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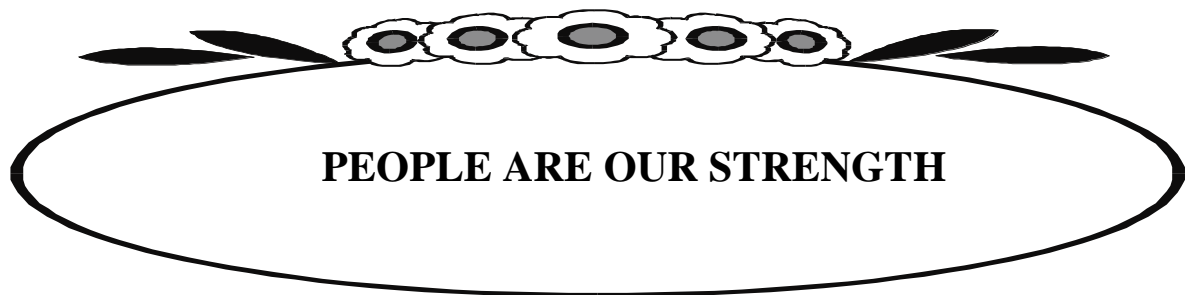
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Introduction

The Social Welfare Organization of Ampara district (SWOAD) , has been established on 01.08.1995 by Mr. S. Senthurajah and functioning with his guidance. It is an organization founded with the aim of fulfilling the needs of vulnerable community targeted in Ampara district and with mechanism to provide better services and equal opportunities for them.

This organization focusing in coastal area of Ampara district , carries out activities incorporating Tamil, Muslim Communities in 54 villages situated within the administrative limits of Divisional Secretariats namely Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Karaitivu, Kalmunai, Sammanthurai, Navithanveli and Uhana for the last one decade.

With the head office located at Akkaraipattu, this organization maintains 07 offices at Divisional level and 54 branch offices at village level in 7 Divisional Secretariat Divisions for carrying out its activities.



OBJECTIVES

- ♣ Fulfill basic needs and eradicate poverty.
- ♣ Improve the living condition of affected women headed families.
- ♣ Create awareness among women headed families and improve their leadership.
- ♣ Develop people's participation in the democratic society and promote it.
- ♣ Guide people for self sufficient life through community development activities.
- ♣ Maximum utilization of local resources.
- ♣ Provide opportunities and educational support for poor students.
- ♣ Improve human values and thoughts of peace building

ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT

Various economical development projects have been implemented by the organization with the aim of building up self sufficient society for people to engage in self employment activities and increasing their income

Livelihood Project.

Tools and equipments valued Rs. 1.8 million, have been provided for 287 persons whose livelihoods were affected as a result of tsunami. There were 9 kind of employment activities under this project funded by DIAKONIA and the detail is as follows.

Division	No. of beneficiaries	Employment activities								
		Masonry-	Carpentry	Sewing	Fishing	Mechanism	Washer men	Small Industries	Mobile Business	Saloon
Pothuvil	43	120000	22000	108500	45000	10000	-	-	-	-
Thirukkovil	68	20000	22000	46500	5000	-	-	285000	10000	-
Karaitivu	108	15000	33000	93000	-	10000	5000	435000	20000	37500
Kalmunai	68	35000	22000	46500	-	-	5000	235000	70000	7500
Total	287	190000	99000	293000	50000	20000	10000	955000	100000	45000



49 beneficiaries were supported with loan amounting to Rs. 869,000/- The beneficiaries were from Natpiddimunai-1, Natpiddimunai-2 and Kalmunai-1 situated within the administrative limits of Kalmunai Division.

Sewing Centres have been set up incorporating 81 female youths from Komari, Vinyagapuram and Valathapiddy villages taking into consideration of their livelihood. Rs.800,000/ being assistance of loan, has been provided for them to purchase sewing materials for the activity. Trainings were provided for 31 beneficiaries on identification of resources and its utilization and Book Keeping. UNDP provided the assistance for this activity.



In order to improve the living condition of people living under poverty line in Sammanthurai and Karaitivu divisions affected by war and tsunami, tools and equipments have been provided for them to engage in employment activities. It has been supported by the organization GOAL.

