



# 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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# A New Year Begins

**Sports coaching camps** were conducted at a number of schools by the FoG Sports Academy team. They were assisted by Sri Lanka Cricket coaches Ravindra Pushpakumara, Gangadaran & Lakshitha. The cricket coaching camps were attended by 26 Boys ( 15-19 yrs ) in Vavuniya, 15 boys in Mankulam, 26 boys in Kilinochchi and 27 Senior Boys, 30 Junior Boys and 08 Junior Girls (a total of 65) in Oddusuddan. One of the targets recognized for this year will be to field a team from Mankulam for the 2013 “Murali Harmony Cup”. Netball coaching camps were held in Oddusuddan and Mankulam, and volleyball coaching camps were held in Vavuniya and Mankulam while a volleyball court was set up in Oddusuddan.



**Toilets:** Two more newly built toilets were painted by visiting FoG staff and volunteers. Progress thus far sums up to 16 existing toilets that have been renovated and painted, and 12 (out of 33) newly built toilets out of which 6 have been completely painted.



## Library Development:

FoG staff carried out evaluations regarding the Watappala Maha Vidiyalayam library in Mullaitivu and the Ramanathapuram East Government Tamil Mixed School library in Kilinochchi. The aim is to help develop the school libraries with the assistance of KPMG.

## Goods Distribution:

A large collection of toys and clothes supplied by kind donors were delivered to the Achiram Orphanage in Kilinochchi. A collection of toys and pens were also distributed at the Good Shepherds Girls' Home in Mankulam. Clothes donated by donors in Brisbane (spearheaded by Bill Deutron and Deneth Peiris) were distributed among the needy families in the village of Kappapilau as well as in Mankulam. Additionally, cricket equipment donated by the group was distributed in Mankulam, Kilinochchi, Vavuniya and Jaffna.



**Micro-Finance:** FoG Staff conducted a meeting with the two women's organizations currently involved in the micro-finance project in the North and carried out a feasibility study for conducting a slipper making workshop in the future. One of the women's organizations also reported that they had conducted a sale for the items produced by the Micro-Finance ladies.

**In the East:** The latest round of ESSP supplies for 2013 were delivered to Welikanda earlier this month. 46 ESSP packs were distributed at Ruhunuketha Junior School and 34 packs were distributed at the Kandapadu Junior School.



**Other:** Inspections were carried out at various school grounds developed for the Murali Harmony Cup. Logistical and maintenance problems were discussed and plans put in place to maintain the grounds in good condition.

4 more computers have been allocated to the IT Center in Oddusuddan in order to expand its services.

50% of the construction of the Neethipuram Pre-School has now been completed, with hopes of completing the building in the near future.

There has been progress with regard to the land for the North Learning & Empowerment, with the necessary documents having been cleared at the Provincial Council level, they are now subject to the process of approval by the Land Commissioner's Office.

*February* - Going in to the third year of FoG's presence in the North, we continue along a steady pattern set by teams visiting every month to carry out development activities and monitor progress of established projects.

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**Bike Distribution:** 26 bikes were distributed to students in the Thandikulam/ Ichchankulam villages in Vavuniya, an area that had never before received bikes from the FoG.

### Neethipuram Development:

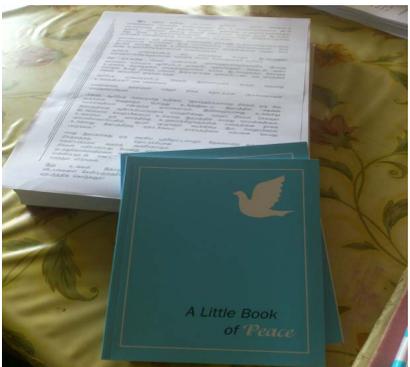
An assessment was conducted at the Neethipuram pre-school which is currently being revamped, and areas for future development such as a playground for the children and a small garden were recognized along with the need for teaching and learning equipment such as tables, chairs, whiteboards etc. The FoG distributed biscuits among the children present.

