

## **Annual Report – 2008-ODW Sri Lanka**

### **General Information**

**Name of the Organization:** Women's Development Centre

**Project name:** Access to Education and training for youth affected by War

**Project period:** - 2004 - 2011

**Funding support in 2008:** LKR 60, 38,500.00

**Funds Utilised in 2008:-** LKR 5,943,643.71

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

##### **1.2 General Situation of the Project Locations**

Vavuniya district has obviously become a hot spot of all kind of war violence such firing, bomb blast , road blocking and unidentified killing and abductions. Even though the day to day life of the public and offices would not affected and they used to regulate their function with the existing environment.

We are strategically managing this project with the support of our field officers, youths and the local authorities as scheduled even in the abnormal situation prevailed in particular areas such villages in cheddikulam DS division, and we are trying our level best to implement this project as the previous years.

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

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

##### **1.4 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 mobilised to be members of the youth clubs. Peace education and actions programmes will be implemented through these clubs.

## **1.5 Results achievement in the period of reporting Year 2008 program**

Activities	Achievement 2007	Target 2008	Achievement 2008	M	F	T	M	S	D
				1.Back to school with project interventions	557	600	587	330	257
2.Youth assisted with start-up support of funds	16	56	33	27	06	31	2	-	-
3.Members in youth clubs	96	30	70	39	31	70	-	-	-
4.Skills training for youths	Office equipment-24	Driving - 15	16	14	02	16	-	-	-
	TV Radio mechanism-23	Alluminium-10	Information Technology - 26	11	15	23	01	02	-
5.Parents involved in different assistance	607	200	300	113	187	242	55	3	-
6. Language Class	154	-	-						
Teachers trained	24	24	24	-	24	23	01	-	-

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

### **1.5.1 Brief description of the activities**

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

The ZDE ( Zonal Director of Education) Vavuniya south, selected the catch- up education schools on the basis of her assessment. She was able to categorize the schools and identify the weaker students thro school principals. We have evaluate the efficiency of students according to the marks gained in the last term examination ( 3rd term test ).

At the same time, our field officers visit their homes and discussed to the parents in order to re-admitted them in the schools after necessary canvassing and counselling.

Under this programme we have recruited 587 students for this year including the last year enrolled 53 and we could managed 446 to sent back to schools.

No	School Name	Target	Recruited	T	M	S	M	F	D	Promoted Students
1	V/ Poonthottam Maha Vidyalayam	50	51	51	-	-	34	17	1	25
2	V/Kovilkulam Hindu College	50	40	40	-	-	25	15	-	26
3	V/Aruviththoddam School	50	50	50	-	-	20	30	-	50
4	V/Thalikkulam GTMS	25	23	23	-	-	14	09	-	18
5	Manivasagar Vidyalayam veerapuram	50	50	50	-	-	33	17	-	31
6	Nelukkulam Kalaimahal Vid	50	50	50	-	-	33	17	-	42
7	Chettikulam Maha Vidyalayam	75	75	75	-	-	49	26	-	50
8	V/ Saivappirahasa Ladies College	50	51	51	-	-	-	51	-	48
9	V / C.C.T.M.S	50	50	50	-	-	35	15	-	20
10	V/Periyakomarasankulam MahaVidyalayam	75	73	73	-	-	40	33	-	73
11	V / Al Iqbal Vidyalayam	25	27	02	25	-	16	11	-	27
12	V/Muslim Maha vidyalayam	50	47	17	30	-	31	16	-	36
	<b>Total</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>446</b>

Following activities were conducted in order to reach the above results,

- Discussions with Stake holders meeting. The participants of the stake holders meeting are staff of WDC, ZDE Vavuniya south, all the five ISAA ( In-Service Adviser), Respected principals, and the catch up teachers. In this meeting we have discussed about the selection of proper schools, Suitable students, activities of WDC for this year regarding catch up education.
- Provided school materials- Exercise books-06, pen-01, pencil-01, tool box-01, bags-01, Eracer-01, Colour pencil-01, Brown roll, and above materials per students, and teaching aids for teachers.  
Teaching Aids :- Bristle board, Marker, Blue-tack, Ruler, CR Book, Gum, White sheet, Stapler clip box.
- Provide and facilitate follow up training for teachers.  
Newly recruited Teachers - 08  
Existing Teachers – 16
- Formation of children's clubs in each school conduct activities related to education
- Assessment of students. There is an examination for the students once in 4 months. For the subjects Tamil, English, Maths, Environment, Science.

