sports meet | 50000 | 50000 | 50000 | 45842 |
| B2-3 | Language/Tutoring class | 80000 | 80000 | 80000 | 79500 |
| B3 | Office Equipment Repairing | 400000 | 400000 | 385346 | 385346 |
| B4 | TV Radio mechanism | 150000 | 150000 | 150000 | 146200 |
| B8 | Vocational Training follow - up activities | | | | |
| B8-1 | On the job training allowance | 52500 | 52500 | 52500 | 52500 |
| B8-2 | Entrepreneurs training | 25000 | 25000 | 25000 | 20406 |
| B9 | Youths assisted with start up support funds | 96000 | 96000 | 96000 | 96000 |
| B10 | Parental awareness (Child rights) | 60000 | 100000 | 100000 | 76589 |
| B11 | Workshop / Stakeholders | 10000 | 10000 | 10000 | 4230 |
| B12 | Staff Training | 20000 | 20000 | 20000 | 17985 |
| B13 | Resource Center | 150000 | 150000 | 150000 | 149670 |
| B14 | Environment / Human Rights/ Women's Day Campaigning | 20000 | 20000 | 20000 | 5810 |
| B15 | Exchange Program of the program officer | 100000 | 100000 | 100000 | 98162 |
| C | Recurrent Exp | | | | |
| C1 | Stationary , postage | 108000 | 108000 | 108000 | 105210 |
| C2 | Telephone Charge | 42000 | 54000 | 54000 | 41103 |
| C3 | Office Rent | 120000 | 120000 | 120000 | 120000 |
| C4 | Travel (Bus fare) | 60000 | 272000 | 286654 | 285411 |
| C5 | Fuel/Maintenance | 60000 | 60000 | 60000 | 59996 |
| C6 | E.P.F & ETF | 182700 | 182700 | 182700 | 182700 |
| | Staff Salary | | | | |
| C7 | Program Officer | 210000 | 210000 | 210000 | 210000 |
| C8 | Office Assistant | 108000 | 108000 | 108000 | 108000 |
| C9 | Accountant | 144000 | 144000 | 144000 | 144000 |
| C10 | Driver | 84000 | 84000 | 84000 | 84000 |
| | Field Officers | 672000 | 672000 | 672000 | 672000 |

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|-----|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| C11 | | | | | |
| C12 | Allowance For Computer Operator | 36000 | 36000 | 36000 | 36000 |
| | Total Project cost | 4304200 | 5417450 | 5417450 | 5247221 |

Note: - Explain deviation in the financial report

Reasons for the deviation

- We had already planned in January 2008 to do catch-up education in 7 schools. In April we had to add another 5 schools as we have identified these schools little later. So the expenditure for the catch-up education in increased.
- We didn't utilize the amount of Rs.40,000.00 asked for the purchase of an over head projector on instruction vide your letter dated 19.12.2007.
- According to the budget proposal 2007 "travel bus fare" was only Rs.272,000.00 in this budget we had a balance of Rs.14,654.00 under the title "office equipment" in Nov 2007. Therefore we have brought this balance under the title "travel bus fare" as we had no adequate fund to meet the traveling expenses to go to kandy to attend to the PCC meeting.