

Community Trust Fund

Helping the Most Vulnerable



Introduction

This News Letter briefs about CTF's new initiatives, key activities, important meetings and various other valuable information during the month of April 2008.

New Project(s)

CTF has been implementing a project on "protecting the rights of children" in Trincomalee district for the last few years in partnership with Fit/Cida. The third phase of this project has been approved for another six months from April 2008. This project tries to address the discriminations and violence faced by children population through educating the community including children on CRC; establishing/strengthening community level protection mechanism; and improving network and collective actions among child focused institutions both government and NGOs.



Meetings with Government and NGO sectors:

- ▼ Two meetings with the Child Probation Officers and 02 other meetings with Child Rights Protection Officers were held by CTF in Anuradhapura district. These meetings highlighted children issues in general and particular case studies and children club activities in particular.
- ▼ A discussion was held with the Divisional Secretary, Mutur to discuss the ongoing CTF activities and their progress in the division.
- ▼ CTF Mannar organized a special discussion with Director of Education and other Senior Education Officers in order to discuss the district's education status, difficulties & challenges and possible collaboration in future activities.
- ▼ A meeting was organized/sponsored by CTF in Mannar between the government departments and NGOs to discuss suitable strategies during any emergency situation in the district.
- ▼ CTF Ampara held a discussion with the Divisional Secretary Kalmunai to discuss the progress of the "Construction of Permanent Houses" that has been implemented by CTF in the district with the financial support of CAFOD.

Review Meetings:

- ▼ A review meeting with the SGBV Forum was organized by CTF on 05 April 2008 at CTF Anuradhapura to review the performance of the forum. Participants reported the incidences of SGBVs at their villages and the action taken.
- ▼ The monthly Meeting of the "Ulamas" (Islamic Religious Dignitaries) held at Thampalagamam in Trincomalee district on 25 April 2008 that was well attended by 55 Ulamas. The participants discussed current political/security situation, challenges faced by Muslim community in the district and possible activities for ethnic/religious harmony and well being.
- ▼ A Children Club Network Meeting held in Trincomalee on **27 April 2008** with participation of 105 children representatives. The meeting discussed the activities of children clubs and their progress in detail. They also discussed the Action Plan for the coming month.
- ▼ The Monthly Meeting of the Women Forum, Puttalam held on 22 April 2008 at CTF Field Bureau with participation of 30 women representatives. The members briefed their activities and progress during the month, challenges/ problems they faced and how the issues were handled. At the end of the meeting, the participants prepared and presented an Action Plan for the coming month.
- ▼ The Monthly Review Meeting of Pre-school Teachers was held in Puttalam on 15 April 2008. 25 Pre-school teachers took part in the meeting that analyzed the current situation of the children & schools, difficulties encountered, specific achievements and plan for the next months.
- ▼ As part of CTF's women empowerment process, series of meetings with Women Societies held at Mutur division in Trincomalee district. During April, 08 such meetings were conducted in which 231 women representatives took part.



Training Workshop

- ✓ Ms. Jawahira, Deputy Programme Director, CTF took part at the People SAARC Preparatory Workshop held in Colombo on 22 April 2008. She contributed in setting up the agenda for the People SAARC event to be held in July in Colombo.
- ✓ A 2-day training workshop on "Report Writing & Documentation" was held from 19-20 April 2008 for Senior Managers of CTF that was attended by 12 persons.
- ✓ A special training workshop on "Planning" was held for staff of CTF Mutur on 4th & 5th of April 2008 with the purpose of improving their planning skills.
- ✓ Three more internal Training workshops on "5 S System", "Women Needs", and "Office Management" were organized and conducted by CTF Training Unit with the aim to build the competencies of CTF staff.



Monitoring/Internal Audits:

A team from Monitoring Unit of CTF conducted monitoring visits/internal audits at Puttalam, Anuradhapura and Trincomalee districts during this month. These visits analyzed the progress/outputs of activities against approved proposals/plans, justifications for delays if any, reported constraints and challenges, accountability & transparency of financial activities, maintenance of office equipment/assets, staff performance and the current security & political situation in the districts. The team submitted their report to relevant units and the Board of Trustees for information and necessary action.

Management Meeting(s):

A full day Senior Managers Meeting was held on 10 April 2008 where all the Trustees and Senior Managers of CTF took part and discussed the issues, challenges encountered overall, and strategies for further improvement and better services of CTF.

Foreign Visits:

Mr. A.M. Mihlar, Programme Director and Mr. R. Riskhan, Human Rights Officer took part at the FK Debriefing and Preparation Workshop held in Bangkok, Thailand from 27-28 April 2008.

COMMUNITY TRUST FUND



Street Address:

No. 30, Service Road, Puttalam, Sri Lanka

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box-05, Puttalam, Sri Lanka.

Tel: 94-32-2267390

Fax: 94-32-2267046

E-mail: info@ctfsrilanka.org

Website: www.ctfsrilanka.org