Employment activity	No. of beneficiaries	
	Karaitivu	Sammanthurai
Rice Pounding	23	17
Paddy Cultivation	10	17
Small Business	23	55
Fish Business	17	07
Selling Dry Fish	02	0
Bicycle Repair	02	0
Poultry Keeping	07	95
Sewing	19	15
Carpentry Work	09	06
Masonry Work	06	04
Food Processing	02	0
Weaving	6	0
High Land crop cultivation		03
Total	126	219

In order to improve the above employment activities, tools, equipments and other materials were provided and the sewing machines were handed over to beneficiary female youths after training on sewing.

Women Development.

The following activities have been undertaken by the organization with the aim of improving women in decision making enjoying equal status irrespective of gender and increasing their income in the community.

The following activities have been implemented under women development, on identification of problems such as women going abroad for employment, family disputes, women not prepared to take up leadership and responsibility, alienation from the community, failure to maintain gender equity in decision making and irresponsibility of branch management..

- ❖ Conducted training on gender equity, leadership and HIV/Aids.
- ❖ Trainings provided on strengthening capacity for 280 persons of Branch groups and members of the management
- ❖ Counseling provided for 47 beneficiaries including children and adolescents.
- ❖ Conducted leadership training for 82 group leaders.
- ❖ Conducted training on gender for 292 beneficiaries.
- ❖ Awareness created among 36 parents on problems caused by early childhood marriages.
- ❖ Conducted training for 38 Pre school teachers on children maintenance

Following result achieved through these trainings.....

- ❖ Access to knowledge for future younger generation to be treated equally.
- ❖ Laid foundation for women to play role in the community.
- ❖ Knowledge gained how to protect against diseases and from its impact. Knowledge on counseling how to recognize HIV patients identified in the community.
- ❖ Access to knowledge about sexual contractual diseases in Sri Lanka.
- ❖ Members of Management Bodies were made clear about their duties and responsibilities and prepared to take up responsibilities.



Savings credit project.

With the aim of increasing income through self employment activities undertaken according to one's skill and talent, providing loan for self employment activities is implemented by Savings Credit Unit and the detail of Savings Credit granted in the area of operation during the quarter, is as follows.

Detail of Savings made by members and loans granted at divisional level.

Division	No. of beneficiaries	Loan granted.	Total Savings by members.
Pothuviul	48	734000.00	3826016.00
Thirukkivil	305	5239000.00	12778248.00
Karaitivu	47	765000.00	3544418.00
Kalmunai	111	1751000.00	7658075.00
Sammanthurai	303	4867000.00	4619285.00
Navithanveli	357	5816000.00	7171022.00
Alyadevembu	8	481000	950216.00
Total	1179	19653000.00	40547280.00

Drinking Water and Health

This project has been implemented with an aim of building up healthy society through creating awareness on water sanitation and facilitating ways and means to provide pure drinking.

Construction of drinking water well.

03 wells at the cost of Rs. 90,000/- have been constructed at Inspector Eatram, a village situated in Pothuvil division and the fund provided Oxfam.

Detail of latrines constructed with fund provided by Unicef.

Division	Number of Latrines	Cost
Pothuvil	48	2,105,472.00
Thirukkivil	58	2,544,112.00
Karaitivu	06	263,184.00
Kalmunai	08	350,912.00
Sammanthurai	06	263,184.00
Navithanveli	08	350,912.00
Irakkamam	70	3,070,480.00
Maruthamunai	50	2,193,200.00
Alayadivembu	21	921,144.00
Akkaraipattu	58	2,544,112.00
Addalacenai	17	745,688.00
Total	350	15,352,400.00

Providing Vocational Training.

Vocational trainings are conducted with fund provided World Canadian University Organization (WUSC) for male and female youths who are having affected by war and tsunami unable to continue higher education due to poverty.

On the verge of completion of training courses on Carpentry, Motor Cycle Repairing and House Wiring started in 2005, examinations and preparedness training on the following titles were conducted too.

Training	Training Title	No. of Participants	Male	Female
Carpentry , Motor Cycle Repair Training.	Training to start the job.	54	37	17
	Protection			
	First Aid			
	Gender and Development			
	Nutrition			
	HIV			
	Life Skill Training			
	Training on improvement of small scale activity			



Apart from the trainings mentioned above, the trainings on House Wiring, Carpentry and Motor Cycle Repairing are conducted incorporating 83 male and female youths from villages Alayadivembu, Thambaddai and Karaitivu respectively.

Group Activities at Divisional Level

1) Pothuvil Division.

The Divisional office located in the Divisional Secretariat division of Pothvil , functions and provides services with 1035 member families having its 09 branch offices at village level.

