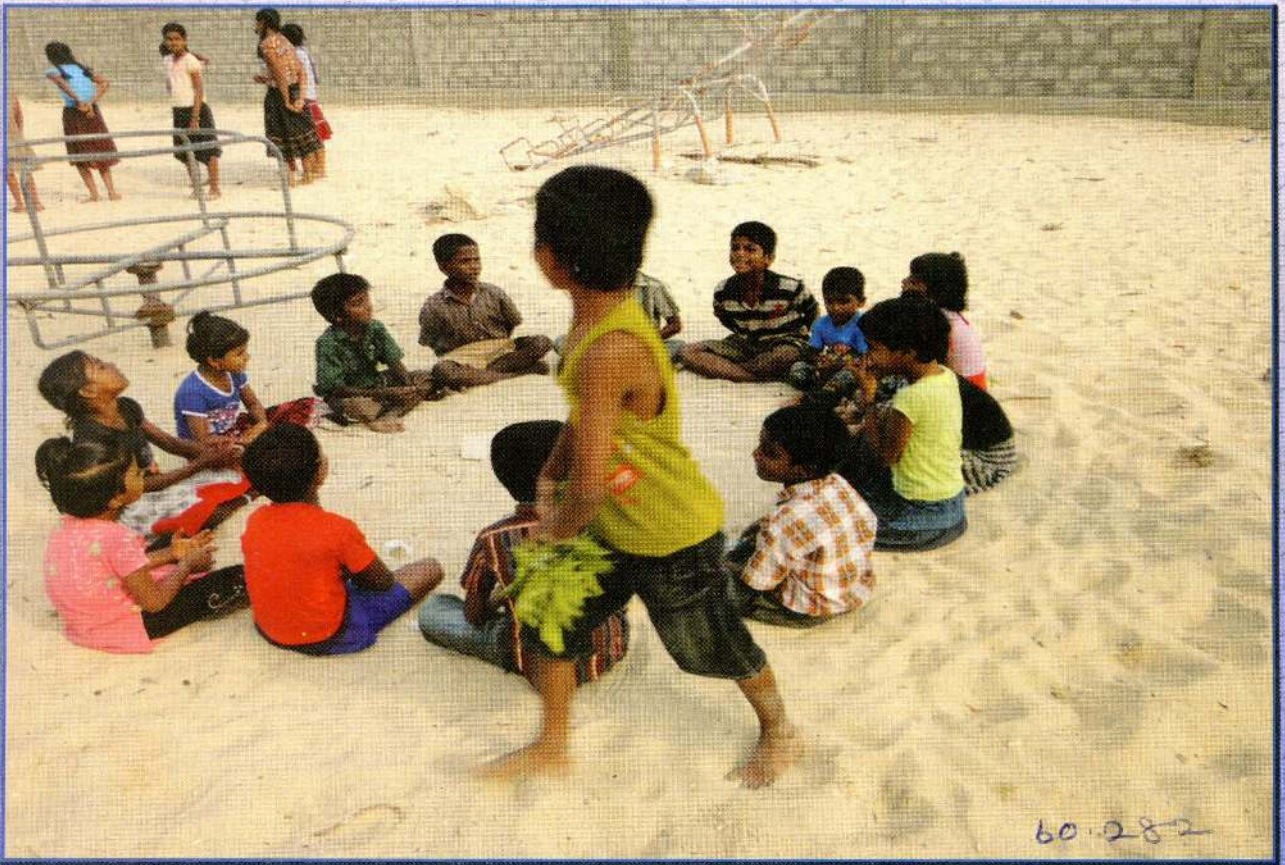




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Our Vision

To develop healthy, prosperous and knowledgeable youth community

நோக்கு

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Our Mission

To endeavor to provide a secure environment and opportunity for education for each child in the community and develop them into youth with ability, good habits and knowledge.

செயற்பணி

சமூகத்திலுள்ள ஒவ்வொரு சிறுவரினதும் பாதுகாப்பான சூழ்நிலையினையும், கல்விக்கான சூழ்நிலையினையும், அளிப்பதற்குப் பாடுபடுவதுடன் ஆற்றல், நற்பண்பு, அறிவு கொண்டவர்களாக உருவாக்குதல்.

From the Board of Management.....

The Board of Management have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Centre for Child Development for the year 2011.

