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**Caritas  
Valvuthayam**

**Mannar Diocesan Centre for Justice, Peace & Human Development**



# OUR VISION

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# **Bishop of Mannar**

# Message



## **Felicitation Message from the Bishop of Mannar**

It is with great joy that I send a message of felicitation and prayerful wishes to the souvenir of the year – end report published by Caritas – Valvuthayam, Mannar.

First of all, let me congratulate all of you for the wonderful services done to the people in need and especially the unfortunate children in our Diocese of Mannar. It is appreciated that Caritas – Valvuthayam through its active members, is able to reach out to the poor, the needy and the marginalized, especially in the areas seriously affected by the civil war. I am indeed grateful to Caritas - Valvuthayam for their charitable and humanitarian concerns.

Following Christ's mandate, they have extended their hands to the poor and the needy which is done to Christ Himself. During this disasterous Covid 19 pandemic, Caritas – Valvuthayam went from village to village instructing the people to be safe in their own homes and distributing essential items such as food, medicine, face - masks etc. I very much appreciate Caritas – Valvuthayam for the timely help extended to the people at this crucial juncture.

Our sincere thanks go out to the Director Rev. Fr. S. Anton, the Executive Committee and the Staff Members of Caritas – Valvuthayam, Mannar for their tireless and dedicated services rendered towards the needy and wish them well in the future.

May God bless them and their families with His abundant Graces.

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Most Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Fernando  
Bishop of Mannar  
Diocese of Mannar – Sri Lanka



# Vicar General's

## Message



### MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR GENERAL

I am delighted to send this message of felicitation in my capacity as the Vicar General and the Coordinator of the Diocesan Commissions on the occasion of the 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Caritas Mannar known as Valvuthayam.

The people are fortunate to have this humanitarian institute in the Diocese. I have been observing and closely associated with Valvuthayam for the last several years. It has been maintaining an excellent rapport with all the people irrespective of their diverse identity. I have been consistently impressed by its sincere humanitarian work and the performance on the job. I salute to all the previous and the present Diocesan Caritas Directors who guided Caritas Valvuthayam to its destiny of reaching out and serving the marginalized, underprivileged and the victims of disasters. Together with them I congratulate the lay staffs who possessed solid working skills which have enabled them to diagnose problems and to devise viable solutions to uplift the life of those people.

Caritas Mannar's thirty eight year history marks several calamities and unfortunate events caused by war, man-made disasters, displacement and reconstructions. In all these Caritas Mannar withstood and manifested its moral commitment by undertaking several viable projects and journeying with the mentality of Good Samaritan. In all these Caritas Mannar really answered the cry of the deserving people.

As they step into another year of humanitarian service with renewed commitment, I wish them all the best and implore the blessings of the Almighty for a better service for all the people.

Rev. Fr. A. Victor Sosai  
Vicar General





*Caritas Mannar-Valvuthayam has been in the forefront of Humanitarian assistance for long years in the war affected region. Mannar, in the year 2020 has been a year marked by changes, both in the local society and in the economy of the local people, due to the COVID pandemic and the recessions in the country.*

*“When the going gets tough, tough gets going.”*

*The Leadership and the staff of Valvathayam has shown by example that their involvement and intervention has been the whole mark of the year, in the midst of the crisis situations.*

*Valvathayam in terms of its work force has been the strength of the organization (a solace to its marginalized and the vulnerable).*

*I wish to admire, whole heartedly the reliant efforts of the staff of the center, and would like to support and share resources to the resilience of our people in the regions.*

*Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke  
( National Director )  
Caritas Sri Lanka*

# Government Agent's

# Message



## CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT AGENT OF MANNAR DISTRICT

I am delighted to say that Caritas Valvuthayam is compiling and publishing a bibliography annual of their projects implemented this year 2020 in Mannar District.

In the humanitarian services in the district of Mannar there is a special place for Caritas Valvuthayam. In the ranks of public, Caritas Valvuthayam have uniqueness, in the services rendered to the people during and after the war in particular are memorable.

Finding vulnerable people across ethnic, religious and linguistic lines and serving with dedication to uplift their quality of life will not be easy for everyone. It is commendable that Caritas - Valvuthayam has been carrying out such an active task for over 39 years.

I heartily take this opportunity to wish this organization and Rev.Fr.Director and staff who give their fullest support to carry out various activities such as Center for Disabled Project, Integrated Human Development Project, Educational Development Programs, Sustainable Development Programs, Healing and Reconciliation for sustainable Peace Programme and the COVID 19 Awareness Program etc....

I wish them to continue their activities in the district development and I pray for their successful implementation and annual publication.

**May God Bless the Organization**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs. A. Stanly De Mel'.

**Mrs.A.Stanly De Mel**

Government Agent/ District Secretary  
Mannar District



# Director's

# Message



An annual report is a great opportunity to showcase our organization and tell our story to Donors and Well-Wishers. It could show our accomplishments, promote trust and transparency and inspire Donors to get more involved.

Projects that we implement transform society by bringing opportunities and sustainable solutions to communities. 'Reaching Out' the core of Christian existence has enabled us to transform ourselves as we 'walk with the many lives we touch' We find new ways to offer innovative solutions to our beneficiaries and deliver greater values to our stakeholders.. The projects like Healing and Reconciliation, Care for the 'Differently Abled' and Inter - Religious Projects uphold human dignity and psychological well - being. Caritas is fortunate to be one of few charitable organizations in the Districts of Mannar and Vavuniya with the resources and capabilities to invest in, build and then operate a system that improves the lives of the deprived.

The year 2020 has not been like the other years in the implementation of projects. There have been so many uncertainties in our lives, and project activities. Throughout this year we have been experiencing so much stress and anxieties about our future and the sustainability of our projects. However I am happy to say that though we encountered great difficulties and challenges, we did succeed in achieving most of the targets in our programmes. Many people with different capacities contributed towards our accomplishments and I have the pleasant duty to thank them all.

I take this opportunity to thank the Almighty God for inspiring us to act according to His plan. I thank the Bishop of Mannar Most Rt. Rev.. Dr. Fidelis Lionel Emmanuel Fernando for his wise guidance and encouragement and also I thank our Vicar General for his accompaniment and support. I sincerely thank Rev. Fr. Mahendra Gunatilleke the National Director Caritas Sri Lanka & all the staff for their timely advice and support to help us implement projects in the Dioceses of Mannar. I gratefully remember the Board of Directors, the former Directors and our Priests for their valuable support and advice. I am very much thankful to all Diocesan Directors and staffs for their support and friendship which enabled all to work with joy and serenity.

With immense sense of gratitude I also remember all our donors and well-wishers (Foreign & Local) for their funding supports, for without them we would not have implemented all our projects over the past year. They are the backbone of our organization. Finally with great satisfaction I thank all my staff for their dedication and enthusiasm, rendering their services untiringly to work with the poor and marginalized. Nothing could prevent them, even the Corona pandemic, from working with the most vulnerable and needy.

Through ups and downs we have been 'world- changers' we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in all our Projects.

The life-force of Caritas was a beginning thirty nine years ago. Working together we have progressed and keeping together will be our success.

*Rev.Fr. S. Anton  
Director  
Caritas - Valvuthayam,  
Mannar.*

# ADMINISTRATOR'S

## Message



### **HISTORY OF VALVUTHAYAM AND IT'S PRESENT INTERVENTIONS.**

The Diocese of Mannar was newly created on May 28th 1981. The Diocese has two civil administrative Districts, viz; Mannar and Vavuniya. The area of Mannar diocese is 3,952sq.km. The idea on the necessity for an institution to serve the poor and the needy and also to spread the Gospel values among others was brought up for discussion by both clergy and the laity of Diocese of Mannar during early 1980's. The dream became true when they received the support from the Catholic Bishops' conference through the Socio - Economic Development and Educational Center in (SEDEC) in Colombo that coordinates all the diocesan activities in Sri Lanka.

It's on record that Valvuthayam was inaugurated on May 28th 1981 to cater the Social, Economical, and Religious needs of the catholic communities and other communities belonging to Mannar diocese, administered by the Bishop of Mannar.

It's quite relevant to know that the first Bishop of Mannar Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam was consecrated on July 30th 1981 in Madhu. His Lordship served and spread out among others the mission of Jesus and nurtured Valvuthayam for a decade until October 1992 till he was transferred to the Diocese of Jaffna. The second Bishop of Mannar Rt. Rev. Dr. Rayappu Joseph was consecrated on October 20th 1992 also in Madhu. In the year of 2016 to 2017 the retired Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Joseph Kingsley Swampillai was appointed as Apostolic Administrator of Mannar diocese. The third and present Bishop of Mannar diocese Most Rev. Dr. Fidelis Lionel Emmanuel Fernando was consecrated on December 30th 2017 at St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Mannar.

