

Annual progress Report –ODW Project for the year 2010**General Information.**

Name of the Organization: V/Women’s Development Centre

Project name:- “ Access to Education and training for youth affected by War”

Project period: - 2004 - 2011

Funding support in 2010 -: LKR 8,512,300.00

Funds Utilized up to June: LKR 7,346,432.58

1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT.**1.2 General Situation of the Project Location.**

We have been implementing this project since 2004 in the Divisions namely Vavuniya and Vengalcheddikulam of Vavuniya District. We selected some particular schools which are in the resettled areas and where the welfare centres are located in order to accommodate the drop out children of the war affected families. All the schools are in thickly populated areas and have easy access. Our field officers are able to visit the school daily.

All the beneficiaries of the O.D.W project that is students and the youths are war affected and lost their education.

All the schools selected for the “back to school” project are situated nearest to the refugees’ welfare centers and the areas where the schools are situated are the residence of the war affected and displaced families.

Even though the displaced families have resettled in their own places in wanni areas, still there are families living in these villages and in the welfare center. The families of the children are living below poverty line. All the parents are in the mood of improving the studies of their children. Same time they are helpless and find no lively hood assistances. Our target beneficiaries are of this situation. And we try our level best to implement the “ back to school project” and vocational trainings beneficial for the drop out students and the youths.

1.3 Long-term objective:-

Youths who lost their opportunities during the war would be successfully re- integrated to the society and contributed towards lasting peace.

1.4 Specific Objectives and out puts :-

- The youths who lost their educational opportunities will be supported to return to schools.
- Older youths 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 skill training either by WDC or will be sent for vocational training at other existing institutions.
- The youths contacted the WDC will be mobilized to be the members of the youth clubs. Peace education and action programs will be implemented through these clubs.

1.5 Results achievement in the period of reporting Year 2010 Programme.

Activities	Target 2010	Achievement 2010/Dec	M	F	T	M	S	D
1.Back to school with project intervention	400	281	138	143	281	-	-	07
2.Information Technology-	25	22	03	19	22	-	-	-
3.Mobile phone repair course	25	22	17	05	15	07	-	-
4. Language Class	50	44	20	24	37	07	-	-

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 intervention (Catch up education)

The catch-up education project was implemented in 15 schools in 2 Divisions of Vavuniya District through the Department of Education by the Vavuniya WDC under the ODW project. A team of 6 academic staff were appointed by the ZDE Vavuniya South for the purpose of monitoring this process after giving special training. The monitoring activity is smoothly going on.

We have selected 15 schools for the 2010 plan in 2009. But all the students of V/Thalikkulam G.T.M.S, Manivasagar Vidiyalayam Veera puram, V/Muslim Maha vidiyalayam, V/Periya Komarasan Kulam Maha Vidiyalayam have been promoted to the upper class in the beginning of 2010. Then we have selected V/Sri Nagarajah Vidiyalayam Sithamparapuram which is situated among the villages and welfare centre where the displaced families have been residing. So the “back to school project” was implemented in 12 schools in 2010.

The target for the year 2010 was 400 students. In December 2010, 291 students were in the classes and out of this 281 students have been promoted to upper classes. 10 students are weak and still in the same class. Totally 104 students out of 400 students are dropped out. These 104 students have gone to Wannu for resettlement with their parents. During their stay in Vavuniya they were taught very well under the back to school project. This was a very good opportunity for them to continue their studies in Wannu.

Target in 2010	Total Students in Jan 2010	Total Students in Dec 2010	Promoted (Achievement)	Not Promoted	Dropped-Out (Re-in Wannu)
400	395	291	281	10	104

Proper monitoring was conducted by the academic staff of the Dept. of Education for this “back to school project”. Our field officers are visiting the schools twice a week and observing the attendants of the students and the teachers. And also they are visiting the parents of the dropped out students if any and encouraging them to attend to the classes. The principals of the respective schools are also very keen in inspecting this catch-up education directly. The progress of the back to school project is being discussed at the monthly meeting of the teachers, ODW staff and the principals of the schools.

2. Teachers' Training.

All the teachers were trained by the education department based on the work sheet distributed among the students.

Trainings conducted for the teachers.

- 25/07/2010 for maths & science teachers.
- 01/08/2010 for English, Tamil & history teachers.

3. Awareness programme for parents.

An awareness programme was conducted for the parents of the students included in the “back to school project”. The principals of the respective schools are participated in this programme as resource persons. This programme was presided by the project officer of the ODW project.

