

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

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Projects Implemented in 2024

Names of the Project	Donor	Regions Where the Projects Were Implemented	No of Beneficiaries	Amount
Child Centered Disaster Risk Reduction	UNICEF	Kopay , Sandilipay, Poonakery DS Divisions	12959	6.85 million
Pluralistic Active for Conflict Transformation	National Peace Council	Jaffna Chavakacheri	46	0.44 million
District Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic	Ministry of Health	Jaffna	4530	2.9 million
Alliance for Sustainable Infrastructure	CIPE	Jaffna,Sandilipay, Pointpedro, Chavakacheri	133	0.19 million
Active Citizens for elections and Democracy (ACED)	National Peace council		65	
Plural Action for inclusion Reconciliation and social Justice (PAIRS)	National Peace council			

Details of Projects and Time Periods Implemented This Year

DRR Project (January – June)

- Implemented during the months of January to June.
- Under this project, emergency preparedness plans were prepared for 30 villages in collaboration with the Disaster Management Center (DMC).
- Awareness programs, dramas, activities, and training sessions were conducted for government officials, members of village-level disaster management committees, and the general public.

Beneficiaries:

- 30 Grama Niladhari divisions in Kopay, Sandilipay, and Poonakary, who are highly vulnerable to disasters.
- Government officials working in the respective divisional secretariat areas.

Immediate Outcomes:

- Emergency Preparedness Plans were developed at the village level with the DMC.
- The project addressed many community issues and provided solutions through interactions with DMC-UN representatives.
- Home gardening initiatives were introduced to support the family income.
- Waterproof bags were distributed to protect important documents during floods.

Pluralistic Active for Conflict Transformation; (PACT)

- The project was implemented from January to April. At the end of the three-year project period, a learning conference was conducted, and an evaluation related to the project was carried out. Under this project, the members of the Inter-religious committee of Jaffna District identified issues of ethnic and religious discrimination and took actions to resolve them. Discussions on tensions against ethnic-religious harmony in Jaffna District, training on needs assessment, and dialogues for the Inter-religious committee members were conducted.
 - Beneficiaries:
 - 15 officials from NGOs participated in the learning conference.
 - 17 members from the DIRC joined during the project evaluation.
 - 31 DIRC committee members participated in the discussions and training sessions.
 - **Immediate Outcomes of the Project:**
 - The conflict between religious groups in the Navanthurai area was resolved.
 - Government officials, women leaders, youth, and university students gained knowledge on multiculturalism, the right to information, and other related topics.

Key Population Interventions

- The project is being implemented in collaboration with the Jaffna Teaching Hospital. The staff are working on this project, and our organization provides them with management direction and technical assistance. The project has been in operation since 2022.
 - Beneficiaries:
 - Members of the LGBTQ group
 - HIV suspected people and public
- **Immediate Outcomes of the Project:**
 - Awareness regarding the transmission of sexual diseases.
 - Treatment is being provided for affected individuals.

Alliance for Sustainable Infrastructure

The project was implemented from July 2023 to June 2024. Monitoring committees for public expenditure were established at the district and four divisional levels through this project.

Beneficiaries:

- A total of 133 beneficiaries participated in meetings this year.
- The project involved government officials, youth, university lecturers, journalists, and local council members.

Immediate Outcome of the Project:

- Participants gained knowledge on the need for transparent actions to ensure that public projects fully reach the communities and that people benefit from these programs.

Active Citizens for Elections and Democracy (ACED)

The project (from August 2024 to July 2025) is currently in progress. Under this project, training on the Right to Information (RTI) related to elections was provided. Additionally, a training on encouraging youth participation in elections was conducted to the youth.

Beneficiaries:

- Members of the Election Monitoring Committee
- Journalists
- Local body members
- Representatives of village-level organizations
- Youth
- Trade union members

Immediate Outcome of the Project:

- Participants gained knowledge on how funds are utilized during election period and how the Right to Information Act can be applied during elections.

Plural Action for inclusion Reconciliation and social Justice (PAIRS)

- The project was started in August 2024, and an introductory meeting for stakeholders was conducted in Colombo. The aim of the project, in collaboration with the members of the Inter Religious committee of the Jaffna district, is to promote ethnic and religious harmony.

Beneficiaries:

- Members of the inter-religious committee of Jaffna District
- Female members of the local council
- Youth

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Other Activities

- The village of Kottadi, under the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat, was selected as a model village. Voluntary initiatives were implemented by us to improve the living standards, economy, health practices, and education levels of the people.
- Arrangements were made by the Verite Research Organization to conduct a one-day training program on parliamentary procedures for community representatives.
- Our organization arranged members of the Jaffna District Interreligious Committee to participate in a one-day training program on the Right to Information Act, conducted by the NGO Council Jaffna.
- Sri Lankan Barometers Team conduct a research and the research findings were shared with the university students of NPC MUSTER Project and 15 members of DIRC in the university of Jaffna which is supported by SOND and facilitated by GIZ Team to get the participants view.
- We are coordinating the livelihood support and other activities with the support of probation officers, and field allowance for them provided with the funds from UNICEF.
- A dialogue on the **Himalaya Declaration** by the National Peace Council was organized with members of the Inter Religious Committee in our office.

- A one-day training program on truth-seeking was arranged by us with the support of National Peace Council.
- A training program for judicial officers in the Northern Province was arranged by SOND in collaboration and support by UNICEF.

Trainings and Seminars Attended by the Organization's Staff

- Virddhi Organization – Project management training Programme
- UNODC conduct a program on strong family attended by our staff.
- Himalaya Declaration training
- Young Fundraisers' Forum lecture - Building Your Profile and Effective Communication for NGOs.
- Young Fundraisers' Forum lecture - Conquer Your Fear Of Public Speaking
- Three Key Strategies of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to Improve Governance and Transparency in Sri Lanka.
- The Role of Management and Commercial Sector Studies in Water Conservation in the Northern Province.

Challenges in Organizational Management and Project Implementation

- Delays in obtaining approval for project implementation from the Secretariat of Non-Governmental Organizations.

Problems Faced by People Within the Organization's Operational Area

- Poverty prevalent in families in many vulnerable villages.
- Drug abuse among the youth.
- Child abuse and exploitation.
- Presence of unused and neglected public buildings.

Achievements of the Organization This Year

- Developed a new platform, on "*Creating a Better World*", and actively engaged in spreading awareness messages to the public using social media to bring about social changes.
- Recognized as a transparent and exemplary organization at an event organized by ASI Organization in Colombo.
- Received an honorary award from the National Peace Council for being an organization working towards reconciliation at a national symposium event.

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