



# **Social Organization Networking For Development**

**SOND**

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## **Annual Report 2014**

**“WE ALL WILL CREATE A BETTER WORLD”**

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## **A few words from our Coordinator**

I am very much please to write a few words about SOND as I am the founder.

As like the other social workers I have a dream of creating a Better Society for the betterment of the people.

I am feeling very happy that SOND is able to create some good models for the people to follow. This is not to get publicity or to satisfy people but to satisfy our conscious.

Each of us has a role to play to save this earth for the future better human living. I think we are moving towards this direction.

Let us join together to march in the correct direction.

I am also thanking the Donors, INGOs, LNGOs, CBOs, activist who support us in many ways.

Thanking You

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## **1. Introduction:**

SOND is a humanitarian organization dedicated and engaged to supporting strengthen the civil society and organizing different communities to perform as a role model on the basic of Creating the better society.

Our vision is to create an environmental for the people that they live with peace , prestige where all work to build and confirmation of stability of their economic status and gain the maximum benefits through control and saving of natural resources.

## **2.Objective of the organization:**

1. To increase the capacity of the Civil society Organizations ( CBOs & NGOs)
2. To develop a networking and communication system between organizations.
3. To develop links with funding organization and prepare common proposals on behalf of the local Organizations.
4. To be a learning, training and sharing organization
5. To promote values in society this leads to equality, freedom and sustainable life style.
6. To work towards becoming a sustainable organization
7. To provide expertise, support and resources to establish specialist forums

In order to achieve these objectives we are working in four districts in Eastern and Northern Province and support them regarding their duties and responsibility through discussions, training, workshop, seminars, documentary films, websites and electronic communication and publishing hand books to fulfill the objectives.

### ***This report is divided into three sections***

1. Section 01: SOND Jaffna
2. Section 02: SOND Akkaraipattu
3. Section 03: SOND Baticaloa

### **3.Brief Introduction about SOND District Branches:**

First we started the Ampara district office in Akkaraipattu in 1998. Then we started our activities with the support of Diakonia a funding agency from Sweden.

In the year 2000 we started the Jaffna district office in Jaffna town and start our activities there with the support of Diakonia.

In 2001 we started our activities in Batticaloa , Trincomalee, Vavuniya districts, and trained many LINGOs and CBOs in management. We also work with Youth in all of these districts and motivate them and now hundreds of them are working in the NGO sector and become active social workers.

#### 4. Staff Details:

##### ❖ SOND Jaffna staff details

No	Full Name	Gender	Designation
01	S. Senthurajah	Male	Chairman
02	K.Kiritharan	Male	Admin & Finance Officer
03	S. Rodric Arudselvam	Male	MRE Project officer Development Secretary
04	T. Nadarasa	Female	Field officer
05	A.Lourgini Thomas	Female	Field officer
06	B.Rajani	Female	Field officer
07	T.Kayathiry	Female	Field officer
08	R. Mithunraj	Male	Field officer
09	T.Mariyakonsalena	Female	Field officer
10	S.Kavaranjani	Female	Field officer
11	M. Thurka	Female	Field officer
12	J.Tharusan	Male	Field officer
13	T.Janoth	Male	Filed Officer
14	K. Gengah	Female	Documentation officer
15	M.Thivya	Female	Office Assistant
16	K. Priyanki	Female	IT & Finance Assistant
17	B.Jeenas	Female	Development Assistant
18	A.Thayalini	Female	Farm Document staff
19	S.Yalini	Female	Research Volunteer.
20	S.Sanmugam	Male	Security Guard
	<b>STAFF &amp; VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT -2014</b>		
01	Jeenuka		
02	B.Jeenas		
03	K. Priyanki		
04	S.Yalini		
	<b>LEFT STAFF -2014</b>		
01	Jeenuka		
02	S.Yalini		

❖ **SOND Akkaraipattu staff details**

S.No	Staff Name	Gender	Designation
01	T.Vijayakumar	Male	Project Coordinator- NSA Project officer.
02	J.Nishanthi	Female	Admin officer/ Diakonia Project officer.
03	T.Thushanthan	Male	Finance officer/ Finance coordinator.
04	T.Jenita	Female	Office assistant
05	R. Pathmanathan	Male	Field officer
	<b>STAFF &amp; VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT -2014</b>		
	Nill		
	<b>LEFT STAFF -2014</b>		
	Nill		

❖ **SOND Batticaloa Staff Details**

S.No	Staff Name	Gender	Staff Position
01	S.Sutharshan	Male	Project Coordinator
02	M.Sivaji	Male	Project Officer
03	T.Sivanadarajah	Male	Field officer
04	L.Mayuri	Female	Admin & Finance
05	S.Pakkiyarajah	Male	Office assistant
<b>STAFF &amp; VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT -2014</b>			
06	N.Chirson	Male	NSA Field officer.
07	N.Praveena	Female	Admin & Finance Officer
08	K.Maanikarasa	Male	Office assistant
<b>LEFT STAFF -2014</b>			
01	N.Sutharshan		
02	M.Sivaji		
03	L.Myuri		
04	S.Pakiyarajah		

## 5. Staff Capacity Building:

Staffs have to develop and maintain their qualification and skill to performance of their duties and responsibility. Therefore we send our staff for trainings and workshops. It is also help them to improve their personal skills. Here by we enclosed details of participated training and workshop and learning's of the staff.

