

SWOAD

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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, Thirukkovil, 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.

Vision :

We see a Sri Lanka, where all citizens experience equal opportunity and enjoy peace and vulnerable people make contributions to the Nation, successfully exercise their Rights and lead a dignified life.

Mission Statement:

SWOAD will continue to work with the socially and economically disadvantaged and conflict affected communities irrespective of their ethnicity, gender, age and religious and political identity and help them help themselves in further improving and sustaining their quality of life.

Objective:

- Provide a better life for the poor and disadvantaged through development activities
- Alleviate poverty by providing micro-credit and encouraging self-help
- Empower women through training, personal development, awareness and leadership skills
- Uplift the living standards and self-esteem of disadvantaged people
- Encourage and enable active participation by everyone in a democratic society
- Provide educational support to poor students and vocational training for youth
- Conserve the environment, improve health and raise knowledge and awareness
- Provide basic amenities, including toilets, wells, housing and rural roads

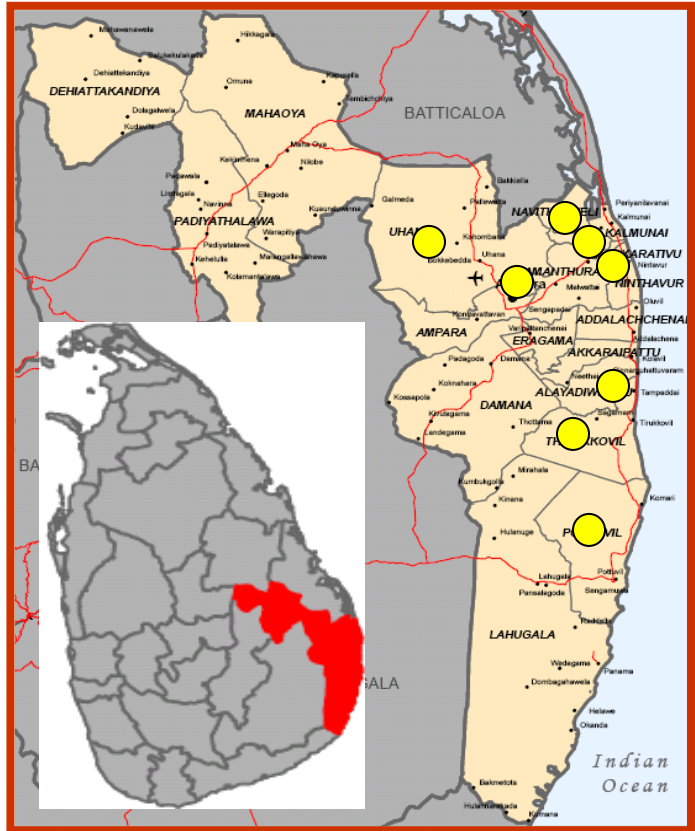
TARGET GROUP

- Women
- Children
- Elders
- Disable
- Youths
- Women Headers Families
- Vulnerable Families
- Students