After repeated displacements during the war time and the camp life, people are being resettled in their own places. At this juncture these affected people face many problems and support and help are necessary for them to come out of this situation and lead a normal life. Centre For Child Development (CFCD) implements projects in consultation with the Divisional Secretaries of the areas and related Departments. Children development projects are supported by individuals and Donor Organizations.

In 2011 we have identified and selected beneficiaries from all affected villages in the Northern Province and implemented suitable projects within our capacity.

The needs of the war affected victims and families are varied and various Financial inadequacy has been the major constraint in our meeting the basic necessities of health, sanitation, livelihood and educational support etc.

However, we have endeavoured hard to be of assistance to the affected children and families as best as we could do. These have been possible with the generous donations from very many organizations and individuals to whom we express our gratitude.

C.V.K.Sivagnanam
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Programme Secretary

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Organizing Secretary



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Introduction

Centre for Child Development (CFCD) was established in 1997 in Jaffna District with the Vision of developing a healthy, prosperous and peaceful young society. The Mission includes:

1. Developing children with peace, brotherhood, good behavior, intelligence, confidence and ability.
2. Creating suitable environment for children in every family.
3. Providing a protective situation and equal rights for education for every child in the society.

Approaches and Strategies

1. Organize communities into children groups and into village level organizations.
2. Provide livelihood assistance to the families of needy children so that the children get supported in due course.
3. Recognize the attitude of children and build on it for a better future.
4. Promote participation of children in social mobilization programme.
5. Promote fruitful collaboration with the government and other stakeholders for better understanding and inclusion of children in development efforts.
6. Practice participatory approaches in child development efforts through involving communities

Operational Area

Centre for Child Development (CFCD) is present in the Northern Province and active in Jaffna, Vavuniya, Killinochchi, Mullaitivu and Mannar Districts.

Management

Centre for Child Development (CFCD) was registered at the Ministry of Social Services, National Secretariat for the NGOs on 13.12.2000. There are 23 staff members of whom 5 are graduates, 4 with > 5 years of NGO experience and 3 with 10 years of NGO experience. The Board of Management consists of eminent personalities and professionals from Jaffna District. The Board meets monthly to discuss progress and new developments of the Organization while rendering appropriate support and facilitation to the staff members in their day to day operation. The management has the important task of seeking funds from suitable donors to address the vital needs of vulnerable children and families.

Implementation 2011

I. Preschool



The support focuses on the construction of semi permanent buildings to conduct preschools, provision of supplementary nutrition food, facilitation of preschool teachers and provision of educational tools and play items. Also assistance has been given to get electricity supply for the buildings. The effort has been successful and made the preschool children active to take part in the process to improve their skills, knowledge and talents in sports, culture and education.

Supporting conduct of preschools is one of the main activities of Centre for Child Development (CFCD). CFCD emphasizes that all the children who are in the preschool age should be provided preschool education. In addition it aims to support the vulnerable preschool children from the resettled areas to gain access to preschool education.

Furthermore, the preschool has become a forum where the total community could gather and discuss their various challenges and problems. It has paved the way to bring together a community that fell far apart due to a very long war and continuous displacement. In all 09 preschools are being assisted, as shown below, that benefited 299 children and 14 teachers.

District	Divisional Secretary	Village	Teachers	Children
Jaffna	Chavakachcheri	Ketpely	1	15
	Vadamaradchy East	Vettilaikerny	2	40
Killinochchi	Karaichi	Shanthapuram	3	70
		Ambakulam	3	58
Mullaitivu	Oddusuddan	Muthaiyankaddu	1	42
Vavuniya	Cheddikulam	Omanthai	1	17
		Menikfarm	1	28
		Krishthavakulam	1	16
		Muhathankulam	1	13
TOTAL			14	299

2. Evening Class



Education is the stepping stone for development. The formal education structure in the country allows only a nominal percentage of students to enter the higher educational institutions. It means that the process is rather competitive. In the urban areas students have the options for attending to private tuitions and personal classes so that they could catch up with whatever that is lost at the schools. But, it is money and sometimes a lot of money that a poor family would find it hard to support.