### ❖ SOND Jaffna

<b>Our Staff Participated in Training Program- 2014</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conflicts resolution and leadership work shop</li><li>• Business Development Work Shop</li><li>• Community Development activities</li><li>• Accounts Training (Council of NGO )</li><li>• Book Keeping Training for the CBO's</li><li>• Sustainable Livelihoods &amp; People's planning</li><li>• Non – Violent Communication</li><li>• Personal Safety Training -RedR UK</li><li>• Result Based Monitoring &amp; Reporting</li><li>• Aquaculture Development</li><li>• First aid</li><li>• Radio Communication</li><li>• Training of Training ( TOT ) (organized by SLFPA)</li><li>• Food Safety Training (Organized by SLFPA)</li><li>• Tourism and Hospitality Management Workshop (Organized by CNGO)</li><li>• Exposure visit (Organized by CNGO)</li><li>• Social Media secrets for business (Bird Father)</li><li>• Organizational development (Organized by CNGO with the help of Power Mind Creation team)</li><li>• Youth Development Training - UNDP/Vavuniya</li><li>• Community Mobilization- SOND</li><li>• CBO Management Training – SOND</li><li>• Documentation - SWOAD</li><li>• Short filming in Jaffna</li><li>• INSMA Training</li><li>• Community Participatory Approach ( PRA )</li><li>• Community Need Assessment ( PNA )</li><li>• Communication Skills</li><li>• Community Mapping</li><li>• Risk assessment</li><li>• Mine Risk Education ( MRE )</li><li>• Global Position System &amp;Mapping</li><li>• Training on Facilitation skills</li><li>• Life skill based education</li></ul> |
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- Training on Facilitation skills
- HIV - AIDS Work shop
- Women's Program
- School base video show and Exhibitions
- Audio Video Presentation Skills
- Biodynamic Agriculture training Program
- Engaging Men and Boys in the Prevention and Elimination of all forms of violence against women

### ❖ **SOND Akkaraipattutu**

#### **Participated Training**

- Training on Making Ice Cream
- Social mobilization Training
- Preschool Training
- Social mobilization Training
- Monitoring&Evaluation training
- Preschool Training
- Microcredit training
- Social Accountability
- Social mobilization Training
- Advocacy
- HR Training -Development of 5 year strategic plan (2015 to 2020)

### ❖ **SOND Batticaloa**

#### **Participated trainings/ workshops**

- Monitoring and evaluation organized by SWOAD 2 days
- Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction and management organized by DRR
- Workshop on Human resource and employment in tourism industries

#### **Attended meetings and events**

- NGO consortium meeting at Inayam regarding the child protection in the district
- District level learning sharing session on gender and development organized by Care international
- Divisional level disaster preparedness meeting organized by disaster Management Centre & Divisional secretariat
- Discussion on the natural way of cultivation and marketing of its products organized by CDF
- Discussion on the rights and governance conducted by LST
- Discussion on street plants with the commissioner, Engineer and community development officer in Batticaloa Municipal Council
- Meeting to form divisional level environmental forum organized by divisional environmental officer at Divisional secretariat Manmunai North division

## 6. Projects, Funding partners and Working areas in 2014:

### ❖ SOND Jaffna

No	Project	Donor	Duration	Project location
1	Mine Risk Education (MRE) program	UNICEF	July 2014 to march 2015	Tellipalai, Kopay, Chavakachcheri, Maruthankerny, Sandilipay, Uduvil, Chankanai, Point Pedro, Velanai, Kayts, Karainagar and Karaveddy DS divisions.
2	National Language Project	Ministry of National Language and Social Integration	May to October 2014	Amparaia and Jaffna districts
3	Nature farm project	Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)	July 2013 to May 2014	Pallappai village, Point Pedro DS division.
4	Research on Cooperative Development	Cooperative Employees Commission	November to December 2014	Chunnakam, Tellipalai, Vali east, Nallur, Chavakachcheri, Pandertherippu, Delft, Manipay, Karainagar, Thenmaradchi west and east, Analaitivu MPCs.

### ❖ SOND Akkaraipattu

No	Project	Funding Partners	Period	Working Area
1	Pre-School Development	SHIVA CHARATY	2005-2014	Thirukkivil, Aalaidydvembu, Akkaraipattu, Addalachenai, Ninthavoor, Kalmunai DS divisions
2	Children Development			Aalaidydvembu DS Div
3	Capacity build the societies to make better future environment	Diakonia	2012-2015	Aalaidydvembu, Akkaraipattu and Thirukkivil DS divisions.

### SOND Batticaloa

No	Name of the Projects	Funding Partner	Duration	Working Areas
1	Create a conducive society with good environment for the human life	Diakonia	1 <sup>st</sup> of Jan 2014 to 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2014	Ambilanthurai, Pattipalai, Thanthamalai, Munaikadu, Muthalaikudah, Mahiladitheevu, Pandariavely Villages.

## 7. Project & Special activities details:

## ❖ **SOND JAFFNA**

**Social organizations Networking for development (SOND) implement the following projects in Jaffna district.**

### **7.1 Projects**

- 7.1.1 Mine Risk Education (MRE) program
- 7.1.2 National Language Project
- 7.1.3 Organic agriculture farm
- 7.1.4 Development of cooperative System in Jaffna – Research project.

### **7.2 Special activities**

- 7.2.1 Knowledge building
- 7.2.2 Tree planting
- 7.2.3 Local producers forum
- 7.2.4 Organic certificate for banana cultivators
- 7.2.5 Cultural development
- 7.2.6 Information resource center

### **7.1 Projects**

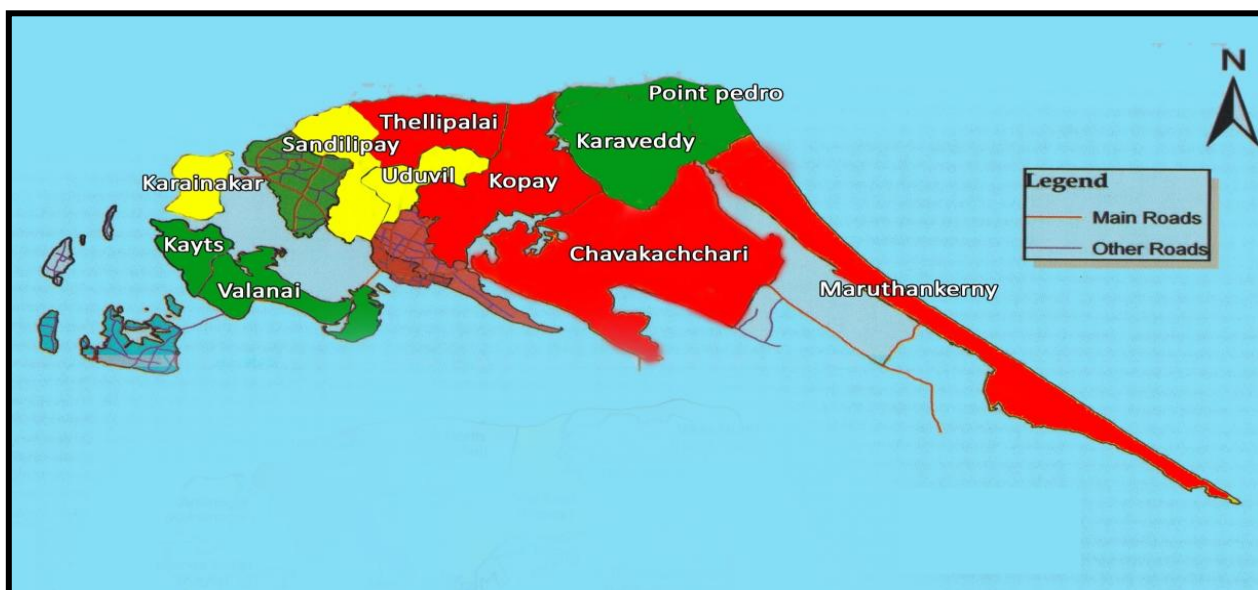
#### **7.1.1 Mine Risk Education Program**

