

Annual Progress Report – December 2010

Organisation – FIOH

Project Name: Peace and reconciliation through environment education for youths

Project Period: 2004-2011

Budget Period 2010: LKR 15089547.00

Funds Utilized by December 2010: LKR 14403739.39

1. Brief description of the project

1.2 General situation of the project locations

This project aims to mobilize teenagers in the rural villages, plantation and schools. Objective is to enhance ethnic harmony among Sinhala Tamil and Muslim communities. As a result, at present, youths are actively participating in environment conservation and peace building activities. The project is implemented in Uva Province, although in the year 2006 it has expanded to Ampara district of eastern province. Currently this programme operates in 10 Divisional Secretariats in Badulla, Monaragala and Ampara Districts

The project organizes the schools as well as in the village Plantation Youths in to environment cadet groups. These groups conduct studies on the Bio-diversity in their local environment and develop plans to conserve areas with bio-diversity sensitivity. The project provides extensive education programmes for youth in order to mobilize them to take part in the environment protection activities, which they themselves plan. The project also supports other related activities proposed by the youths such as education sports and cultural exchange programmes.

Networking among estate Tamil and village Sinhalese youths is facilitated and encouraged. The project also provides Tamil language education for Sinhala youths and Sinhala language education for Tamil youths. They too participating cultural events in order to enhance communication across the ethnic groups working together and networking on a long term basis will develop harmony among the ethnic groups and will positively contribute towards a sustainable peace in the country.

1.3 Long-term objective:

Sustainable peace and development achieved through education and environment action.

1.4 Specific Objectives

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

- To create an environment where youths from different ethnic groups interact positively.
- To provide opportunities for youths for better education and extracurricular activities.
- To mobilize youth from multi-ethnic groups into bio- diversity conservation activities.

- To provide vocational training that leads to employment of youths.

1.5 Results Achieved in the Period of Reporting

Results	Target 2010	Achievement - 2010	Achievement 2010					
			T	M	S	M	F	D
youth clubs are effectively functioning in the operational area	-	104						
No of new youths recruited	300	707	134	0	573	322	385	0
Rehabilitating/Maintaining and conservation of catchments /environmental sensitive areas	-	53	-	-	-	-	-	-
No of new youths in language classes	360	348	63	0	285	131	217	
Conduct seminars and educational support for O/L students	1200	965	330	106	529	437	528	10
Continuation From 2009								
Dress making for disable youths	10	10	0	0	10	01	09	10
Carpentry Furniture	16	14	02	01	11	14	0	0
2010 VT program								
Dress making for disable youths	12	15	4	1	10	5	10	15
Aluminum fabrication	20	19	0	0	19	19	0	0
Carpentry furniture	20	15	2	3	10	15	0	0
Leather Products disable youths	12	13	01	0	12	8	5	13
Establish organic home gardens	255	252	62	0	190	125	127	0
Established net work among the youth clubs Forum(No of meetings)	100	100	-	-	-	-	-	-
Organic agriculture diploma – (Participants)	30	23	0	0	23	8	15	0

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

1.5.1 Brief description of the activities

ESTABLISHING ENVIRONMENT CADET CLUBS

As a result of our awareness programmes conducted during the past we were able to established 104 youth clubs in our programme area. This is one of our objectives which is Success fully achieved in the project period. Through this activity Youths were able to learn how to organise the community based organisation and facilitation effectively. In addition to that youths were engage in planning, implementation & monitoring the activities, record keeping, and accounts keeping and networking among the other organisation. In the year 2010 Youth forums have given more responsibility of organising and monitoring programme activities such as youth camps , cultural programmes and Sport festival conducted in Badulla and Youth camp conducted in Trinco. Forum members were able to Monitoring of expenses of the divisional level activities done in the year 2010 and certified. Another achievement is 4 youth leaders were able to contest for the youth parliament and one youth was elected. So far we have registered 40 youth clubs under the government youth service council. Provincial forum has been registered in the environment Authority.