Thus, the conduction of evening classes in rural locations proved its usefulness and made the children to be knowledgeable, to behave in a team spirit and to facilitate the slow learners to come up to the expected minimum standard gradually. The activity received much support from the poor parents and the children alike and made them to go forward collectively. In 23 villages the evening classes are in progress with 35 teachers and benefit 1040 vulnerable children. The table below gives the breakdown:

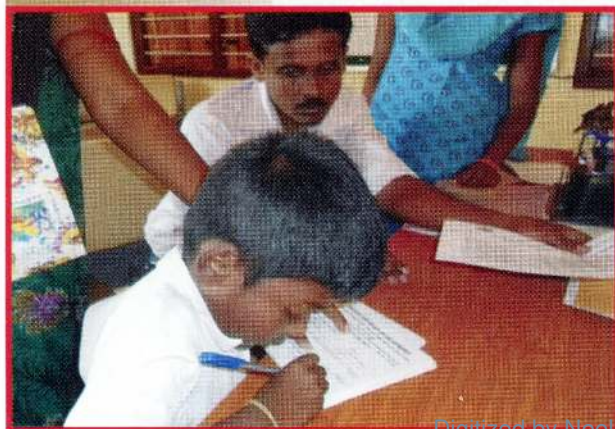


District	Divisional Secretary	Village	Teachers	Students
Jaffna	Chavakachcheri	Ketpely	2	51
		Vettilaikerny	2	91
	Vadamaradchy East	Vatharayan	2	68
		Chempionpattu	2	79
		Kudathanai	1	50
		Karainagar	Piddiyellai	4
	Karainagar	Maruthapuram	3	122
		Werapiddy	2	60
		Viyavil	1	48
		Neelankadu	1	25
Killinochchi	Karaichi	Shanthapuram	2	35
		Ambalkulam	1	38
Mullaitivu	Oddusuddan	Inthupuram	1	20
		Olumadu	2	50
Vavuniya	Cheddikulam	Menikfarm 02	1	25
		Menikfarm 03	1	29
		Muhathankulam	1	15
		Shanmugapuram	1	28
		Kappachchi	1	41
		Valavaithakulam	1	18
		Kandasamynagar	1	28
Mannar	Mannar	Iththikandal	1	20
		Olaothoduvai	1	16
TOTAL			35	1040

3. Educational Support

There are a number of poor children who tend to go away from schools, drop education and find meager labour jobs even before they are physically capable owing to the acute poverty prevailing at homes. CFCD through field surveys and dialogue with community members found out that the mere provision of educational facilities are not sufficient to make the children to continuously attend school. In some cases financial support too is necessary. The children have to procure many educational items during the course of their studies other than what is provided already and any lack of finance would make them to get distracted and dissatisfied. The inferiority complex has to be put out at the bud so that the rural children can come up in life through education.





CFCD has provided monthly financial support to identified vulnerable children for them to continue studies uninterrupted through the appropriate school principals. The effort has paved way for as many as 765 children from 21 villages to continue education with least difficulties. There are also 20 undergraduate students among this.

700 students were provided exercise books, pens and shoes and the assistance in 2012 is expected to be increased to 1000 students. The information below gives a summary of intervention in 2011:

District	Division / Area	Students
Jaffna	Chavakachcheri	39
	Vadamaradchy East	25
	Karainagar	16
	Eluvaitivu	3
	Delft	30
	Kopay	16
	Nallur	48
	Jaffna	31
	Uduvil	49
	Tellipalai	6
	Kayts	4
	Velanai	42
	Chankanai	12
	Sandilipay	42
	Karaveddy	38
Kilinochchi	Karaichi	250
Mullaitivu	Malawi	28
	Olumadu	23
	Muthaiyankaddu	10
Vavuniya	Vavuniya North	46
Mannar	Mannar	7
TOTAL		765