Activities:

- ♣ Members of Smart and Young Star Children Clubs, got together and helped a poor student to have a pair of shoes and 08 exercise books.
- ♣ Members of the Management Bodies and groups made house to house visits held discussions with parents in Hithayapuram and R.M.Nagar and re-admitted 30 school drop-outs in school again.
- ♣ 32 Members in Komari branch who were found to be without legal documents such as Birth Certificates and Death Certificates of their relatives, have been helped to obtain such certificates
- ♣ 20 members use boxes made of palmyrah leaf to reduce use of polythene and also Shramadhana Work carried out in Komari to create awareness on eradication of Polythene Use.
- ♣ 72 members living in Pothvil Division engage in Home Garden activity and obtain benefit.
- ♣ Shramadhana Work carried out in Temple, Water Channel, Road and Post office with the support of volunteers.

2) Thirukkivil Division.

The Divisional office located in the Divisional Secretariat division of Thirukkivil , functions and provides services with 2435 member families having its 15 branch offices at village level.

Activities:

- ♣ Members of branch offices in Thirukkivil-2, Thambaddai, Gayathirigramam and Thambiluvil coordinated activities to make 8500 tablet covers and supplied to Thirukkivil hospital.
- ♣ 13 Shramadhana works were carried out in places such as school, temple and pre school and 1200 members took part in it
- ♣ Plants of fruit trees such as lime, oranges and guava were issued to 450 members for planting.
- ♣ 350 members engage in Home Garden activities.
- ♣ International Women's Day was celebrated on 12.03.2006 at Thambiluvil Kalaimakal Vidyalaya in Thirukkivil division and 700 to 800 members participated in it. Also group leaders and members who made Savings in large amount have been honoured at this celebration.

- ♣ 5 seminars were conducted in 5 branches through Public Health Officer on spread of contractual diseases and preventive measures.
- ♣ 75 plants of Trees were planted on public roads, play ground and Pre school by Thambiluvil-3 Branch Management.
- ♣ Members and Management and groups coordinated activities and constructed a Children Park for “Annai Pre schhol.”
- ♣ 105 members of Management in 15 Branches of Thirukkivil division were made clear by the Social Welfare officer about intervention of other organizations and pros and cons caused thereby.
- ♣ Awareness Seminar about tsunami was conducted with the assistance of the organization HELP and 30 staff took part in it.
- ♣ Mothers’ Day was celebrated and an outstanding mother has been honoured at this celebration..



(International Women Day Procession and honouring of Group Leaders)

3) Karaitivu Division.

The Divisional office located in the Divisional Secretariat division of Karaitivu , functions and provides services with 730 member families having its 05 branch offices at village level.

Activities.

- ♣ Members of 8 small groups coordinated activities in 4 branches and engage in income generating activities producing products. They increased their Savings by Rs.100/-
- ♣ Rs.1850/- recovered as fine from members who failed to attend to meetings. This money was used to buy an ear-stud for a child who lost her parents.
- ♣ 123 members of the Branches In Karaitivu-3 & 4 voluntarily came forward and carried out Shramadhana works in Welfare Centres.
- ♣ 3 school drop-outs were identified in Karaitivu division and re-admitted in school by focus members of Children club.

4) Kalmunai Division.

There are 8 branch offices at village level in Kalmunai division and they function with 1212 member families providing services.

Activities.

- ♣ A member at Chenaikudyirupu Branch supplied 100 plants of tomatoes and chillies for other members. 45 plants of fruit trees distributed among members.
- ♣ A member at Natpiddimunai Branch has been appreciated for making more savings . Also its management was appreciated for effective management.
- ♣ 30 children were provided with Thripasa packs and medicine to treat worms in the intestines through the office of the Medical Officer of Health with the aim of maintaining nutritional status and body health of pre school children.
- ♣ Members of Chenaikudyirupu -1 & 2 Branches, formed into groups, prepared 3200 tablet Covers and supplied to Chenaikudyiruppu Hospital.
- ♣ Free Classes are conducted by Volunteers and members of Management in 7 Branches of Kalmunai division for 233 students studying in Grade -1 to Grade-5
- ♣ 25 staff from other divisions visited a model project implemented in Kalmunai division.
- ♣ 3 phases of trainings on how to bring about mutual understanding among families ,were conducted at Kalmunai Divisional Office and 120 members participated at this program.
- ♣ 12 Shramadhana activities were caraiied out in hospitals, temples, schools, re schools and roads situated in the areas of 8 branches of Kalmunai division, coordinating 978 members and these activities valued at Rs.28,500/-
- ♣ In order to encourage Home Gardening activities, 119 members were provided with plants and seeds of fruit trees.
- ♣ Capacity Building seminar was conducted 183 group leaders and members of Branch management.
- ♣ Training on Food Processing was provided for 75 members with coordination of the Department of Agriculture.
- ♣ Mothers' Day and Eradication of Alcoholism were observed and 110 members participated at this program. They were made aware of the evil effect caused by alcoholism

5) Sammanthurai Division.

