# SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS NETWORKING FOR DEVELOPMENT (SOND)



# **Annual report -2022**

## Vision

**Creating a better society** 

## **Mission**

Supporting and organizing different people
Organizations and group to strengthen the civil society
and people to make them to function as a model to
follow in order to create a better society

# **Annual report**

#### 2022

# **Social Organizations Networking for Development (SOND)**

SOND organization is functioning for the last 24 years and hereby we produced the 2022 annual report here.

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# Projects details implemented in Jaffna district

# 1. PATH to Change project

The project is implemented with the support of UNICEF and it is implemented in Jaffna and Kilinochi districts 44 schools, 30 children clubs and 20 children homes.

#### Results of the project

- ❖ 18 Pre school teachers training were conducted in Jaffna district.
- ❖ Awarding ceremony for the teachers participated in the path project
- ❖ 12 trainings were conducted to the certified school in Atchuvely.
- Final project review meeting conducted in northern provincial directors office.

- ❖ A media discussion is conducted in the media forum to brief about the project activities to take the message to the community.
- Selected teachers were included to introduce the path concept to train the children club
- ❖ Teachers training were conducted in Driverk college in Chavakacheri.
- ❖ 6th batch of teachers training 3rd and 4th days trainings were conducted in Kondavil ramakrishna's vidyalayam.
- ❖ Volunteers awarding ceremony was conducted in Thirumarai kalamandram.

# 2. Jaffna- Kilinochi water supply scheme and the community participation (CIPE project)

Centre for international private enterprises funded this project to create the awareness to the community and encourage their participation.

#### **Results of the project**

- ❖ Stakeholders meeting was conducted different government officials and community based organizations leaders.
- ❖ Action committees formed to take up this project and four meetings were conducted with the committee
- \* Right to information and active participation in social media and advocacy training programmes were conducted. 12 trainings for conducted for government officials, community based organization leaders, representative of the local bodies, youth university students were participate in these programmes.
- ❖ A discussion was organized to the senior staff of the divisional secretary office about the water supply scheme.
- ❖ 20 awareness billboards were erected in different location in the district.
- ❖ The water issues were discussing different level and a report is prepared and share it with the decision makers of the Kilinochi Jaffna water supply scheme.

# 3. Encouraging women participation in politics (CDRI)

CDRI organization funded for this project and this is implemented in point pedro urban council.

#### **Results of the project**

- Project many discussions were conducted to the elected members of the urban council point Pedro.
- ❖ Workshops were conducted further to increase the woman participation for the male members women members and the community leaders in urban council hall.

# 4. Plural Action for Conflict Transformation (PACT project)

National peace council (NPC) organization funded for this project and we implement it.

#### **Results of the project**

- ❖ Monthly meetings were conducted with the different religious groups in Jaffna.
- ❖ Trainings for conducted for the DIRC members on conflict free society, communication and drug free society.
- ❖ Hate speech, violence and extremism, Pluralism, how to use social media for advocacy are the trainings were conducted for the youth under this project.
- Pluralism and conflict transformation training was conducted for community leaders.
- ❖ One day training was conducted on duties and responsibilities for government officials.
- ❖ A media conference is organized with the participation of the DIRC and other community leaders with the participation of active and senior academics in the subject of economics and politics.
- ❖ 5 Facilitation meetings were conducted to the Navanthurai and Navatkuli action committee members.
- ❖ 2 residential training programme were conducted to the above to action committee members.
- ❖ How to develop the community and the present crisis discussions were conducted for the elected female members of the local bodies and community female leaders, youth, and they have the participants have decided to support the home garden programme in different ways.
- ❖ Under the coexistence programme Tamil, Muslim and singala children's were mobilized and Art competition is conducted to promote the conflict transformation concept.
- ❖ The action committee members of the Navanthurai area distributed awareness handbills against the drug's use.
- ❖ The training programme was conducted for the government officials on pluralism and conflict transformation and mediation.

# **Additional projects**

- 1. The project with the support of UNICEF we conduct to consultation with the different department officials in mannar and Jaffna districts to discuss about the children's issues in the economic crisis. A provincial level discussions although also organized in the above subject by inviting all the officials from different districts to discuss about the problems faced by the children during the economic crisis.
- 2. A discussion was conducted with the Indian officials who are going to provide efficiency cook stoves to organization. CQuest company is planning to provide efficient cook stoves to different parts of the country freely to reduce the carbon emission and to do reduce the firewood usages.

#### **Detail of the other activities**

#### 1. Information Centre

we are trying to promote the reading habits among the children, community and government officials and providing library books on various subjects to the teachers, students and government officials and also to the community leaders.

We also provide library books to the community centers and other institutions who are interested to Lind books to the readers.

#### 2) Special activities

#### **Small industries initiative**

Our organization is conducting in a short-eats production company name yarl sakthi for the last more than 10 years and the short-eats are produce manufactured hygienically and the organic production is taking place.

We are providing employment for 10 females and is running with reasonable profit. The profit is use to support the community.

#### **Awareness creation**

- 1. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of June with the support of UNICEF our organization organized Menstrual Hygiene Management Day and awareness is created to the participants using zoom to about the a teenager about early age attainment. The participants are mostly teachers and this awareness helps them to deal with the early stage children attainment.
- 2. Due to the birthday of our executive director October 31<sup>st</sup> we have planted many useful trees in many preschools.