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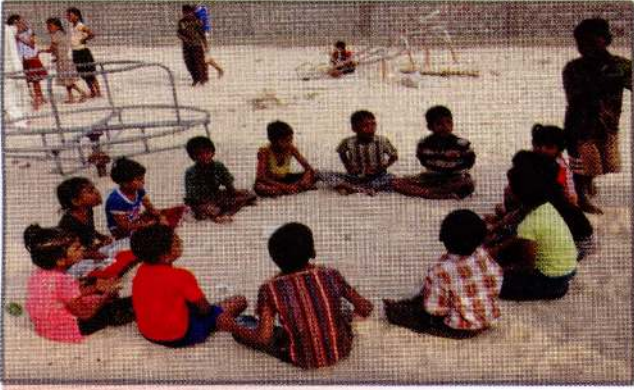
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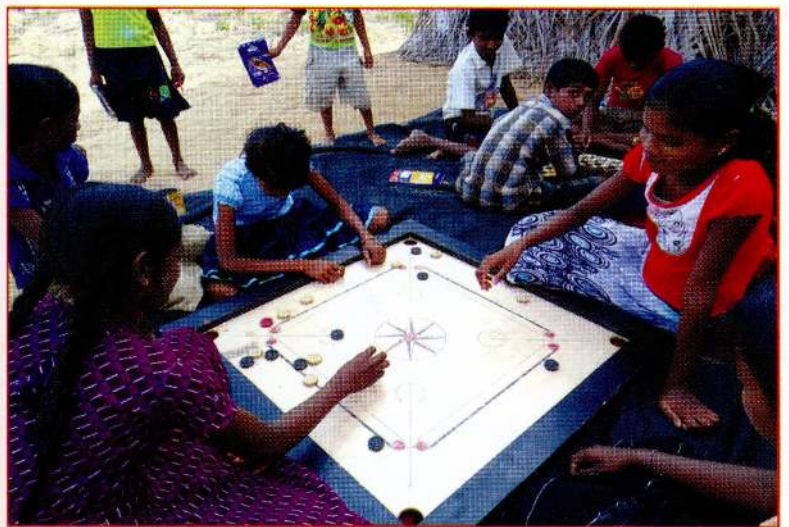
4. Child Friendly place



The children in the war torn areas are living in a fear psychosis that could be normally expected after passing through the cruel war. They require support to build confidence and to enter the mainstream life styles of other similar children. The creation of child friendly place is with the intention of bringing together the many vulnerable children in the villages so that they could become friendly and cooperate in day to day activities and leadership roles.



This has made room for the many lonely children at poor homes to come together and learn many games and take part in sports activities. The fear of insecurity has been gradually taken off the minds of the children. The formation of children clubs in the villages has facilitated to develop leadership and management skills of the children. They slowly tend to develop and come forward to discuss their own problems in a public forum. The child friendly place has also been a source to develop the cultural talents of the children. 23 villages have already received this support where 1087 children have benefited. The tabulation below gives the summary:



District	Village	Students
Jaffna	Ketpely	35
	Vettilaikerny	91
	Vatharayan	68
	Chempionpattu	79
	Kudathanai	91
	Piddiyellai	45
	Maruthapuram	50
	Werapidly	74
	Viyavil	29
	Neelankadu	57
Kilinochchi	Shanthapuram	65
	Ambalkulam	58
	Kannankoddam	30
Mullaitivu	Inthupuram	36
	Olumadu	42
	Pulimichinathikulam	36
Vavuniya	Periyarkulam	35
	Katpahapuram	50
	Karupanichakulam	25
	Tasnagar	25
	Kuddynagar	30
Mannar	Iththikandal	20
	Olaothoduvai	16
TOTAL		1087

5. Children News

“Children News” is a monthly edition containing news about children from around the world. 1000 copies are printed for circulation among the children who are supported by CFCF and the others working with them. The children are encouraged to read and understand about their rights and to contribute own materials for inclusion in the edition. The initiative has been useful to develop the children in various ways other than the direct involvement in education.



6. International Children's Day



The International Children's Day was celebrated on a grand scale at Veerasingham Hall in Jaffna on 1st of October 2011 when 950 children from the resettled areas participated. The children felt quite proud and happy to have participated at the occasion and many contributed to cultural activities like drama, song and dance. The children were able to present their many talents and many had their first experience to face audience from the stage.



7. Talk shop



The children have seen and faced major war and to a larger extent are traumatized. Many are without one parent. They have been living a very hard life even after the resettlement phase. They need to start to live as children in all norms. The basic standards of child rights have to be brought to them gradually. The plight at homes should not hinder the physical and psychological growth of the children. They need sufficient space and environment to engage in play activities. The interactions with other children through plays within and outside own community is necessary for developing balanced personalities.



“Talk shop” facilitated the affected and traumatized children to form new friendship to express their true feelings. A workshop was conducted to facilitate and develop the skills of the children and conducted an art competition. 30 selected children from each district took part in the event. The children were able to show their feelings through drawings. Selected drawings appear in the 2012 calendar published by CFCD. The children were taken on a tour within Jaffna district.

