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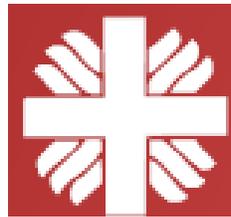
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SUMMARY

Both HDI Partners, ESCO and HUDEC had an excellent month in spite of the adverse weather conditions. Batticaloa District had heavy rain and subsequent flooding which affected monitoring and evaluation of the project. Apart from that the people in the villages were badly affected by the flooding. The visiting HDI team was unable to get to the two main villages where a bulk of the programs is carried out as the roads were under water.

HUDEC completed their project in December successfully. They provided 33 pre-schools with educational material, 19 pre-schools with outdoor play equipment and 16 pre-schools with toilets. They have exceeded original numbers due to savings from purchase. With the savings they also managed to train 55 pre-school teachers in a 5 day training program in December. After taking stock they still have savings and will now provide an additional 3 pre-schools with outdoor play materials and a further 5 day training program for the pre-school teachers. HUDEC has utilized its money frugally providing maximum benefit to the children and their teachers.

ESCO too did well in December by providing training in health care practices in 3 locations for 151 people and also training in 3 locations in Health care practices for 97 children. They conducted a very successful mobile Clinic where the HDI delegation was present. 51 children and 101 adults received treatment in one day. As the villages ESCO work in are so impoverished there is no school and hence a non-formal education system has been created to provide basic education for both children and adults. In December 2 such sessions were held in 2 villages. 69 children and 22 adults participated. Construction of the Medical Clinic is now complete. An opening ceremony was planned for the visiting HDI delegation but unfortunately the roads were under water due to flooding and the delegation was unable to be present. 2 common drinking water wells were also constructed in the two villages.

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: December 2009

Target Group: Vulnerable families in selected villages

1. **Health Care Practice:** Trainings were conducted at the following locations with the assistance of a retired Public Health Inspector, Batticaloa.

Date	Location	Participants
09.12.2009	Pattiyadichchenai	17 Male & 33 Female
17.12.2009	Thevapuram	16 M & 35 F
22.12.2009	Kalkudah	24 M & 26 F

The training included sessions on personal health practice and First Aids (e.g. Snake bite, burns, drowning & accidents and environmental health).



2. **Health Care Practice for Children –Residential Programme:** These too were conducted by a Retired Public Health Inspector.

4.12.09 – 06.12.2009	Akkuranai-Minminithavely:	16 M 14 F
18.12.09- 20.12.2009	Palayadythona, Thevapuram, Santhively	17 M 13 F.
19.12.09 –21.12.2009	Kalkudah-Padiyadychnai	18M 19F

These trainings included sessions on Personal Health, Environmental health, Infectious diseases, body parts and maintenance eg. Brushing teeth, especially on Dengue fever, swine flue and prevention of mosquito breeding.



3. **Mobile Medical Clinic (ENT):** This clinic was conducted at Thevapuram with the assistance of a Medical Officer and a Nursing Officer from Batticaloa Teaching Hospital. Drugs were issued and many adults and children 172 patients benefited from these clinics. 04 children were referred to vision test at Batticaloa Teaching hospital for their eye problem..

Date	Location	Beneficiaries
18.12.2009	Thevapuram	Children 24 M 27 F Adults 7M 94F

People in the area have requested to continue this type of clinics in the future. The monitoring team have discussions with the patients and the doctor re the programmes, benefits and also the needs.



4. Committee for Common Well Maintenance Formed: There are two committees have been formed at Minuminithavelly to maintain the two commons wells being constructed in the area. Each committee consists of 16 families (the service users/beneficiaries). The committees meet once a month and the wells are being maintained.

5.Non-Formal Education: This activity is carried out for children in Minuminuththavelly and Akuranai. The children are grouped into two according to the age category as follows;

Age category	Participants
03 – 06	19 Boys & 13 Girls
07 – 16	18 Boys & 19 Girls
Elders and Girls	22 Girls (youth)

For the children 03 – 06 of age ESCO has appointed a teacher from the area and conducting play and educational activities. And another teacher is carrying out the non formal classes for the children 07 – 16 of age too. In addition to the literary classes health practices are also taught to them. 32 children who were not able to write are now gradually start writing.



- HDI team visited the working locations – Thevapuram, they were unable to visit Akkurana and Minminithavelly due to the floods.
- They visited Snehatheepam – Interim Care Unit for abused children and had discussion with the children.



6. Health Care Centre and Common Well: The construction of Health Care Centre at Minumnuththvelly has been completed. At the same time, the common wells have been constructed and committees have been formed to maintain them.



Constraints and challenges:

Due to the rainy season, the people in the area have been affected. As most of them live in temporary shelter the ground is not cemented and the floor is wet. They do have problem to access neighboring towns/villages and the ESCO too has difficulty in accessing the villages due to flooding and damages on roads. However, the field workers based in the area are carrying out there regular tasks amidst this unfavorable climatic conditions.

Monitoring staff could not visit this month.

JAFFNA

Project: **Development of Pre-School in Tsunami and war affected areas. (Final report)**

Implementing Partner: **Human Development Center – Caritas Jaffna**

Duration of project: September 2009 to November 2009

Reporting Period: September – December 2009

Target Group: 33 Pre school

Amount Received: Rs.3,070,450/-

Major Objective:

Better pre-school building facility and environment to the children of remote village of Jaffna District in order to enhance pre-school education. 33 pre-schools were selected in the Jaffna district.

Completion of work:

The construction works of toilets and play materials were started in September 2009 and completed in December 2009. Educational materials also provided to these pre-schools.

Details of pre-school and the work done are given in the Annexure 2.

Location	Toilet	Play materials (See Saw, Swing, Merry-go-round)	Educational Materials
Point pedro	07	11	23
Chavakachcheri	08	08	09
Chankanai	01	01	01
Total	16	19	33

Sign boards

Sign boards were displaced at the pre-school premises in the following places.

Location	Complete work
Point Pedro (11)	11
Chavakachcheri(05)	05
Chankanai (01)	01
Total (17)	17



Training for Pre-school Teachers

Five day training programme was arranged in December from 12- 17th December 2009 for the pre-school teachers. 55 teachers participated and a certification was awarded to them.

Significant results:

Many per-school children attend the pre-schools enthusiastically after the construction of play materials. Better sanitary facility provided.

Children show eagerness to learn as they were provided with educational materials for their easy learning.



Accounts

There is an amount Rs.436, 218/- remaining and this is going to be utilised to construct 3 sets of play materials and another 5 days training to the pre-school teachers. The pre-school teachers' training is felt as very important to educate the pre-school teachers in latest developments in pre-school education and the child's psychology.

Conclusion:

We give our sincere thanks to the supporters of Humpty Dumpty Institute & Taiwanese Red Cross who have contributed this fund to support this programme. We also give our thanks to Humpty Dumpty Institute & Taiwanese Red Cross for the kind consideration of the pre-school children in the north who are shattered by the war- [Fr.C.G.Jeyakumar, Director, HUDEC Caritas Jaffna. Sri Lanka.](#)

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