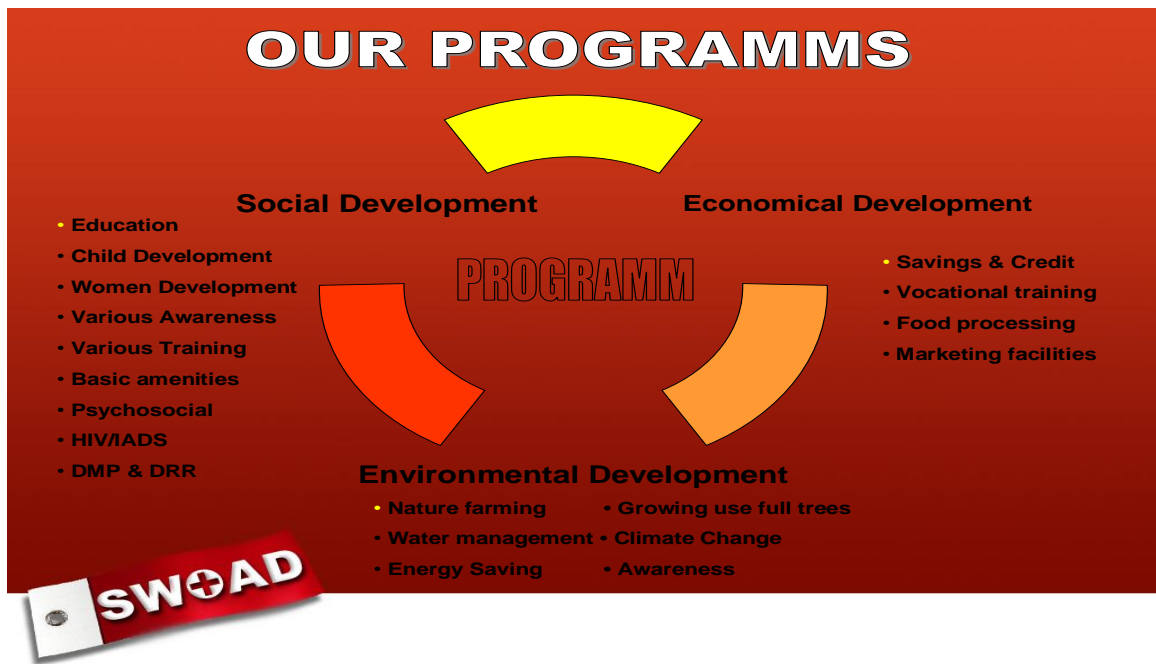


Operational area :

D.S. Division
Alayadivembu
Navithanvely
Pottuvil
Sammanthurai
Thirukovil
Uhana
Kalmunai Tamil
Division
Karaitivu



OUR PROGRAMS :



1. Livelihood Action Plan.

- **Home Gardening Activity**

In order to increase the income of agricultural families affected by tsunami in Thirukkivil and Pothuvil divisions, this action plan implemented providing trainings on cultivation, guidance and seed plants with assistance of FAO.

Details Given below :

DS Division	Village	No. of Beneficiaries
Pottuvil	Komary	100
	Selvapuram	100
	Manalchenai	110
Thirukkivil	Thandiyadi	40
	Vinayagapuram	60
	Thirukkivil	40
	Gayathirikiramam	50
Total		500

- **Provide loan assistance for self employment activities.**

Under this work plan, families affected and lost livelihoods as a result war and tsunami in Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Navithanveli divisions, have been identified and loan assistance provided for various employment activities with the support of Oxfam GB, Dan Church Aid, Diakonia, IFRC. And the beneficiary-families are able to fulfill their basic needs through income they derive and they make Savings out of their income.

Division	Activities	No. of beneficiaries
Pothuvil, Thirukkivil, Karaitivu, Kalmunai and Navithanveli	Paddy cultivation	678
	Goat Breeding	350
	Market gardening	150
	Brick Making	39
	Small Business	280
	Poultry farming	100
	Lagoon Fishing	22
	Cattle farming	20
	Home gardening	20
	Small Scale trade	21
	Highland crop cultivation	10
	Sewing	10

- **Providing Cash for Grant :**

In order to generate income for families whose livelihoods affected by way of tsunami in Pottuvil, Tirukkovil, Karaitivu and Kalmunai divisions, this Work Plan is implemented for them to undertake self employment activities with assistance of Diakonia organization providing tools and equipments for the beneficiaries.

Detail:

DS. Division	Sector	No of beneficiaries
Pottuvil, Thirukkovil, Karaitivu, Kalmunai	String Coppers	59
	Rice business	26
	Lagoon Fishing	02
	Carpentry	16
	Small Shop	05
	Mechanic	07
	Mason	02
Total		117

- **Construction works for generating income.**

With financial assistance provided by Oxfam GB, NECCDEP under this project, the following construction works have been undertaken in affected areas to generate income for families of fishermen and farmers who have been affected by tsunami.

D.S. Division	Type of Infrastructure	No. of beneficiaries
Pottuvil, Thirukkovil, Karaitivu, Alayadivembu, Kalmunai	Tank Renovation	
	Paddy Store	300
	Market	250
	Agro Wells	16
	Common Drinking Wells	250
	MPCS Building	350
	Cooperative Building	350
	Rural Roads	600
	Fishermen rest room	250
	Drainage	350
	Causeway	350

Livelihood related Infrastructure



2. Savings Scheme:

The Saving scheme has been implemented in 60 villages of 7 DS divisions and Savings are made by 8500 member families. The members in 60 villages having realized the importance of making Savings, making savings ranged from Rs.50/- to Rs.200/- monthly out of their income..

Details Given Below :

D.S Division	No. of Saving members	Total Savings
Pottuvil	950	1,189,632.00
Thirukkovil	2500	2,813,224.00
Karathivu	900	997,516.00
Kalmunai	1800	1,749,531.00
Sammanthura	890	962,538.00
Navithanvely	1450	1,781,463.00
Uhana	150	1,189,632.00

3. Elders Development:

Under Elders Development project, the elders who have been neglected by their children and relatives living in tsunami affected areas, have been identified. This work plan has been implemented focusing on such elders in order to facilitate income for them to fulfill their basic needs and live with self respect and dignity.

Detail of the activities.