8. Cultural Activities



Culture is the identity of a community and that of a Nation. Children do not forget their traditions and cultures. However, the many years of isolated and fearful life during the war has created many hardships for the children to maintain and continue the cultural lifestyles. Thus, steps were taken to ensure that appropriate space has been made available for the children to learn, practice and enjoy their cultural norms. Taking part in group music at the temples, listening to speeches, memorizing the scripts of elderly persons and wearing cultural dresses are some of the many components included in the activity. All the affected children from the project area were included to be a part of the cultural activity forum.

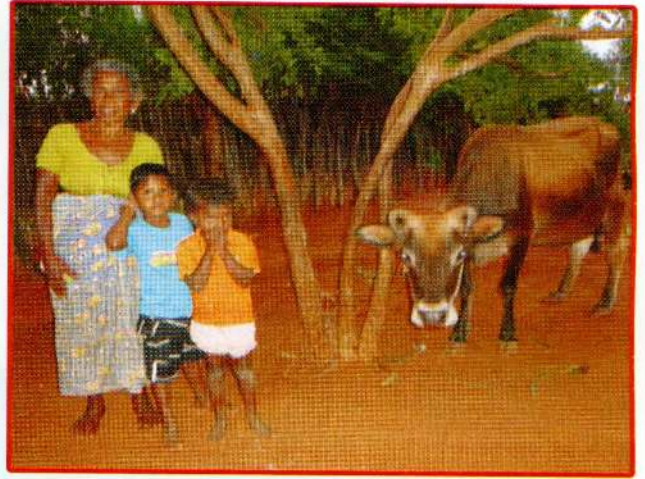


9. Bicycle Assistance

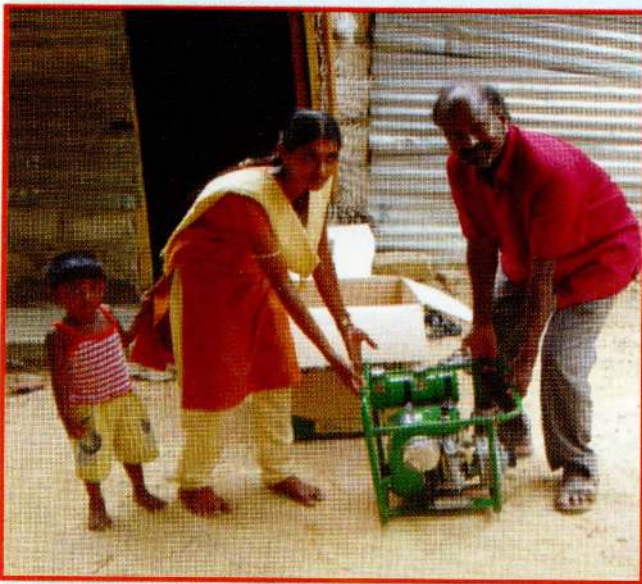
Travel and transport are major hindrances while being resettled and especially the school children find it very difficult to make it. Often they have to walk quite a while to reach the schools. Basically push bicycles are the main mode of transport of young children. But, buying them newly caused difficulties for children whose fathers are no more. CFCD reckoned the urgent need of such support to five girls studying in their Advanced Levels who lost their fathers and provided them with new push bicycles. This should help the girls to attend school regularly and complete the AL exam successfully.



10. Livelihood Support for WHH with young Children

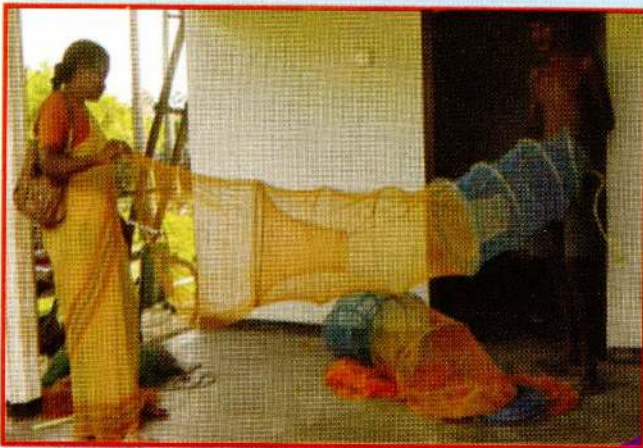


85 women headed households (WHH) were identified and provided with chosen livelihood support so that they could find a way to earn on a sustainable manner to support own families especially the growing children.