After the formation of Mannar Diocese in 1981 the office of Valvuthayam was functioning from Madhu church under the chairmanship of the then Bishop of Mannar, Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Savundranayagam. Later during 1985 Valvuthayam was shifted to Mannar from Madhu Church. As there was no proper building to house the office, stores and library, it was functioning in the old parish house adjoining St. Sebastian's Cathedral in Mannar. The expansion of activities and services necessitated large accommodation and therefore a secretariat was constructed in the heart of Mannar town in Main street, Mannar. The office of Valvuthayam began to function from November 1989. In the new secretariat which accommodated administration division, stores, library and press. The residency of the Director of Valvuthayam is also made available in the Secretariat. Due to the expansion of activities of Caritas-Valvuthayam a new two storey building was built attached to the existing building during year 2008 / 2009

It's also a sincere duty to express our honest appreciation to the Rev. Fathers who were directing and guiding the operational activities of Valvuthayam as Directors, since its inception. The credit goes to Late Rev. Fr. J. B. Deverajah as its first Director, who relinquished his duties in May 1981 until December 1984. The second directorate was helped by Rev. Fr. Alban Rajasingam OMI from 1985 to June 1995 until succeeded by energetic and enthusiastic Rev. Fr. S. Emilianuspillai until August 2001. From September 2001 until august 2006 Valvuthayam was directed by Rev. Fr. S. Jesurajah. Since August 2006 until May 2011 Valvuthayam was directed by Rev. Fr. S. J. Peppi Sosai. He was directing the Organization throughout tough period and responded to the historical mass displacement of Vanni population. As an unforgettable history in the year of 2009, Rev. Fr. Laconz Figurado and Rev. Fr. Luckston De Silva Alfred also served as the Assistant Director of Caritas-Valvuthayam to respond the needs of displaced people in the Vanni region of Mannar Diocese. Year 2010 June 2018 June Caritas - Valvuthayam was administered by Rev. Fr. M. Jeyabalan and he guided the staff and office to rebuild the life of post war resettled communities especially in the districts of Mannar and Vavuniya. Presently the reign of administrative and operational responsibilities are shouldered by service oriented Director Rev. Fr. S. Anton under the guidance of his Lordship Most Rev. Dr. Fidelis Lionel Emmanuel Fernando Bishop of Mannar Diocese.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE .....

Services at the parish levels are coordinated through a net work of parish priests of the 46 parishes. In 1981, when Valvuthayam was inaugurated there were only 15 parishes. The parish priests function as the local Directors of Valvuthayam in their respective parishes. This paves way for the smooth running of Valvuthayam.

Caritas-Valvuthayam continued to support the people disturbed by the ethnic conflict and its associated armed violence. Caritas-Valvuthayam provided humanitarian assistance to the Vanni people during their consecutive displacements which are ended at Mullivaikal during May 2009. As the peak of its humanitarian services Caritas-Valvuthayam had fed about seventy five thousand people continuously for six months who were accommodated so called "Relief camps" at Menic farm, Vavuniya.

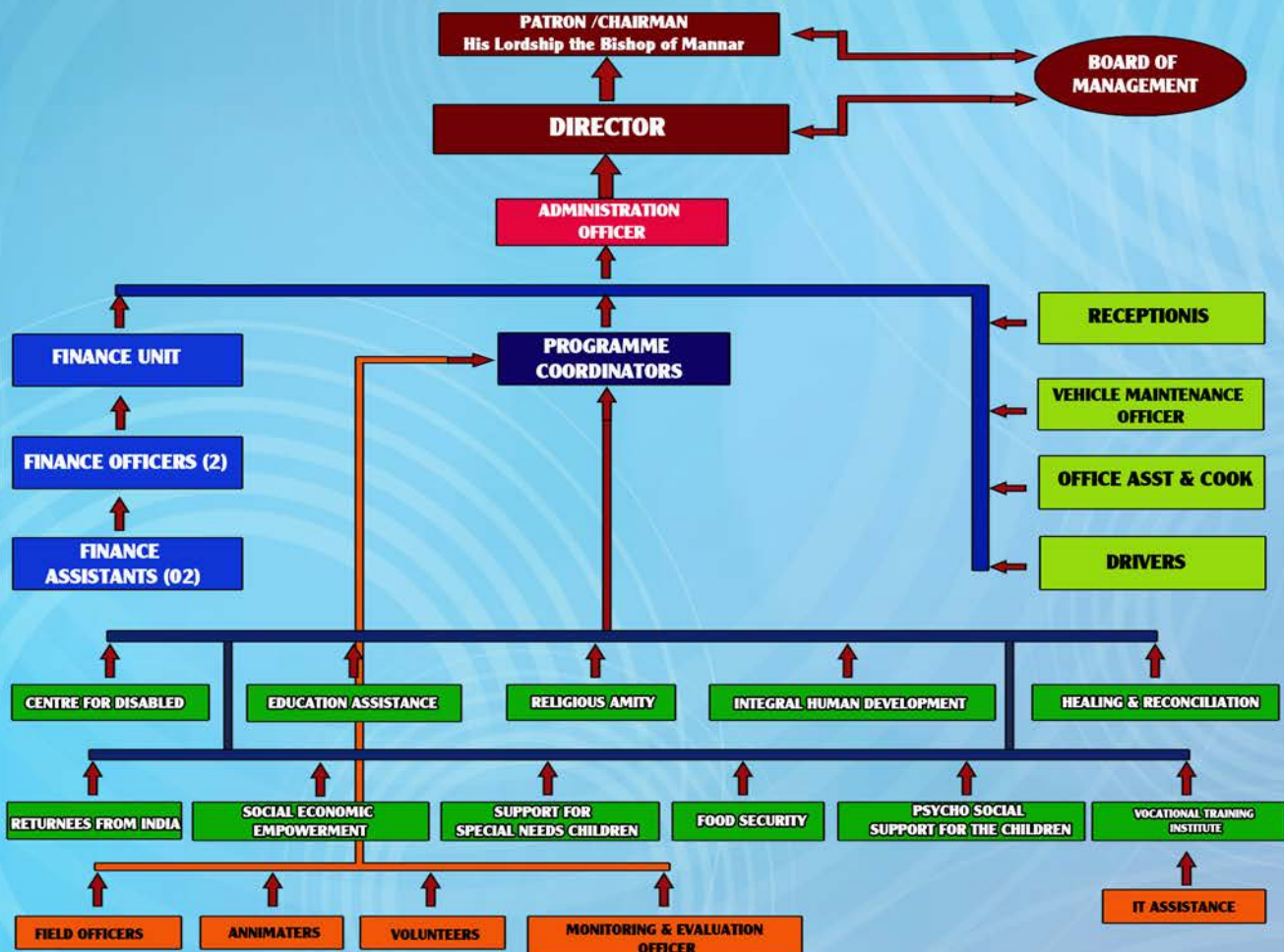
The impact of the war still lingers among the resettle communities in the north especially in Mannar diocese who have faced multiple displacement. With multi-displacement, their lives have been disarrayed losing most of their assets, employability and continuing education. The environmental factors add to the aggravated situation especially drought that depletes all resources, loses soil fertility further adding to unemployment and an employability. At the same time Covid-19 is further severely causing the poor resettled communities to cry for daily bread, medication, education, employment etc.

At present Caritas-Valvuthayam is paying its attention on empowering resettled families of Mannar diocese region. Especially housing, livelihood, water & sanitation, skill development and educational assistance being provided to the war victims, displaced and refugee returned people.

How Valvuthayam grew up from its infancy state to a matured and developed service oriented organization under the supreme and sincere guidance of our Lordship is a proud history.

Mr. R.V. Antoneythas Fernando  
Administrator & Programme Officer  
Caritas - Valvuthayam

## OUR ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE



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# **Centre For Disabled**

**Prosthetic services**

**Orthotic Services**

**Physiotherapy services**

**COUNSELLING SERVICES**

**Wheelchar Services**

**Development Aids**

**Mobility Devices**

**ASSISTIVE DEVICE SERVICES**

**MOBILE SERVICES**

**HOME VISITS**

**AWARENESS**

**ADVOCACY SERVICES**

Caritas Valvuthayam





## Improve the Quality Life of Persons with Disabilities (IQLPWD)

The Centre For Disabled under Caritas Valvuthayam has been strong and an iconic intervention by the organization and has helped many disabled civilians and their family members to relieve their pains and to get back to the regular and dignified life styles. Numerous disabled are fitted with prosthetic and orthotic devices and have helped them to gain mobility again.