D.S Division	Activity	No. of beneficiaries
Pottuvil, Thirukkovil, Karaithivu, Kalmunai	Livelihood	93
Pottuvil, Thirukkovil, Karaithivu, Kalmunai	Water and Sanitation	45
Pottuvil, Thirukkovil, Karaithivu, Kalmunai	Elders day Celebration	300

Elders Support Activities



4. Provide Vocational Training.

Taking into consideration of the future life of Muslim and Tamil youths affected by tsunami, this Action plan is implemented to provide vocational trainings for such affected to start employment activities through which they earn income and live on their own. On completion of these trainings, tools and equipments are provided to enable them to engage in employment activities. This project activities are funded by **ILO, WUSC**

Detail :

No	D.S Division	VT Training	No of Youths
1	Alayadivembu, Thirukkivil	Driving	40
2	Thirukkivil	Electrical Wiring	30
3	Thirukkivil	Plumbing	30
4	Alayadivembu	Computer	30
5	Thirukkivil	Sewing	30
6	Kalmunai	Electrician	25
7	Thirukkivil	Carpentry furniture	25
8	Akkaraipattu	Ref. A/C Mechanic	25

5. Vocational Training Infrastructure:

Under this Work Plan, Vocational Training Structure has been constructed on par with NVQ quality in Thirukkivil and Kalmunai DS divisions and vocational trainings on Carpentry, and Electrician are conducted. These buildings have all facilities for a batch of 25 trainees to undertake and complete trainings. The fund provided by World University of Canada (WUSC) for these activities.

NVQ Standard Vocational Centre



Trainees involve VT Courses



Certificate Ceremony for Beauty Culture



6. Children Development Work Plan.

Several activities relating to children development have been undertaken with fund provided by organizations SCiSL and FIT in Thirukkovil, Kalmunai, Kalmunai, Navithanveli and Pothuvil DS divisions affected by war and tsunami. Under this Work Plan, following results were achieved.

- Changes effected in attitudes of children
- Skills and talents improved among children
- Love, mutual understanding and sense of unity brought about among children
- Cooperation and support from parents for the welfare of children
- Parents helped to create conducive environment for children development.
- Facilitated opportunities for children become educated in society.

Details Given blow :

DS Division	Activity	No. of Beneficiaries
Thirukkovil, Pottuvil, Navithanvely	Parents Awareness	300
	Children Exposure	150
	Construction Preschool	3
	Providing Education materials and sports materials and Teaching materials	5 Preschools
	Construction of children park	5
	Conducting Child rights, protection	300
	Conducting DRR, Child care, Nutrition, Leadership	300
	Conducting Rights and building Relationship, Child development	300
	Conducting Child communication, Early marriage, Education	300
	Family counseling	35
	Child scholarship	15

Moreover, 7 Pre schools have been established with financial support of Dan Church Aid for the welfare of children. Uniforms, Payment to teachers, School furniture, Play materials as well as Children Parks and Toilets have been constructed for these Pre schools.

Details given blow :

Preschool Location	No. of Preschools	No. of Children
11 th Colony	1	35
Vijayapura	1	45
15 th Colony	1	35
13 th Colony	1	38
Savalakkadai	1	35
Veeramunai	1	40
Kanager nager	1	38



7. Housing Construction Project.

- **Permanent House:**

Families living in Kalmunai and Karaitivu villages which have affected by tsunami, are targeted and incorporated for implementing activities under this project. Permanent house have been constructed for 100 families stayed in Refugees Camps.

Detail Given below :

D.S.Division	Village	No. of House	No.of beneficiaries
Kalmunai Tamil Division	Pandiruppu	20	20
	Kalmunai	14	
	Periyaneelavanai	19	
Kalmunai Muslims Division	Maruthamunai	21	
	Kalmunaikudi	18	
Karaithivu	Karaithivu	08	

• Upgrading Shelter:

In order to rehabilitate cottages of families who lost their houses due to war and tsunami in Navithanveli DS division, 68 families affected have been selected and their cottages are rehabilitated. The beneficiaries were selected at general meeting conducted and the financial assistance provided by Dan Christian Aid.

Details given Blow:

D.S.Division	Village	No. of House	No.of beneficiaries
Navithanvely	Uhanai	10	10
	15 th Colony	10	10
	11 th Colony 1,2,3,4	25	25
	13 th Colony	10	10
	Veppayadi	08	08
	Navithanvely	05	05
Total			68



8. Water and Sanitation:

- **Construction of Latrine :**

This Action Plan has been implemented with financial support of Christian Aid. Families affected by tsunami in Kalmunai and Karaitivu villages were target group and this action plan implemented. Under this action Plan, families who have no toilet facilities have been identified and action is taken to construct 168 toilets for the needy. Also awareness seminars on health was conducted for the beneficiaries by the Public Health Officer

Details given blow :