Recruitment of new youths

In the year 2010 we have planned to enrol 300 new members as environmental cadets. During the year were able to enrolled 707 new members in the existing youth clubs. In the month of November we have conducted the exam on the subjects of environmental studies, Leadership education and general knowledge. Based on the result they will receive the certificate. This will be one of the eligible qualifications to be an environmental cadet. After that youth were able to participate in planed activities in order to enhance knowledge in environment and leadership.

Summary of beneficiaries as at 30th June 2010

DIVISION	2004		2005		2006		2007		2008		2009		2010		
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	F	M	F	M	F		
1 Mahiyanganaya	144	241	121	163	32	18	16	13	10	08	0	0	96	106	
2 Welimada	169	150	124	82	23	7	-	-	08	21	32	35	28	32	
3 Badalkumbura	116	99	102	152	-	-	10	16	-	-	32	08	16	25	
4 Deaf &Blind School			-	-	-	-	-	-	28	18	28	18	0	0	
5 Monaragala	96	97	79	54	-	-	3	10	-	-	27	08	20	23	
6 Plantation Sector	178	228	215	180	77	71	41	66	164	126	69	54	67	67	
7 Maha-Oya	-	-	-	-	234	167	81	69	27	26	12	11	56	59	
8 Dehiattakanadiya	-	-	-	-	202	179	91	149	70	29	13	9	39	73	
TOTAL	736	857	641	631	568	442	242	323	307	228	213	143	322	385	
FULL TOTAL	1593		1272		1010		565		535		356		707		
6038	6038														

Conservation of catchments areas

As a result of the awareness programmes and environment activities were able to conserve 53 water catchments in our programme area. This is a vast achievement in the period of our operation. Through this exercise youths were able to practise their theoretical knowledge in good manner. At the same time conserved 53 water catchments in their respective living areas. In the year 2010, youths were planted remains plants and fixed sign board in the catchments location in order to aware the community for avoiding damages in the catchments. Responsibility of the maintenance and conservation has taken by the 1260 members of the respective youth clubs in the area. During the year 2010 we have conducted evaluation of the catchments and reports will be submitted in next semester. Details of catchments conservation are as follows

DIVISION	No of catchments
Mahiyanganaya	05
Welimada	06
Badalkumbura	10
Monaragala	10
Plantation Sector	09
Maha-Oya	08
Dehiattakanadiya	05
Total No of Catchments	53

Language Classes

Beginning of the year, we have conducted assessment of the language classes, and we were able to identified weaker areas where to be improved. Previous language classes given priority for writing and grammar skills, but this year the priority is for spoken language.

During this period we have conducted 12 classes consist of 348 youths in the 12 locations, in the 8 clusters in the programme area. The youth were able to learn Sinhala and Tamil language vice versa. After completing every class youth have performed their talents in the presence of the parent's teachers other youth club members. As a result of the learning language they will be able to communicate and understand each other better. Long term objective is to improve trustworthiness, among different communities minimize the suspicion and develop harmony. As a result of the previous classes language certificate was an advantage and qualification for getting employment for the youths.

Assistance for vocational training

Continuation from 2009

Carpentry course started in year 2009 were able to complete on the job training. The Exam was conducted by the department of terser education and 13 trainees were qualified for obtaining certificates. Out of 13, trainees received level 4 and 9 received level 3 certificates. 13 trainees are employed

Dress making Course 2009

This training was started in April 2009 and completed in March 2010, with 10 disable youth (1 male and 9 female). All 10 trainees were under gone on the job training in a garment factory in Ratnapura for further training. Now they are employed

Aluminium Fabrication course.2010

In the year 2010 we have plan to start above course in Mahiyangan .But unable to get sufficient no of beneficiaries we could not start VT course in Mahiyangana . Alternatively this training was started in Uva Paranagama with the request of youth in this location. The course started in July 22nd and will be completed in February 2011. At the beginning 20 youth were enrolled and later one was dropout due to receive the employment in Colombo. At present 19 participants are under going the course.