There are 5 branch offices at village level in Sammanthurai division and they function with 752 member families providing services.

Activities.

- ♣ Chlorine applied in 20 wells of Malwatta Branch through the Public Health Officer.
- ♣ 15 members of Malwatta Branch were helped to obtain National Identity Cards through Mobile Service.
- ♣ Artistic Events were organized and conducted by Children Clubs in view of Sivarathiri Festival.
- ♣ 16 Shramadhana activities were carried out with coordination of 578 members.
- ♣ Members of groups and management made 1850 tablet Covers and supplied to Hospital.
- ♣ Free classes for 296 students studying from Year-3 to Year -8 are conducted by volunteers who completed higher education.
- ♣ Rs. 3400/- was donated as members' contribution for the Heart Surgery of a member's daughter.

6) Navithanveli.

There are 10 branch offices at village level in Navithanveli division and they function with 1334 member families providing services.

Activities.

- ♣ 859 families engage in Home Gardening and gain benefit.
- ♣ 9 Health Seminars were conducted for 584 members through the Public Health Inspector.
- ♣ Dharma classes are conducted for 99 students studying from Year 01 to Year 7 by 6 students who completed their higher education.
- ♣ Members in Navithanveli division planted 169 plants of fruit trees.
- ♣ A class is being conducted by a member for 10 persons on how to produce products using palmyrah leaf and it is conducted to make of their leisure hours.
- ♣ 40 Shramadhana activities were carried out with coordination of 1737 members in Navithanveli division.

Rehabilitation Activities.

Rehabilitation activities have been undertaken to fulfill the basic needs of people who lost their livelihood and houses as a result of war and tsunami through constructing permanent houses and facilitating them to earn permanent income.

20 permanent houses, having been constructed in Kalmunai and Karaitivu divisions and handed over on first phase of rehabilitating activities after tsunami. Following it, construction of 35 houses have been started and nearing completion. Each house is costed Rs. 6 hundred thousands and the fund provided Christian Aid for these activities. Not only the housing construction activities but also the

awareness training on HIV/AIDS and Disaster Management have been provided 790 participants including school children and staff.

Temporary houses have been constructed and provided for 27 beneficiaries in Sammanthurai and Navithanveli division which had been affected by war situation. (10 houses in Sammanthurai and 17 houses in Navithanveli) The assistance for the construction of these temporary houses was supported by Oxfam and Zoa jointly.



Development Project.

1) நெக்டப் (NECCDEP)

This project has been implemented with fund provided by Asian Development Bank for poor people living in very backward villages of the coastal area of North Eastern province with the aim of fulfilling their basic needs through promoting their livelihood activities and proper management of utilizing the available resources.

10 villages including 9 GN divisions situated in our area of operation and Aligambai village situated within the administrative limits of Alyadivembu Divisional Secretariat division have been selected for development activities under this project. Having completed carrying out Need Assessment and preparation of People Participatory Rural Approach for these village, 5 culverts at the cost of 4 hundred thousand rupees are constructed and the reconstruction of road in 1 km distance is completed. The cause-way, well and Fishermen Rest Hall are being constructed in villages Urani, Manalchenai and Thambaddai.



Children Development.

Children development Unit has been created and activities are being carried out with the aim of fostering a model younger generation in future with skills and talent by facilitating children to work together to win their rights , welfare and fulfill their aspirations..

Pre School.

There are 31 Pre schools functioning in divisions of our area of operation in Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Karaitivu, Sammanthurai and Navithanveli. There are 57 Pre school teachers assigned to teach for 1083 children including 531 female and 552 male children at these Pre schools.



The food of nutritional value has been provided by Organizations ZOA, SCiSL and WUSC for the children of the Pre schools functioning in Thirukkivil, Navithanveli, Karitivu and Kalmunai divisions after tsunami. Also it is notable that the parents of these children contribute and support as far these pre schools are concerned. Porridge made of leaves are supplied for these children and they are weighed once a week. Parents are informed about their children weight at Parents' Meetings. .

