



NORTH JOURNEY SO FAR 2014



NORTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT Mankulam, Northern Sri Lanka

Over the course of 2011/ 2012/ 2013 the Foundation of Goodness has worked relentlessly to make a difference to the lives of people in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka; lives which were devastated by the 26 year civil war.

Working in the Mankulam, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Eastern areas of Sri Lanka since January 2011, the Foundation of Goodness has positively affected a total of:

13,299 Beneficiaries As of December 2013 through a variety of projects and programmes including the gifting of.....

4862 Essential School packs

3050 Bicycles

and the betterment of...

5387 lives through:

- ★ Livelihood programmes
- ★ Sports training + development
- ★ Agricultural provision
- ★ Essential food packages
- ★ School infrastructure projects
- ★ Essential household items
- ★ Village Development
- ★ Computers
- ★ School equipment
- ★ Sports equipment

In 2013 the Foundation of Goodness continues to improve the lives of people in Northern Sri Lanka

36 MONTHS - 13,299 BENEFICIARIES - RS:120' MILLION - (US\$ 960 K - GBP 615 K)



Masterplan for the learning & Empowerment Institute

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JANUARY 2014 - 13,624 Beneficiaries to date

Solar Lanterns:

50 solar powered lanterns donated by the Al Diyafah High School, Dubai were donated to families from the Marathodai Village in Unchalkaddy, Vavuniya District.

Good Shepherd Girls' Orphanage, Mankulam:

Clothes, toys and 55 vouchers for the purchase of shoes were donated to the Mankulam Girls' Orphanage.

Oddusuddan IT Centre:

The FoG's very first Kids' Computer Course in the North commenced this month and our team dropped by to monitor progress. There are 70 kids currently enrolled in this course.

North Land:

While the final survey was being carried out, they encountered further de-mining issues which are currently being addressed and the survey is to recommence around the 20th of February. Once completed, the estimated amount of the valuation will be determined to make the payment prior to the signature approval by His Excellency the President.

Future Projects:

- ★ The FoG team visited Vidyananda College in Mulliyawalai, Mullaitivu District to discuss plans for developing the school grounds.
- ★ Discussions are underway to commence empowerment programmes including IT, Women's Enterprise and Business Skills courses to be held for students in the region at the Harmony Park in Kilinochchi.
- ★ Further plans are underway for infrastructure development with regard to water and sanitation facilities for the Neethipuram and Unchalkaddy Villages.



FEBRUARY 2014 - 13,882 Beneficiaries to date

Bicycle Distributions:

50 bicycles were distributed to villages in Unchilakaddy, Nedunkerny.

Siruwara Girls' Orphanage, Kilinochchi:

The FoG team visited the orphanage to present 35 shoe vouchers, an electric iron and children's books.

Essential School Supplies Deliveries:

20 ESSP packages were delivered to students in Thandikulam, Vavuniya.

Schools Development:

Discussions are underway with the Vidyananda Maha Vidyalayam Principal to develop the school sports grounds and establish a sports training programme. Wall boards with inspirational quotes were delivered to the libraries at the Vattappalai and Ramanathapuram school libraries which were developed with the help of KPMG.

Oddusuddan IT Centre:

The FoG team dropped in at the Oddusuddan IT Centre.

Water and Sanitation Projects:

Our team dropped by Neethipuram to check on the development of the final well and also stopped by the village of Unchilakaddy in Nedunkerny to discuss initiating a water & sanitation project there.

North Land:

The survey has recommenced after de-mining clearances and should be completed in the next 2-3 weeks. Once the base map is finalized it will be forwarded to the Mullaitivu Divisional Secretariat for the next stage, to determine the valuation for the payment of lease rental and the Ministry of Land and Lands Development for final approval.

Other:

- ★ The FoG team visited some of the beneficiaries in Unchilakaddy to follow up on the recipients of the solar lanterns donated by the Centre for Sustainable Development & Research (CSDR) and Al Diyafah High School.*
- ★ A pit stop was made at the Neethipuram pre-school to check on its progress.*
- ★ Discussions are underway to commence empowerment programmes at the Kilinochchi Harmony Park.*
- ★ A water pump was donated to rehabilitated and reintegrated beneficiary on the recommendation of the SL Army*



MARCH 2014 - 15,091 Beneficiaries to date

T-shirts and Stationary:

T-shirts and Stationary were distributed in Thandiankulam and Unchalkaddy in Vavuniya as well as among school aged children in Neethipuram, Mankulam.

Bicycles:

36 bikes were handed over to the villagers of Unchalkaddy and 100 school kids in Kilinochchi also received bicycles. This brings the total number of bikes delivered to date to 3,236.