The Centre for Disabled (CFD), a special unit under Caritas-Valvuthayam Mannar was established in the year 1999 in Mannar and was the first organization to assist the persons with disabilities with prosthetic and orthotic devices in the Districts of Mannar & Vavuniya. This centre produces all kinds of assistive devices and provides physiotherapy and counselling services. The CFD has so far served more than 4,600 plus persons with 7,500 plus Prosthetic & Orthotic devices, wheelchairs and other mobility and assistive devices.

In the past 2 decades, the Centre had been successfully rendering the services with the funding support of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), UNICEF, Motivation and local Rotary and Lions clubs. In a post-funding scenario, we are committed to extend service to the 4,600 plus beneficiaries registered with us and to render early intervention service to many children born with disabilities in recent years. Therefore, our services are inevitable in the area and the professional team is committed to address the rehabilitation needs and issues of the children and adults with the disabilities in the region.

### 296 Devices were provided by CFD. (Prosthetic, Orthotic and assistive devices)

Altogether 296 Prosthetic, Orthotic & Assistive devices were delivered in the reporting year through CFD unit. These 296 devices were delivered to 264 beneficiaries (Male-155, Female-74, Boys-23 and Girls-12). These devices are distributed to the beneficiaries who approached to CFD to receive services in the reporting period. By delivering these devices LKR 749,300.00 received as contribution from the beneficiaries and the total cost of the delivered devices in the reporting period was LKR 2,475,900.00. The percentage of received contribution stood at 30.26% from the total cost of the delivered devices in the reporting period.



### 186 New Beneficiaries were registered at CFD under P&O and Physiotherapy services.

The beneficiaries travelled from several districts of Srilanka and some of them came from a very long-distance district. Beneficiary details are as follows, Mannar-109, Kilinochchi-16, Vavuniya-3, Anuradhapura-1, Mullaitheivu-21, Jaffna-7, Batticaloa-2, and Trincomalle-4 & Other Districts-23). The services of CFD are reaching all over Sri Lanka and providing equal services to entire Nation.





**Altogether 411 Beneficiaries received support from CFD**



Altogether 411 beneficiaries have received support through CFD unit (Including 225 follow up cases). It includes 186 new registered clients and 225 existing clients during the reporting period. Most of these clients received P&O services and few of them received Physical and psychosocial supports. When a person receives a device from CFD, they would be visiting our Centre again for either to replace or to repair their device.



**249 beneficiaries received Physiotherapy services.**

Through the Physiotherapy department of CFD, 249 beneficiaries received physiotherapy services in the year 2020 of reporting period. 132 new cases were registered for this service and 117 existing clients received the above services.



**394 beneficiaries received psychosocial support.**

394 beneficiaries received psychosocial & counseling support during the reporting period. These beneficiaries are counseled and referred through the CFD Centre and in the villages too. CFD beneficiaries are not only the PWDs but also persons who were needed mental health support also got benefitted from CFD





## Awareness to public.



24 awareness programmes were conducted throughout the reporting period and 834 target people have received this awareness regarding the right of the PWDs, Handling techniques & Postural correction.

## Fund raising events from parishes of Mannar diocese.

As one of the fund raising initiatives of CFD project activities, Caritas-Valvuthayam launched a video multi-media presentation campaign at Parishes. As per schedule CFD fund raising team had visited 7 parishes in Mannar diocese and made CFD project orientation session and campaign to respective Parish communities. The Parish Priests and Parish council committee happily came forward and supported by organizing parish people and sacrificed a portion of their earnings as donation to CFD programs. It was a remarkable fund raising achievement for Caritas-Valvuthayam CFD Project.

Caritas - Valvuthayam CFD team visited to the following parishes in the reporting year and a remarkable contribution of LKR 100,000.00 was donated by few Parishes.

- I. Silavathurai Parish
- II. Vangiyankulam Parish
- III. Parapankandal Parish
- IV. Omanthai parish
- V. Kaddaikkadu Parish
- VI. Ponthievukandal Parish
- VII. Alawakkai Parish



## Networking with related Government Departments.

The CRS project coordinator visited to the District & divisional SSOs and explained clearly about the current situation of the CFD project activities and funding scenarios. As a result of established strong referral networking and working relationship with Government stakeholders the newly appointed Director of Northern province Social Services Department had paid a visit to the Centre and had a discussion on various activities, the future program and advocacy interventions, with the Director of Caritas-Valvuthayam

- I. Needs of the PWDs
- II. Providing the devices according to the need of the Social Service Department
- III. Available assistance from Government sectors to PWDs
- IV. How to collaborate with other organizations to serve the poor.



## Message from the Director.

As per the decision made in the conference with the parish priests of Mannar Diocese, Caritas - Valvuthayam CFD unit started to visit the parishes since the year of 2019. Almost 10 parishes visited in 2019 and the balance parishes were scheduled in the year 2020. But due to unexpected Covid-19 pandemic situation we were able to visit only 7 parishes in this reporting year.

The remaining parishes could be focused in the upcoming year. We are privileged to take this opportunity to express our gratitude on behalf of Caritas-Valvuthayam team and beneficiaries to the parish priests and the parishioners who supported us to raise funds to ensure the sustainability of CFD Centre programs.





### New venture of CFD

As a long standing sustainable strategic plan of the CFD Centre, this idea was initially generated from the His Lordship Bishop Rit. Rev. Immanuel Fernando bishop of diocese of Mannar has planned to establish a medical channeling centre with the basic available services of X-RAY, ECG, ECHO, Dental clinic. His lordship made a proper and regular Fund-raising mechanism to sustain the future services of CFD after the exit of funding assistance from CRS. Rev.Fr. S. Anton the Director of Caritas-Valvuthayam taken Initial arrangements has been already completed and the whole CFD system has been shifted to the Office area. The new medical system is under process in the area where the previous CFD workshop and the store were functioning.

The focus of this medical service is to target and serve the people who travel for more than 100 to 150 KMs from Mannar to Vavunya, Jaffna, Kandy and Colombo to receive these medical services on daily basis which forced the people of mannar to spend and waste their money in travelling especially for X-RAY and ECG services.



**Madhu Matha Medical Centre**

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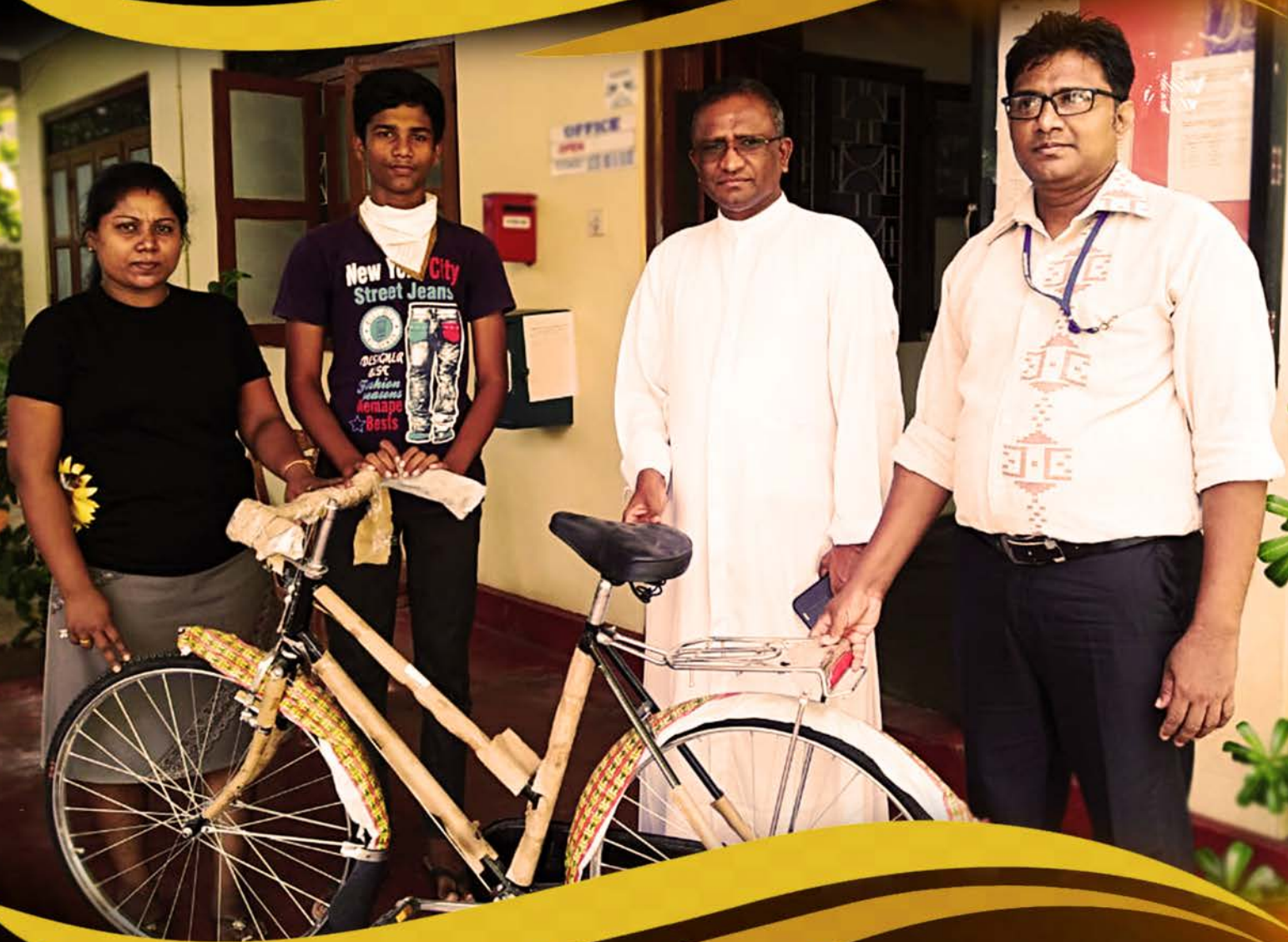
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**Channelling Services:**  
 General Surgeon  
 Orthopaedic Surgeon  
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 Neurologist  
 Speech Therapy  
 Physiotherapy  
 Obstetrician & Gynaecologist

