

## **Annual Report - 2008**

### **General Information**

Partner:	North East Rehabilitation Training and Research Association - NERTRA
Project name:	Development of Skill of youths to promote Economic Development and peace.
Project period:	2004 – 2008
Budget 2008:	4,366,950.00 LKR
Funds utilised by December 2008:	3,311,033.45 LKR

### **1. Brief description of the project**

#### **1.2 General situation of the project locations**

This project works with school drop outs and youths who were affected by the ethnic conflict in Batticaloa and Ampara districts. The project mainly focus on Catch up Education and vocational trainings, but youth clubs functioning in order to carry out peace related works as an out come of this project.

After the pradesiya Saba and provincial election more army camps were established through out the districts of Ampara and Batticaloa. More checking points and frequent checking are taking place.

We do our best to continue the projects with out any delay.

#### **Project objective**

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

To develop skills and knowledge of youth who have lost their educational opportunities in order to find jobs and has better possibilities for income generation.

##### **1.4 Specific Objectives**

1. The youths who have achieved enough knowledge could join in the school again.
2. To increase interactions between the families /better understanding among ethnic groups.

## 1.5 Results Achieved in the Period of Reporting

	Activities	Achievement-2007	Target-2008	Achievement-2008	Achievement - 2008					
					T	M	S	MA	Fe	D
1	Catch up education	66	200	218	160	58		116	102	
2	Sewing	47								
3	Driving	11	15	-						
4	House wring	16								
5	Waste management	15								
6	Food processing	15								
7	Palmyra	15	15	15	09	06	-	12	03	15
8	Coir Production	30	15	13	13	--	-	11	02	13
9	Coconut Shells		15	14	14	--	-	08	06	14
	Language		120	-						
	Youth club strength		15	-						
	Teacher training		10	9						

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Tamil, M-Muslim, S-Sinhalese, Ma-Male, Fe-Female, D-Disabled

### 1.5.1 Brief description of the activities

#### Catch up education

There were eight schools with the target of 200 students planned at the time of beginning but we have recruited 218 students from nine schools and finally we could manage 86 students sent back to schools. The following table has shown further particulars of the catch up education.

School's name	No of students recruited	No of student admitted to School	Remaining students
1.Veerathidal Alhithaya -	26	06	20
2.Veerathidal Alhithaya -	32	12	20

3.Saraswathy Vidyalayam -	16	16	--
4.Veppaiyadi Kalaimahal vidyalaym - Annamalai	30	17	13
5.Veppadiththoddam Vani Vidiyalayam -Central camp	22	02	20
6.Periyaneelavanai Vishnu Maha Vidyalayam	20	20	--
7.Mahiloor Sarashwathy - Batti	24	10	11 – (3 drop out)
8.Puthukudiyuruppu Kannagi - Batti	22	02	20
9.Thalankuda Vinayagar -Batti	26	01	18- (7 drop out)
Total	218	86	122 – ( 10 drop out)

The following leading activities assist to carry out the component with out any interruption.

- First we identified the remote villages and schools.
- Met school principals and talked to them in order to get the list of drop outs students.
- Discussion with Grama Niladari or Samurdi officer of the chosen villages in order to get the assistance to find out the drop out children.
- House visit to meet the parents and drop out students.
- Teacher's selection and orientation of the project activity.
- Providing training to the teachers with the assistance of education department.
- Provide teaching materials, study materials and sports materials.
- Conduct periodic parents and teachers meeting.
- Continue Monitoring by NERTRA, Assistant director of education and school principal.
- Conduct monthly student assessment.
- Study tours.

### **Vocational trainings**

Only Palmyra leaf based and driving trainings were planned at the beginning of this project. But the activities bit delayed with the internal arrangements of the organization. The PSO was allowed to commence the vocational training on September after the organizational assessment. NERTRA has studied the situation and decided to start the vocational trainings affiliated with another welfare

organization named **Puhalidam**. As a starting point, we have decided to start three vocational trainings in three locations.

- Coconut shell Handy craft production -Mahiloor
- Coir base production -Kaluthavalai
- Palmyra leaf based production -Aarayampathy

The CBR Centre of the Puhalidam has conducting necessary physiotherapy exercises together with the vocational education such playing activities and primary education.

### **Coconut Shell Handy Craft Production**

13 disable youth have chosen for this training in Mahiloor village, the training was started on November 2008 will be end on September 2009. We have identified the following strength of Puhalidam suitable for disables,

- Puhalidam has all types of appropriate facilities in order to carry out the vocational trainings for disables.
- Puhalidam has enough trained teachers to communicate to the disables.
- Puhalidam has opportunity to sell the productions.