Water and Sanitation Projects:

Unchalkaddy- The villagers of Unchalkaddy shared a single well with 5 other villages. As part of the FoG North Water & Sanitation project, a new well is currently under construction at this village. In addition, 3 completed tube-wells were handed over to the villagers during the March visit. Discussions are underway for more development projects of this nature in the coming months.

Neethipuram- The public well by the Neethipuram pre-school is now complete, and a set of changing rooms are now being constructed adjacent to it. In addition, 1 new well and 3 new toilets are under construction to be handed over to the villagers upon completion.

Sports Development:

Cricket Equipment: 2 bags of cricket equipment were handed over to the students at Vidyananda College in Oddusuddan.

Australian Cricket Tour: Plans are underway for a visiting team of school boy cricketers from Melbourne, Australia to visit Jaffna for a friendly cricket tournament in June. (This is a follow up of the Australian school team's tour to Kilinochchi last year, Sri Lanka's first international schoolboy cricket match to take place in the North.)

LBW Trust Scholarships:

15 students in the North received their confirmation letters for scholarships as part of the 3rd LBW Trust scholarship Programme with FoG. Preparations are underway to co-ordinate the 4th batch of scholarships to be given by the LBW Trust.

North Land:

Finally, the full survey and base map have been completed. Mullaitivu Divisional Secretariat has now forwarded the plan to the Valuation Department to determine the lease rental. We are following up closely to expedite which has been the case always.

Other:

★ Potential for a micro-financing programme were discussed with the Neethipuram Women's Organisation.

★ Interviews were conducted to recruit teachers for the IT, Dress making and Beauty Culture courses to commence in Kilinochchi.

★ A donation of 15,000 was made to the Sewa Vanitha their 'Brave Hearts' project for disabled/ bedridden soldiers.

East:

Schools Development:

2 computers handed over to Aligambay Government Tamil Mixed School in Aligambay and 2 more to the Weheragala Vidyalyaya in Ampara.

2 computers along with sports and musical equipment delivered to Bakmitiyawa Vidyalyaya in Ampara.

Playpark items including a swing set and see-saw as well as a variety of toys were donated to Al- Haramine International School in Maruthamunai.

Other:

Dry rations, 4 Essential School Supplies Packs and a solar lantern were donated to a rural and poverty stricken family in Aralaganwila, Polonnaruwa District



APRIL 2014 - 15,224 Beneficiaries to date

Books and stationary donation :

Books and stationary donated by the Colombo Organised Model United Nations (COMUN) stationary Drive along with 3 boxes of Books donated by 'Help a Child- Donate a Book' were distributed among schools in Ayyakachchi, Jaffna.

Sports Development:

Sports equipment including softball cricket equipment and a basketball net was donated to communities in Jaffna.

Sports coaching camps were held at Vidyananda College in Mullaitivu, and attendance was as follows:

1. Cricket - Boys 20 (u 13-19)

Girls 07 (u 16-19)

2. Volleyball - Boys 36 (u 13 -19)

Girls 20 (u 15 -19)

★ Following the coaching camp, 2 volleyballs were also donated to the school.

★ Celebrating the New Year

★ 8 bikes (6 to Mullaitivu and 2 to Unchalkaddy) and new garments were donated towards celebrating traditional Sinhala/ Tamil New Year in the North.

North Land Update:

Documents to determine the valuation have been forwarded to the Regional Office in Kurunagala and once an officer from their department inspects the site, the valuation will be finalized and dispatched to the Jaffna Valuation Department.

Thereafter the documents will reach the Divisional Secretariat of Mullaitivu for finalization of the payment which will take approximately 4 weeks.

Rest assured, our job is to follow up in driving towards a conclusion.



MAY 2014 - 15,415 Beneficiaries to date

Bikes :

25 bikes were distributed among rural and economically challenged school children in Thandikulam to assist them with their education while 8 more were donated to Alapathgama.

IT Graduation:

47 students graduated from the Oddusuddan IT Centre. They are currently the biggest batch to graduate from this centre.

Neethipuram Water & Sanitation Project:

The FoG team visited the completed well, public changing rooms and 3 toilets in Neethipuram.

Other:

- ★ *A water tank was gifted to a rehabilitated and reintegrated beneficiary in Kilinochchi with a special needs child.*
- ★ *Stationery items donated to the Foundation of Goodness were donated to school children in Thandikulam.*
- ★ *Toys donated to the Foundation of Goodness were donated among poverty stricken children in the North.*

North Land Update:

Finally, the land has been valued at Rs. 25,000,000 which has to be approved by the Ministry of Land & Land Development who will then request a settlement of lease rentals, following which we await instructions to make the payment and then all that would remain is to be approved by His Excellency the President.



