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NEWS LETTER – SAFE LABOUR MIGRATION PROJECT -2016-2019

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SWO+AD

About SWO+AD

SWO+AD is a Non-government organization started by Mr. Senthurajah, as the founder and the coordinator in 1995 with the main objective of building up the welfare and economic condition of vulnerable families living in 11 divisional Secretariat divisions of Ampara district and effecting considerable changes in the lives of these communities through various development activities implemented for the last 23 years.

About Safe Labor Migration Project

We have been implementing various activities focusing mainly on four components under this project with fund provided Swiss Development Cooperation - SDC in 10 Divisional Secretariats of Ampara District by providing safe labor migration information and guidance for the migrant workers and families as well as for returnees.

- Access to Information
- Access to Legal support
- Access to Psychosocial support
- Return and Reintegration

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Capacity Building Training for development Officers of the Ministry of Foreign Employment



With the main objective of providing effective services for Migrant Families in Ampara District, Residential Training with duration of 7 days conducted for 54 Development Officers appointed by the Ministry of Foreign Employment and attached at 20 Divisional Secretariats under title “Introduction to Labor Migration’ in order to develop the capacities of the Development Officers. This training has been conducted by superior officials attached at the Ministry of Foreign Employment and SLFEB. The certificates for the participants who completed the training, have been awarded by Mrs. Padmini Ratnatake, the Advisor at the Ministry of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment.

One Day Training Session for Human Trafficking

One day Awareness Training is conducted for Police Officers attached at 17 Police Stations and Development Officers for Foreign employment opportunities with the main objective of reducing forceful migration targeting vulnerable families and of preventing marketing the human resources of villages. This training is conducted by the Manager attached to the Unit of Human trafficking at SLBFE.

52 officers participated at this seminar and they have gained knowledge relating legal procedures.



Conference for Trained Paralegal at district level

With the main objective of identifying problems faced by migrant families at village level and of providing guidance and advices for such families, the District Conference was conducted for 110 trained Legal Assistants coordinated including the government officers and representatives of other organizations. At this conference, the Legal Assistants shared their experience, lesson learnt, challenges faced and new information. They have been awarded with certificates.



Support and assistance for Mediation Boards to take up their activities in effective manner

There are Mediation Boards functioning in the project locations, namely Alayadivembu, Akkaraipattu, Addalachenai, Nintavur, Kalmunai Tamil Division of Divisional Secretariat, Karaitivu and Uhana. Furniture and Stationeries required, have been provided for these Mediation Board with the main objective of providing

better services for the migrant families by the Mediation Boards. Accordingly, the required furniture of the Mediation Board of Kalmunai have been supplied by the Divisional Secretary of Kalmunai Tamil Division.



Support and assistance for the children with special needs belonged to Migrant families

SWOAD organization has arranged a program at the Divisional Secretariat of Addalachenai to provide assistance for a child with special needs and the assistance was provided for the child by the Divisional Secretary of Addalachenai. The Development officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment, Children Protection of officer, Women Development Officers, Early childhood Development officer and the staff of SWOAD participated at this program.



Activities to raise awareness among members of general public through Street Dramas

Awareness raising activities and Street Dramas are conducted at village level in order to provide safe migration information for the members of general public. The Leaflets contained such information, are also disseminated during these programs.



Seminar to provide safe labor migration information for volunteers

140 volunteers have been trained with the main objective of providing safe labor migration information in newly selected project villages.



Discussion with Media men of Ampara District

With the main objective of bringing the problems and challenges faced by migrant families to the attention of media men and of taking up such problems and challenges

At government level, the Media Conference was conducted with media men by the Project Manager of SWOAD.



Discussion with Development Officers of Foreign Employment Opportunity



The discussion for Development Officers of the Ministry of Foreign Employment was conducted at the District Secretariat, being presided by the District Coordinator of Development officers. The issues particularly, the activities of the Development officers and future activities were discussed at this discussion. Mr. M.Pragasan, the National Project Officer of SDC took part at this discussion.