**Funding – UNICEF**

The duration of this program is July 2014 to March 2015, and Tellipalai, Kopay, Chavakachcheri, Maruthankerny, Sandilipay, uduvil, Chankanai, Point Pedro, Velanai, Kayts, Karainagar and Karaveddy DS divisions are target locations, and the following activities are conduct under this project.

- Community briefing
- House to House MRE
- Community based MRE
- School MRE
- Safety briefing
- Strengthening the Village level Mine Action Committee
- Capacity building to village volunteers.
- TOT training to Children Club leaders
- Emergency assistance to victim
- Livelihood support to victim
- Create a coordination and network with relevant government and non government organizations
- MRE through visibility materials

The below map show the location Mine Risk Education program is covering areas in Jaffna district



Trained MRE volunteers are in each risk villages, they will continue MRE to village people after our presence in the villages and Village level Mine Actions Committees also formed in each risk villages, the active members of the CSOs are representing the Village Mine Action Committee (VMACs). Details is attached

1. During the MRE some information and data on poor and marginalized families, disabilities and war affected people, children without parents and one parent children and children who do not have support for their education- details is annexed
2. We also conducted MRE in the recently resettled villages, especially we focused to children clubs, schools and pre-schools, the details is annexed.

**Information collection:** The information that collected during the previous year, and compiled with information and data that collected in the early part of this year, according to the risk villages identified and MRE implemented, and the information were collected through Divisional Secretariats in the target locations, Grama officers, Samurthy Officers, CBOs, and see below what kind of information collected.

- Village population
- CBOs details
- Information on available resources
- Village development societies / committees
- Roads details.
- Temples and common buildings
- Project that are ongoing for the village development
- The organizations which functioning in the village
- Impact of the war, especially affection by Mine and ERW
- Details of the persons who were killed / affected by the Mines and ERW
- The details of the areas which are ongoing de-mining

### 7.1.2 National language Project

National Language Project was implemented with the support of the National Language and Reintegration Ministry in Jaffna and Ampara districts, the duration of the project is six months, the project started on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

Training on Build relationship , Fundamental rights and Language rights were conducted for 8 days in both districts Jaffna and Ampara, Rev. Fr. Stalin, Lawyer Mr. Remidius were the resource persons in the trainings that were conducted in Jaffna and Mr. Thayaparan and Lawyer Mr. Raseed were in Ampara, and around 20 to 30 CBOs members, leaders and youth have participated in each training.

And a Art competition was conducted to students on Peace and Reconciliation, the students who are in grade eleven in Jaffna and Kopay Education Zone. The competition was held in Jaffna Hindu College, 44 students from 17 schools have participated, and the award for winners were given in the Youth Festival, First three students got special awards, and next 10 students received special certificates and rest of the participants received certificate and books; and Minister of Education Northern Province Hon. Mr. kurugularajah was the chief Guest and awarded prize for the students.

The next activity under this project was exposure visit, three ethnic community people from Ampara visited to Jaffna and they join with Jaffna people and shared their experiences each other, they visted to North Ceylon Sarvodaya organization in Punkudutivu, and in the SOND organization, followed they visited to yarl Sakthi Food Processing Centre and Nature Farm run by SOND organization, and they also visited to several historical places in Jaffna.

The Youth Festival celebrated in Jaffna, three community youths from Jaffna and Ampara celebrated together, and they staged several events, and as the Chief Guest Education Minister Hon. Mr. Gurukularahjah, and Mrs. Saroja Chivachandran was as special guest.

As the results of the Youth Festival the Youth understand different culture and get mixed with different people. They all felt that this type of opportunities will bring understanding peace and reconciliation.

### **7.1.3 Organic Agriculture Farm**

Before two years, SOND organization established a Organic farm in Neervely area in Kopay DS division, through this initiation and results, realized that there are great potential for nature Agriculture in Jaffna, and the farm maintained by pure natural way, no any chemical applications used but only organic fertilizers, organic pesticides used. The following crops have been planted which are Banana, Brinjal, Tomato, Pine Apple, and some other herbals also there some inter crops; and different watering methods was used and Clisiridiya crops planted as alley crops, it was helped to fixed nitrogen in the soil and give rich environment.

And followed a big Nature Agriculture Farm that was established in Pallappai village in Point Pedro Divisional Secretariat division with support of Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), land size is 12 acre, and 20 selected farmers received assistance to do agriculture in organic methods, and each farmer received 20 perch, 10 perch paddy land and other 10 perch is high land; the selected farmers trained on organic method cultivation practice, and SOND organization made all the model for organic farming in the land, and 8 acre land utilized for paddy cultivation and other 4 acre land for high land cultivation.

This farm also 100% chemical free, and maintain in natural/ ecological methods, and some new varieties of plants and crops have been planted in the farm, new way of cultivation method, saving water and drop irrigation methods also there, and solar energy is use for watering, all the waste of the farms are utilized for making organic manure, the purpose of this farm in produce chemical free agri products, introduce this methods among the farmers, and create awareness to societies.