**Services:**  
 O.P.D. & Pharmacy Services  
 Scan Services  
 Digital X-Ray Services  
 Laboratory Services  
 E.C.G.



# Education Assistance





### Pre School activities

Caritas-Valvuthayam continues its fullest financial support and facilitation to ensure smooth running of 85 pre -schools in Mannar and Vavuniya districts of Mannar Diocese. In total 112 Pre School teachers and 05 Pre- School divisional coordinators are being paid monthly allowance from Preschool education project which is funded by His Lordship Bishop of Mannar Diocese. 117 pre - school teachers and 1439 children are benefitting from this project.

Project particulars in detail

Divisional level detail

No	Ds.Division	School	Teachers	Students
01	Mannar	15	17	232
02	Musali	17	25	459
03	Manthai West	16	26	335
04	Madhu	7	8	94
05	Nanattan	17	17	129
06	Cheddikulam	6	9	90
07	Vavuniya South Tamil	6	9	85
08	Vavuniya South Sinhala	1	1	15
09	Coordinators		5	
Total		85	117	1439

### Skill development activities for pre-school teachers

Our organization provides a number of trainings for preschool teachers to conduct pre-school enrollment and effective teaching each year

During this reporting year 2020, 117 Preschool Teachers have been trained in that category regardless of overcoming the COVID 19 pandemic challenges.

A special capacity building training programme was too organized for the pre-school teachers to make them aware and empower their knowledge on COVID 19 Pandemic mitigation measures and health best practices to get protection from Covid-19 virus.





### Pre-school teachers and volunteers' Quarterly progress review meeting

The quarterly progress review meeting was held at Caritas Valvuthayam for the Pre - school teachers and volunteers at caritas on 11th and 10th of August 2020. To avoid a large number of participants, the meeting was scheduled into two phases to have social distance as the recommendation of health ministry.

Programme Coordinator had the meeting and reviewed the current environment and discussed the safe and conducive atmosphere of each Pre- schools and children.

The pre- school teachers and Volunteer paid silent tribute to late former Director Caritas Valvuthayam Rev. Fr. J.P Thevaraj and prayed for his soul to eternal life. (In total 103 participants participated).



### New Construction of Infant Jesus Pre School at Periyakamam, Mannar.

His Lordship Bishop the Diocese of Mannar happily granted financial assistance to construct a new pre- school building for Infant Jesus Pre School at Periyakamam, administered by St. Sebastian Cathedral Mannar.

Infant Jesus Pre School new building foundation stone ceremony was held on first of September 2020 at 09 am. The first foundation stone was laid by Rit. Rev. Immanuel Fernando Bishop of Mannar and followed by His lordship the stones were laid by Rev. Fr. Victor Sosai vicar general diocese of Mannar, Rev.Fr. Gnanapragasam parish priest of St. Sebastian Church Cathedral, Rev. Fr. Jeyabalan procurator diocese of Mannar, Mrs. Nirmala Development officer Periyakamam, Caritas Valvuthayam Staffs, Infant Jesus Pre - School Teachers, children and the committee members Infant Jesus church.

Infant Jesus Pre -school has been functioning temporary at Periyakamam RDS building for the last twenty-one years. It was registered under the zonal education department.

The Pre-School runs under the administration and support of Caritas Valvuthayam and the parish priest of St. Sebastian Cathedral.





## Preschool children are trying to become self-sufficient on food productions at schools level.

Caritas Valvuthayam runs Pre School children are actively engaging in home gardening activities at Village level. The objective of promoting home gardening activity is to produce organic vegetable minimum level to fulfill Pre School's needs. Motivating and empowering Pre School kid's, teachers and parents on the importance of having home gardening at house hold level too.



## World children's day celebration

International children's day celebration was held on third of October 2020 at Caritas-Valvuthayam Conference hall with the participation of children who are supported by Education project. Refresher awareness training was also organized for children on Child rights and the responsibilities of children in child hood education. At the end of the session and celebration the children were honored with Gifts to remember this special day in their life.



## Quarterly Monitoring visit

Quarterly field Monitoring visit for Vavuniya district beneficiary students of educational programme was held at vavuniya on the 17th September 2020. In total 49 beneficiary students had participated the review session and the field monitoring visit was facilitated by Caritas - Valvuthayam project coordinator and Vavuniya field officer of Educational project unit. The beneficiary students were selected from orphans, single parents' children, low income families, and most vulnerable families.





## **Quarterly counseling and coaching session to improve moral values and develop self-confidence.**

**(Special programme by Caritas SEDEC Education Support for the War Affected Children )**

Students' participants are grouped into two categories in order to make them active and conduct meaningful counseling and coaching session. During the reporting period personality development training session was conducted for University students and school students (in total 45 students participated). University student participants stated that the training session helped them to reflect and analyze their hidden skills and helped them to boost up their capacity on self-motivation and self-confidence. School students reported that the individual and group counseling session encouraged them to focus much on their studies. Follow up counseling coaching training session and house visits are motivated them to record and ensure regular attendance to school.