Support for children development by ZOA ..

1. Uniforms.
2. Learning Materials.
3. Utensil to prepare foods of nutritional value.
4. Meal Box
5. Bag to carry books
6. Gifts and Prizes for awarding at Sport meets.

Children Club.

24 Children Clubs are formed, carrying out activities. They have been formed with the aim of protecting their rights, promoting their education, artistic and cultural values through developing their skills. There are 1879 children including 956 males and 923 females as members in these clubs.

Children Club Activities :

- ❖ Shramadhana activities are carried out in pre schools.
- ❖ Evening classes are conducted by volunteers, free of cost
- ❖ Artistic Events and Sports meet are conducted among children
- ❖ Re-admitting school drop-outs in schools.
- ❖ Awareness training on child rights, is conducted.
- ❖ Introduction of Saving habit among children.
- ❖ Pre school teachers and children are taking steps to collect books to set up a children library.
- ❖ Competitions on general knowledge and aptitude are taken place in order to improve general knowledge.
- ❖ Artistic events are conducted by Children Clubs in view of International Women's Day

Having identified the need of Action Plan on child Rights to be implemented in 8 villages situated within our operation divisions, male and female youths and volunteers were trained on situation analysis by trained staff. The report on situation analysis carried out, has been submitted and the necessary fund was provided by FIT/CIDA

72 poor students of Vinayagar Vidyalaya in Chavalakade village where the the Action Plan has been implement, have been provided with pairs of shoes.

Child Friendly Information Centre has been established with fund provided by UNICEF, targeting 3291 children affected by tsunami and living in 24 Welfare Centres with the aim of bringing out their skills and talents and providing better education through awareness on child rights by facilitating conducive and protective environment.

Facilitators have been assigned for each of such centres and the library has been set up in order to improve their reading skill. Besides, musical instruments and Play Materials are also provided for these children. The above activities made these children happy and cheerful.



Elders Development.

This is the project started aiming at honouring elders and facilitating assistance for them through mobilizing individuals and younger generation in the community ,encouraging them to improve their livelihood and enabling others to focus attention for helpless elders.

This project is being implemented in Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Karaitivu and Kalmunai divisions which had been affected by tsunami.

As project activities....

1. Promote the living condition of elders who are helpless to maintain themselves.

Rs. 1,285,000/- has been granted as loan support for 105 elders for them to engage in self employment activities such as Poultry keeping, Small business and agriculture under Self employment loan scheme.

2) Provide Health Assistance for helpless elders.

- ♣ 28 elders have been identified at Eye Clinic conducted in 2005 for performing eye surgery. After the surgery, their eye sight improved.
- ♣ Free pairs of specs provided for 51 elders.
- ♣ Medicine valued at Rs.400/- provided for 557 elders through Medical Clinic.
- ♣ 15 days Residential training on how to look after elders in houses and at Homes, was provided for 8 staff who are engaged in elders development activities.



Helpage provided the financial support for implementing above activities.

Education Development.

The educational development activities of the organization, are being carried out with the aim of reducing the rate of school drop-outs who keep away from school due to lack of income in the families and poverty and of building up a better educated society in future.

As for the educational development activities, a sum of Rs. 139,850/- is paid as Educational Support assistance to 50 students at the rate of Rs. 500/- per month taking into consideration of such students who are unable to continue higher education due to poverty not attending evening classes. The support is provided by DIAKONIA.

Revision Classes are being conducted for 335 students of Thirukkivil and Navithaveli who prepare for GCE (O.L) examination in 2006.



Protection of Environment.

The following activities are being carried out with the aim of bringing about healthy environment and protecting the community from the impact by creating awareness.

- ❖ Bags made of cloths are introduced in order to reduce the use of Polythene.
- ❖ Polythenes are recycled.
- ❖ Bags made of paper are distributed for shops..



Staff Skill Development .

Following trainings were provided for the staff of the organization with the aim of providing effective services for the people. It is implemented through Human Resource Development Unit.

Title of the training.

No. of persons trained.

1. Rearing Live stock and Monitoring	
2. Children Development	01
3. Leadership	01
4. PRA Training	03
5. Psychosocial counseling	03
6. Problems face by elders	03
7. Project Proposal Writing	01
8. Building Peace	02
9. Book Keeping System	01
10. Approach on Conflict Sensitivity	29
11. Training for those who try to engage in employment activities	12
12. First Aid	04
13. Social Mobilization	05
14. Children Mental Health	02
15. Proposal Writing	02
16. Identification of employment activities and providing vocational training	02

External Relationship.

