



Post-Tsunami Assistance

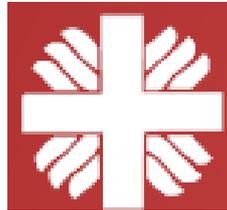
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Implementing Partners:



ESCO



HUDEC-CARITAS

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SUMMARY

Both HDI's implementing partners Eastern Self-reliant Community Awakening Organization (ESCO) and Human Development Centre (HUDEC) worked hard to complete their tasks. The monsoon weather however has affected some of their progress. The heavy rainfall has caused much hardship to the people in the project areas. In Batticaloa particularly it has been quite severe. As most of the people in this area live in temporary shelters and the ground not cemented the floor is constantly wet. They also have problems in moving around and accessing towns and neighbouring villages for services due to flooding and damaged roads. It is remarkable that the field workers continue their regular tasks amidst this adverse climatic condition.

Country Director of HDI visited 8 pre-schools in Jaffna. These pre-schools have received play material, educational material and toilets. All the schools had received the play materials and the children were absolutely thrilled with them. The teachers reported that children come early to school and leave late so that they can play on the swings and other play items. School has become a fun place for the children. As the Internally displaced people return to Jaffna from the camps in Vavuniya, the number of children attending the pre-schools has increased.

ESCO made remarkable progress as they work hard with the impoverished villages providing them potable water, medical clinic facilities, training to mothers and children, non formal education and a host of activities.

HUDEC completed all the assigned tasks and made excellent progress. As they have had a saving on the project they will use the money left over to train the 33 pre school teachers in a training program in December 2009. Trainees will be awarded a Certificate which is an encouragement to all of them. As of end November HUDEC completed the construction of 15 toilets, provided 16 play sets of outdoor play equipment and distributed educational material to 33 pre-schools.

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: November 2009

Target Group: Vulnerable families in selected villages

- 1. Health Care Practice:** Trainings were conducted at the following locations with the assistance of A Nursing Officer of the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital.

Date	Location	Participants
04.11.2009	Pattiyadichchenai	18 Male & 30 Female
08.11.2009	Palayadiiththona	08 M & 55 F
11.11.2009	Thevapuram	20 M & 34 F
18.11.2009	Minminithavely & Akkurana	22 M & 40 F
25.11.2009	Pattiyadichchenai	04 M & 38 F

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



2. Mobile Medical Clinic (ENT): Two clinics were conducted with the assistance of a Medical Officer and a Nursing Officer from Batticaloa Teaching Hospital. Drugs were issued and many adults and children benefited from these clinics. 07 children and a woman were referred to the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital for further treatment.

Date	Location	Beneficiaries
07.11.2009	Pattiyadichchenai	96 persons
28.11.2009	Palayadiththona	156 persons

People in the area have requested to continue this type of clinics in the future.



3. Committee for Common Well Maintenance established: Two committees have been formed at Minuminithavelly to maintain the two common wells that were constructed in the area. Each committee consists of 16 families (the service users/beneficiaries). The committees meet once a month. Finally the people of the village are enjoying clean water from the newly constructed wells.



4. 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

03 – 06

07 – 16

Elders and Girls

Participants

19 Boys & 13 Girls

18 Boys & 19 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 classes are conducted for the children 07 – 16 of age too. In addition to the literary classes, health practices are also taught to them.



- 5. Parents Meeting:** A meeting with the parents was organized on 13.11.2009 between 09.00 and 12.00 and 04 Men and 41 Women participated at this meeting. The Asst. Director of ESCO along with Field Officers participated in the meeting.



- 6. Mobile Medical Clinic:** This medical clinic is conducted every month with the assistance of Medical Officer of Health from Valacichchenai and drugs have been issued to the patients. During this month the clinic was conducted on 30.11.2009 and 132 patients (56 men & 76 women) attended and the patients had complaints of diarrhea, cholera, fever, cough, phlegm, asthma, rash and body pain (this is a rainy season!)

Along with the regular clinic activities, pre and post-natal treatments too were offered to the patients. 8 pregnant and 40 lactating mothers received medical attention.



7. Mothers Meeting: A meeting was held on 23.11.2009 at Minuminithavelly and Akuranai with the participation of our Consultant. 40 persons (38 women and 02 men) attended the meeting. The meeting was intended to raise awareness and stimulate the parents to improve their relationship with children and active participation in the rehabilitation activities. The discussions also included general life situation of the people in the area and their problems aiming at psychosocial recovery as a part of rehabilitation process through group therapy.



8. 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.

JAFFNA

Project: Development of Pre-School in Tsunami and war affected areas.

Implementing Partner: Human Development Center – Caritas Jaffna

Duration of project: September 2009 to November 2009

Reporting Period: November 2009

Target Group: 33 Pre school

Location	Toilet	Play materials	Educational Materials
Point pedro	07	11	23
Chavakachcheri	08	05	09
Chankanai	01	01	01
Total	16	17	33

Toilet

Location	Complete work
Point Pedro (07)	07
Chavakachcheri(08)	08
Chankanai (01)	01
Total (16)	16



Toilet construction

See saw

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

Swing

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

Merry-go-round

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

Name board

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



Ampaal Pre-school- play area



Sarvothayam pre-school



Story time



Play area



Singing time

DISTRIBUTION OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Fr. Jeyakumar arranged to distribute the Educational material to the pre-school teacher's at the Government Divisional Secretary's office. The pre-schools selected to receive these materials were selected through the Divisional Secretary office's recommendation.



Fr. Jeyakumar addressing the pre-schools teachers



Educational material from HDI/TRC/OSLF/PTPI



Educational material

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