In light of the water and sanitation project that is underway, 45 toilets have now been built although a few have not been completed due to delays caused by heavy rainfall. 13 toilets were painted by FoG staff and volunteers during the February visit.

**Distribution of books and leaflets:** Children's books about peace and reconciliation written and donated by Chandra Fernando along with a leaflet containing life lessons about letting go of anger were distributed at the Good Shepherd's Girls Home in Mankulam, Mankulam Maha Vidiyalayam, Oddusuddan IT Centre, Mankulam Pre-school and the bike recipients in Thandikulam/ Ichchankulam.

### Other:

- A mini fridge was handed over to the Good Shepherd's Girls Home in Mankulam, and soft toys and pencil cases donated by Julie P. Kent of the UK.
- The FoG team monitored progress at the Oddusuddan IT Centre where classes are now underway.
- Staff ensured that following last month's discussions, maintenance activities are now underway at the Mankulam Maha Vidiyalayam sports grounds.
- A Meeting was held with the heads of the women's organizations receiving micro-financing to gather feedback about the slipper making workshop to take place in the future. Several ladies presented requests for sewing machines so as to carry out their businesses from home.



# Story of the Month

It was a great blessing to travel to the North with you.... Starting from the Oddusuddan IT center, Girls orphanage, Neethipuram Toilets, and the bike distribution.

The crazy moments we shared were priceless. Even though I was hungry all the time and couldn't figure out that how I worked the whole day without lunch... It was amazing....

Here are my reflections of the trip...

**Oddusuddan IT Center :** When we entered the center, all the students stood up and welcomed us, it was so touching to see them doing a power point. As Kushil always say I saw the talent of those guys... I am so glad that we have recruited the right person to teach them... I really admired the way he helped the students. I heard a conversation between a student and the lecturer it was so pleasant and friendly.

**Girls orphanage :** I was not in a position to have a conversation with them, but to see them smile was a treat... It cannot be explained through words... It was a very emotional moment. I kept quiet and sat on the floor with them... You should be a Tamil guy to understand the thoughts going on around your heart and head... They are happy, dancing, expressing their emotions without fear and I don't know how to settle on any one of the many feelings overwhelming me, but I just simply couldn't say anything... The sister there is amazing... If I was the LTTE leader, and asked me to fight against my fellow Sri Lankans... My response to them would've been... "Don't send me money and weapons to fight, send your sons and daughters here, lets rebuild..." I really am ashamed as a Sri Lankan for our foolishness. We killed each other for nothing... At the orphanage, I felt that I am so selfish trying to get out of the country for my own career growth while they remain behind to struggle against their lack of opportunities... Take my word I will come back and serve my country at a whole different level and capacity...

**Neethipuram:** So proud that we completed 13 toilets and 6 doors in one day... Diverse team makes things happen faster....

2 expert painters (Chaminda aiya and saman aiya) with roller brushes, one human ladder with a brush to complete the top portions (that's me), one supervisor/motivator & energy provider + low level skirting painter (All in one = Faz) One expert on spilling the paint all over and keeping the group together. (Suranga aiya, please note that all the spills were identical to each other)

Every single moment was priceless.... All of us were so happy... there were all these crazy jokes and misinterpretations which made the work so easy and fun.... The day ended with a quest to find a Shop (Which was supposed to have tasty seafood), a search lead by the Great Columbus (Fazana)...

The only identifying landmark given to us was that "there is a tree near by", and very time she saw a shop, she would scream, "this is it this is it.... then.... No... this is not...."

The search party ends with Suranga ayya finding a new shop named "The Muslim Hotel".... which technically had all the seafood items we craved... It was a great day all together.... Real Fun and some good work....

Final day... Distribution of Bikes: Again gave me the same feeling of the Orphanage... Thanks a lot Kushil and the donors... It is a Blessing to be able to give, you have that... Fazy thanks for giving me the chance to speak to the audience... I made it clear that education will help them to develop themselves and their community...

It was a wonderful feeling to be at that gathering... Priceless.... Ultimately.... It was a great trip...