This Unit is created to carry out activities with the aim of promoting the goodwill of the organization through initiating relationship and communication externally in an effective manner.

Activities of the organization and changes effected in relation to external relationship.

- ♣ Attending to calls sent to the organization and activities and procedure of the organization are shared and explained, through which, other organizations show interest to following our methodologies.
- ♣ By participating at meetings of Government Departments and non government institutions, the duplication of activities in our area of operation, are brought to light and such cases are reduced.
- ♣ Other organizations show interest to follow our methodologies.
- ♣ Each staff of the organization is inclined to undertake activities for the betterment and goodwill of the organization.
- ♣ The relationship and communications of Government Departments , local and International Communities are on the increase.

Internal activities of the organization.

- ♣ Access to experience and methodologies from outside and other organizations influence our organization to incorporate such issues when applicable.
- ♣ The necessity of sharing information relating to our activities among government and other institutions, has been realized.
- ♣ In order to maintain goodwill and reputation of the organization, the issues such as approaches, quality of services, transparency and the issues learnt from external relationship, are provided for staff to take into consideration.

Development activities and Media men.

Having decided to incorporate Media Men for the development activities in Ampara district, discussions on first and second phase were conducted with the chairmanship of the Coordinator of the organization. Issues such as how can the organization help mediemen to bring out problems faced by the people in Ampara district and what are the needs for it were put forwarded. It is appreciated that the organization ITDG came forward to provide training and guidance in this respect.



(When tape recorder equipments were presented to Media Men)

Death Donation Project.

Most of the funeral rites were performed among our targeted families with fund borrowed. In order to change this situation, this project started and implemented for our member families to undertake funeral rites with self respect without any burden of borrowing money.

This project focus on members of the organization other than Government officers and implemented. Members who make monthly payment of Rs.5/- i.e Rs. 60/- annually are eligible to avail benefit under this project and it is strickly followed up. Total assistance will be Rs. 5000/- i.e Rs. 3000/- is paid in the first instance and Rs.2000/- subsequently.

Division	Amount recovered as Death Donation;	Amount paid as Death Donation;	No. of beneficiaries
Pothuvi	27,587.00	41,000.00	14
Thirukkovil	38,339.00	74,000.00	25
Karaitivu	33,092.00	14,000.00	05
Kalmunai	11,600.00	28,000.00	10
Sammanthurai	18,353.00	23,000.00	09
Navithanveli	53,700.00	25,000.00	09
Total	182,671.00	205,000.00	72

Thambaddai SWOAD Resource Centre.

This centre has been established in Thambaddai village with the aim of generating permanent income for the organization. It has the facilities to conduct residential trainings for local Non Government organizations and others and accommodation facilities for 60 participants to stay and obtain training. Apar from it, there are 5 guest houses. The farm section was completely dedstroyed as a result of tsunami and only 285 coconut trees are remained. Under rehabilitation activities, perennial trees are planted and maintained.



Special Programs conducted.

1. The New Year celebrated to welcome the year 2010
2. Get-to-gather was taken place for the staff
3. The event of handing over permanent houses to beneficiaries, was taken place. These houses were constructed with assistance provided by CA
4. Women's Day was celebrated.
5. Issued documents to 300 persons who lost such documents
6. The staff participated at events of Drawing and musical program conducted by Oxfam in view of Women's Day.
7. NFPO Exhibition.

In the program of NEW YEAR Day celebration



(Seen prominent individuals and part of staff took part at the program of New Day Celebration, engaging in prayer for peace in the country with candles in their hands.)

In the program of International Women's Day celebration...



(Seen people who participated at Artistic events of the Women's Day Celebration, Addressing by the Coordinator and awarding medal for Thirukkivil staff who won the first place at Exhibitions of products.)

NFPO Exhibition



(At the inauguration event of exhibition conducted by NFPO for partner organizations to bring out the strength of the Strong Place project, the Coordinator is seen making Welcome Address and looking at the model of SWOAD Resource Centre.)

Visiting of Funding organizations



(At the discussion about the project for 2006 held with Diakonia Representative Mr. Frank Stephen)



(At a feast offered to the Representative of WUSC)



(During field visit of DCA)