Carpentry furniture course 2010

This course started in January 2010 and completed in December 2010. At the beginning 21 trainees were enrolled and 6 were dropout due to less attendance of 3 Trainees and 3 received employment as hospital labourer. 15 trainees were completed the course and under going on the job training. OJT will be completed in March and exam also will be held in March 2011. We will monitor the OJT performance and make arrangements to get employment.

Dress making Course 2010

This training course was started in 19th April 2010 for 15 disable youths in Centre for disable persons in Bandarawela . So far all the trainees are under going the training successfully. This course will be completed in January 2011 and have made arrangement for on the job training.

Leather products Training 2010

This training course was started in 19th April 2010 with 14 disable youth in the centre for Disable persons in Bandarawela. One trainee was drop out due to asthma .He is under going treatments. 13 other trainees are under going the training successfully .This course will be completed in January 2011.

Established Organic Home Gardens

During the year 2010 we have planned to establish 255 organic home gardens. During the period were able to established 252 home gardens in individual family level. As a result of awareness programmes on organic farming 3 schools have started demonstration home gardens in the respective schools of Hopton Vignesvara, Memale Tami School and Sudarshi Disable school. As a result of our training and environmental camps youths were mobilized to have the Chemical free food from their home gardens .Out come of the present conventional agriculture, we are experiencing the climate change affects . Therefore we have conducted training programme for how to adapt to the climate change and taking preventive action for minimized the damage.

Conduct Seminars for O/L, A/L Students

In the year 2010 we have planed to conduct 27 seminars and tuition classes for backwards school for 1200 students who are sitting for GCE (O/L) national exams in Sri Lanka in order to build their capacities and prepare their minds. We have completed 27 classes of 6 Tamil 1 Muslim and 20 in Sinhala respectively. Through this programme 965 students were benefited. This programme were implemented in very remote areas in our programme and due to less no of students in the classes were not able to get planed target. All Students were sat for the exam held in December . Result will be expecting March 2011. Due to the our intervention more students will qualified for higher education.

Facilitate/ strengthen divisional/ provincial level inter ethnic/ cultural networks.

One of the major objectives of the youth development programme was the established and strengthens the youth organisation in order to build the capacity of youth and net working among multi ethnic groups. Every month they have plan to conduct 8 network meetings with 260 Office bares and provincial net work meeting will be conducted Once in 3 months with the 30 leaders appointed by the 8 forums. During the year 259 delegates were participated in the various level net work meetings.

As a result of the youth program we were able to formed 104 youth clubs 80in the villages and the 24in plantation respectively. After having the experience youths were able to established 8 divisional forums and a Provincial forum. In the provincial level they have developed the plan how to continue their programme after facing out the ODW programme. As a result of the action plan they were able to start a common fund amount Rs 50000 and deposited in the bank account . During the year they have gathered 96 in divisional level and 4 times in Provincial level . As a out come of the youth gathering increased knowledge in managing CBOs , Planning , implementing , and monitoring activities in their clubs .

Youth camps

In the month of June 24 -26 Tamil and Sinhal Youths from our youth clubs jointly participated in the youth camp organised by brother organisation namely Kinniya vision in Trinco. Objective of the camp was to enhance the mutual understanding of the youths in the deferent partners of Sri Lanka. During this two days youths were able to participate sports activities Art competition and cultural Competitions. Other important outcome of the Camp was the youth were able to interact with other friends who come from the ODW partners in North and East.

Organic agriculture Diploma

This Diploma course conducted by the Sabaragamua University of Srilanka in applied science faculty in Buttala. We have plan to enrolled 30 students and able to select only 23 students. This course was open for youth and some students applied who come from remote places did not attend the course. They attended classes and started practical work in the home gardens, this course will be completed in end of February 2011.