Thank you so much Kushil, Your insight and vision is so clear.. I always see you as a gift to Humanity. Thanks a lot Fazy... I admire your and respect you as a woman, a Sri Lankan and a human being.... You are a great inspiration.... Suranga aiya... You are like my elder brother, Trust me I really mean it.... Saman aiya... Give him a task and the response will be, "Let's do it!" You are a great team player Chaminda aiya... Always on the go... "why can't we do it? Let's do it!" That's the attitude!

It was a great team, thank you so much for making me a small part of it...

Thank you so much for the whole FOG team.... It is a pleasure to be here with you all... Some of you might not know the impact you are making in the others' lives... Trust me... you are making a huge impact....

Sincerely  
Aravinth

Once, a Junior School teacher asked her students to bring some potatoes in a plastic bag to school. Each potato will be given a name of the person whom that child hates. Like this, the number of potatoes will be equal to the number of persons they hate.

On a decided day, the children brought their potatoes well addressed. Some had two, some had three and some had even five potatoes.

The teacher said they have to carry these potatoes with them everywhere they go for a week.

As the days passed the children started to complain about the spoiled smell that started coming from these potatoes. Also some students who had many potatoes complained that it was very heavy to carry them all around. The children got rid of this assignment after a week, when it got over.

The teacher asked, "How did you feel in this one week?"

The children discussed their problems about the smell and weight.

Then the teacher said, "This situation is very similar to what you carry in your heart when you don't like some people. This hatred makes your heart unhealthy and you carry that hatred in your heart everywhere you go. If you can't bear the smell of spoiled potatoes for a week, imagine the impact on your heart of this hatred that you carry throughout your life."

Our heart is a beautiful garden that needs a regular cleaning of unwanted weeds. Forgive those who have not behaved with you as expected and forget the bad things.

This also makes room available for storing good things!



**There were two visits to the North this month, once by the FoG Sports academy team to conduct sports coaching clinics and another by the administrative team who look in to the development work we currently have underway in the North.**

### **School Development:**

- Vattappalai School: The FoG in association with KPMG hopes to renovate one of the school buildings and set up a library for use by the students. The FoG team conferred with the principal who handed over a draft for estimated costs.
- Ramanathapuram School: Gifted 35 boxes of books donated by a Model United Nations project spear headed by Overseas School of Colombo. The collection of books included a mix of Sinhala, Tamil and English books.

### **Children's Homes:**

- Good Shepherd Girl's Home, Mankulam: A visit to the Girls home resulted in singing, dancing and a general goodtime had by all. 25 puppet making kits donated by Julie Kent and 37 Vivapackets donated by Glaxo (organized by Rajeeve Goonetilleke) were handed over to the girls.
- Achiram Children's Home: 100 packets of Viva malted drink and two boxes of toys donated by Dr. Naj Nagendran were delivered during the visit.

### **Village Development:**

- Keppapullavu Village: Distributed 175 Viva packs donated by Glaxo (organized by Rajeeve Goonetilleke) and clothes, shoes and handbags donated by Dr. Naj Nagendran from USA
- Neethipuram: 7 newly built toilets were painted by the FoG team who also checked on the pre-school building construction, which we hope to complete by the end of April.

### **Sports Coaching:**

*With the help of Sri Lanka Cricket Coaches Gangadaran and Jeyakumar sports coaching was held across four schools by the FoG Sports Academy Coaching Team.*

- Pudukulam Maha Vidyalayam, Vavuniya: This was the first time that the FoG team conducted a coaching programme at this school and the coaches were delighted by the enthusiasm shown by the school's staff and students alike. A total of 74 boys and girls attended the programme, attendance was as follows: U15 Netball- 10, U17 Netball- 9, Volleyball- 33, Ladies' Cricket- 12, Boys' Cricket-10.
- Mankulam Maha Vidyalayam: A total of 63 students made up of 22 boys and 1 girl for Volleyball, 20 girls for Netball and 20 boys for Cricket attended the coaching camp.
- Oddusuddan Maha Vidyalayam Grounds: students from Oddusuddan Maha Vidyalayam were joined by a large group from Vidyananda Maha Vidyalayam, making up a total of 126 attendees for this coaching programme. 21 girls, 57 U13-15 boys and 14 U17-19 boys attended the cricket clinic while 12 and 22 girls respectively attended the Netball and Volleyball coaching sessions.
- Kilinochchi Central College: 20 boys attended the cricket coaching camp.