Campaign and Awareness activities relating to safe labour migration at village level

Campaign and awareness activities relating to safe labor migration were conducted all over the villages through trained government officers, Legal Assistant, Volunteers and staff of SWOAD. During these programs conducted, stickers displaying safe labor migration have been distributed from house to house.



Program for providing 7 Scanner machines for Foreign Employment Units attached to Divisional Secretariats.

07 Foreign Employment Units are set up at 7 Divisional Secretariats of Ampara district by SWOAD under Safe Labor Migration Project and Scanner Machines have been provided for these Units with the main objective of facilitating their effective services. Accordingly, these machines were handed over to the Divisional Secretary of Alayadivembu by the Field Officers.



International Migration Day Program

The International Migration Day was celebrated on 18th of December in coordination of SWOAD and the Divisional Secretary of Kalmunai Tamil Division. This program conducted being presided by the Divisional Secretary. Awareness raised relating to problems faced by workers and their lawful rights among members of the general public and government officers. Artistic programs of children were also taken place during this program.

Training on capacity building for officer bearers of Migrant Workers Societies

There are 30 migrant workers Societies formed at village level under this project and training on capacity building has been provided for the office-bearers of these Societies to help them function effectively.



Project Review discussion for Government Officers who have been trained

This discussion was conducted at the Divisional Secretariat of Karaitivu for the trained government officers under this project. The staff of SWOAD and Mr. M.Prakashan, the National Project Officer of SDC, participated at this discussion.,



Campaign to raise awareness among members of the general public

With the main objective of providing awareness on Safe Labor migration for the members of general public who came to take part at the Temple Festival of Thirukkivil Sithravelautha Swami, Mass Rally Campaign conducted and Leaflets disseminated on Safe Labor Migration among the devotees.



Psychosocial Training for Government Officers

Members of migrant families affected due to psychosocial problems have been identified and the training workshop conducted for government officers who carry out social and psychosocial activities for two

days in order to guide and help the affected migrant families in their needs. This training was facilitated by Dr. Rajaram as the Resource Person and conducted at SWOAD Training center in Thampaddai. Nearly 38 Relevant Government and SWOAD Staffs Participated.



3rd Partner Platform Meeting

3rd Platform Meeting of Partners of SDC organizations were taken place at SWOAD hall in Akkaraipattu. The issues such as experiences gained. Progress made and lessons learnt under Safe Labor Migration project, were discussed at this meeting.



Training on Career guidance for Youths



Highlights...

1. Access to Information :

- 149 Volunteers have been trained relating to information on Safe Labor Migration at village level.
- 838 Government officers have been trained relating to information on Safe Labor Migration.
- Over 18000 members of general public are facilitated to have access to Information of Safe labor Migration.
- Migrant Workers' Societies have been formed in 30 Grama Seveka Divisions.
- Special trainings were provided for 56 Development Officers of Sri Lanka Foreign Employment Ministry .

2. Access to Legal support :

- 111 Government officers and representatives of Civil Societies have been trained as Legal Assistants.
- Received 58 complaints made by Migrant Workers at SLBFE.
- Action taken to find solutions to 28 complaints through SLBFE.
- Action taken for the affected migrant families to obtain relief amounting to Rs. 2,821,060/- from SLBFE.
- There were migrant workers men and women not being able to return to the country due to problems. Action taken for such affected 15 migrant workers both men and women to return to the country through the support of SLBFE.

3. Access to Psychosocial Support :

- 122 Government officers have been trained on psychosocial issues.
- 30 Children Clubs have been rehabilitated.
- 30 Elders Societies have been rehabilitated.
- 620 problems relating to psychosocial issues, are identified and action taken to find solution.

4. Return and Re integration :

- 688 Male and Female youths have been training on Career Guidance.
- Coordination is carried out and facilitated 345 migrant families to obtain support in order to engage in self-employment activities.

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