### **Coir fiber based production**

14 Students were selected for this training in Kaluthavalai, this was started on November 2008 and will be end on September 2009. The Coir Twisting Machine was brought from the earlier training centre and given to them. Traveling fare and necessary raw material are providing based on the agreement and plan of this training.

### **Palmyra leaf based production**

15 Students were selected from Aarayampathy. This training also was started at the similar date as mention above.

### **Key activities leads to carry out the vocational trainings,**

- Discussion with the director and officials of Puhalidam.
- Selection of beneficiaries.
- Orientation program for parents and Puhalidam officials.
- Inauguration of trainings
- Supply the needed materials and facilities.
- Continues monitoring.

## 6. Follow up program for past year

Activity	Achieved – 2004-07	Present status. (How many of them are employed/ using knowledge/ Re-admitted to school etc) and future plan					
		Year	Trained	Employed	deaths	Displaced	Waiting for jobs
Catch up education	332	2004	2004, 2005, 2006-All were sent back to the school.				
		2005					
		2006					
		2007	2007 target was 75 but we were able to achieved 66 students. In which of them 31 are admitted in Government school. In remaining students 23 are continuing. Rest of the students (13) dropped out.				
		2008	2008 target was 200 students but our achievement was 218. In which of them are 86 admitted to the Government school. In which of them 10 have dropped out. Rest of the students 122 are on going.				
Sewing	238	2004	50	21		15	14
		2005	114	32		69	13
		2006	27	17			10
		2007	47	31			16
House wring	30	2005	14	14			
		2006/2007	16	16			
Driving	90	2004	03	03			
		2005	03	03			
		2006	73	58	01		14
		2007	11	09			02
Computer	57	2004	06	04		02	
		2005	51	28			23
Palmyra	50	2004	20	20			
		2005	15	15			
Food	15	2007	15	02			13

conservation							
Recycle wastage	15	2007	15	09			06
Coir Production	30	2007	30	30			
University Course	17	2004	08	08			
		2005	09	09			
Electronic	6	2004	06	05			01
Photography	02	2004	02	02			
Welding	02	2004	02	02			
Beauty Culture	8	2004	03	03			
		2005	05	02	01		02
Masonry	20	2005	05	05			
		2006	15	12			03
Plumbing	10	2006	10	10			

**1.7 What are the planned results that were not reached in 2008? Explain why.**

Though we proposed to have vocational training, Youths programmes and Catch up education classes for affected youths and drop out children for 2008. We couldn't finalised the area due to the political chances specially pre and after the provincial council election and also we were not in the position to arrange the human resource person to suit to the expected personal qualifications. The ground situation at the proposal writing, the management of NERTRA also was not in a position to determine on cutting down the employees.

**Driving**

We have planned to provide the heavy vehicle driving training, but we were not identified suitable youth who fit into the ODW mandated age group. Therefore this idea has given up and the money utilized for disable trainings.

**Language Education and Youth clubs strengthening.**

As there was a delay in sending proposal and the problems of staffing, VT preparation at the earliest, the PSO not granted approval to conduct above programs. But they allowed continuing catch up education program due to the reason that we have enough experience in this program.

**1.8 Give examples of how youth have had a real influence and real participation in the program more than just being a target group.**

We had no more concern on participation at earliest, but we had discussion with the youth club under in order to carry out the follow up of the trainees. After few year ago we have developed youth program based on the ODW youths and their views and ideas concern during the annual plan of ODW project. We have ten youth clubs and a youth network based on the Amapra and Batticaloa districts. Some youth clubs received financial assistance to strengthen their capacity. Most of the peace related activities carry out thro youth clubs.

**1.9 Describe how gender barrier influences the equal participation of girls and boys in the projects?**

Recently NERTRA has adapted a policy in its by law which was drawn by whole NERTRA`s staff.

As a general policy of the NERTRA, ODW project always concern equal participation of the each activity.

**1.10 Describe how youth with disabilities have had opportunities to participate in the program?**

This year vocational trainings fully focused to disable youth, 42 disable youth included in to the three types of vocational training. We are doing a joint programme with puhalidam which is an organization have specials programme for disable youths to train them to follow the vocational trainings at their centre.

**1.11 Describe the roles of the Norwegian organization. Give concrete examples.**

Once or twice in a year the Norwegian organization visited to project and given valuable comments, the PSO have the direct contact in all activities regularly. They train and facilitate us regularly. They advise and update in all the activities of the project to activate smoothly. Monitoring and guidance are done by them accordingly.

**1.12 Give an overview of all evaluations, assessments, or special follow-ups during the year 2008.**

The department of education has close monitoring and assessment of the catch up education program.