### **Other:**

- Sports Journalist Richard Brown who joined the trip this month had an opportunity to meet the players and coaches involved with the FoG sports programmes in Oddusuddan and Kilinochchi.
- Discussions are underway to conduct a physiotherapy programme for disabled Army soldiers and ex LTTE combatants in April this year.
- Discussed plans for cricket coaching and sports grounds development in Kilinochchi.

# First phase of the Neethipuram water and sanitation project complete:



The Neethipuram water and sanitation project was launched in October 2012 following a needs assessment in June of the same year and now, at the end of April 2013 phase one or the sanitation part of the project is complete.

The material and expertise was provided by the FoG and able bodied villagers dug pits and renovated or constructed the toilets which were then handed by the FoG teams that visited every month, before being handed over to the families for use.

A total of 49 toilets now been completed and handed over to the happy villagers.

With the completion of the toilets the second phase which involves the digging and revamping of existing public and private wells in the village can commence.

Pre School – The FoG, together with Sri Lankan military assistance has been able to complete the construction of the old Pre School building which now has better infrastructure and a pleasant atmosphere for the children to learn and play in. The old building is now equipped with play park items, Pre School toys and stationery. Early childhood learning is the foundation for future growth and this first step is essential.

## Oddusuddan It Centre:

The IT Centre in Oddusuddan, initiated with the help of the American Centre, provides IT courses to the locals free of charge and was opened early this year. This month, the first batch of students have completed their course and will have their graduation ceremony next month. At the same time a new batch of students will be recruited. The centre itself has been upgraded with the addition of 11 computers which will increase its capacity to 22 students per class.

## Other:

Plans are underway to carry out a needs assessment in Kilinochchi to recognize an elder's home that would benefit from future assistance.

KPMG has approved the funds for developing two libraries in the North



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# Activities in the North & East

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**Bikes:** 105 bikes were distributed evenly between Sinhala, Tamil and Muslim communities to students from a large number of schools in Ampara.

**IT Centre:** The first batch of IT students (9) graduated from the Oddusuddan IT Centre and a second batch of 22 were enrolled on the same day. The students were from both Muslim and Tamil communities.

**First Big Match at Oddusuddan:** The very first big match between Oddusuddan Maha Vidiyalayam and Vidyayanatha College was held at the Oddusuddan MV IODR Cricket Oval. The development of these grounds gave the youth in this area the opportunity to initiate events and traditions like this gives meaning to the activities carried out by the FOG.

**Neethipuram:** the first phase of the Neethipuram Water and Sanitation Project is now complete with the handing over of 50 rebuilt and newly constructed toilets being handed over to the villagers. The second phase of revamping the wells and building a new well will commence in the near future.

The Neethipuram Pre-school was opened after its reconstruction which included play park items, toys, stationary, storage room, and tables and chairs.

**Physiotherapy Clinic:** two physiotherapy clinics were held in Kilinochchi, one for Army Soldiers and another for the general public to address injuries sustained and/or neglected during the years of conflict.

**Murali's North/ East Concrete Wicket Project:** 30 schools have been selected for the construction of cement wickets in consultation with the Schools Principals, MIC's and Coaches. The inspections that make up the first stage of this project have been carried out and the second stage will be the site visits by the Army Engineers along with SLC Provincial Coach Ravindra Pushpakumara and the respective District Coaches. FoG plans to construct 60 wickets during the course of this project.