## **Educational assistance for School and University students**

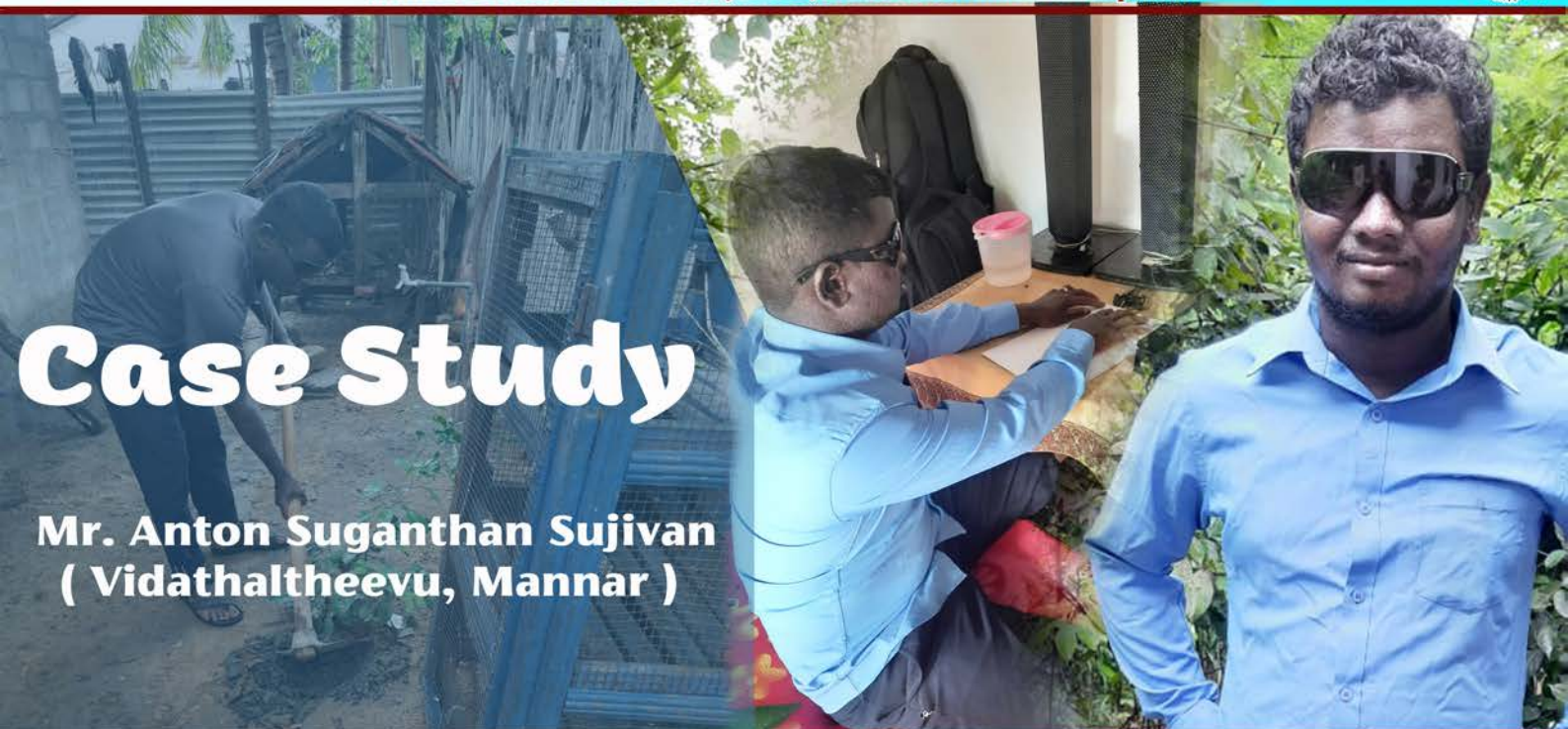
Cartias-Valvuthayam conducted two quarterly progress review meetings for students who are receiving financial support from all our Projects. Director of Caritas - Valvuthayam also met our students and spoke about their short visits especially during Covid-19 situation and addressed some of their life challenges.

The beneficiaries (students) are met frequently by Cartias-Valvuthayam Education officers and Rev. Fr. Director. As per schedule every first Saturday of month the meeting was organized for Mannar regional students at Caritas-Valvuthayam in Mannar.

On regular basis the students from the region of Cheddikulam and Vavuniya separately meet every 2nd Saturday of month. The disbursement of scholarship fund is done during the above meetings by Rev. Fr. Director

Every school term we conduct awareness programs and capacity building programs for students with the help of special resource persons. Unfortunately, this year 2020 we could conduct only 2 quarterly awareness programs because of the COVID 19 Pandemic.





# Case Study

**Mr. Anton Suganthan Sujivan  
( Vidathaltheevu, Mannar )**

**I am Mr. Anton Suganthan Sujivan. My Native place is Wd. No 05, Vidathaltheevu, Mannar. My Father's name is A. Anton Suganthan, and my Mother's name is A.AtputhaSeeli. I have two brothers and two sisters. We come from respectful Catholic family and our family livelihood activity is fishing.**

**I am proud to share my achievements so far in my valuable life cycle from my childhood to present. After completing my kinder garden schooling at my village early child hood center I had enrolled in primary school education at Mn/St. Joseph vaz MV, Vidathaltheevu, Mannar. When I was studying Grade three I had faced some medical problem on my both eye visions and admitted to hospital. Unfortunately I had lost my both eye visions and I became blind. Then I was told that I was affected by Chicken fox fever during my early child hood time and due to that reason my eye vision was damaged.**

**Since I was interested on my studies my parents admitted me at Special need children's School (Iniyaval Home) at Killinochchi. And I continued grade five and with supported brail devise system. Unfortunately my studies were disturbed due to the ethnic war in the year of 2008. My father was disappeared when he went to fishing and even now we don't know what happened to my father. After we lost our father we were displaced to Mannar Island and resettled at Thoddaveli village.**

**My studies were completely stopped for two years. Then suddenly I took a wonderful decision to continue my studies and with the support of my parents I was admitted to Nabild School (Disabled School) Jaffna. I followed Grade 07 to O/L from there and I obtained a great result (3A, 3B, 3C). Following obtained my successful results in O/L. I got an opportunity to continue my A/L studies at St. Johns Boys College Jaffna. I received a great result (2A, B) on A/L final examination and I was selected for Paradaniya University to continue my higher studies. Even though I was very much succeeded in my life up to this life circle, my family current financial situation was very poor to support my university study expenses.**

**While I was worrying and praying for my future, I found a miracle in my life. I was directed by my parish Priest to Cartias-Valvuthayam for Educational assistance. When I had visited Caritas-Valvuhtayam I found another dawn of life. I was treated as a valuable and worthy human person by Cartias-Valvuthayam. They happily accepted my request and started supporting my educational needs from the time I submitted my request to present period. I really feel it is gift of God who is doing all these good things to me and to my family.**

# Empowering People

"Help for self-help"



**Building strong societies**

**Ensuring inclusive quality education**

**Creating livelihoods & job opportunities**



Caritas-Valvuthayam as the implementing partner of Stromme Foundation has been implementing project activities in Madhu DS division, Mannar from 2011 after resettlement. Under the overall objective 'Enhancement of conducive socio-economic environment for sustainable development in Mannar District, in the North of Sri Lanka', Caritas-Valvuthayam has worked for the economic improvement of 1550 households and the capacity improvement of civil society organizations, youth clubs and children clubs at 20 target villages namely Pannavedduvan, Kaddaiyadampan, Poomalanthan, Thekkam, Periyamurippu, Kunchukkulam, Mathakiramam, 2nd milepost, Sinnapandivirichan, Thadsanamaruthamadu, Palampiddy, Keerisudaan, Mullikkulam, Sinnavalayankaddu, Parasankulam, Vilathikkulam, Mankindy, Poosariyarkulam, Iranailuppaikkulam and Kalmadu. 20 community-based organizations and 156 self-helped groups are formed with the support of government officials in order to inculcate saving habits and micro-finance system.

### Strengthening civil society/community based organizations



In the year 2020, Caritas - Valvuthayam for the purpose of sustainability and legality took the initiative to register the already formed 20 community based organizations with the membership of 1550 people under cooperative act and social service act. For the independent functions of these 20 civil society organizations, capacity building programmes provided in collaboration with cooperative department and social service department. As per the exit strategy, out of 20 CBOs, 10 are registered under Cooperative Act and 02 CBOs are registered under Social Service Act. All other CBOs have submitted their registration documents to cooperative department.

### Improved livelihoods for the rural poor through enhanced income generation

For the economic improvement, Caritas-Valvuthayam established youth production groups and women-led enterprises. Along with direct funding assistance, entrepreneurship, business development and accounting training provided. As a result, poultry farm, goat farm, agro farm, mini-garments and grocery shops are functioning well with sufficient income.







### Functioning of empowered community structures to create safe environment for children

In order to promote learning opportunities for the rural village students from Madhu DS division, 300 O/L students were assisted with model papers.

On the other hand, Caritas joined hand with an NGO called OPEN to introduce easy learning of English from home using penrive in their Televisions. 500 students were targeted.

17 child protection committees are formed in the target villages. Gramaniladharies are the presidents of these committees. For the capacity improvements of the members, child protection training conducted in collaboration with CRPO, CPO, WDO, CCO and MO. The various causes of risk and prevention measures were introduced during this training programme.



### Capacity building

Different kinds of capacity building training programme had been conducted for youth, CBO members, children, entrepreneur had been ours and production groups below. Training details are given;

#### 1. Vision building training for youth

Job opportunity for youth, a vision building training programme had organized at each village. To promote self-employment in rural villages and the youth encouraged and created in them a good vision to carry out more income generating business, market analysis and sustainability. 104 females and 43 males from Pannavettuvan, Kaddayadamban, Thekkam, Poomalarnthan, Mathakiramam, Kunchukulam, Periyamurippu, 2nd Milestone, Sinnapandivirichan, Thadchanamadu & Palampitty villages benefitted.





### 2. Cooperative training for CBO members

In order to legalize the community based organizations, Caritas conducted financial training with the support of cooperative department. Members improved their knowledge on cooperative systems, financial book keeping and documentation. Out of 18 CBOs, 09 of them have received their cooperative registration certificates. 85 females and 5 males from Mullikulam, Iranailuppaikkulam, Kunchukkulam, Palampiddy, Kaddaiyadampan, Keerisuddan, Poosariyarkulam, Mankindy, Parasankulam, Mathakiramam, Thadchanamadu, Sinnapandivirichan and Thekkam participated in the training.