D.S.Division	Village	No. of House	No.of beneficiaries
Kalmunai	Periyaneelavai	6	6
	Pandiruppu	20	20
	Kalmunai	20	20
Karaitivu	Karaitivu	14	14
Navithanvely	15 th Colony	30	30
	Vijayapura	25	25
	11 th Colony	25	25
	13 th Colony	25	25
	Savalakkadai	20	20

- **Construction of Common Drinking water Wells :**

This Action Plan has been implemented with financial support of Christian Aid. Families affected by war and tsunami in Navithanveli, Kalmunai ,Karaitivu and Sammanthurai villages were target group and this action plan implemented to construct 50 Public Wells. This project was undertaken in locations where people suffer due to problem of Drinking water . It is notable that a user group including the beneficiaries, has been formed to maintain the wells in proper manner.

Detail Given Below :

D.S Division	Village	No .of Wells	No. of Beneficiaries
Navithanvely	13 th Colony	1	
	Annamalai – 2	2	
Sammanthurai	Malwattai	2	
Kalmunai	Pandiruppu	16	
	Periyaneelavanai	10	
	Kalmunai	19	



9. Awareness Seminars.

Several Awareness Seminars are conducted in 60 villages of Tamil, Sinhala and Muslim communities within the administrative limits of Pothuvil, Thirukkovil, Karaitivu, Kalmunai, Sammanthurai, Navithanveli and Uhana. The awareness seminars cover issues such as Children Maintenance, Protection of environment, Health, Nutrition, DRR, HIV/AIDS, Addicted to liquor, Early marriage, Child right, Gender equality, Peace & harmony as well as the methodologies for them to have access to assistance from Government Departments easily and handle problems of common interest. People have been strengthened through these seminars to a great extent, Organizations Christian Aid, Diakonia helped to provide financial assistance to implement this project activities.

10. Capacity and Skill development of CBO Leaders and Staff :

In order to improve the capacity of Staff, working at village, Divisional and District levels, several trainings have been provided for staff with financial support of Diakonia and Dan Church Aid and their capacities improved. The issues such as Community structure, micro credit management, Goat breeding, Business Management, market Gardening management, Financial management, Proposal Writing, Gender, DRR, HIV/AIDS, Leadership, Project management, Report Writing etc covered in his training program



11. Education

- **A/L Classes Conducted :**

With the aim of promoting educational level among students of remote villages such as Pothuvil and Navithanveli free classes have been conducted for AL students. The subjects covered were Political Science, Tamil, Hindu culture Logic and Hinduism by efficient teachers. Also, additional revisions classes conducted. There were 175 students both male female attended to these classes. It is notable that 26 students have been qualified for admission to University. The organization DIAKONIA provided financial assistance for this program.

- **O/L Classes Conducted:**

With the aim of promoting educational level among students of remote villages such as Pothuvil and Navithanveli free classes have been conducted for OL students. The subjects covered were Mathematics, Science and English by efficient teachers. Also, additional revisions classes conducted. There were 53 students both male female attended to these classes. The organizations DIAKONIA and Dan Church Aid provided financial assistance for this program.

- **Conducted Scholarship Classes:**

With the aim of promoting educational level at Scholarship Examination among students of remote villages such as Thirukkivil and Navithanveli free classes have been conducted for students who sit for the scholarship examination.. The subjects covered were Science, Tamil, and English by efficient teachers. Also, additional revisions classes conducted. There were 180 students both male female attended to these classes. It is notable that one student of Navithanveli passed the scholarship examination for the first time and 5 students of Thirukkivil area were successful at the examination. The organization Dan church Aid provided financial assistance for this program.



12. Environment Development:

It has been observed that the surrounding and environment have been polluted and affected as a result of tsunami and war situation in the coastal area and most of trees were devastated. And that these areas appear barren and dried. Taking into consideration of this condition, with the financial support of Dan Church Aid, plants of useful trees were distributed for people in these areas, planted in the compound of their houses and maintained by them.

Details Given Blow:

D.S Division	Type of Plant	No. of Plant	No. of Beneficiaries
Thirukkovil	Mango	350	350
	Jack	350	
	Lime	350	
	Orange	350	
Navithanvely	Mango	150	150
	Jack	150	
	Lime	150	
	Orange	150	
Total		2000	500



13. Advocacy:

In order to create awareness among people of Thirukkovi and Navithanveli villages under this Program, several activities of advocacy were undertaken. This program helped people to win their rights, solve problems faced by them and fulfill their needs on their own. The organization Dan Church provided financial support to implement this program.

Details Given Blow:

D.S. Division	Type of Activity	No. of Beneficiaries
Thirukkovi, Navithanvely	Women's day Celebration	800
	Children's Day	300
	Environment Day	300
	Awareness on Education	450
	Gender issue	450
	Health issue	450
	HIV/AIDS	450