

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS NETWORKING FOR DEVELOPMENT (SOND)



Annual report -2023

Vision

Creating a better world

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**

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Social Organizations Networking for Development (SOND)

The Social Organizations Networking for Development organization has been operational for 25 years. In 2023, the following projects were implemented in the Jaffna district:

1. Details of Projects

1. Plural Action for Conflict Transformation (PACT Project)
2. Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR Project)
3. Additional Projects

2. Details of Other Activities

1. Information Center
2. Special Activities
 - Establishing a model village
 - Introducing Vipassana meditation techniques
 - Training volunteers
 - Collecting data
 - Hosting key discussions

Details of Projects in Jaffna District

Plural Action for Conflict Transformation (PACT project)

The Plural Action for Conflict Transformation was implemented in the Jaffna district with the support of National Peace Council.

Key Activities of the Project:

- Monthly discussions with the District Inter Religious Committees in Jaffna were conducted.
- Training sessions on election procedures for the District Inter Religious Committees were organized.
- Leadership training programs on women's rights were conducted for female leaders.
- To promote harmony among the youth, sports competitions were conducted in Tamil and Sinhala New Year celebration.

- Posen festival was organized to bring Tamil and Sinhala communities in Navatkkuli.
- A peace procession and media briefing were conducted in Jaffna city under the theme “Building Peace.” in Jaffna public library auditorium.
- Facilitation meetings were conducted for members of the coexistence committees in Navanturai and Navakkuli.
- Facilitation meetings were held for executive committee members, youth, and female leaders.
- A Children’s Day event was conducted in the Chavakacheri Kovilkudiyiruppu area.
- A two-day training program on good governance and leadership was organized for female members of local councils and community leaders.
- A youth gathering and blood donation campaign were conducted to unite young people from diverse communities.
- An artwork is selected from a competition which is drawn by a Muslim girl to use to paint in a school wall on peace building message.
- A youth collective event was organized.
- A dialogue session to share experiences with other organizations working on peacebuilding was held.

Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Risk Reduction (CCDRR Project)

CCDRR Project was initiated in the November of this year in the Jaffna district with the support of UNICEF. Activities such as obtaining project approval and initial planning phases were carried out.

Additional Projects

1. A project to distribute efficient cook stoves free of charge was discussed with the Indian team. Stoves were distributed to 100 beneficiaries in Jaffna and Nallur divisional secretariat divisions.
2. In collaboration with the "Alliance for Sustainable Infrastructure" (ASI) team, the district-level implementation of a monitoring mechanism for sustainable public expenditure was initiated.
3. Livelihood assistance and educational aid programs were provided to beneficiaries by the Department of Probation and Childcare Services with financial support from UNICEF which is facilitated by SOND.
4. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, SOND implement the "National STD/AIDS Control" program.
5. Healthy Lanka provide seeds and SOND distributed them to promote home gardening for 20 beneficiaries in Bharathipuram and 10 beneficiaries in Kottai.

Details of Other Activities

Information Center

To improve literacy within the community, a library service is provided by our organization.

This library benefits the government officials, private sector employees, teachers, students, and our staff, who borrow and read books.

Special Activities

1. **Establishing a Model Village**

Discussions were conducted with divisional-level officials and representatives of village-level organizations to develop Kottai in Jaffna district as a model village.

2. **Introducing Vipassana Meditation**

Vipassana meditation techniques were introduced in Jaffna district in collaboration with a team from India. Two 10-day residential training sessions were conducted, along with programs to introduce the practice in several schools.

3. **Volunteer Training**

Volunteers frequently join our organization to gain work-related knowledge and experience. This program aims to help volunteers develop their skills and abilities to become qualified for employment.

Volunteers who have achieved competency may be offered employment opportunities within the organization. If not, they use the certificates issued by our organization to secure jobs elsewhere.

4. **Data Collection**

Our organization conducts data collection activities for small-scale entrepreneurs in the Nallur divisional secretariat area on a voluntary basis.

Important Meetings Arranged by the Organization

A discussion with ambassadors in Sri Lanka for 10 countries and leading academics and professionals along with four religious dignitaries in Jaffna District was conducted in our office, headed by the Executive Director, Mr. S. Senthurajah.

Photos



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