### 3. Child/gender protection training

In close coordination with Madhu Divisional Secretary, child rights protection officer, community correction officer and women development officer child rights and gender protection training and awareness program launched at 2nd milepost, Mullikkulam, DS office, Palampiddy and Parasankulam. Parents, preschool teachers, government officials, youth and children increased networks with respective duty bearers and learned about case reporting for the protection of children and women. Totally 278 female and 21 male participated.



### 4. Advocacy programme

The CBO leaders had programme on advocacy for the socio-economic development of rural villages in Madhu DS division and this programme was organized with the support of rural development officer. Advocacy initiatives, responsibility of officials and tips for advocacy were the special areas discussed by the resource person and 29 females and 03 males of CBO leaders were present.





### 5. Career guidance

84 female youth and 29 male youth from Madhu DS division were mobilized in 3 locations; madhu roach Church, common hall at 2nd mile post and a multipurpose hall at Iranailuppaikkulam for this training. The entire programme was conducted by the director of NAITA Mannar; suitable selection of vocational training courses for school leavers and dropouts based on their qualifications. Youth were very active and identified suitable course based on their education, experience and interest.



### Covid-19 emergency response

In response to the request received from Madhu Divisional Secretariat, Caritas-Valvuthayam with the funding assistance of Stromme Foundation displayed awareness raising banner - 50 in common places, distributed 10000 leaflets, 1000 masks for elders, sick and pregnant mothers and 2000 pieces of soap in Madhu DS division.





# CASE STUDY

## G. Pushpalatha Parasankulam Village

In 2010, people from IDP camps were resettled to their own villages after thirty years of terrible ethnic war. Pushpalatha was also brought to Parasankulam at Madhu Division in Mannar District with her family. At that time, they found nothing in their land even the house was not there. The whole village was seen as a forest. Ganeshamurthy and Pushpalatha did not know how to carry out their family. Her husband was a labour and he didn't get work regularly. The education of their two children was also uncertain due to poverty. After being listed in Stromme Foundation Livelihood Project she received a milking cow. With the income of selling milk and the earnings from Ganeshamurthy, she bought another cow. She joined in the Parasankulam CBO. Pushpalatha, on the other hand, borrowed from the CBO and planned to cultivate vegetable farming in their land and, with the support of the village animator, drew up her plan with her husband and developed a family development plan. Along with her husband she cleaned up their land for the vegetable cultivation and implemented her plan as in their FDP. This was the first achievement of Pushpalatha. She regularly attends CBO and self-help group meetings and follows training. Also, Ganeshamurthy and Pushpalatha participated in the exposure visit on modern agriculture and animal husbandry. Since then, they have developed their own livestock, now they have 16 dairy cows and have expanded vegetable farming as well. In 2020, Ganesamurthy Pushpalatha has become a leading vegetable producer in Vavuniya market. She, in coordination with her family, grows a wide variety of vegetables on her own eight acres. She also cultivates paddy in three acres and during the off season, she uses the land for the cultivation of ground nuts and different varieties of grams. Also she provides the job opportunity for five women at her vegetable farm.

She earns Rs.30, 000 per month, and she has all the facilities such as land master, motor bike and water pump for her Argo activities.



# FOOD SECURITY



**Addressing causes for poverty and ensuring food security for farming communities in sri lanka**

**GOAL: -  
Improved food security and livelihoods of vulnerable households in the rural areas of Mannar Diocese Vavuniya district srilanka.**

**Caritas Valvuthayam**





**The food security project activities are being implemented in the following villages of Vavuniya district for the year 2020.**

No	TARGET VILLAGES	SHGs	SHG members	CBOs
01	Puthiyakatpakapuram	11	125	2
02	Palayakatpakapuram	04	50	1
03	Puthiyakovilkulam	08	56	1
04	Sekkaddippulavu	06	48	1
05	Saampalthoddam	10	81	2
06	Selvanager	05	23	1
07	Poovarasankulam	05	20	1
08	Thaalikkulam	10	80	1
09	150 housing scheme - Thaalikkulam	08	80	1
10	Kanthankulam	07	41	1
11	Urmilakoddam	09	85	1
12	Kaaththankoddam	03	22	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>88</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>14</b>

## TARGET BENEFISIARIES AND ACHEIVEMENTS

NO	TARGET GROUP	TARGET BENEFICIARIES	ACHEIVEMENTS
1	Direct project participants-Farmers	500	642
2	School children	1000	1126
3	Preschool children/Nutrition programme	500	519
4	Nutrition programme for mothers	500	519
<b>Total</b>		<b>2500</b>	<b>2806</b>





## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR FARMERS/FAMILIES

Capacity building Programme on organic farming advance techniques training for farmers. The main purpose of ongoing Food Security project is to promote organic farming to the people. That means promoting / Motivating organic farming and making a healthier society. 12 training programmes were conducted by Caritas -Valvuthayam under the food security program. Agricultural instructors from Vavuniya Agriculture department participated and facilitated the programme. In total 642 home garden beneficiaries participated from the following 12 villages Kaaththankoddam, Urmilakoddam, Thaalikkulam, 150 housing scheme - thaalikkulam, Saampalthoddam, Sekkaddippulavu, Puthiyakatkapuram, Selvanagar, Puthiyakovilkulam, Palayakatkapuram, Kanthankulam and Poovarasankulam. Among the training participants selected 67 farmers and parents of preschool children were supported with Black gram seeds to promote their ongoing livelihood activities

### Following themes were covered through this programme.

- ☛ Method of organic home farming.
- ☛ Advantages of organic home garden.
- ☛ Content of the home garden
- ☛ Method of organic manure preparation
- ☛ Preparation method of Disinfectant
- ☛ Marketing methods
- ☛ Disadvantages of consuming of vegetable at markets.



### PARTICIPATRY RURAL APPRAISAL FOR RESOURCE IDENTIFICATION

The PRA Programme facilitated by the project coordinator with an introduction to the Food Security project. Then beneficiaries were divided into four groups. Each group was given with a tool such as village history, Village Map, Resource Map and Time line map and Venn diagram etc. At last each group made a presentation on the outcome of their group work. At the end of each group presentation the gaps were indicated and identified by the members of other groups. And we have formed SHGs according to the rules and regulation. PRA programmes completed in the following 07 villages: - Puthiyakatkapuram, Selvanagar, Saampalthoddam, Kanthankulam, Sekkaddippulavu, Kaaththankoddam and Thaalikkulam villages.



## NUTRITION PROGRAMME FOR MOTHERS



20 Awareness Programme for mothers on nutrition food through food security project was organized in the target villages of Vavuniya District of Mannar Diocese. The respective MOH field level mid wife participated and explained about the importance of nutrition food in day today life. Further the resource person trained participants on possible ways in which a person can get nutritional food from home garden, the preparation of healthy food, making the same foods in different ways, produce the organic food at home, the importance of home gardening in preschools and homes. The pregnant mothers were especially trained on best health practices to be followed from pregnancy to the birth of a healthy child and how to maintain the nutritionally balanced diets, Weight stunted and overweight. At the end of the training the selected participants were provided with home garden equipment / tools to preschools to prepare their home gardening activities. This programme conducted in 19 target preschools

## CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The above said awareness skill empowerment training session on the importance & an advantage of organic farming was successfully organized with the support of respective School principals. The objective of such training is to empower school children and motivating them to involve in organic home gardening and give awareness to the children on Organic farming in the school and home. Further greenhouse established in Poovarasankulam Mahavidyalayam and provided home garden equipments / tools to all the schools to promote their gardening activities. These programmes are facilitated by Agricultural instructors. 1126 students participated in this programme. 13 programmes were conducted for the following schools V/Nelukkulam Kalaimakal Vidiyalayam, V/Thaalikkulam GTMS, V/Sekkaddippulavu MV and V/Poovarasankulam MV.



## ADVOCACY & LOBBYING PROGRAMME

In this training the beneficiaries acquired knowledge and skills to identify the needs of the people and fulfill by themselves their own needs and raise their voice at appropriate circumstances. Needed facilities and rural development works are found in the villages and reported to appropriate departments to get the solutions. 03 programmes were conducted for the following villages Saampalthoddam, 150 housing scheme-Thaalikkulam and PuthiyaKatpakapuram. 150 beneficiaries participated in this training.

*The following contents were covered by this training programme*

- ☞ The methods of presenting each requirement
- ☞ Size & estimates needs
- ☞ Methods of letter writing to appropriate officers and departments
- ☞ Presenting methods of each need
- ☞ Method of approaching officers.