The details are given below:-

No	Name of schools	Date
01	V/ Poonthodam Maha Vidyalayam	08.08.2010
02	V/Kovilkulam Hindu College	03.08.2010
03	V/Aruviththoddam School	05.08.2010
04	Nelukkulam Kalaimahal Vidyalayam	10.08.2010
05	Cheddikulam Maha Vidiyalayam	05.08.2010
06	V/ Saivappirahasa Ladies’ College	28.07.2010
07	V / C.C.T.M.S	02.08.2010
08	V / Koomankulam Siththy Vinayagar Vidyalayam	29.07.2010
09	V/Sithamparapuram Maha vidyalayam	06.08.2010
10	V/ kandapuam Vani Vidyalayam	02.08.2010
11	V/Moonrumurippu G.T.M.S	29.07.2010
12	V/Poovarasankulam M.V	04.08.2010

Most of the parents of the students have participated in this meeting activity. The following were discussed at the meeting:-

1. Attendance of the students.
2. Importance of the education.
3. Nutritional food items for the students.

Identified the duties and responsibilities of the parents by doing group work to improve the studies of their children. The parents have appreciated our project activities and accepted the improvement of their children through this project. While the programme was going a student named Sangeevan who came in the first rank in his class has distributed toffees among the participants in celebration of his success. When we interviewed the father of this child he has stated with tears that the officers of ODW project had visited his house and gave awareness on education. Like this, the other parents also have discussed about the studies of their children and promised that they would be active in the studies of their children.

➤ All the school materials have been distributed among the students. The details are given below.

- Exercise books -05
- Pen -01
- Pencil -01
- Box of instruments -01
- School Bag- 01

- All the teaching aids have been issued to the teachers. Details are as follows.
 - Bristol boards
 - Markers
 - Blue –tack
 - Foot rulers
 - CR Books
 - Gum
 - White sheets
 - Stapler clips
- Assessment tests have been conducted for the students for the subjects Tamil, English, Math's and Environmental Science monthly.

No	School Name	New recruitment (2010 Jan)	Remaining student from 2009	Target	Promoted students (2010 Dec)	Not Promoted	Dropped-out	Reason	D
1	V/ Poonthodam Maha Vidyalayam	39	04	40	23	-	20	Re-in Vanni	
2	V/Kovilkulam Hindu College	08	-	20	07	-	01	Re-in Vanni	
3	V/Aruviththoddam School	60	-	60	50	04	06	Re-in Vanni	06
4	Nelukkulam Kalaimahal Vidyalayam	33	-	40	20	-	13	Re-in Vanni	
5	Cheddikulam Maha Vidiyalayam	36	01	40	27	-	10	Re-in Vanni	
6	V/ Saivappirahasa Ladies' College	42	-	40	40	-	02	Re-in Vanni	
7	V / C.C.T.M.S	31	10	40	28	03	10	Re-in Vanni	01
8	V / Koomankulam Siththy Vinayagar Vidyalayam	26	-	20	18	-	08	Re-in Vanni	
9	V/Sithamparapuram Maha vidhiyalayam	20	-	20	18	-	02	Re-in Vanni	
10	V/ kandapuam Vani Vidyalayam	15	-	20	05		10	Re-in Vanni	
1	V/Moonrumurippu G.T.M.S	19	-	20	09	03	07	Re-in Vanni	

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1	V/Poovarasankulam M.V	48	03	40	36	-	15	Re-in Vanni	
2									
	Total	377	18	400	281	10	104		7

2. Skill training for youths

These course are high cost in this District. But under the ODW project we have introduced this course free of charge . We have admitted the youths affected by war and the families of the youths are living below poverty line. So this course is a gift for the youths . The instructors are qualified and the syllabuses are approved.

1. Information Technology

Duration of this course is six months. This course was started on 03rd of May 2010 and ended on 03rd of November 2010. There were 25 youths followed the course (20 girls & 05 boys). We have selected the trainees for this course under the following criteria.

1. Age limit 18 years to 20 years.
2. Should be a school leaver.
3. Family background: - living below poverty line.
4. Number of youths for this course "Information Technology" is limited to 25.
- 6 The fund allocation is also limited.
- 7 Students had not followed any other course before this.

22 trainees are successfully completed this course. 03 are dropped-outs as they have resettled in Wann area with their parents. During the stay in Vavuniya the trainees were taught very well and we thing that they can do self employment with this knowledge.

The 22 students who have finished the theory and practical classes for 6 months are now being engaged in "On the Job Training" at "Techno World" a computer training centre in Vavuniya.

2. Mobile phone Repair course

Duration of this course is Six months. This course was started on 05th of May 2010 and ended on 05th November 2010. 25 youths followed the course. We have selected trainees for this course under the following criteria.

1. Age limit 18 years to 20 years.
2. Should be a schools leaver.
3. Family background: - living below poverty line.
4. Number of youths for this course is limited to 25.
5. The fund allocation is also limited.
6. Students had not followed any other course before this.

22 trainees are successfully completed in this course.03 are dropped-outs. Because they have resettled in Wannu with their parents.