1.6 VT Follow up programme for past years

Follow – up of previous year activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Achieved – 2007</u>	<u>Achieved - 2008</u>	<u>Achieved - 2009</u>	<u>Achieved - 2010</u>	<u>Present status. (How many of them are employed/ using knowledge/ Re-admitted to school etc)</u>
Radio TV Repairing	7- Course & OJT completed				05 - Employed 01- Employed in other field. 01 – Girl is married and stay in outside.
Computer application course		12			06 – Employed in related field 03 – Employed in other field 03 Girls are Married and stay in out side
Masonry course		16			16 – Employed as self employment
Carpentry course		17			11 employed in the private company 02 Youth s have joined Army 3 female trainees are working in the garment factory, 01 female trainee stay at home.
Masonry course			5		All Self employed
Carpentry course			14		13 are Employed in the same field in the factories and village carpentry workshops 01 is employed in the agriculture
Dress making course For Differently able youth			10		08 trainees are Employed in the 3 Garment factories 02 trainees are doing self employed at home
Aluminium Fabrication			12		12 trainees are employed in the same field.
Carpentry course				15	Following on the job training(3 Months)
Dress making course For Differently able youth				15	Course Will be completed end of January
Leather product for Disable youth				13	Course Will be completed end of January
Aluminium Fabrication				19	Course will be completed end of February

* We are unable to monitor VT trainees who participated in vocational training during the year 2004-2006.

1.7 What are the planned results that were not reached in 2010? Explain why.

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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.

This programme has given opportunity for the youth to participate in various levels in development activities such as problem identification, planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation. Final FIOH plan come from the youth clubs level divisional level and provincial level prepared by the youth members. As a result of the active participation

they were able to build up their leadership capacity and being a valuable person in the society. Another opportunity has created for Sinhala and Tamil youth to work together. This is a real need today. In the levels of different structure of youth forums have given them a chance to delegate the responsibilities. Youth were able to engage in record keeping, accounts keeping, and banking correspondence through these activities.

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

More than 51% of beneficiaries are representing women participation. This programme has created opportunity for girls to hold leadership, office bearers in different levels of youth net working such as Youth Club, Youth Forum and Provincial Forum. We have trained 27 youth as resource persons. The majority of them are women. Our experience is that women were actively participating in street drama programme and protest campaigns against globalization issues, Anti-GMOs.

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

As a result of our youth environmental programme we were able start a youth club in the school for Blind and deaf. There are 48 Students are member of the club and they are engage in environment friendly activities such as home gardens in the school . In the year 2010 we have provided educational support classes for 10 students deaf and blind students. Apart of the school they have a Vocational training centre for differently able youth. In the year 2010 we supported for the dress making course for 15 youths and Leather products for 13 youths. After the training they will have a opportunity for doing on the job training and most probably they will receive the employment . As a result of gained the skilled they were able earn income around Rs 10000 per month. In other hand there socially recognized as a important and valuable human being.

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

During the reporting period Sri Lankan Coordinator of the Development fund visited twice our programme and had a very progressive discussion. She visited to see the field programme in the plantation and disable vocational training centre was accompanied by the director of PSO. In the month of November 4th and 5th We had a opportunity for meeting with DF Coordinator Ms Aina and able to able to share our country situation .

We have close relationship with the PSO office. PSO provided DNH training and conflict sensitivity of project management training for the building capacity of our managerial staff they have conducted training for the rest of our staff. Mr Nagendren facilitated DNH follow up programme for FIOH staff in November.

The PSO conduct progress review meetings and guide properly to achieve the goal. In addition to that they have identify the weaker areas for building capacity of the partner organisation. The staffs of the PSO monitors programme and Financial activities very closely.

1.12 Give an overview of all evaluations, assessments, or special follow-ups during the year 2010.

In the year 2010 we have conducted evaluation in the Water catchment conservation programme implemented under this programme . Through this evaluation were able to identify strengths and weaknesses of 53 catchments and the recommendation will be considered in 2011 programme.

1.13 Promotion of peace

One of the utmost objectives of the development programme is building ethnic harmony. We work with Sinhala and Tamil communities where the areas are poorer connection. To achieve the said objective we are implementing following activities with the help of GOs and NGOs

While working at the grassroots level we are also networking with Foundation for Co-existence (FCE). The project aimed at promotion of govt national policy bilingual on language. This involves training of Grama niladhari, Samurdhi Niladhari, Journalist, Clergy, Lawyers and related govt officials. Through this program village and plantation extension workers was shown positive attitude change towards the other language. Therefore this program creates a good environment in our Tamil and Sinhala communities.