#### **Conducted seminars details**

- 1. The training programme is conducted for the SOND staff and volunteers on prevention of drugs by the district head of the drugs eradication programme.
- 2. We conducted drugs prevention training for the Skanthavarothaya college primary school students.
- 3. A training programme on drug prevention is conducted in Valigamam zone for the preschool teachers.
- 4. SOND organizer provincial awareness programme for the zonal directors of education which is headed by Mr.Uthayakumar provincial director of education. SOND introduced the concept of on discipline life of children in schools and we present the ideas and a discussion was conducted about this concept and it is unionists mindlessly agreed to conduct training programmes in school teachers where the teachers will conduct the programme do the children of the respective schools. UNICEF representative Ms.Sharmily and SOND staff were present along with the zonal directors in the meeting.

- 5. The first secretary of the British embassy met with the leading members of the civil society along with our executive director MrS.Senthurajah to discuss about the problems faced by the people in Jaffna district.
- 6. A team headed by national peace council director Jehan Perera met with the important members of the civil society to discuss about the problems of the Jaffna people, which is conducted in our office.
- 7. A awareness programme is conducted for Tellipalai DS office which is chaired by DS and our executive director MrS.Senthurajah explain about the village child development committee and how to make this function in each GN division.
- 8. Our executive director MrS.Senthurajah met with the DIG of Jaffna and then OIC of the women and child disk police and discuss about the problems faced by children and women in many villages and police were invited to join meetings conducted in the village level.
- 9. Regular fuel supply and food security discussion was conducted in our office and university lecturers, different department, government department heads and leading NGOs were joining the discussion.
- 10. A graduate from China Ruiyao conductor study on foreign migration, met our executive director in office, and discuss about the problems faced by the migrants in Jaffna.
- 11. An agreement is signed between SOND and vavuniya university management unit to exchange the pass out students to place them in organizations for practical learning.
- 12. A meeting is organized by the IOM in Colombo to discuss about the migrant workers and Australian migration and our executive director participate in the meeting.
- 13. Domestic violence training was conducted in Colombo and it is participated by our documentation officer Jency and project coordinator Niruba.
- 14. A meeting was conducted by the counsellors in Jaffna district secretariat and Jency our documentation officer join the discussion.
- 15. Child protection committee meeting was conducted in Jaffna district secretariat and Ms.Niruba our project coordinator joined the meeting representing SOND.
- 16. Two students from Peradeniya university common discuss about the committee development research with the organization and understand committee development programmes its impact.
- 17. Solidarity conductor discussion on the migrant workers in Kandy and Mr.Kiritharan the financial officer represent SOND in the meeting.
- 18. Healthy city project discussion is conducted in Jaffna university and our documentation officer Jency participate in the meetings.
- 19. A discussion on eradication of drugs conducted in our office and it is participated by relevant government department officials and university lecturers and also with the participation of community leaders.
- 20. Ms.Jency documentation officer participated in TRF discussion conducted by CFCD organization.
- 21. Australian volunteers programme meeting was conducted in shantheeham and it is represented by Kiritharan finance officer and Niruba project coordinator.

- 22. Children day is celebrated in Jaffna district secretariat and Ms.Jeenas our admin officer representative organization in the event.
- 23. Uduvil divisional education discussion was conducted and documentation officer Jency and project coordinator Niruba participated in the discussion.
- 24. Mental health day is celebrated in Jaffna district secretariat and it representative Mr.Kiritharan financial officer represent SOND in the event.
- 25. UNDP conducted a meeting in Zoom and our executive director and project coordinator Ms.Niruba participated in the meeting.
- 26. Small business management training was conducted by US aid and our documentation officer Jency participated in the meeting.
- 27. A meeting was conducted to discuss about the eradication of drugs in district secretariat and relevant departments, additional divisional secretaries, elected representatives of the local bodies, NGOs, committee based organization participated and executive director participate in the meeting.
- 28. A team from Peradheniya university visited our organization to study about our activities and impact on the community and had the discussions with the staff team.
- 29. Annual review meeting of the UNICEF projects is conducted in chief secretary office and our executive director represent SOND in the meeting.
- 30. Viluthu organization conduct annual review meeting and it is represent by Jeenas the administrative officer of SOND.
- 31. Regional director for Asian Pacific UN development coordination office had a meeting with the leading organizations in UNHCR office in Jaffna and it is represented by Mr.Senthurajah Executive director.

#### Training for volunteers and ToTs.

ToT and volunteers training international youth alliance for peace under the SYA SCORE project S.Lavatharani, K.Jathusan and A.Viyasan are the youth participants attended our training in our office. They were with our organization for four months and learn practical things in the field to get an employment and to get exposure and knowledge about the community development activities. This type of training is being conducted by SOND for many years for the youth who are seeking employment.

Another volunteers training many youths were accommodated to join in the in our training programmes and field programme. Many youth join our office volunteers, are trained, and get the skills and knowledge from our office. To upgrade their skills and knowledge are to get the employment skillful volunteers are recruited in our office when new projectors introduce and others link with other organizations to find employment opportunities.

#### **Employment Information Centre**

Linkages for employment opportunities we register unemployed people and link them with the employers we train them and coach them to develop their skills to find a better job.

#### Research and studies

We conduct many researchers and studies to find the causes for the anti-social activities and status of preschool teacher's skills etc. All these studies and researchers are done on voluntary basis and the reports are shared with the relevant people.

#### Support to the needy

- 1. Assistance provided with the support of UNICEF. We provided games equipment's books and stationary to the certified school students.
- 2. We provide dry ration to the poor families in Navanthurai and Navatkuli area with the support of national peace council.
- 3. 30 O/L students were supported with the education equipment's and stationaries from Navatkuli maha vidyalayam, Osmaniya college, Katheeya college and Navanthurai RC vidyalam.

#### Few photographs of the activities















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