## Other:

- Viva packs donated by Glaxo Smith Kline were distributed at the bike distribution, IT graduation and pre-school opening.
- Toys and clothes donated by Harry Solomon and friends, Rohan and Murali were also distributed in Neethipuram.
- A special North Cricket Development meeting was held at Mankulam MV with the attendance of Kushil Gunasekera, FOG representatives, SLC Provincial Coach Ravindra Pushpakumara, School Principals, District Coaches from Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar, Representatives from Mannar, Vavuniya, and Jaffna district cricket associations and SLC Junior Selector for North/ East.



**Sports Coaching Camp:**

Sports coaching for Netball, Volleyball and Cricket took place in Vavuniya at the Puthukkulam Maha Vidiyalayam grounds attended by 111 participants for netball, in Mankulam at the Mankulam Maha Vidiyalayam where there were 85 in attendance, in Oddusuddan at the Oddusuddan Maha Vidiyalayam grounds where 119 students from Oddusuddan MV, Vidyananda MV and Katchilamadu MV were present and in Pandiankulam at the Pandiankulam MV grounds where 89 students were present for the coaching.

**Practice Wicket development:**

The concrete practice wicket development project in North/Eastern schools spearheaded by Mutthiah Muralitharan with the kind benevolence of Jayantha Pathikirikorale and The Sri Lanka Sports Association in Queensland is at the next stage of its development. A project in collaboration with Sri Lanka cricket, we are now awaiting the results of tenders called out by SLC.



**Neethipuram :**

**Water and Sanitation Project:**  
With the completion of the sanitation aspect of the project and the arrival of the dry season discussion are underway to begin the second phase of the project to revamp the village's public wells.  
Preschool: Books and toys donated by donors Harry Solomons and Stanley & Suramya Rajapakse from Australia were donated to the Neethipuram pre-school.



**KPMG Library Project:**

The development of the Ramanathapuram MV library is proceeding to schedule with the purchase of cupboards and furniture and preparation of the library room making way for imminent use by the students.



**Harry Solomons and The Kingsgrove Sports Group:**

Sports equipment donated by the above group were distributed as follows during the North Sports Caching Camps-

- Puthukulam MV: 02 Cricket Material Bags, 02 Cricket Material Bags, 01 Cricket Material Bag to Mannar / Collected by SLC District Coaches
- Mankulam MV: 01 Cricket Material Bag + Fielding Net, Clothing + Caps to Cricket, Netball & Volleyball Squads
- Oddusuddan MV: 02 Cricket Material Bags to Katchilamadu MV, 04 Fielding Nets to North/East Schools – Collected by SLC District Coach Mr Gangadaran
- Pandiankulam MV: 01 Cricket Material Bag



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## Historic Cricket Match:

The Foundation of Goodness organized the first international school age cricket match to be played in the North since the civil war was held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July at the Kilinochchi Central College Cricket grounds (developed by the FoG for the 2012 Murali Harmony Cup) with the kind facilitation of the Sri Lanka Army.

David Cruse and Keith Thompson organized the Ferntree Gully District Cricket Academy and Australian Hellenic Federation U17 combined cricket team tour and in Kilinochchi they faced the North/ East U17 combined team in a historic match attended by thousands of cricket loving locals who had been deprived of such entertainment for long years as well as notable names from Sri Lankan cricket history such as Mr. Michael Tissera and Mr. Skandakumar.



## Bike Distribution

84 bikes were distributed among an equal number of school children during the Australian combined team vs North/ East combined team cricket match, and most significant among these were the bikes handed over by the Australian team to their Sri Lankan opponents. The boys and their families had raised the money for these bikes so that they could be presented to the North/ East combined team after the match.



## Neethipuram Water and Sanitation Project: Revamping Wells

Work has begun on revamping 5 wells in the village of Neethipuram. As the existing wells often run out of water in the dry season the revamping will involve digging the wells deeper and renovating those that have fallen in to disrepair. We also plan to build one brand new public well to be used by all the villagers.



## Library developments:

The Vattappalai Maha Vidiyalayam library renovations are now complete and the presentation of both the Vattappalai and Ramanathpuram School libraries are scheduled for early September.



