

CARITAS, VANNI -HUDEC

Income generation Project-Milk Farm

Progress Report- 2018-2019



Project Title	: Income generation Project to Finance Students' running Cost
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Introduction of the Milk Farm in the Vanni Region

In 30 years of war the North Province of Sri Lanka, especially the Vanni region was the mostly affected area .As the result of the war, it was estimated that there are about 6424 Widows/Women headed Families, 869 orphan and semi orphan children and 650 Special needs children. These groups are the most worst vulnerable in the Kilinochchi district.

At present, these mothers are unable to meet travel and tuition expenses to educate their children. So, these orphan and semi orphan children have requested many times HUDEC for educational support to continue their Ordinary level, advanced level, Vocational Training Course {VTC} or University.

The project proposal, "Income generation Project to Finance Students' running Cost" designed to generate income has two aspects such as providing job opportunities for widows and Finance for students' educational costs.

By this project, the following Objectives will be achieved.

- 1) To finance students to continue their education.
- 2) To provide job opportunity to war widows.
- *3)* To generate income from the cattle farm.

By this achieving these objectives, the positive Changes in children and mothers will be observed.

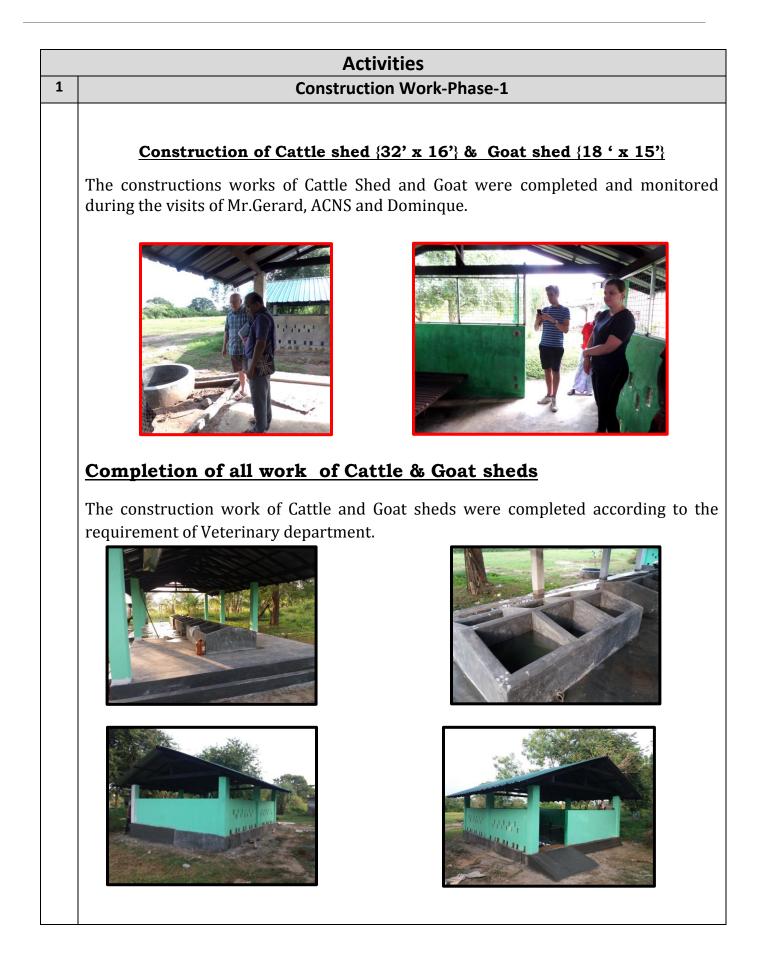
- > The children who benefited from this project, continued their studies and found jobs in future.
- Widows who worked in the dairy farm, earned for their existence and met the needs of their families.
- > Orphans and semi-orphan children would have hope and better future.
- Literacy in Kilinochchi District increased.
 School drop outs decreased.

With the support of ACNS, Netherlands, the Project called "Income generation Project to Finance Students' running Cost" was started at the Poonagar HUDEC Farm in Kilinochchi. Two kinds of sheds: cattle shed and Goats shed are on the construction process. Now the Construction of Cattle and Goat sheds are being carried with the advice of Veterinary Department, Kilinochchi.

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After the completion work of cattle and goats sheds, the purchasing process took place. In the first quarter of this year, with the consultation of Veterinary Department, we looked for good quality of Cows and goats. During the month of June we purchased 2 male goats and 4 female goats. Now there are two young ones and another one is going to give birth in another month.









Cows

According to Project Plan, we planned to purchase good quality cows which could give 15-20 Litters milk daily. Such cows we looked for in Vanni region but we could not get. Many of them have country bread cows and mixed JC cows which could give 6-8 Litters. This month we approached the Veterinary Department of Kilinochchi for good quality cows to be purchased. They gave the quotation of those cows. These cows need more care and they can give milk 15-20 liters per day.

The quotation of this cow is Rs 175,000.00 to 200,000.00. They promised that they could contact with the Veterinary Department of Nuwarelieya and present the procedure of purchasing of these cows.

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Comments

During the month of July to September 2019, unexpected drought happened in Sri Lanka. Many districts of Sri Lanka were wanting for water and animals also suffered. As the climate changed, not only major tanks but also wells were with lack of water. Grass started dying but when the rain starts we get plenty of water and the land with grass. Animals are enjoying eating fresh grass.

In order to feed cows, we did planting grass which has more protein. The grass was planted in a quarter acre land.

This year in compare with last year, we had a server floods but DMC {Disaster Management Coordinating Center} did a great mitigation. As the result, people and animals were saved. All minor and major tanks in Kilinochchi and Mullaitievu are at risk point but the irrigation Department, Security Forces and DMC are in the field and mitigated the risk.

Next Plan:

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In January 2020, with the help and the consultation of Veterinary Department of Kilinochchi, 1st batch cows and rest of goats will be purchased.

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