Puhalidam has its own monitoring in to the vocational training programs apart from the NERTRA`s monitoring and supervision.

**1.13 Promotion of peace**

This year we have not any specific activities focus on peace promotion.

#### **1.14 Inclusion of war victims**

Most of our beneficiaries are the victims of the war.

## Financial status

<b>Code No</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>Budget 2008</b>	<b>Amended Budget II 2008</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Programme Expenditure</b>			
B:1	Catch up Education			
B.1.1	Purchasing teaching materials, sports materials	120,000.00	120,000.00	119,977.00
B.1.2	Purchasing equipment to student	260,000.00	260,000.00	259,839.00
B.1.3	Tea & refreshment for student	318,000.00	318,000.00	250,107.50
B.1.4	Payment for Teachers	702,000.00	702,000.00	611,000.00
B.1.5	Conducting monthly, term, annual test	15,000.00	15,000.00	5,164.00
B.1.6	Teaching training of in service	14,000.00	14,000.00	13,930.00
B.1.7	meeting for parants	16,000.00	16,000.00	15,990.00
B.1.8	Monitoring Evaluation-principle, teacher training	20,000.00	20,000.00	9,500.00
B.1.9	Education Tour	130,000.00	180,000.00	179,383.00
B.1.10	first aid box for emergency	40,000.00	40,000.00	39,980.00
B.1.11	Furnitures( Table & Chairs)	120,000.00	120,000.00	119,376.00
	2007 arrears payments	432,550.00	432,550.00	361,830.00
B:3	Pcc meeting accounts training 2008		24,000.00	20,647.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>2,187,550.00</b>	<b>2,261,550.00</b>	<b>2,006,723.50</b>
B:4	youth programme			
	Youth net work meeting		19,000.00	18,802.00
	Training programme capacity building 2 Days		30,000.00	29,999.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>49,000.00</b>	<b>48,801.00</b>
B:5	Disable youth programme			
B:5.1	<b>Vocational training-coir Production (Kaluthavalai)</b>			
	Payment for instructor		120,000.00	24,000.00
	Mobilizer Allowance		30,000.00	6,000.00
	Travaling for student		140,000.00	27,200.00
	Purchasing of materials & tools others		50,000.00	16,221.00
	Monitoring fees for Puholidam		30,000.00	6,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>370,000.00</b>	<b>79,421.00</b>

B:5.2	<b>Vocational training-,coconut Shells,timber,cotton and cloth waste,wood etc.(mahiloor)</b>			
	Payment for instructor		100,000.00	20,000.00
	Travaling for student		130,000.00	24,700.00
	Purchasing of materials & tools others		60,000.00	19,125.00
	Exhibition-all VTC		10,000.00	
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>63,825.00</b>
	<b>Vocational training-Palmyra (Arayampathy)</b>			
	Payment for instructor		100,000.00	20,000.00
	Travaling for student		150,000.00	28,500.00
	Purchasing of materials & tools others		60,000.00	28,594.00
	Certificate cost (Puhalidam-NERTRA)		26,400.00	
	Orientation for parents		40,000.00	38,199.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>376,400.00</b>	<b>115,293.00</b>
	<b>Re-current Expenditure</b>			
	Payment for Project Coordinator	240,000.00	240,000.00	240,000.00
	Project officer	216,000.00	216,000.00	216,000.00
	Account.asst.allowance	180,000.00	180,000.00	180,000.00
	<b>2 months salary (Jan,Feb)</b>			
	Project officer	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
	Care taker	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
	<b>Others</b>			
	ETF/EPF-15%	95,400.00	95,400.00	88,650.00
	ETF/EPF-15% arrears salary	7,500.00	7,500.00	
	Traveling and fuel	27,000.00	46,000.00	45,840.00
	Stationery & miscellaneous	18,000.00	18,000.00	17,995.00
	Payment of office rent	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
	Payment of electricity bill	24,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00

	Communication	24,000.00	24,000.00	23,595.00
	Bank Charge	3,600.00	8,600.00	10,546.95
	Repair & Maintance	24,000.00	60,000.00	59,850.00
	Meals & Refreshment for office Staff	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,493.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>950,000.00</b>	<b>1,010,000.00</b>	<b>996,969.95</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,137,550.00</b>	<b>4,366,950.00</b>	<b>3,311,033.45</b>

<b>Balance B/F from year 2007</b>	<b>22,436.70</b>
<b>Funds Received as at 31st December 2008 from ODW-PSO</b>	<b>3,348,631.72</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,371,068.42</b>
<b>Total Expenditure As at 31st December 2008</b>	<b>3,311,033.45</b>
<b>Balance Available As at 31st December 2008</b>	<b>60,034.97</b>