## North learning and Empowerment Institute:

After many setbacks, the second plot of land we were allocated for the North Learning and Empowerment Institute was approved by the minister in the presence of Muttiah Muralidaran and Kushil Gunasekera. The next step will be to gazette the land for no objection by the public and if favorable after 6-8 weeks the valuation and final survey will be carried out along with the demining process prior to the final approval by His Excellency the President.

Creative Art Therapy sessions were conducted by volunteer psychologists Ramona and Hana for the children and youth in Neethipuram on the 27th, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29th August. This was the first phase of what will be an ongoing programme.

## Cartwheel Initiative workshop:

The Cartwheel Initiative conducted a workshop and exchange programme in Seenigama which was attended by 11 students from the North and 16 from the South. The North exchange students who came from schools in Pandiyankulam, Mallavi and Kilinochchi spent 10 days in Seenigama working on photography, music composition and stop motion animation projects aimed at building their self-confidence and helping them to find their own voice while also making room for reconciliation and friendship between the North and South. Follow up meetings and interviews with the kids were carried out in Kilinochchi and Pandiyankulam during the August visit to the North.

## Neethipuram:

Gifts and clothes provided by generous donors and well-wishers were distributed among

## Needs assessment:

With the conclusion of the revamping and rebuilding of toilets and with the rebuilding of wells underway (inspection of the ongoing work was carried out, many of the wells are being drilled to increase their depth in order to open the water pockets to have more water during the drought)the Water & Sanitation project is reaching a conclusion. The village pre-school has also been upgraded. Therefore a new need assessment was carried out in the village to determine the direction of future development projects.

## Livelihood and business development:

Startup items needed to produce and sell murukku (snack food) were handed over to the ladies of a Neethipuram women's organization. This was made possible because of the kind generosity of FoG donors S. Skandakumar and Chinta & Marie Rajap.

## Library Development:

inspections were carried out to ensure that the Ramanathapuram and Watappalai school libraries which are being developed in collaboration with KPMG are complete and ready for presentation to the children.

## Oddusuddan IT Centre :

Meetings were held with the lecturer and students of the IT Centre on the importance of community service and other problems that need attention. The 2nd batch of IT students are due to graduate in October.

## Kilinochchi Harmony Centre:

a visit to the Harmony Centre was conducted to inspect the progress being made there and a collection of toys and books were gifted by the FoG.



## Concrete wickets:

*The concrete practice wicket development project in North/Eastern schools spearheaded by Mutthiah Muralitharan with the kind benevolence of Jayantha Pathikirikorale and The Sri Lanka Sports Association in Queensland is progressing steadily.*

*11 concrete wickets have been completed so far (4 each in Trincomalee and Batticaloa and 3 in Vavuniya). 2 of the 4 wickets to be built in Mullaitivu are now under construction. In the coming months we plan to build 5 wickets in Kilinochchi, 4 in Mannar and 6 in Jaffna.*

*The opening ceremony for the Kilinochchi Central College wicket will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November and will be attended by cricketing legend Sir Ian Botham as part of "Beefy's Big Sri Lanka Walk".*



## Neethipuram Water & Sanitation project:

*The revamping of wells in the village of Neethipuram is coming to a close and the Foundation of Goodness hopes to finish work before the commencement of the rainy season which will arrive in the coming months. Work on 5 wells have been completed and all that remains is for the water pump and tank to be fixed to a newly built well near the village pre-school.*



## Murali Harmony Cup:

*The Foundation of Goodness has begun organizing the second Murali Harmony Cup scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka's North across five venues in Vavuniya, Mankulam, Kilinochchi, Oddusuddan and Jaffna. Currently in the planning and fundraising stage, we anticipate an event which will result in the development of cricket in the North and bring attention to the young talent yet to be discovered in rural regions of Sri Lanka.*

## Upcoming Bike Distributions:

*The Foundation of Goodness is preparing for its first ever bicycle donation to the integrated beneficiaries of the Sri Lanka rehabilitation Programme. The event will take place in early October in partnership with the BCGR's Socioeconomic and Welfare Coordinating Team.*

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## Libraries:

*Newly completed school libraries constructed with the kind support of KPMG were handed over to students at the Ramanathapuram and Watappalai Schools in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu respectively.*