50 different varieties of the crops planted in this farm, among them 30 are the different varieties of vegetables, and others fruits and herbals and greens; and a green house also made for making seedlings in the seed beds, through this around 10,000 seedling will be issued to people annually. Produce quality seeds, nature based cultivation, clean environment are other concept of this farm.

SDC grant a portion of the funds for this project.

#### **7.1.4 Development of cooperative System in Jaffna – Research**

As per the decision of the Northern Provincial Council, a research was initiate for cooperative system development, the project was organized through Cooperative Employees commission , as per the request of the commission SOND drafted a proposal and based on the proposal three organizations were selected and given the task.

SOND took the leading part of this research project, and other two organizations were Shanthiham and YMCA, and in the first phase 24 cooperative Societies were selected in the district for this research and 13 for SOND, 6 for YMCA and rest 5 for Shanthiham;

Orientation and discussion were conducted with the following officers and leading members of the cooperative societies, the secretary of the Ministry of Cooperative Northern Province, Coordinating Secretary of the Chief Minister, Secretary of Cooperative Employee Commission, Commissioner of cooperative, Assistant Commissioner of Cooperative Development, Cooperative Development officers, Cooperative board Members, Presidents of the other cooperative societies, Consultation groups of the ministry of the Cooperative.

With the guidelines and coordination of SOND organization the research was conducted. The ultimate objective of the research is to identify the problems, drawbacks, needs of the cooperatives, and what are the new initiations and how those initiation can be organized, and what are the changes need to incooperated in the Cooperative laws, practices, policies. And the finial research document is released after the discussion of the leading person in the cooperative sectors in Jaffna.

The Minister of Coopertaive took the intatives to implement the important recommendations to develop the sector.

## **7.2 Special Activities**

### **7.2.1 Knowledge building**

Under the knowledge building program, several activities have been conducted, focus given to all the person's in the community, children, elders, etc. One of the activity under the program is mobile Library services, the books given to hundreds of the people, Children, School teachers, Government officers received books, and people of the several villages also obtain books for reading, and we continue encourage the reading habits among the people. Through these activities we make opportunity to increase knowledge among the people, and awareness on reading increase among the people and at the same time we provide CDs with useful information for free of charge and number of the children and youth got books and CDS in our office library and provide their neighbors in the villages. This activity make a understanding among the people and knowledge building. And we do this in a volunteer basis in Northern and Eeastern province. We don't receive any funds for this from any donors.

### **7.2.2 Tree planting**

We give our focus to plant thousands of trees, in this year with the support of Rotaric club hundreds of plants/ trees like Nelly, mahogany, Juck fruit were issued to selected schools and other places. And we produced thousands of seedlings in our farm and issued to the people free of charge. Through these programs we try to create a better environment.

### **7.2.3 Local Producers Forum**

The purpose of the forum is to create marketing opportunity to local producers and getting assistance from the possible saurce to develop the social enterprise. The forum having membership around 18 different entrepreneurs. Several discussion were held in our office, in one discussion the Regional manager of the Ciringills was present and discussed about the possibilities to market the local products in the carginills Food Cities and other organization and companies which purchase local products that produced by the members of this forum.

### **7.2.4 Organic Certificate for organic banana cultivators**

First time in Jaffna district Organic Certificate for banana received. The SriCert Organization certified our 61 banana cultivators who are producing organic banana, and this was possible after two years continued work. Through this marketing is developed for organic banana, and proper laboraty test also done that these banana is not consist any harmful chemicals and as first initiation we have started to market the organic banana in a small quantity to John Keels supper market.

We are in the process to market the organic banana to other possible companies and exporters; and in the Jaffna Trade Fair we made a corner for display the local products which available in Jaffna, through that we had received contacts with the people of the companies who came from other part of the country, and we continue our efforts to develop local products and reach south markets and export opportunities.

### **7.2.5 Cultural Development**

We capture the cultural events in videos and edit them and provide in the CDs, we do this free of charge, and sometimes we upload them in YouTube. This year we did video capturing numbers of the programs and edited, provided the CDs. This is to develop the cultural activities and encourage the artist. We also produced a few useful documentary films for the community learning.

### **7.2.6 Information Resource Center.**

We have 22 different subjects books 2269 , 27 titles CDs 345 , NGO reports , Training materials and other good reading materials are available in our resource center. Children Youth, Parents of the Children, School teachers, Government servants and NGO staff are using our center.

We are also conducting mobile library service in remote villages to motivate youth. This year 879 books and 128 CDs are used by the people.



## ❖ **SOND Akkaraipattu**

**Social organizations Networking for development (SOND) has been implemented the following projects in Batticaloa district**

### **7.1 Projects**

- 7.1.1 Build societies who can make a better environment in future
- 7.1.2 Pre School Education Development.
- 7.1.3 Children development

### **7.2 Special Activities**

- 7.2.1 Information Resource Centre

### **7.1 Projects**

#### **7.1.1 Build societies who can make a better environment in future**

##### **Target area and rights holders**

No	District	DS Division	Target groups
01	Batticaloa	Manmunai South West	Araiampathi Predesha Shaba. Paddippalai DS Division 7 Villages, Farmers' Societies, and relevant local authorities like Municipal council, Pradesha saba, ect.
		Manmunnai North	
		Manmunaipattu	
02	Ampara	Aliyadevembu Thirukkovil Akkaraipattu	Kannaki highland crop cultivation society. Thangavalayuthapuram farmer society, RRF, We & Do, Vinayakerpuram women society.

## **INTERVENTION / IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Over Overall goals/objectives and Operative Project goal (Project purpose)**

#### **Overall Objective :**

The civil society structure and the environment are conducive to the vulnerable affected communities.

#### **Project purpose :**

1. The communities are contributing positively towards Climate change issues and had the awareness.
2. The Farmers groups are functioning effectively to improve their life style.

### **Networking to multiply good practices and advocacy with NGOs**

More than 50 CBOs and NGOs are using our documentation metod to document their information. This is a simple system developed by SOND and Practiced.

## **Support to collective action to address community needs based on analysis**

### **International Women's day Celebration**

International Women's Day celebrations were celebrated on 08, 09/03/2014 in Ampara District, Batticaloa District respectively. Over three thousand members from Diakonia funded organizations and other organizations in both Ampara and Batticaloa Districts have participated in the event.