Space for People (Janavakasha) who are working towards peace promotion at the national level. This is a flat form in the national level to meet, exchange of experience, dialogue on policy level with the other communities coming around the country.

Consortium for humanitarian agencies (CHA) supported training of journalist and CBO leaders in the subject of Do No Harm (DNH).

CORDAID supported basic training of policy advocacy for CBO leaders and FIOH staff.

Although war has ended mutual trust among the communities has to be developed gradually. Therefore ODW PSO has a role to play in the promotion of peace.

During the reporting period our youth took part in youth camp organized by Kiniya Vision and also contributed to Youth Network magazine.

1.14 Inclusion of war victims

Not relevant in our working area.

1.15 Explain deviations from the planned budget:

No

Financial status

Code No.	Activities	Unit	Budget	Ex. Total	Balance
			Rs.		
A	Capital Expenditue				
A.2	Computer & Accessories	1	79,500.00	79,500.00	-
	Sub Total (A)		79,500.00	79,500.00	
B	Programme description				
B 0	Year 2009 Continuation				
	Carpentry furnerture training		127,500.00	115,623.00	11,877.00

	Sewing training		58,232.00	58,232.00	-
	Sub Total		185,732.00	173,855.00	11,877.00
B.1	Recruitment & awareness programme				
B1.5	Conduct awareness programs for CBO's and Parents	32	64,000.00	43,475.00	20,525.00
B2.1	Selection of candidates for cadets ship.	300	50,000.00	50,885.00	(885.00)
	Sub Total		114,000.00	94,360.00	19,640.00
B2	Camps and workshops				
B2.3	TOT Follow up programmes	2	100,000.00	98,875.78	1,124.22
B2.4.1	Conduct Eco/ peace education programmes	25	892,000.00	895,378.14	(3,378.14)
B2.4.2	Conduct Eco/ peace education followup programmes	59	331,500.00	331,896.50	(396.50)
B2.5	maintaining street drama teams.	8	120,000.00	121,470.00	(1,470.00)
B2.6	Conduct training camps on Leadership and cadetship	8	535,500.00	535,158.00	342.00
B2.7	Conduct training camps on Leadership and cadetship/ followup/ awareness on health and drugs use	48	312,000.00	308,373.00	3,627.00
B2.8	Counselling through Conflict resolution Followup programme	5	204,500.00	127,518.50	76,981.50
B2.9	Rehabilitating/Maintaining and conservation of catchments/environmentally sensitive areas	53	265,000.00	268,500.00	(3,500.00)
B2.10	Established organic home gardens	255	765,000.00	760,914.00	4,086.00
	Sub Total		3,525,500.00	3,448,083.92	77,416.08
B3	Skill development & educational facilities				
B3.1	Conduct language classes. (30 participants for each program)	12	300,000.00	314,925.00	(14,925.00)
B3.2	Conduct seminars and educational support for O/L students	27	675,000.00	670,793.00	4,207.00
B3.3	Special education support	72	468,000.00	467,500.00	500.00
B3.4	Organic farming Diploma course in Sabaragamuwa university, Buttala faculty	30	693,000.00	692,445.00	555.00
B3.5	Provide assistance for students to attend in to vocational training courses. 64 students				
B3.5.1	Carpentry course	1	1,351,680.00	1,108,125.00	243,555.00
B3.5.2	Aluminium Fabrication course	1	1,077,920.00	811,734.45	266,185.55
B3.5.3	Lather Product	1	487,620.00	487,620.00	-
B3.5.4	Dress making course	1	377,620.00	387,620.00	(10,000.00)
	Sub Total		5,430,840.00	4,940,762.45	490,077.55
B4	Capacity building and Net working				-