## Bike Distribution:

*24 bikes were donated via the Foundation's 'Sanga's Bikes For Life' Campaign to rehabilitated and reintegrated beneficiaries from the Bureau of the Commissioner General of Rehabilitation (BCGR) in Trincomalee to help them move forward as they rebuild their lives via Sanga's Bikes For Life Campaign and facilitated by FoG*

## Other:

- ★ Clothes toys and books donated by kind donors were distributed among villagers in Paranthan, Kilinochchi.
- ★ Preparations are underway for the Murali Harmony Cup which will take place in five venues across the North during the month of September.
- ★ Gearing up for Beefy's Big Sri Lanka Walk which will commence in Kilinochchi.

## Practice Wickets:

*Steady progress has been made in the construction of 30 concrete cricket practice nets for schools in the North/ East in association with Sri Lanka Cricket and FoG donors.*

NOVEMBER 2013

# Murali Cup 2013



Championed by legends of Sri Lankan cricket Muttiah Muraliathan, Kumar Sangakkara and Mahela Jayawardene, and handled by the Foundation of Goodness and Red Dot Tours, the Murali Harmony Cup unites teams from across the island in five venues across the North (Vavuniya, Mankulam, Kilinochchi, Oddusuddan and Jaffna) to galvanise outstation schools' cricket development in Sri Lanka. FoG congratulates the winners, St. Peters College who won the boys cup for the second year running and Shakthi Ladies, the Anuradhapura Combined team who were victorious this year after having been runners up in 2012.



30 cricket practice nets to North/ East schools.



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**JAFFNA COLLEGE VADDUKODDAI  
CRICKET PRACTICE NET**  
North Cricket Development Initiative  
Jointly undertaken by  
Sri Lanka Cricket & the Foundation of Goodness  
Sponsored by courtesy of  
Sri Lanka America Golf Association  
(Nick Pereira & Jonathan Mather)  
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The Foundation of Goodness partnered with Sri Lanka Crickets in a project spearheaded by Muthiah Muralidaran to improve school cricket in the North/ East. 30 cricket practice nets were completed and handed over to North Eastern schools with the help of our cement sponsor Tokyo Cement Group and FoG donors from the Singapore Cricket Ball 2012, SLC Foundation Victoria (Melbourne), SLC South Australia (Adelaide), SLC UK Cricket Committee, Sri Lanka America Golf Association of Los Angeles, The Sri Lanka Sports Association of Queensland and Alam Steel Group.

NOVEMBER 2013

# Beefy's Big Sri Lanka Walk

Sir Ian 'Beefy' Botham took on the challenge of the Big Sri Lanka Walk to raise funds for the Foundation of Goodness and other Laureus sponsored charities. The ambitious 9 day undertaking saw the walk travel over 180 miles from Kilinochchi in the North of Sri Lanka all the way around the island via Anuradhapura, Dambulla, Kandy, Colombo, Tangalle and Matara until it concluded in Seenigama in the South marking at its start and end points the new venue for development and old stronghold now firmly established.





*The Oddusuddan IT Centre graduated its second batch of students. The 31 students in this group brings the total number to have graduated from this Centre so far to 40.*

*A total of 500 school packs were distributed in the North- 250 in Kilinochchi, 83 in Mullaitivu, 83 in Pudukuduirippu and 84 in Oddusuddan.*

*1,008 Nokero Solar Powered bulbs were distributed as follows: 500 in Kilinochchi, 166 in Mullaitivu, 166 in Pudukuduirippu and 176 in Oddusuddan.*

*The progress of ongoing micro finance projects and scope for the future was discussed.*

## *Discussion for future projects:*

- ★ We are exploring the possibility of commencing empowerment programmes including IT, Women's Enterprise and Business Skills in Kilinochchi.*
- ★ Plans for future projects to develop infrastructure at the village of Neethipuram are being discussed.*
- ★ A needs assessment was carried out at the Village of Unchalkaddy in Nedunkerny region to improve the standard of living .*

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