Massive rallies with the participations of members of the Diakonia funded organizations and other organizations in Ampara. The organizations have conducted and the rally started from Alayadivembu Divisional Secretariat and ended at the Ulla Memorial Hall, Akkaraipattu. During the Rally, Street Drama conducted By the Drama group of SOORIYA in the Bus Stand.

Likewise in Batticaloa the 03 groups of rally started from several places and ended at Hindu college ground in Batticaloa. After the rallies the events have been carried out by the women leaders on "Equality for women is progress for all". 39 women leaders from Ampara and 40 women from Batticaloa have honored by giving awards.

### **Support to develop social accountability process in local government structure**

Discussion held at EHED office in Batticaloa on 02.05.2014 about the assignment at the Session on 1<sup>st</sup> Module on Local Government structure and assignments have been given to individual and group basis. Field visits were made to Addalachenai, Thirukkivil, Chenkalady, Vavunathivu and Arayampathy Predesha sabas and the selected groups, shared their assignments at the meeting held at the Ampara District NGO Consortium. 2<sup>nd</sup> Module on Social Accountability was conducted for 3 days (12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> of June) at Nalvalar Kottam in Kalmunai and 20 participants represented by Ampara and Batticaloa DIAKONIA partners. The 1<sup>st</sup> Module on Social Accountability was reviewed at this session. Common document on social accountability process has been prepared by SWOD and 22 villages have been assessed by the partner organizations and the assessment report also ready with the partners to present the predesha shaba. Alayadevembu, Thirukkivil, Addalaichenai predesha shaba in Ampara District, Chenkalady, Ariyampathi and Vavunatheevu predesha shaba in Batticaloa District are willing to work with the partners on social accountability.

## **Climate change & Environmental Protection**

### **Campaign for environmental protection and climate change for the school children**

A model school garden is developed in Kallady Shakthi Vidyalayam with the support of SOND. The model has been taken as a video documentary by SOND to show to other schools so that they can also create their school environment like this. The children are aware about environment protection and they have shown enthusiasm to learn about this. According to the direct visit, observation and discussion with the students and teachers to Shakthi Vidyalayam, the students are continuously maintaining the trees and the garden that they planted and created at their school in a better way even without the guidance of teachers. Not only the particular students all the students and their parents are protecting and maintaining the garden and trees in a responsible manner. There are good relationship and coordination between school and environmental authority it is ensured by the regular visit of environmental officer.

More than 350 students belongs to environmental Pioneer Brigade small groups at the school level are continuously maintaining the trees even without the guidance of teachers. Not only the particular students but also all the students and their parents are protecting the garden and the trees in responsible manner. By the intervention of this actions a good relationship and coordination prevails between school and environmental authority and has motivated the officer to do more efficient initiatives.

Shakthi Vidyalayam, Kallady Velur and St. Ignatius school in Batticaloa and Sen –John's schools, Thampaddai maha vidiyaliyam in Ampara are becoming environment friendly. More than 120

students of Kallady Shakthi vidiyaliyam, Sen –John’s schools, Thampaddai maha vidiyaliyam with the interest and involvement of tree plantation and continuously do the maintenance.

### **Tree planting activity in collaboration with MC Batticaloa**

SOND has plan to create awareness about tree planting to the public and also beautify the Batticaloa City. Common public and shop owners have been continuing maintenance of the trees. A good coordination and relationship prevails among the stake holders. The ownership has been created among the Batticaloa municipal council and Ariyampathi predesha shaba as well as public. For example. They water the plants regularly and the public take care of the plants.

### **Management Capacity building for farmers and women groups Farmer society monthly meeting**

The leaders of the farmers’ societies actively participate in the climate change action forum monthly meetings. They take initiatives to deal with the issues they face. The farmers’ societies table the issues the farmers face in their area and bring these issues for discussion. Though they have not reached any appropriate solution they are seeking continuous steps. For example in Mahiladithevu and Pandariyaveli farmers societies seeking solutions for the intrusion of saline water into their paddy field from the lagoon and chemical wastes from the prone farm.

### **Climate Change Dialog Forum**

The members get knowledge regarding the services that relate to climate change impact through the presentation of some government departments such as Central Environmental Authority, Coastal Conservation Department, Urban Development Authority and Agriculture Department.

There are more than 20 issues related to climate change and the environment has been raised at this forum and each member is able to know about these issues. The Ampilanthurai farmer society members stated that after their paddy fields were severely affected by this recent flood understood the reality of our guidance about climate change and they would take more concern on climate change in their cultivation.

All the members of the forum are willing to do study about climate change related issues in Batticaloa District and the initiatives are being taken to address them at District level. And also some members have taken initiatives to document some of the issues as much as they can with the existing information they have. An initial and consultation meeting was held with the Eastern University academics regarding the climate change and environmental issues affect Batticaloa. A seminar also was conducted in the Eastern University for the governmental, nongovernmental, other civil society representatives, university academics and the university students.

### **Develop Disaster Resilient Community –Model 2 DS Division. Train government and other NGOs on disaster management in Pattipalai division**

The disaster management committees were reformed with the members who participated in the training. The committees that were formed as groups actively work in the welfare centers during the flood in all the villages.

## **Development contingency plans for each DS division**

There are more than 10 persons who met with accidents have benefited by the medicines from the first aid box and the first aid of the trainees. The barriers prevailed in providing the early warning have been removed. The members of the village level disaster management committee stated that they used the megaphones which is given by SOND to alert public before the flood, and announced the information received from authorities time to time and they used this when provide relief to organize the people.

The early warning communications were given through a proper channel and this time during the flood than the previous years. For example misinterpreted and very late information were given to the villages in the past by the lack of proper communication channel. And all the village people were able to receive and update the information time to time and helped them to move into safer places now.

## **Produce 2000fruit plants for Ampara & Batticaloa Districts with the support of kannakipuram farmer society and a famer society from paddipalai DS Division.**

1200 papaya, 500 jack, 100 lemon, 100 Kurincha, 100 leave plants produced by Kannakipuram high land crop cultivator's society in Kannakipuram, Alayadevembu DS Division. Because of this activity, they have invited to produced seedlings by Agricultural departnement in Akkaraipattu.