## 2. Youth assisted with start-up support of funds

Tools provided for 33 trainees who were completed the Office Equipment course and TV Radio Mechanic course. 16 trainees of office Equipment course and 17 trainees of T.V Radio Mechanism course were given tools on October 2008. We have collected 750/= each from all trainees and with our contribution, we have distributed 6915.00 worth tool kit per person who completed the OJT of the training course.

## 3. Members in youth clubs (Youth organized into clubs are active in peace promotion).

Totally there are 430 youth mobilize in to clubs by end of December 2008. And for this year we have recruited 70 new members from 8 villages. The district level members have a meeting in poya day of each month, to build up their net working activities. Every clubs were registered through the NYSC in January 2007.

No	Village	Club Name	Total Youths
01	Poonthoddam	Starline	65
02	Sithamparapuram	Sooryaundayam	70
03	Srirampuram	Uthayathrahai	82
04	Annanagar	Annanagar	38
05	Nelukkulam	NYC	40
06	Veerapuram	Veerapuram	60
07	Matheenanagar	Matheena	32
08	Muthaliyarkulam	Winner's	43
	<b>Total</b>		<b>430</b>

**Note** – Some Youths displaced to other villages and some youths had gone abroad.

## 4. Skills training for youths

### Driving

Duration of this course is Three months. A private driving school has hired to provide the driving training for selected students. This course was started on June 2008 and it ends on September 2008. There were 16 youths completed the course (2 girls & 14 boys).

Criteria for the selection of youth to learn light vehicle driving.

1. Age limit 18 years to 20 years.
2. Should be schools leaver.
3. Family back – ground: - living below poverty line, war effected
4. Should be in the profession of driving after the training.

### Information Technology

We have already decided to conduct the aluminium fitting vocational training course but due to some unavailable circumstances ( high prices of raw materials, transportation problem) we had to change the Aluminium fabrication to Information technology program. The Information technology training has started on July and will complete on January 2009, with the full length of six months duration. 26 students selected and they are following the course with out any drop out. Three month OJT will start from February 2009.

## 6. Parents involved in different assistance

As a follow up awareness creation the groups were formed among the parents and savings activities were conducted. field officers have attended monthly meetings of the parents, and discussed about the catch up education, Youth programme, Vocational Training and other programmes. 300 parents were formed into 12 groups in the above villages.

## 7. Language Class (Staff)

### Sinhala Class:-

Sinhala language class for WDC officers started on February 2008 and completed on May 2008. Almost three months studies carried out. All the staff have participated in this class and gained maximum knowledge regarding writing and speaking.

### English Class:-

English class for the staff has been started on June 2008 and completed on December with successful participation of all the WDC staff.

## 8. Resource centres

There are four resource centres functioning to provide educational support to the students who mostly attached to the catch up education program, with the assistance of four librarians.

- First was started in the year 2004 at Sithamparapuram,
- Second was started in year 2005 at Mathenanagar,
- Third was started in year 2006 at Poonthotam
- Fourth was started in the year 2007 at srirampuram.

## 1.6 Follow up of Previous Years activities

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Ach - 04</b>	<b>Ach - 05</b>	<b>Ach- 06</b>	<b>Ach 07</b>	<b>Present status. (How many of them are employed/ using knowledge/ Re admitted to school etc)</b>
1 Sewing	69	38	-	-	37 are working at tailoring shops, 22 are working in other fields, 28 are displaced, 12 gone abroad and 08 are unemployed.
2 Computer	-	32	-	-	11 are working in computer shops, 18 are studying and 3 are displaced.
3 Computer Hardware	-	-	10	-	5 are teaching in the computer centre and 3 are going to Colombo for higher studies & 4 are displaced.
4 Mobile Phone Repairing	-	-	16	-	14 are working in different phone shops and 02 gone abroad.
5 Photography	-	-	25	-	22 are working at studio and 3 are dropout

## Year 2007

Activities	No of trainees completed in Year 2007	Status of employment as at June 2008	Progress of the remaining trainees
1.Office Equipment	24	We provided tools 16 trainees	16 are working at different equipment shop, 03 are working in other fields, 03 are displaced and 02 gone abroad.
2.TV Radio Mechanism	23	We provided tools 17 trainees	17 are continuing in the OJT shops and 06 are drop out

## Year 2008

Activities	No of trainees completed in Year 2007	Status of employment as at June 2008	Progress of the remaining trainees
1.Driving	16	16	16 are driving different vehicles
2.Information Technology	26	26	On going

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

### **Aluminum training:-**

Earlier we have decided to give aluminum fitting training to 10 youths. As the cost of this course is something expensive and it was not possible for us to transport the material for the aluminum fitting course from Colombo to madhawachchiya. We have started the IT course instead of the Aluminum fitting course' with the approval of PSO.

