

2.6.1. Women's Development Centre

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

2.6.3. Project period: - 2004 - 2011

2.6.4 Project's objectives:

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- The youth who lost education opportunities provided with catch-up education and return to normal schools.
- Skill training for youth for employment generation
- Involve youth in peace promotion work

2.6.5 Geographical location

Vavuniya district of Northern Province

2.6.6 Which results did the project produces during 2009?

Activities	Target 2009	Achievement 2009	M	F	T	M	S	D
1.Back to school with project interventions	550	576	322	254	559	17	-	1
2.Skills training for youths	Beauty culture-25	50	-	50	50	-	-	-
	Computer Hardware-20	20	14	6	19	1	-	-
3.Parents involved in different assistance	200	300 parents in 15 villages	113	187	242	55	3	-
4. Language Class	-	45	14	31	44	1	-	2

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

2.6.6.1 Which activities were implemented?

	Activities
1	<p>Back to school with project interventions (Catch up education): Catch up Education was implemented in 15 schools during the year 2009. In this project drop out students and slow learners were included. 24 teachers recruited and trained to fulfil the task with provision of the materials to students.</p> <p>Teaching and assessment were conducted according to the planned action schedule together with the education department of Vavuniya. Further awareness programme for the parents were conducted such as Child rights and importance of Education etc.</p> <p>Field officers also frequently visited the students' homes and discussed with their parents, providing necessary canvassing and counseling. We have recruited 576 students for this year included the last year enrolled 46, though the target set for only 550 students. Following activities were conducted in order to reach the above results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders meeting. The participants of the stake holders meeting are staff of WDC, ZDE Vavuniya south, all the five ISAA, Respected principals, and the catch up teachers. In this meeting we have discussed the selection of proper schools, Suitable students and activities of WDC for this year regarding catch up education. • Provided Teaching Aids : Bristle board, Marker, Blue-tack, Ruler, CR Book, Gum, White sheet, Stapler clip box. • Provided and facilitate follow up training for teachers. New teachers: 02 Old teachers: 22 • 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	<p>Members in youth clubs: (Youth organized into clubs are active in peace promotion).Totally there are 430 youth mobilized in to clubs by end of December 2008. And for 2009 we have recruited 70 new members from 8 villages. The district level members have a meeting in poya (full moon day) day of each month, to build up their net working activities. All clubs were registered through the National Youth Services Council.</p>
3	<p>Skills training for youths:</p> <p>Beauty Culture: 25 trainees participated in the vocational training "Beauty Culture". The trainees have been selected from the displaced and the families during below poverty line. Duration of this course was six months with the additional three month OJT. This course started on April 2009 and was completed on October 2009. At present all trainees are engaged in On the Job Training(OJT). Ten thousand valued tool kit was provided after the six months course completion. English language classes provide as an additional subject. Based on the demand shown by the youth while the recruitment of the first batch of the beauty culture course the second batch of the training decided to start with the approval of PSO. Another 25 girls was chosen for this training specially those who affected by the last battle in Vanni. The course started in November 2009 and will be end in April 2010, and the OJT period is May to July 2010. Most of the participants are war affected girls staying in welfare centers.</p> <p>Computer Hardware: Initially, this course was designed to conduct with the technical support of NYSC, but we decided to contact with our own initiative once we received the accreditation by the NAITA. 20(Male 14 Female 6) youth was selected and the course started on September in WDC training centre with the planned duration of six months theory</p>

	and three months OJT. English language was provided as an additional subject
4	<p>Parents involved in different assistance: Awareness programme for the parents of the students of the catch up education are being held. Purpose of the programme are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ To ensure the regular attendance of the students ❖ To maintain the health condition of the students. ❖ Importance of Education ❖ Child rights and Women rights <p>Significant improvement of the student attendance noticed after this awareness programmes. They are very keen in their studies. Parents are supporting this programme very highly. The parents are members of WDCs` village level CBOs and part of the Micro finance schemes.</p>
5	<p>Resource centers: There are four resource centre functioning at present . The drop out students, weaker students and the other students of O/L and A/L classes are using the resource centers. They used to lend the model question and answer books. The members of the youth clubs, the parents are also using these resource centers. .</p>
6	<p>Teachers training: All the 24 teachers involved in catch-up education recruited by WDC are trained. Each year they are given refresher training by the education department officials.</p>

2.6.7 Which activities were not implemented? Explain why.

No deviations.

2.6.8 What is the Norwegian organisation assessment of the progress in 2009?

WDC is working in Vavuniya, which was the tensest town in the country during the war. In 2009 entering to Vavuniya and leaving from Vavuniya was a big challenge. With the end of the war the second half of 2009 was more difficult for coordination as Vavuniya was flooded with IDPs.

WDC developed good relationship with the authorities and had access to some of the camps. So their reputations were growing and this made implementation of its activities easier. WDC runs catch-up classes in few of the IDP camps associated schools.

Catch up education has improved substantially since the inception of the programme. It needs further improvements such as identification of target group. PSO found that there were 'slow learners' from school also were selected in some classes. Reporting also needs further improvement.

2.6.8.1 Explain deviation in the financial report

There is no major deviation. The budget changes were proposed to PSO and approval taken before hand.