The 22 students who have finished the theory and practical classes for 6 months are now being engaged in On the Job Training at various phone shops in Vavuniya.

Continuous programmes

There were two Vocational Trainings commenced in the year 2009 and finished in early part of 2010.

1.Computer Hardware

The computer hardware Vocational training course started in September 2009 and it was successfully ended in 2010 February.

10 Ex-trainees out of 16 doing related professions. Others are doing some odd jobs till they find suitable jobs. We have referred the names of these Ex-trainees to the G A Vavuniya for suitable job placement.

2.Beauty culture

A beauty culture Vocational training course was started in November 2009 and ended in April 2010. 20 students have completed this VT course successfully .Some trainees are now employed in several Beauty parlours in Vavuniya and some of them are running beauty parlour at their homes.

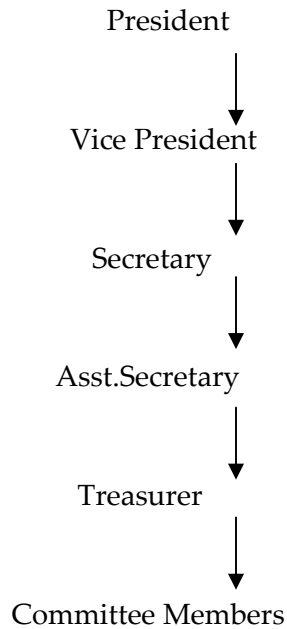
Further we have to mention proudly that an ex- trainee of beauty culture VT course has been appointed as an Instructor for the Beauty culture course by our Organization.

Tool kits have been provided to the 20 students and they have satisfied with this gift and they are using the kits to promote their skill.

3. Activities of youth clubs.

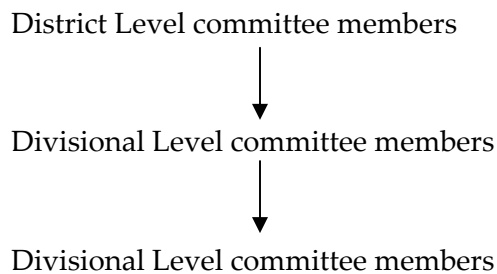
We organized youth clubs in 2004 under the ODW project. These clubs were functioning satisfactorily in the early stage. During the period of arrival of the IDPs to Vavuniya, the members of youth clubs have joined in the voluntary organizations and participated in the emergency activities. So there was some draw back in the usual activities of the youth clubs for a short period. Now the clubs are functioning very actively.

Structure of District Level Committee Members



There are 8 youth clubs functioning at present. These clubs have elected executive committees individually. President, Vice President, Secretary Asst. Secretary and Treasurer are in an executive committee.

Structure of Youth clubs



All these rural level clubs have a District level body. All the executive members of the 8 rural youth clubs are the members of the District Level body. Then the District level body also have an elected executive committee consisting President, Vice President, Secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer . At present there are 400 members in all the youth clubs. This year we had an empowerment program for the youths, and we are doing activities in the following villages.

Name of the Villages.

- Muthaliyarkulam
- Veerapuram
- Nelukulam
- Poonthoddam
- Sithamparapuram
- Mathinanagar
- Annanagar
- Srirampuram

Main activities for the Youth

- Members of Srirampuram Youths club have arranged for a sports meet for fathers on Fathers' day -15-6-2010.
- Youths have conducted sports meets on the International Women day on 8-March 2010.
 - Cricket and Net -ball matches arranged by the members of youth clubs of Nelukkulam, and Sithamparapuram.
 - A volley- ball match was arranged by Poonthoddam youth club.
- Members of youth clubs have visited "Kinniya Vission "Trincomalee on an "exchange programme" and participated in the Sports meets and matches and won the places 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The youths were able to prove their individual talents and skills in sports and cultural performance. The details are given below:-.

Village Name	Games and performance	Places
Muthaliyarkulam	Netball	2 nd
Muthaliyarkulam	Volley ball	3 rd
Sithamparapuram	Cricket	1 st

Nelukulam	Dance	2 nd
Nelukulam	Art	2 nd
Mathinanagar	Song	2 nd

6. Parents involved in different assistance

We formed groups among the parents of the students of catch –up education. There are 12 groups of parents. Our field officers are conducting parents meetings monthly and discussing the progress of the catch-up education.

Awareness on “importance of education” and “health care” for parents have been conducted during the year as planned. As we were able to meet the parents during the awareness programme, we discussed about the progress of their children . Because of this we have noticed t the following improvements in the behaviour of the children.

- ✓ Regular attendance
- ✓ Bringing healthy food items.
- ✓ Neat dressing
- ✓ Prompt in their homework

Always parents are giving their fullest support for catch-up education- Youth club activities ,sport activities and cultural activities. Now they send their children to the schools in time and somewhat understood the value of education for their children.