JUNE 2014 - 15,913 Beneficiaries to date

Neethipuram Village Development:

Clothes, toys and chocolate were donated to Neethipuram villagers to improve their standard of living. Discussion are underway for expanding the water and sanitation project by providing more toilets to houses in the village.

Scholarships:

10 scholarships were presented to students sitting for their Ordinary Level examinations for the period of 1 year in the Kilinochchi Region.

Discussions are underway to conduct a monitoring and evaluation project for beneficiaries who receive scholarships to ensure the funds are used correctly.

Bikes:

★ *4 ladies' bikes and 3 gents' bikes were donated in Kilinochchi bringing the total number of bikes donated to Kilinochchi alone so far to 1,000.*

Other:

The FoG team visited beneficiaries who received onion bulbs in 2011 for agricultural purposes to check back on the impact it had.

An inspection was conducted to ensure that the Jaffna Central College Grounds was in good condition for the Combined Jaffna Schools vs Melbourne's Yarra Valley Cricket Academy match in July.

North Land Update:

As for the North land update, it is still the same status as of last month's update in the newsletter, while we wait to receive instructions for lease rental which we have been following up but has not been given as yet.

East:

Toys and stationery were donated to Aligambay Government Tamil Mixed School, Weheragala Vidyalaya and Malwatta Tissapura Maha Vidyalaya in Ampara. Weheragala Vidyalaya also received play park items while the Malawatta Tissapura MV were gifted volleyball equipment to assist their volleyball team who had recently become regional champions.



JULY 2014 - 16,000 Beneficiaries to date

Cricket:

The Yarra Valley Cricket Association Team from Melbourne Australia played a match in Jaffna against the Jaffna Schools Combined Team and this was the very first schoolboy match to be played in Jaffna in 46 years. The Yarra Valley Team played in Jaffna as part of their Sri Lankan tour, as organized by G'Day Lanka with David Cruse and Keith Thompson.

16 bicycles were presented to the players from the Jaffna Combined Schools Team with the kind sponsorship of Mr. Tom Seabrook.

Women's Empowerment:

Beauty Culture and Dress Making classes commenced at the Kilinochchi Harmony Centre as the FoG Women's Empowerment programmes spread to encompass ladies in the northern regions of Sri Lanka. These new programmes serve as the precursor for more empowerment courses to be delivered in Kilinochchi.

Water & Sanitation Projects:

A new well is being built at the village of Unchalkaddy and two more in Neethipuram are in the process of being revamped.

Repairs are being made to public toilets in Mankulam and we are working on procuring the water supply.

Progress in the East:

Initial discussion have taken place with the Lak Aruna Foundation in Moneragala to commence development at the premises, restart IT classes and inaugurate empowerment courses such as dress making and beauty culture as well as children's classes such as Science, English, Mathematics and library activities. We hope to complete the project by the end of September. This will be our 3rd Village heart beat project.

North Land Update:

The story of never ending follow up continues as they shift the focus from one department to another where we are now told the letter confirming the lease rental payment should be submitted to us by the Divisional Secretariat of Oddusuddan and not the Ministry of Lands and Land Development as originally thought of. We are now chasing the Divisional Secretariat, Oddusuddan, to secure the payment confirmation letter then for the Ministry of Land & Land Development to formalize the legal process.



AUGUST 2014 - 16,180 Beneficiaries to date

Bike delivery:

25 bikes were distributed to ladies in Iyyakachchi as a women's empowerment initiative. 1 bike was also presented to a school principal.

Scholarship:

25 A/Level students in Kilinochchi with financial difficulties received scholarships to aid them in completing their education.

Infrastructure development:

Inspections were carried out concerning the construction of a common well for the village and the construction of a roof for a poor family in Unchalkaddy. The well was close to completion while work still needs to commence on the roof.

The public toilets that were constructed in Mankulam have now received water connections.

Other:

Toys and stationery items were distributed among families in Paranthan and Unchalkaddy.

The Foundation of Goodness sponsored the accommodation costs for students, parents and teachers from V/ Tharanikkulam Ganesh Vidyalam who visited Colombo for 2 days to attend an educational tour.

North Land Update:

After long last we have auspiciously paid the first installment on the 30 year lease of the 50 acre land close to Kilinochchi, and now the papers are being legalized by the Ministry of Lands and Land Development for the final authorization by H.E. the President.

There has been progress made since the last month by making this payment of Rs. 4 mil (approx. USD 31,000/-). It is indeed good news and hopefully we can do our best to replicate the model in the South in the North as well.