B4.1 a	Exposure /exchange visits among the youth forums	11	198,000.00	195,011.00	2,989.00
B4.1b	Exposure /exchange visits among the partners (North and East		300,000.00	301,120.00	(1,120.00)
B4.2	Capacity building programs for youth clubs				
B4.2.a	Provide sports equipment	11	93,500.00	96,460.00	(2,960.00)
B4.2.b.1	Conduct sports festivals Divisional level	22	220,000.00	222,446.00	(2,446.00)
B4.2.b.2	Conduct sports festivals Provincial level	1	150,000.00	156,709.10	(6,709.10)
B4.2.c1	Cultural exchange programmes Divisional level	19	285,000.00	285,659.50	(659.50)
B4.2.c2	Cultural exchange programmes Provincial level	2	300,000.00	306,881.50	(6,881.50)
B4.3.1	Facilitate/strengthen Divisional level inter ethnic/cultural net works.	96	403,200.00	390,444.50	12,755.50
B4.3.2	Facilitate/strengthen Provincial level inter ethnic/cultural net works.	4	140,000.00	138,788.50	1,211.50
B4.4	Information sharing programs among the beneficiaries/ organization through printing magazine	2	80,000.00	80,000.00	-
B4.5	Networking with ODW main Network/ PCC meetings/ Youth camp	4	88,000.00	86,890.00	1,110.00
	Sub Total		2,257,700.00	2,260,410.10	(2,710.10)
B5	Programme monitoring and evaluation				
B5.1	Held staff progress review meetings.	24	48,000.00	50,145.00	(2,145.00)
B5.2	Held participatory mid team evaluation.	1	92,000.00	87,986.00	4,014.00
	Sub Total		140,000.00	138,131.00	1,869.00
	Recurrent Expenditure				
C.1	Local staff				
C.1.1	Coordinating allowance	12Mon	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
C.1.2	Assistant Coordinator - I	12Mon	156,000.00	156,000.00	-
C.1.3	Assistant Coordinator - II	12Mon	156,000.00	156,000.00	-
C.1.4	Assistant Coordinator - III	12Mon	156,000.00	156,000.00	-
C.1.5	Assistant Coordinator - IV	12Mon	141,000.00	132,000.00	9,000.00
C.1.6	Assistant Coordinator - V	12Mon	132,000.00	132,000.00	-
C.1.7	Assistant Coordinator - VI	12Mon	120,000.00	95,000.00	25,000.00
C.1.8	Bookkeeper	12Mon	138,000.00	138,000.00	-
C.1.9	Office Secretary	12Mon	96,000.00	83,250.00	12,750.00
C.1.10	EPF/ETF 15%	12Mon	164,250.00	157,237.50	7,012.50
C.1.11	Gratuity	1year	45,625.00	44,500.00	1,125.00

C1.12	Field staff Insurance	12Mon	74,100.00	72,181.00	1,919.00
	Sub Total		1,558,975.00	1,502,168.50	56,806.50
C.2	Transport & Travelling cost				
C.2.1	Coordinators	12 Mon	54,000.00	49,360.00	4,640.00
C.2.2	Assistant Coordinator - I	12 Mon	48,000.00	49,000.00	(1,000.00)
C.2.3	Assistant Coordinator - II	12 Mon	36,000.00	37,500.00	(1,500.00)
C.2.4	Assistant Coordinator - III	12 Mon	36,000.00	36,300.00	(300.00)
C.2.5	Assistant Coordinator - IV	12 Mon	36,000.00	36,000.00	-
C.2.6	Assistant Coordinator - V	12 Mon	36,000.00	35,518.50	481.50
C.2.7	Assistant Coordinator - VI	12 Mon	36,000.00	40,660.00	(4,660.00)
C.2.8	Vehcles Maintenance cost	12 Mon	300,000.00	228,371.22	71,628.78
	Sub Total		582,000.00	512,709.72	69,290.28
C.3	Support Staff Allowance	40	676,800.00	710,200.00	(33,400.00)
C.4	Rent Main Office and /Sub offices	3	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
C.5	Project follow up	12Mont	75,000.00	76,498.60	(1,498.60)
C.6	Admin support	12mont	283,500.00	287,060.10	(3,560.10)
	Sub Total		1,215,300.00	1,253,758.70	(38,458.70)
	GRAND TOTAL		15,089,547.00	14,403,739.39	685,807.61