1.6 Follow up of Past Years activities

1.6.1 Follow up of Previous Years activities

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Achieved – 2007</u>	<u>Achieved - 2008</u>	<u>Achieved - 2009</u>	<u>Present status. (How many of them are employed/ using knowledge/ Re-admitted to school etc)</u>
01.Office Equipment	15			1.doing related Jobs:02 2.Non Related Jobs:05 3.Following Higher studies:02 4.Cannot Update:09 5.Drop-outs:06
02.TV Radio Mechanism	16			1.doing related Jobs:09 2.Non Related Jobs:05

				3.Following Higher studies: - 4.Cannot Update: 04 5.Drop-outs:05
03.Information Technology		20		1.doing related Jobs:05 2.Non Related Jobs:01 3.Following Higher studies:02 4.Cannot Update:15 5.Drop-outs:03
04.Driving		16		1.doing related Jobs:05 2.Non Related Jobs:04 3.Following Higher studies:01 4.Cannot Update:06 5.Drop-outs:---
05.Beauty Culture			23	1.doing related Jobs:14 2.Non Related Jobs:02 3.Following Higher studies:02 4.Cannot Update:05 5.Drop-outs:02
06.Computer Hardware			16	1.doing related Jobs:10 2.Non Related Jobs:02 3.Following Higher studies:01 4.Cannot Update:03 5.Drop-outs:04
07.Beauty Culture			20	1.doing related Jobs:11 2.Non Related Jobs:01 3.Following Higher studies:03 4.Cannot Update:05 5.Drop-outs:05

Note: Cannot Update means:- Who have gone abroad, resettled in Vanni, Job less etc.....

1.6.2 - How many of them specifically engaged in jobs during the last six months.

Activity	2007			2008			2009		
	E	NE		E	NE		E	NE	
01.Office Equipment	16	-		16	-		16	-	
02.TV Radio Mechanism	17	-		17	-		17	-	
03.Information Technology	-	-		24	-		24	-	
04.Driving	-	-		09	09		09	-	
05.Beauty Culture	-	-		-	-		-	23	
06.Computer Hardware	-	-		-	-		-	16	
07.Beauty Culture	-	-		-	-		-	-	20

E-Employed as at December 2009 NE- Job during the last six months.

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

Earlier our target or plan was 400 students in catch up education. But at the end of the year there were 366 students in the classes. Out of this only 02 students have not been promoted. During the period of the project altogether 42 students were dropped-out because of the resettlement of their families in Wannu area. The dropped-out students were able to understand the value of the studies and showed their interest in their studies during the period of their stay in Vavuniya. We feel their capacity is enough for them to continue their studies in Wannu.

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

We have selected trainees for the vocational training course from the member of the youth clubs. The members helped us in lot of ways in selecting trainees for the course in village level.

Eight youths groups are participating in the sports on behalf of WDC. They assisted us to celebrate the women day.

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

Mobile phone - V.T course

* 5 Females and 17 males followed the course. It seems that the females are not willing to follow this course. It is understood that there is a barrier for the female students. The parents do not want to admit their daughters in the V.T course.

*After having an interview, the trainees have been admitted to the course. Trainees participated in the programme very happily in the early stage (Both course). And then the parents did not allow their daughters to participate in the V.T course.

After mobilization and discussion with the parents they have come to know the benefits of the V.T course and the opportunities and the future of their children. They allowed their daughters to follow the V.T course. So, now male and female trainees are following this V.T course willingly.

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

Not relevant

1.11 Describe the roles of the NORWEGIAN. Given concrete examples.

*ODW / PSO is always giving advice to run the project successfully.

* Doing monitoring time to time.

*giving financial advice when it is needed.

- giving valuable trainings to improve the capacity of the staff

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

- Zonal Director of Education Vavuniya South and the staff are visiting the catch up education schools time to time and monitoring the teaching activities and the giving the necessary comments to the WDC.

1.13 Promotion of peace:-

We conducted school level cultural competition, festival, workshop on rights, monthly & district level youth meetings and sports competition.

1.14 Inclusion of war victims: -

Most of the beneficiaries of this project are war victim. They were affected by war in different ways and displaced, losing their parents or properties. So this program has included the war victims as the benefits.

1.15 Explain deviations from the planned budget.

- We planned for 15 schools for catch up in the 2009. In 2010 we have selected 12 schools. And the same time we have changed the schools what we selected in 2009.

Action Plan 2010 June

Activities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Responsible
Catch up Education													V/WDC
Information Technology													V/WDC
Mobile Phone repair													V/WDC

President,
V/Women's Development Centre,
Kovilputhukkulam,

Vavuniya.