They have got basic infrastructure and it leads to gain profits to the society by selling the compose fertilizers, pesticides, seedlings. Sustainability of the Kannaki high land cultivator's society has been increased. They are recognized by the Agricultural department and Divisional secretariat of Alayadevembu.

## **Create the community awareness using short films**

05 short films on Water, Higine, Waste managent, Helping Others, and Accident have been produced by SOND to give the awareness to the school students and the general public. These short films will be used by SOND and other partner organizations of Diakonia.

## **Organic based seeds production & Storage**

The farm products such as ground nuts, grains have been stored in the Thangavalayuthapuram farm. 3 acre ground nuts, 0.5 acre grains have been produced organically in the Thangavalayuthapuram farm with the support of 10 farmers who involved in the farming activities. The harvesting of ground nuts, grains are being done by the farmers.

## **Encouraging Model Farming with 10 farmers.**

10 farmers have cultivated the model home garden where they have cultivated maximum 18 Varieties of vegetable plants and have sprayed 05 kinds of organic pesticides which prepare by the Farmers and compost fertilizers also used by the farmers. Vegetables produced by the farmers are consumed by the farmers and it protects the farmers from unwanted disease. 10 farmers came to know about the importance of drip irrigation system that is more suitable for their cultivation areas that face shortage of water. The farmers are under control themselves that not to use any chemicals for their crops. The farmers have known about the danger of the inorganic pesticides and the fertilizers. The farmers have got interest in applying new methods in their cultivation for example they do the drip irrigation system that is more suitable for drought seasons.

10 Farmers are able to save the money which they spend to buy the vegetables. They consume the chemical free vegetable and it protects the farmers from unwanted disease. They have got courage and confident to avoid the usage of chemical even though they face new challenges by different kinds of pesticides and diseases. A way has opened to adapt the farmer's new and cost effective natural way of cultivation.

### **Providing 200 Anakin cook stove to create awareness.**

265 families are given the cook stove with the amount allocated for 200 families. The beneficiaries have reduced the usage of firewood; easily cook in less amount of time. The amount they spend for the firewood has reduced. The family Burdon has reduced slightly. They get familiar to use these types of cookers that contain less amount of firewood and there is a possibility to familiarize by other people and to cut fewer amounts of trees in the purpose of firewood in future. The amount of carbon emission to the atmosphere is reduced among the 265 families.

### **India Exposal Visit**

Our Chairman went to India Tamil Nadu Kovai City for an Agriculture exhibition and learn the Organic good practices, New equipments mexchaninaries used for agriculture sector. Nature farms, one in Thangavalayuthapuram and one in Jaffna have been established by SOND. Solar energy system, tube well, sprinkler system, electric elephant fence, effective watering system, effective use of land are being implemented by us.

All crops are being planted and maintained by us such as coconut trees, papaya trees, lemon, pomegranate, Guava, vegetable plants, ground nuts, 03 verities of grains, bananas. Compose fertilizers, organic pesticides, fertilizers have been prepared and used to the plants frequently.

Government departments such as Divisional secretariat, Agriculture department, forces, forest department visit the farm and got many ideas and suggest their ideas. The farmers who live in the villages visit the farm and gain the knowledge and then all engage towards nature farming practices. The demand of the Clecerdia plants, cowdongs has been increased.

### **Staff Capacity Building Training Program**

SOND staff are given many training on Leadership, Management themes in the past and now they are able to perform better. Staff has refreshed and self motivated themselves and creatively involving their works. Leadership skills have increased and they deals with more positively with the stakeholders. Staff has positively involved all project works. Sustainability of the organization has been increased. Good working relationship with the government, non government organizations has been increased.

### **Farm Learning Visit -Farmers & Staff**

The farmers have got practical knowledge about installing drip irrigation system, sprinkler system and its advantages, preparing quality compost fertilizer and pesticides in natural way and also they have got the awareness that drip irrigation can be applied for long term cash crops. They have set up the drip irrigation system and prepared to use in a plot of land and planted crops according to this. They have willingness and courage to adopt new technologies in cultivation and seeking some resources to implement them. For example they try to plat banana in using the technique which they gain in the visit.

### **Model farm - To Start a Model farm with the farmer society in Thangavelayuthapuram.**

Basic requirements have been given to the farmers to run the nature farm and the 10 farmers have involved in the nature farming activities where the 480 perch of ground nuts, 105 perch grains 150 banana, 70 fruit plants have been planted. Solar energy system, deep well, electric elephant fence, effective watering system, effective use of land is being implemented by us. All crops are being planted and maintained by us such as vegetable plants, ground nuts, 03 varieties of grains, bananas. Compose fertilizers, organic pesticides, fertilizers have been prepared and used to the plants frequently. Government departments such as Divisional secretariat, Agriculture department, forces, forest department visit the farm and got many ideas and suggest their point of views. The farmers who live in the villages visit the farm and gain the knowledge and they all encourage towards nature farming practices.

### **Flood relief work batticaloa**

The severely affected 54 families received the non food relief items (NFRI) which consists of non foods, hygiene and sanitary items during heavy flooding time in Paddipalai DS division in Batticaloa district.

### **Lesson Learned**

The farmers should have been mobilised more than this by using different kinds of approaches in order to get their involvement in the actions of their societies.

### **Challenges**

The “Phempia” variety plants showed very slow growth even they were planted more than 3 years, so we had to replace them with the “Thirukontrai” plants. The unknown people stole a cage and damaged in the middle part of the road in Batticaloa.

## **7.1.2 Pre School Development**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this program is to create a appropriate environment to primary education, and the fund for this project has been funded by SIVA CHARTY organization, we implemented this project in 15 Pre-schools in 6 Divisional Secretariat divisions in Ampara district, that are Thirukkivil, Aalaiyadyvembu, Akkaraipattu, Addalaiseenai, Ninthavur and Kalmunai.

The following are the main activities that were implemented, provide training, guidelines and counseling to the Pre-schools teachers, provide monthly salary to the teachers, conduct parents meetings, provide support to implement the decision that taken in the meetings, provide educational and sports materials, and build a linkages with relevant organizations and peoples and make an environment to receive assistance from those organizations and peoples, and as the result of this program 522 children include 274 male children and 248 female children in all 15 Pre-schools benefitted.