Target for start up support was 56, but we were able to achieved only 33 due to the drop out of students.

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

1. Youths participated and helped in the constructions of new building for the WDC.
2. Painted the hospital buildings on siramadhana activities.
3. Youths Participated in the rural sports' activities in the National level.
4. Assisted us to conduct the women's Day celebrations.
5. Eight youths groups are participating in the sports in the district on behalf of WDC.

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

As an organization focus on women issues deeply, we have no any kind of gender barriers on the project activities, even we have try our maximum in order to provide the services with out any gender , ethnic bias.

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

We have identified some disable youths in our project villages and referred them to ORGAN, SHADE & HANDICAP to get assistance. ORGAN & SHADE had provided specks and earphone to the youths in the catch up education.

**1.11 Describe the roes of the NORWEGIAN. Give concrete examples.**

**ODW / PSO** is always giving advise on the projects and also doing monitoring and auditing regularly.

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

- ZDE Vavuniya south and the ISA ( In-service advisers) have visited the catch up educations schools time to time and monitored the teaching activities and the gave the necessary comments to the WDC.
- The trainees who were trained in the years 2004,2005 and 2006 for the VT Courses sewing, Computer, Mobile phone repairing course, Computer hardware and Photography course are at present have been continue in the same shops and same field.

**1.13 Promotion of peace:-**

We conducted school level cultural competition, festival, and workshop on human rights at the district level.

**1.14 Inclusion of war victims: -**

Most of the beneficiaries of this project were war victims. Their families have affected or internally displaced personals. So this program has benefited them in an efficient manner.

**1.15 Explain deviations from the planned budget.**

**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.

## Financial status

Code	Activities	Budget 2008	Amended Budget III 2008	Total Expenditure
<b>No</b>				
<b>A</b>	<b>Capital Expenture</b>			
A 1	Digital Camera	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
	<b>SubTotal</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Program budget</b>			
B 1	Back to school program			
B 1.1	School material assistance 600 school children/classroom arrangement	780,000.00	780,000.00	779,820.00
B 1.2	Volunteer teachers for schools (12){for 12 months}	1,440,000.00	1,440,000.00	1,440,000.00
B1.3	Training for School Volunteer Teachers	20,000.00	20,000.00	19,861.00
B 1.4	Monitoring and Evaluation Catch - up Education Staff	225,000.00	225,000.00	225,000.00
B 1.5	Worksheet	100,000.00	100,000.00	99,300.00
B 1.6	Exam paper & Correction	60,000.00	60,000.00	32,537.00
B 1.7	Cultural Competition	50,000.00	111,810.00	108,347.00
B 1.8	Travel allowance and Bus fare for field staffs	420,000.00	420,000.00	419,972.00
	Youth Program			
B 2	Driving (16)	125,000.00	125,000.00	124,800.00
B 3	Aluminum Fitting (10)	145,000.00	166,000.00	160,000.00
B 3.1	Trainees Allowance	45,000.00	156,000.00	130,000.00
			205,000.00	

B 8	English Class	48,000.00	48,000.00	48,000.00
B 9	Sinhala Class	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
B 10	Resource centers	102,000.00	102,000.00	102,030.00
B 11	Human Rights Day / women's day campaigns	16,000.00	7,560.00	7,560.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>3,918,000.00</b>	<b>4,035,000.00</b>	<b>3,953,857.00</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Recurrent expenditure</b>			
C1	Stationary,Postage Etc	96,000.00	96,000.00	89,934.21
C 2	Telephone	78,000.00	53,000.00	47,700.00
C 3	Office Rent	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
C 4	Fuel	60,000.00	68,000.00	65,680.00
C 5	Maintenance (Auto)	24,000.00	24,000.00	23,972.50
C 6	EPF & ETF	202,500.00	202,500.00	202,500.00
C 7	Program Officer (1)	222,000.00	222,000.00	222,000.00
C 8	Office assistant	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00
C 9	Accountant	156,000.00	156,000.00	156,000.00
C 10	Field Officer (7)	756,000.00	756,000.00	756,000.00
C 11	Driver (1)	96,000.00	96,000.00	96,000.00
C 12	Allowance for computer operator	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>1,990,500.00</b>	<b>1,973,500.00</b>	<b>1,959,786.71</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>5,938,500.00</b>	<b>6,038,500.00</b>	<b>5,943,643.71</b>

**Balance B/F from year 2007** **72,642.26**  
**Funds Received as at 31st December 2008** **5,965,007.74**  
**from ODW-PSO**

**Total** **6,037,650.00**