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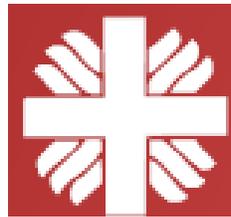
## *Investing in Health and Education in Eastern and Northern Sri Lanka*

Monthly Partner Report  
February 2010

### Implementing Partners:



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# Monthly Partner Report for February 2010

## SUMMARY

Work picked up in the month of February after the slow start in January due to the adverse North East monsoon which affected all activities. Some of the activities that could not be carried out by ESCO in January were done in February and some of them have been deferred to March 2010.

## ESCO

ESCO had a very successful month. The weather improved and most of the scheduled programs were carried out. Some of the backlog programs were also undertaken and the by March ESCO will be back on track. Many of the training programs were held in all the villages. Non formal education and pre-schools functioned well. Infants were inoculated and mothers were advised on malnutrition, weight and height of children etc. The Medical Clinic scheduled to be opened in December was opened by the Divisional Secretary and a new clinic is being constructed in Akurana. The wells that were constructed have been made good use of the people are now starting to take ownership of the village and are actively participating in its welfare.

### 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. **Non-formal Education Assistance at Akuranai and Minminithavely:**

A total of 69 children participated in non-formal education in the month of February. 32 Children between the ages of 3 to 6 years (19 male & 13 females) and 37 children between the ages of 7 to 16 years (18 male & 19 female). Two teachers have been appointed and along with two ESCO Field Officers, non-formal education classes were conducted. A Variety of activities are organized including play and learning.

Adults too attend these sessions and are now able to write and sign their names. Parents are very keen that their children study and hence are very supportive of this program. The Zonal Director of Education visited the two villages and has promised to provide all his support to run the adult education class as there are no schools in these villages. He also said he would provide text books for the children.

### 2. **Pre-school at Pondualchchenai:**

An average of 12 children attend this preschool. However unlike in the villages of Akurana and Minminithavely, the parents don't show as much support to the pre-school. This could be attributed to the fact that they do not live in the village being displaced may years ago.

### 3. **Well Maintenance Committee:**

A training programme was conducted on 13.02.2010 with 23 members at Minminithavely on the good maintenance of the drinking water well. The two well maintenance committees function actively and effectively. Wells are cleaned out regularly. They have also been clearing the area and keeping the environment clean. The wells are being used by 36 families.

#### 4. Health Care Practice for Mothers:

Three training programs were organized in the following villages.

Date	Village	No.of Participants	
08.02.2010	Paddiyadychenai	14 males	36 females
23.02.2010	Minuminithavaely	09 males	41 females
25.02.2010	Thevapuram	11 males	39 females

Awareness raising, knowledge and skills development sessions were conducted on personal hygiene, environmental hygiene, diseases and First aid,

#### Impact:

Parents are making an effort to keep their shelter and environment clean. Children also appear to be clean with their hair tidied and groomed. Parents also supervise their children in oral hygiene. Regular brushing of teeth, washing hands and feet are being practiced. Mothers have been trained to sterilize by boiling cups and spoons before preparing milk for their babies. The fact that they now have clean drinking water from the wells constructed by ESCO helps this process greatly.

Training in Health care practices.



**5. Medical clinics :** Medical Clinics were conducted in **Akkurana & Minuminithavelly** at the newly constructed facility in Minminithavelly. These clinics could not be conducted in January as planned due to the adverse flooding in the area and the inaccessibility. The patients were very comfortable and happy with the new facility. 126 people attended this clinic - 53 males and 73 females. Most were diagnosed with fever, cough, tonsillitis, flame and etc.



## 6. Construction of Clinic Centre – Akkurana

- Health Clinic centre in Minminithevely completed during November and December 2009 was declared opened on February 16<sup>th</sup> by the Divisional Secretary of Batticaloa.



Newly opened Medical Clinic with Divisional Secretary and ESCO staff



Construction of the second clinic in Akurana is in progress and has reached the lintel level. Although work was to begin on this clinic construction in January, the heavy rains and flooding did not permit the foundation to be laid. Work began in February and good progress is being made.



**7. Mental Health Clinic for mothers** – Arrangements to conduct the mental health clinic in Minminithavelly were made with the Consultant Psychiatric, Batticaloa. This will take place shortly.

**8. Mental Health clinic** at Paddiyadychchenai: We have revised this plan to conduct this programme in March' 10 as the Doctor has fixed the date.

**9. Pre and Post Natal training: Akkurana and Minuminihthavelui.**

Pre and Post natal trainings were conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February and Akurana and Minminithavelly respectively. 25 pregnant mothers and 27 feeding mothers attended this programme. The Field Midwife conducted this programme and Dr. Aachchuthan monitored the training.

**10. Inoculations/ Vaccinations.**

The infants were vaccinated (triple vaccine). Babies were weighed and mothers were advised on how the prevalent malnutrition could be reduced.



Babies being weighed



Vaccination of infants

**11. Child Friendly spaces:** The preschool teachers carry on their work monthly.

**IMPACT**

- People of the villages maintain their homes and environment in an orderly manner after Health Practices training.
- There is increased awareness and practice of their personal hygiene.
- The children too maintain good health practices and are keen on their education
- Villagers are able to draw water from the wells and follow the practice of boiling for drinking purposes.
- People attend the monthly clinics regularly and make use of the opportunity.
- People have the opportunity to meet the Family Health Officer and follow the medical procedures.
- Pregnant mothers and lactating mothers also attend clinics regularly.
- Adults with no education at all are now able to sign their names and attempting to read slowly.

**Plan and Deviations**

1. Medical clinic at Akkurana, Minminithavelly conducted as planned.
2. Prenatal, post natal trainings conducted.
3. Construction of Health clinic centre is in progress.
4. Trainings on Health Care Practice planned at Akkurana- Minminithavelly, Paddiyadychchnai and Thevapuram were conducted.
5. Construction of drinking water well- Minminithavelly was completed.
6. Training for water maintenance committee was conducted

7. Mental Health Clinic for children – Akkurana and Minminithavely, Padiyadychenai and Thevapuram was not conducted. Discussed with Consultant Psychiatrist, MHU, Batticaloa and clinic date will be fixed shortly.
8. Mental Health clinic for mothers – Santhively – Psychiataric Doctor agreed to conduct during the month of March..
9. Non formal education continued as scheduled.
10. Pondukalchenai Preschool continued as scheduled.
11. Nutrition programme be held at Akkurana and Minminithavely has been postponed to March

#### **OTHER**

Due to scarcity of water facilities for drinking pure and clean water and for cooking purposes, ESCO have received assistance from another organization to supply water through pipes to these families. Initial activities are in progress to setup a water purification plant and supply water to each family through pipe lines to Minuminithavely and later to Akurana. ESCO's commitment to holistic development of a village is well on it's way.



Clearance of the area for purification centre- villagers participating in the activity.

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