## **The activities of the pre-schools are as follows**

- Conduct parents meetings and gathering
- Provide educational materials
- Film show to school students
- Provide guidance to the students, parents and teachers on keeping clean environment in the school areas
- Awareness creation to parents on development of children
- Provide training early childhood development to pre-school teachers monthly
- Conduct sport meets and cultural programs among the pre-school children
- Awareness creation on health

## **Details of the discussions that were conducted with school teachers.**

The purpose of the monthly parents meeting is to encourage teachers activity, build capacity to getting assistance from other sources, initiate development activities of the pre-schools, keeping good relationship among teacher, parents and children and get to know information on the progress of the children, provide guidance to the parents that how they play the role to take care of their children.

According to this five discussions were conducted in this year, the project officer took leading part in the discussions, as the result of the discussions and follow up action the following output reached, that are

### **Parent's discussions**

The purpose of the discussion to enhance of the pre-school activities, create and improve understanding among the teachers, parents and students, identify the needs of the pre-schools and get volunteer assistance from parents; in total 64 discussions were conducted.

### **Project progress**

1. The following activities were conducted in the USDO Pre-school, that are Birthday of Nabi (Sal), Ponkal was celebrated, and a shiramadana conducted; in all these activities the students and teachers have participated actively.
2. Good relationship is Build among the teachers and students in CRC pre-school, and vocational festival celebrated to the children who enter Grade 1 – primary school in 2014
3. A shiramadana was conducted in Gandhi pre-school, around 25 parents have participated in the shiramadanam, and field visit was conducted to pre-school children, during the visit the children are able to identify the the name and varieties of plants and trees.
4. A sport event for Annai pre-school children was conducted in Uthaya Sooriyan Play ground

### Changes observed among pre-school children

1. The children having interest in play together, and their talent increased in colouring the drawing
2. The children are able to cooperate with teachers, and engage education activities actively and each child expressing their unique talent independently.
3. The children newly attached show interest to come to school daily, and they having good healthy habits, they respect elders, and they show much interest in sing a song, dance and story telling.
4. The children showing interest in drawing, preparing to education activities themselves, interest in expressing ideas in education sessions, they show the creative in group activities, and they prepare themselves to cultural celebrations, they initiate and engage in any activity with courage and they show maturity to enter primary school.
5. The children showing much interest in making things from waste items, and they bring needed materials for creative activities, and they together engage sport activities, they tell 1 to 10 numbers without fail or mistake.
6. The children are always showing actively, they wear uniform neatly and time punctuality.
7. All the children comes to school with support of the parents, 60% of them do they educational activities themselves, and many children having interest to go on a tour.

### Training to pre-school teachers.

The preschool teaching received numbers of training in this year, they received 14 kind of training in 13 titles, and 23 teachers benefited from these trainings, these training organized for improve the teaching skills.

### Implemented special programs by Shiva Charity

With the funding of Shiva Charity, electricity facility was installed to 5 pre-school which functioning in Thirukovil Divisional Secretariat division in Ampara, and the teachers of all pre-school trained on creative activities; the details are as below

No	Date	Pre-school name	Activity
01	2014.04.20,21,22	SRC, Shanthi, Berry Kindergarten, Samsul, Ulu, Annai, Kalaimahal, Amman, Saraswathy and USDO	9 teachers from 8 pre-schools trained on creative activities in Colombo.
02	2014.09.21	CRC, SRC, YMCA, Samsul ulum, Amman, Supathira ramaya, Blue Berry Kindergarten, Disney world, Sarashwathi, Kanthi.Kalaimagal Amman, Annai, USDO Arafah	29 teachers from 13 Pre-schools trained on 20 different creative activities in Thampaddai SWOT training centre.
03	2014.09.22	Annai, Saraswathy, Kalaimahala and Amman	Conducted a field visit and observed the pre-school activities.
04	2014.11.30	Kalaimahal, Amman, Annai, Gandhi, Saraswathy and Amman	Electricity facility done to these pre-schools.



## **7.1.3 Children development**

### **Introduction**

The purpose of this program is to develop the children, this program was started in March 2011, until now this program is implementing in the Aalaiyadivembu and Akkaraipattu DS divisions; 55 children include 33 boys and 22 girls from Tamil , Musilms and Sinhala community attached in this programs.

### **The services that provide by us to children**

1. Provide play materials
2. Conuct art and cultural programs
3. Screening flims
4. Conduct discussions
5. Computer classes
6. Encourage usage of library books and CDs

### **Distribute play materials**

The play materials were distributed to numbers of children, the purpose is to utilize leisure time in a useful way and improve their physical and mental health, and improve the sports activities among them through this unity is going to build among them. The distributed play materials used by children, 21 children engaged in 39 specific sports activities.

### **Conduct Art and Cultural programs**

1. Many children activities were conducted in this year, that are Drama, Poem, Speech, Sing a song, Drawing, Dance, Exhibition of the things that made by waste, and art and cultural program, the purpose of the programs is to show their talents.
2. The April month celebration was conducted in Sri Siththy vinayagar temple, the children conducted in 10 different stage programs, they show their talents in these programs, and in the end of the programs each child received a prize that were given by Mr. Vadivel, secretary of temple society.
3. A function for respect senior media people was held in Lois hall in Addalassenai, the function is conducted by Imbordmirroe; in this function Miss. P. Praveena from Gandhi children club perform welcome dance.

### **Screening film**

Every week in the weekly discussion for children club members, the useful films screening, in this year 23 Maha Baratha episode screened, in total 339 children showed these films and benefitted, and the film screening conduct to improve their thinking power, and provide good value messages.

### **Conduct discussions**

The discussion is conducted in Sundays, children activities were discussed in the discussion, the discussions were conducted by T. Jenitha in SOND office and 539 children were participated in the 39 discussions.

### **Computer classes**

We conducted several computer classes in our organization to enhance computer skills among the children, the classes consist theory and practicals, and 10 boys and 10 girls altogether 20 children used computers more than 33 times, and benefitted; and a special computer theory classes was conducted to Gandhi children club children, 12 boys and girls were participated in the classes and benefitted.

