

Annual Progress Report – December 2008

Organisation- Open University

General Information

Project Name: Agricultural Technology for Sustainable Livelihood

Project Period: 2004-2008

Budget 2008:	LKR	6,050,168.28
Funds utilised by December 2008:	LKR	495,261.05

1. Brief description of the project

1.2 General situation of the project locations

We have chosen four centres for the year 2008 studies; those are Welimada, Vavunia, Dehiattakandiya and Kotagama. Monaragala center has closed down due to the low number of students.

1.3 Long-term objective:

The long-term development objective is to create a community of youths who could critically evaluate the options available to them and take informed decisions using latest technology and information.

The short term objective is: Youth from marginalised groups to develop a sustainable livelihood and to develop the temperament and desire to enter into further education.

1.5 Results Achieved in the Period of Reporting

Activities	Achievement 2007	Target 2008	Achievement -2008	Achievement 2008					
				T	M	S	M	F	D
1. Organization of the programme	Signed new MoU								
2. Appointment of Project staff	Renew all appointments with terms as per new MoU								
3. Intake of trainees for 3 rd batch									
4. Passing out of the 1 st batch	Certificates awarded								
5. Conducting of training of 2 nd batch and evaluation	127			20	16	91	36	91	0
6. Commencing training for 2 nd batch	127			20	16	91	36	91	0
7. Recruitment of the 3 rd batch		120	92	8	25	59	25	67	0
8. Preparing individual project plans with the instructions of Animators									
9. Analysing project plans and guide the students via Animators									

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

1.5.1 Brief description of the activities

As we have developed a team of animators with more experience, the selection of trainees will improve so that more trainable individuals for an enterprising livelihood would be selected.

There will be more targeted guidance provided to the trainees so that the individuals will be facilitated to gain knowledge and skills and to share them within the groups for better progress.

Undertake agricultural projects which aim at value addition fortified by technical inputs, by the trainees as their mechanism of training.

The training is expected to lead to more livelihood programmes that ensure the sustainability, withstand competition and be enterprising to make the rural agriculture productive and profitable.

Individual support for continuation of projects started by the past students as means of livelihood.