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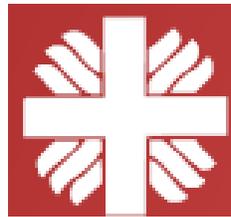
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Monthly Partner Report
March 2010

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SUMMARY

ESCO had a very successful month in March. 67 patients attended the medical clinic in Minminithevely. The construction of the second Health clinic in Akurana is up to lintel level. Training in health care practices were conducted in several locations. 120 women and 30 men participated. As this is the harvest season many of the people were pre-occupied and were unable to attend the training programs. Hence some of the training including the Nutrition program has been rescheduled for April 2010. Plans are on the way to renovate the children's park. 32 children and 37 adults attended the non-formal education class. Pre-school teachers conducted the children friendly spaces with enthusiastic children.

ESCO. - **BATTICALOA**
Project: Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Disaster Devastated Families and children
Implementing Partner: Eastern Self-reliant Community Awakening Organization (ESCO)-Batticaloa
Duration of project: September 2009 to February 2010
Reporting Period: March 2010
Target Group: Vulnerable families in selected villages

1.   Medical Clinics:

67 patients were treated at the medical Clinic in Minminithevely. The common ailments were fever, cough, rash. The MOH from Kiran, Dr. M. Chuthan conducted the clinic. The nurse from the teaching hospital was also present. The field midwife visited each home and had discussions with the mothers on breast feeding. The children were weighed and measured.

The ENT and Eye Clinics in Kalkudah, Paddiyadychenai, Tevapuram, Santhively and Palayadithona were postponed to April 2010 as the people were busy with the harvest.

2.   Training in Healthcare practices.

Training programs on healthcare practices were held in several locations on the 10th, 11th and 12th of March in Minminithevely, Kalkudha, Paddiyadichchenai, Tevapuram, Santhively and Palayadithona. A total of 120 women and 30 men participated in the training sessions. The Batticaloa Teaching Hospital Nurse conducted the programs. These programs are conducted monthly and the resource person is able to gather the information and the progress made in health practices and how they handle them, the changes that have been made etc. Participants are keen on learning about First Aid for burn injuries, avoiding virus infections, dengue fever, diarrhea, chicken pox etc. The impact has been very positive as improvements have been observed in personal hygiene, environmental pollution, clean cooking practices, drinking boiled cooled water, washing hands before meals, washing clothes regularly and keeping their children clean.

The Nutrition training program was postponed to April as women were out in the field for the harvest.

Training in Health care practices.

3.   Construction of health Clinic

The construction of the Health Clinic in Akurana has now reached the lintel stage. Once the construction of the building is concluded furniture will be bought to equip the clinic.

Clinic at Akurana under construction.

The Mental Health Clinic in Akurana and Minminithevely were also postponed to April 2010.

Arrangements were made for the renovation of the children's park.

Pre-school teachers continued their work at the Child friendly spaces, Play materials for children were also purchased.

69 people attended the very popular non-formal education classes in Akurana and Minminthevely. Of the 69, 32 were children and 37 were adults. Women are very excited as they can now sign and write their names. However the attendance at Pondugal Chenai non-formal education for children has been poor. 12 children attended these classes and were taught to sing, identify colors and listen to stories.

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