### PROMOTING MARKETING AND MARKET LINKAGES

This training was conducted for the farmers from the target village. The purpose of this training programme is to explain to the farmers and other manufacturers the marketing techniques and methods of their products. 03 programmes were conducted at Saampalthoddam, Thaalikkulam and Puthiyakatkapuram target villages. In total 96 active farmers and entrepreneurs had participated in this training and the following subjects were discussed in the training to empower and to build the capacity of participants.

- ☞ Marketing methods & strategies
- ☞ Alternative production
- ☞ Storage
- ☞ Integrated farming, marketing
- ☞ Production method



### LIVELIHOOD EXPANSION ACTIVITIES

Training programme for livelihood beneficiaries on Home garden

A special home gardening and capacity building training session for the beneficiaries was organized at valvuthayam hall. Programme on possible organic home garden practices and Proposal writing training session were organized by food security staff for livelihood beneficiaries to whom the particular livelihood support was given. This support helped to find the overall plan of the beneficiaries with given support to them through expansion of food security program. Agricultural instructor was the resource person of this programme. 30 beneficiaries participated in this programme.

25 beneficiaries from 12 villages under the food security program were given livelihood packages under the development activities. Such as home garden equipments / tools to the 15 selected beneficiaries, cattle to the 04 selected beneficiaries, poultry chicks to the 04 selected beneficiaries and goat to the 02 selected beneficiaries. These beneficiaries were selected on the basis of disability, female headed families, widows, more family members or school children and low-income families.



# Housing & Livelihood





## Housing

Following approval and guidance received from National Centre, Caritas-Valvuthayam Diocesan Centre for Mannar Diocese had launched the field level need assessment activities during the month of January 2020. Based on Diocese of Mannar top priority needs to settle the prolonged internal displacement issue of Mullikulam Musali DS IDP community, Caritas-Valvuthayam with the advice of His lordship Bishop of Mannar Diocese selected Mullikulam village for Housing project. As scheduled the initial and necessary filed level arrangements have been successfully completed for 20 units of housing construction works even though facing out prolonged ground level and Government policy level obstacles in the particular project location due to many factors.

As we are well aware that the entire village is still fully occupied by Government Military Naval forces and the entire village boundaries are considered as high security zone. As outlined in the project logical framework, all required documents were prepared and approved by the relevant government officials with regards to housing project implementation.

With the coordination of GN and Parish Priest, the Director organized the orientation programme on 04.02.2020. After successful completion of orientation and capacity building training programmes, 20 beneficiaries were selected according to the said beneficiary selection criteria.

As the first step, Caritas-Valvuthayam planned to lay foundation for 10 houses. Out of 20, the full construction work for 10 houses, excellent structure for 5 houses and sub structure for 5 houses have been completed.



### Challenges and obstacles faced during Housing project implementation

Caritas-Valvuthayam identified that these obstacles and challenges are beyond its control and unable to settle down since they are highly connected with National policy making authorities' action and intervention. The main challenges are as follows.

1. Military Naval forces continue to occupy the entire village and a very small piece of land was released for 20 houses only.
2. Beneficiaries are not interested and not willing to resettle and waste their regained resources until the Military Naval forces completely release their village for free and secure routine peace full life.
3. Still entry military check point to Village is giving big struggles and fear to construction workers and village people. Whenever they want to enter the village they are being questioned for a long hour every day.
4. Getting down the construction materials to project site is still under big struggle and private transport service providers are not showing interest to provide transport due to village entry check point screening issue and fear.



**Way forward for housing project; -**

As an impact of the above said prolonged and continues challenges on the ongoing housing project target village we Caritas-Valvuthayam and Diocese of Mannar Bishop office jointly requested kind facilitation and approval to move and relocate the remaining 30 housing project to another needy locations (villages) of Mannar Diocese, targeting the most vulnerable Sri Lankan refugee returnees from India as outlined in Project proposal.

**The housing project Output achievements are as follows below**

- 20 beneficiaries are selected.
- Construction works is fully completed for 10 houses.
- Super structure and sub structure construction work is completed for 10 houses.
- The required Government approval obtained from relevant authority.
- Project orientation session is completed.
- Developed project file for 20 housing beneficiaries.
- Need assessment is completed.



**livelihood empowerment**

The livelihood project is being implemented at Kokupadayan, Musali DS division. With the support of Parish Priest and GiramaNiladari, the beneficiaries were selected. In order to select the beneficiaries, the field staff conducted a basic survey for livelihood in collaboration with the Parish Priest and the Grama Niladari; The project team then selected the beneficiaries based on the information gathered in the preliminary survey.



# COVID-19

## Pandemic relief response

Prior to the outbreak of (COVID 19) pandemic, majority of the inhabitants were in the stage of leading a self-sufficient life through the proceeds earned from paddy cultivation, small business and fishing endeavors. Some others had engaged in cattle and poultry farming that sustained their survival.

The corona virus disease (COVID 19) pandemic has developed a huge destruction on individuals, families, communities, and societies across in Mambur Diocese. Daily lives have been profoundly changed, economy has fallen into recession, and many of the traditional social, economic, and public health safety nets that many people rely on in times of hardship have been put under unprecedented strain. The precaution measure of lockdown situation forcefully loaded heavy responsibility on Caritas - Valvuthayam too to find resources to feed our community to whom we serve.

Caritas - Valvuthayam Mambur diocesan Centre for socio economic commission had supported and responded fully as much as possible based on its full-scale capacity to Covid-19 pandemic. The Covid - 19 relief packs contain: personal hygienic and dry ration food (rice, wheat flour, dhal, dried fish and sugar, face mask and hand wash liquid etc).

The Covid-19 pandemic emergency situation also gave some lesson learns to each and every individuals. As an implementing partner organization we too experienced some new learnings and enhanced the capacity of our Charity Organization. Some of the learnings are outlined below.

- ☞ We had learnt a strategy to respond a global and social communicable disease spread to secure and feed the vulnerable populations.
- ☞ We learnt to improve our personal hygienic best safety practices.
- ☞ The staffs and beneficiaries of our Charity Organization were trained on special knowledge and skills on personal safety measures.
- ☞ Beneficiaries reported that they have learnt the importance and necessity of home gardening of vegetable crops at each household levels.
- ☞ Working relationship and referral net work with Government Authorities and other stakeholders are increased and strengthen.



# 'ENSURING THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES AND THEIR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS IN MANNAR DISTRICTS'



**People with Disabilities including children with disabilities in Mannar Diocese are empowered and gain their rights as equal citizens and join the mainstream of society.**



# 'Ensuring the Rights of Children with Disabilities and their Parents/Caregivers in Mannar Districts'

It is estimated that there are approximately 1,617,924 persons ranked as persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka as of 2012 statistic. It is also estimated that there are 88,740 children between the ages of 5 - 18 years with physical and psycho-social disabilities in the country, of which 62 percent are receiving education through mainstream schools while 34 percent have not received any form of education. This may indicate that there are lack of facilities and the capacity to address the needs of such children.

Data available from the Northern Province statistical bulletin for 2019 mentions that end of 2019, there are 20,011 PwDs in the Northern Province of which 2,032 persons are in Mannar

The Divisional Secretariat divisions where this project is being implemented are the Manthai West DS division in Mannar where 521 persons are listed as persons with disabilities;



## Project orientation session to respective Government stakeholders;

Project orientation meeting with the Manthai West DS & MOH Adampan, Caritas - Valvuthayam director and the project coordinator met with the respective Divisional secretariat and the MOH to brief the past & newly launched Kinder mission project activities. Caritas-Valvuthayam Director Rev.Fr. S. Anton thanked to Manthai West Divisional Secretary and Director Of MOH Adampan for their fullest support and coordination in the past and ongoing project activities in their respective division. The respective Government stakeholders also thanked to Caritas-Valvuthayam for its hard work and initiatives to bring down new projects and funds to support war affected resettled communities in their division.

Beneficiary Details		Planned for year 2020
1	Direct beneficiaries	71 (under 18 )
2	Indirect Beneficiaries	346
3	Total PWDs	298



## Baseline survey on newly launched Kinder mission Project;

The first activity of Baseline Survey was successfully completed in the target villages of Manthai west DS division. Project team with the support of field level Animators conducted field base assessment and successfully filled out the developed Questionnaires forms as schedule by overcoming the challenges faced during the Covid-19 period. Kinder mission project target beneficiaries are Children with Disabilities (CWD's) and parent with Disabilities (PWD's). The findings and results of newly undertaken baseline survey are highlighted in the below chart.