The general status of most of the women headed households is that they were used to depend on the income of the male counterpart of the families be it the husband or the father. With the end of the war and the commencement of resettlement they try to understand their plight and the status in society. It is no more a group living in a Welfare Centre with common cooking etc but individual families with specific roles to play in the community and the society as a whole. It means specific financial flow for the families is required.

The most unfortunate are the women who have never ventured out for jobs even at critical times when they lived with their fathers/husbands. These women do not have any vocational skills to market except that they may be good at cooking, gardening and decorating homes. Thus, the challenge in front is quite heavy but important. The path ahead for the families has been cleared systematically so that they could earn a living to confidently manage the affairs at homes and educate the children after providing necessary health and nutrition aspects. The tabulation below gives a summary of the assistance provided:



District	DS Division	Village	WHH	Support Provided	
Jaffna	Karainagar	Kalaboomi	1	Prawn Nets	
		Piddiyellai	2	Small shop	
		Werapidly	1	Sewing machine & accessories	
	Vadamaradchy East	Vatharayan	3	Sewing machine & accessories	
	Point Pedro	VVT	2	Small shop; Grinding mill	
	Jaffna	Jaffna	Maniyamthoddam	1	Poultry
			Kalviyankadu	1	Sewing machine
			Jaffna	1	Monthly finance
	Sandilipay	Manipay	1	Poultry	
	Chavakacheri	Navatkuli	Navatkuli	1	Mixture shop
			Ketpely	1	Monthly finance
	Uduvil	Chunnakam	Chunnakam	1	Poultry
			Chunnakam	2	Monthly finance
Kilinochchi	Karaichi	Ponnagar	4	Sewing machine	
		Ponnagar	6	Poultry	
		Ponnagar	1	Small shop	
		Ambalkulam	7	Sewing machine	
		Ambalkulam	3	Poultry	
		Ambalkulam	1	Construction of well	
		Ambalkulam	3	Bicycle	
		Kanahambikaikulam	1	Sprayer	
		Kanahambikaikulam	1	Water pump + accessories	
		Vinayagapuram	3	Water pump + accessories	
		Jeyanthinagar	1	Water pump + accessories	
		Barathypuram	1	Small shop	
		Thirunagar	1	Poultry	
		Uruthirapuram	2	Monthly finance	
		Unionkulam	1	Monthly finance	
		Unionkulam	1	Poultry	
	Kandavalai	Tharmapuram	5	Poultry	
Mullaitivu	Oddusuddan	Inthupuram	1	Education centre	
		Inthupuram	1	Water pump + accessories	
		Inthupuram	1	Poultry	
		Inthupuram	6	Sewing machine	
		Oddusuddan	8	Water pump + accessories	
Vavuniya	Cheddikulam	Periyarkulam	2	Cattle	
Batticaloe		Kiran	2	Furniture	
		Chenkallady	4	Monthly finance	
			85		

11. Issue of Spectacles

Free issue of spectacles to 164 children at schools was organized for the benefit of the students.

Hope For Children Moratuva issued these spectacles free of charge.

The Schools and DS Divisions are as follows :



Name of School	D/S Division	Number of Children
01. C.C.T.M School	Nallur	13
02. Sandilipay Hindu College	Sandilipay	43
03. Sundramoorthy Vidyalayam	Karainagar	02
04. Yarltan College	Karainagar	41
05. Yarltan Primary School	Karainagar	09
06. A.M.T.M School	Karainagar	01
07. Meihandan Vidyalayam	Karainagar	02
08 Thiyagarajah M.V	Karainagar	40
09. Kopay M.V	Kopay	13
	Total	164



12. Issue of Seeds

As part of a livelihood development strategy and to provide assistance to growing children from the families that do not have their male counterparts seeds distribution was initiated so that the women could engage in the cultivation of green gram, cowpea and black gram with the residual moisture after the harvest of paddy in the fields.



13. Sewing Training



At Cheddikulam sewing training centre was opened on 2nd of November 2011. 20 young women who have lost their fathers were selected to follow the training. The women were provided transport charges.

14. Relief Support for Batticaloe



CFCD took part in the relief support for the people affected by floods at the beginning of the year 2011. Through the CNGOs, Jaffna district CFCD gave food items and items necessary for children worth Rs 300,000.

Another Rs 250,000 was given for the benefit of children at Mangayatkarasi Girls' Home in Batticalo. Milk packets and cloth were issued to cancer patients .

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