



PART 2: Project Information

2.1.1 Future in Our Hands Development Fund

2.1.2 Project name: Peace and reconciliation through environment education for youths

2.1.3 Project period: 2004-2011

2.1.4 Project's objectives:

Goal:

Sustainable peace and development achieved through education and environment action.

Objective:

Youths from multi-ethnic groups are actively involved in environmental conservation and networking with one another.

2.1.5 Geographical location

The project is implemented in Uva Province. In the year 2006 FIOH expanded to Ampara district of eastern province. Currently, it operates in Maha-Oya, Dehiattakandiya and Padiyathalawa Divisional Secretary Divisions in Ampara District.

2.1.6 Which results did the project produced during 2009?

Results	Target 2009	Achievement -2009	Achievement 2009					
			T	M	S	M	F	D
No of new youths recruited to the program	375	356	123	0	233	143	213	45
Rehabilitating/Maintaining and conservation of water catchments /environmental sensitive areas No of catchments	53	53						
No of youths involve in above catchment conservation			325	0	234	300	259	
No of new youths received language education	360	323	97	0	226	119	204	0

Results	Target 2009	Achievement -2009	Achievement 2009					
			T	M	S	M	F	D
Provide assistance for students to attend to vocational training courses.								
Dress making training for disable youths	12	10	0	0	10	01	09	10
Aluminum fabrication	20	12	0	0	12	12	0	
Carpentry /furniture making	20	14	02	01	11	14	00	
Masonry	20	05	05	0	0	5	0	0
Establish organic home gardens	182	231	52	0	179	120	111	0
Conduct seminars and educational support for O/L students	22	23	18	130	509	302	355	13
Established net work among the youth No of meetings	113	95						

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

2.1.6.1 Which activities were implemented?

	Results	Activities
1,2	Establishing environment cadet clubs Recruitment of new youths	In the year 2009 FIOH planned to enrol 375 new members as environmental cadets. During the reporting period 356 new members were enrolled. In the month of December they sat for a written exam. Based on the result they will receive the certificate of Environment Cadet. After that those youth take part in various activities
3.	Establish organic home gardens	During the year 2009 FIOH planned to establish 182 organic home gardens. As at 31st December, 231 home gardens were established. Around 8000 plants distributed to the beneficiaries and they also contributed 1550 plants in their home gardens. Through this programme the youths gained the experience of compost making, liquid fertilizer, and pest management system instead of using chemicals. As a result of this education programme youth have taken the initiatives to start 10 home gardens in the schools,
4.	Language classes for youths	In the previous language classes priority was given for writing and grammar skills, but this year the priority is for spoken language. During the year FIOH have conducted 12 classes for 323 youths in the 7 locations. Sinhala and Tamil youths were able to learn Sinhala and Tamil language and vice versa.
5.	Conservation of	In 2009, FIOH planned to conserve and maintain 53 water

	catchments areas	catchments. Due to heavy drought youths were unable to start any activity before Maha(rainy) season. The youth club members have designed a programme to maintain the catchments. During the year 2009 FIOH have distributed around 6000 plants according to their plans. Government officials have given full cooperation for this programme.
6.	Youths assisted to enter vocational trainings	<p>In the year 2009 FIOH planned 04 vocational trainings for 75 youths. At the end of the year only 33 trainees were completed the courses. FIOH planned to conduct computer application course for the plantation youth with the association. But as there was a problem of lack of employment for the earlier trainees, FIOH did not set up the computer courses. FIOH have though given sponsorship to follow the computer course for two Female youth, which now are engaged in "On the Job Training".</p> <p>Carpentry furniture course started in 15th January 2009 and completed in December 2009. At the beginning FIOH were able to enrol 20 trainees, but only 14 completed the course. At present all the 14 trainees are undergoing on the job training. This course have been accredited by the government as National vocational qualification (NVQ) This year we have applied for upgrading the carpentry course in level 4 in order to provide high standard training.</p> <p>Aluminium fabrication courses started in 5th February 2009 and completed in 30th September 2009. At the beginning were able to enrol 14 trainees. Out of 14 trainees 12 completed the training. All the 12 trainees have completed on the job training and they are employed in the same places. The Aluminium fabrication training courses have accredited by the government as NVQ-Level-3. These trainees will sit for the exam in March 2010.</p> <p>FIOH started our environmental activities in a school for disabled in Bandarawela. The school has requested dress making vocational training for ex students in the school. According to their previous experience after the vocational training 80% of the trained youths were able to find a job. FIOH have started the dress making course with 10 female trainees. This course will be completed in March 2010.</p>
7.	Conduct seminars for GCE(OL &AL) examination	In the year 2009 FIOH planned 22 seminars for students who are sitting for GCE (O/L) and Advance level exams in Sri Lanka in order to build their capacities and prepare their minds. During the reporting period seminars and extra classes for 657 students was conducted. The GCE (O/L) exam was held in December. The result is expected in March 2010.
8	Establish net work among the youth	As a result of the youth program FIOH were able to form 104 youth clubs in the villages and 08 forums in divisional level. All the above 08 forums got-together and has formed into a provincial forum. Forum office bearers meet and share experience monthly. They are



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		able to discuss the achievements, future plans and the problems. This program helped youth to develop their capacities in planning. During the reporting period it was able to conduct 95 meetings to meet the above objectives.
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2.1.7 Which activities were not implemented? Explain why.

Due to lack of employment opportunities for the Computer training course was not implemented. This programme was planned for plantation youth who passed advance level exam. But most of the qualified trainees are female. Due to the cultural barriers they do not like to go far away from home for employment. After marriage the husband does not like to send the wife out of home. Two female trainees received a sponsorship for computer course. Those 2 trainees are under going "On the Job Training".

2.1.8 What is the Norwegian organisation assessment of the progress in 2008?

FIOH is one of the senior and well experienced partners of ODW program. The activities planned in 2009 were implemented fully, with the exception of few gaps in the numbers.

Despite the tight security situation in the country, FIOH has been able to work on peace issues in their particular area of work. FIOH conducts youth festivals and camps in order to contribute to ethnic harmony in the country.

2.1.8.1 Explain deviation in the financial report

There are no deviations worth mentioning. Minor amendments were done with PSO approval. .