The books and CDs provide through our library to improve the reading habits and enhance knowledge of the children, as the result of the service the children received knowledge for opening to learn different aspects; in this year Gandhi children club children used 1852 books in 15 titles and 58 CDs in 3 titles.

### **Special activities that were conducted by Children**

01. 35 mobile library service conducted by children, in this service 55 children include 33 boys and 22 girls were participated.
02. The children staged 10 programs in the April religious festival in Sri Siththy Vinayagar temple, and they perform well, and the all the people encouraged their activities.
03. Four children visited and handed over the 1248 tablet packages to the hospital that made by six children
04. And this year 10 children newly joint in the Gandhi children club
05. Miss. K. Thaksila, one of the member of Gandhi children Club donated 8 books for office use
06. Gandhi children club member Mas. I. Pithurjan made 100 tablet packages and given to our organization, he used used papers for this.
07. The children came our organization in their leisure time and made 1943 tablets packages and handed over them to Akkaraipattu and Pannankaddu hospitals.

## **7.2 Special Activities**

### **7.2.1 Information Resource Centre**

#### **Library division**

The purpose of the library division is to enhance reading habits among people, this activity was done through Nongovernmental organizations, government organizations, Community based Organizations, and other purpose of this is to create a network among the people and organizations; in our library 2235 books in 13 titles and 132 CDs in 12 titles, are using by the people.

## **SOND Batticaloa**

**Social organizations Networking for development (SOND) has been implemented the following projects in Batticaloa district.**

### **7.1 Projects**

7.1.1 Environmental Protection, DRR, Climate change and Women empowerment

### **7.2 Special Activities**

7.2.1 Children Development

7.2.2 Information Resource Centre

### **7.1 Projects**

#### **7.1.1 Environmental Protection, DRR, Climate change and Women empowerment**

##### **Description of project**

Support and strengthen the structure and mechanism to protect the physical environment and plan to reduce the adverse effect of the disasters. Empower the women group to enjoy equal rights like men. Strengthen the producer group including farmers to increase the income level leads to a better life.

The main objective of this project that the civil society structure and the environment is conducive to the vulnerable affected communities.

Project purpose:

The communities are contributing positively towards Climate change issues and had the awareness. The Farmers groups are functioning effectively to improve their life style.

##### **Campaign for environmental protection and climate change for the school children.**

According to the direct visit, observation and discussion with the students and teachers at 14 schools, we found the followings,

- More than 350 students belong to Environmental Pioneer Brigade small groups at the school level are continuously maintaining the trees and the garden that they planted and created their school environment in a better way even without the guidance of teachers.
- Not only the particular students but also all the students and their parents are protecting the garden and the trees in a responsible manner.
- By the intervention of this actions a good relationship and coordination prevails between school and environmental authority and motivated her to do more efficient works. It is ensured by the regular visit and several initiatives of environmental officer.

Under this activity we have provided nearly 230 plants and herbal medicines for 13 schools base on environmental protection

##### **Encouraging model farming with 5 farmers**

The farmers who involve in the natural way of cultivation were identified and they were provided the materials for drip irrigation equipments in order to encourage farming during the dry seasons too.

## **7.2 Special Activities**

### **7.2.1 Children Development:**

SOND is running 5 preschools with more than 15 children each school and monitoring the schools regularly and conducting discussions with the teachers and parents and help the children education under the shiva charity fund.

### **7.2.2 Information Resource Centre**

We have maintained library with 1456 different kind of books such as it is children, Education, self-motivation, Psychology, self-Development, life history, women development, Religion, political, medicine, poems, computer general knowledge Etc. and 412 CD's to use all peoples such as children, youth and elders. They all take books and CD's every day and averagely they taken more than 20 different kind of book monthly from here and students also come to use our resource centre for their studies. We have supported to mobile library organized by "Viluthu" Organization in this year and we have provided more than 40 books in various kinds of books such children, Education, self-motivation. We take initial step to build well-read future generations ahead by this resource centre. We conduct computer and English classes for more than 10 students (youth and children) in our office with free of charge and hope to develop their personal skill to act these competitive Environments.

## **08. Future Plans & Activities:**

Next year we are going to work in Mannar & batticaloa district for NSA project which will be funded by EU through ZOA.

We will continue other activities in Ampara, Batticaloa and Jaffna.

## **09. Conclusion:**

SOND is working with Government and non-government organizations for environmental related activities and also it is providing skill development activities to different level to achieve their vision and mission.

We all have to work together to do the best for the human in the earth.

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/sondprograms>

## SOND Photo Gallery



Provincial Education Minister  
Mr.T.Kurukularajah giving the prize for a  
student in the Youth Festival.



Cooperative research discussion is taking  
place with the Cooperative Management  
Board members.



All community Youth are performing a play  
in the Youth Festival.



Provincial Minister of Agriculture  
Mr.P.Inkaranesan is inaugurating the new  
Organic Farm in Neerveli – Jaffna.



Cargrills Northern Manager is meeting with  
the local producers in SOND office.



Provincial Agriculture Minister is visiting  
the Organic farm.





Mr.S.Senthurajah the researcher is explaining the details about the Cooperative research to the general members of a MPCS.



Dr. Richard an Organic expert is explaining about the soil fertility to a group in Neerveli Organic farm.



School MRE awareness program.



Community MRE awareness program.



A Youth training conducted by Mr.Senthurajah.



A Discussion on improving short film production.





SOND staff is providing plants to the school environment club in Ampara district.



SOND staff is providing plants to the school environment club in Batticaloa district.



SOND Organic Model Farm in Ampara district.



SOND is using solar power to water the farm in Ampara district.



Children are using SOND Library.



Pre School teachers training.





Materials are provided by SOND Batticaloa District Organic farmers.



SOND has Organized a discussion in the Eastern University on Climate change strategy.



SOND has Organized a meeting with the government departments and INGOs on Climate change issues in Batticaloa.



Materials are provided by SOND Batticaloa District Organic farmers.



First Aid Box is provided for the Village level Rescue team members in Batticaloa district.



Anaki Cook stove ( Less fuel stove ) is provided for the women in Batticaloa district.