Programmes	Numbers
No of GN division	36
Baseline Survey for PWDs	298
Baseline Survey for CWDs	71
Disable IC Needed	216
Medical certificate needed	71





**State land with temporary building is granted by the Divisional Secretariat of Manthai West division.**

Acknowledging and experiencing the impact and emerging needs of already identified special needs children educational requirement the state land was given by respective divisional Secretariat to improve and expand special needs children activity. The reserved land is located in the Andankulam village which lies under Andankulam Grama Niladhari Division of the Manthai West Divisional Secretariat. A plot of land with 33 perches of extension temporary building is allocated. The Divisional Secretariat also had invited interested Aid workers and donors to join hands with DS office and Caritas - Valvuthayam to build a model educational class room with required facilities for special needs children.



**Established vocational training opportunities;-**

Cartias-Valvuthayam with the help of Madhu Zone Education Department started a Palmyra candy craft Products making training course at Mn/Andankulam R.C.T. School. This skill training (Palmyra Skill Training) began on 17.08.2020 and the course will continue for three month for Children with disabilities (CWD's). The training course is financial supported by Good News Missionary forum from Mannar district. 11 CWDs students are currently following the course.



**Physical & Mental Health clinic for CWDs**

With the generous support of Dr.P.Arumaithurai- Clinical Psychologist from Jaffna, Sri Lanka, Caritas-Valvuthayam successfully conducted IQ test for 63 CWD's out of identified 72 CWD's. This medical IQ test certificate is required to apply for Government monthly allowance of RS.5,000 from ongoing Government supported disability programme. As a remarkable outcome of this organized clinical event 41 CWDs are now receiving the above said monthly allowance.



**CBR capacity building TOT training workshop**

Community Based Rehabilitation work shop was held at Caritas - Valvuthayam hall on 19.06.2020 at 9.30 am to 1.30pm and 20 participants (project staff and beneficiaries) from Caritas - Vanni HUDEC and Caritas-Valvuthayam had participated the workshop. Caritas-Valvuthayam Director Rev. Fr. S. Anton opened the training workshop following the opening prayer. As a first event Rev. Fr. S. Anton presented introductory orientation session and the objective of such TOT workshop. In the workshop Resource person briefly explained about CBR referral system and the tools that could possibly used for CBR project effectively and efficiently.







# Case Study

## Master.Rajitharan (Adampan)



Ganasekaram Vijayalashmi, mother of Rajitharan, resident at Adampan GPS road, I was affected by the war and resettled in our own village. Rajitharan was born on 18.05.2010 as the third child in our family. Rajitharan was slightly less than the usual weight a baby should be at birth but as a child we didn't notice any defects on him. When he was 2 years old he started to walk. When he took his first step he was unable to walk normally. We took him to doctor and after consulting with Doctor only we came to know that Rajitharan can't speak well and Unable to walk. After that we took him to special hospitals such as Colombo, Vavuniya and Anuradapuram hospitals for four years for his treatment but unable to succeed with treatment.

When he was 6 year old we sent him to study at Sethukulam ordinary school but school community and friends refused to accept him while he was studying there. Later he was joined to grade 3 in Adampan RCTMS. in 2017 Caritas - Valvuthayam started a special education unit at Mn/Andankulam school. He has been studying continuously in the special education unit since 2017. He becomes now very much enthusiastic in learning, playing, dancing and drawing. Rajitharan is doing his own work and going to school happily now with the guidance of Valvuthayam project team. We got a hearing machine value of Rs. 30,000 through referral network of Caritas-Valvuthayam from a local NGO called VOICE. Further he has participated in sports competition conducted through the Zonal education department and he participated in three games organized by PARA in Jaffna. He got 2nd place of collecting fruits.

My family heartfelt thanks to Caritas- Valvuthayam team for their services and commitments towards providing and ensuring equal opportunity for special care needed children too. We pray to God for Caritas-Valvuthayam staff and those who are attached with Caritas-Valvuthayam to do service to children and vulnerable people



# NVQ



Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

# Vocational Training Institute



Certificate Number:

Effective date of Certificate:

National Identity Card Number of Holder:



**Caritas Valvuthayam**





### NVQL 3 Certificate awarding ceremony.

The certificate awarding ceremony was organized by Caritas - Valvuthayam to honor the Computer Application Assistant (CAA) NVQL 3 course students who had completed the course in the year of 2019.



In total 25 students received their certificates on the day of 29th January 2020. Students received their certificates from Caritas -Valvuthayam Director Rev.Fr. S. Anton who

launched this course. Students were on high spirits in viewing their dream achievements.

### Final Assessment for NVQ level 3- Batch 1 & 2 year 2020.

Valvuthayam Vocational Training Institute successfully conducted the CAA (Computer Applications Assistant) final assessment on 29th, 30th, 31st of August 2020. In total 25 students participated in the final examination



### Basic and advance computer course for Mannar Diocese Priests and Deacon Brothers



An advance level computer application course is launched for Mannar Diocesan interested Priests and Deacons at Caritas-Valvuthayam computer centre. The objective of this course is to capacitate the skill and knowledge of course participants on computer application system and provide facilitation to priests who are scheduled to enroll their international higher studies.

### New Vocational Training course for Under Privileged students

Mosvold -Martinus Foundation Director Mr.Martinus visited on 27-08-2020. MM Foundation launched for the (CAA NVQ Level 3) Vocational Training for Under Privileged students. In total 21 students are enrolling the newly launched course under the financial support of MM Foundation.



#### Background of Institute's

Caritas 'Valvuthayam' is a Socio-economic & Community Development Centre of the Diocese of Mannar in Sri Lanka. The organization has been empowering people through animation and being in solidarity in their efforts for integral human development since 1981 Youth empowerment is one of the major responses to the most affected people. Youth are empowered through capacity building and personality development. The objective of this project is to serve the youth in empowering them trainings.

#### Course details

The vocational training course is registered under the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) and focuses youth from the most vulnerable families in Mannar district.

The Computer Application Assistant (CAA) NVQL-3 course follows the following steps in order: Beneficiary selection, orientation on the programme, conducting classes, monitoring the activities, mid-term review, directing the participants to employment.

The following curriculum syllabus are being taught to give additional knowledge to the trainees under Soft skill training Career orientation, Gender development, Life skill training, Language- English&Sinhala. During this course period there would be kinds of assessments. The first one is pre-assessment to measure the level of knowledge of the participants. It would be graded and be used as the baseline of the project. And then there would be a mid-term review to measure the status of each participant to motivate the beneficiaries on their improvements. At the end of the project, assessment would be conducted to by the TVEC (Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission) Assessors and then the certificates will be given away by TVEC.

After studying this course, students should be able to:

- \*Improve local ICT knowledge sharing and capability building
- \*Understanding the progress of information and communication technologies (ICT) and their role in modern World.



# EXPERIENCE SHARING

## Mr.H.L. Dilexsan (E-Learning Course Student)



My name is Mr. H.L. Dilexsan and I live in Mannar. After my school Advance Level studies, I got an opportunity to enroll in 3 months NVQ I level 3 basic and advance computer application course at Valvuthayam Vocational Institute. I had now successfully completed the computer application course and obtained a valuable recognized NVQ level3 certificate which added value to my professional and personal carrier. Before enrolling the course I had very limited knowledge on computer application but now I am capacitated on various knowledge and function of computer application with advance technology. I am really empowered and became professional on advance computer application. Another remarkable achievement is that I am employed now at People’s bank Mannar branch as a computer assistance and customer service officer. My sole responsibility of my assignment is to assist customer to open an account through on line system using computer application banking system. I really thank to Caritas-Valvuthayam vocational training institute and teachers who taught me and my colleagues proper way and guided us as required to achieve such remarkable success in my life. On top of that I was given an opportunity to learn more on English and Sinhala languages as well while I was enrolling the 3 months computer course. Once again, I thank and wish Caritas-Valvuthayam for their services to most vulnerable and needy students and I pray to God for his continuous blessings to Caritas-Valvuthayam.



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**Religious Amity**



**RELIGIOUS HARMONY PREVAILS AT VILLAGE AND DIOCESAN LEVEL THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTING 'UNITY IN DIVERSITY' AMONG DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS FAITH COMMUNITIES BY 2020.**

- Involving local media to promote inter religious harmony at Diocesan levels
- Quarterly Meetings with Diocesan level Advisory Committees
- Bi-Monthly (Once in two Months) Meetings of IRFs
- Implementation of IRF Activities
- Common Celebration Religious Festivals
- Monthly Activities for Children's Societies
- Monthly Activities for Youth Societies

**Common Celebration Religious Festivals**

**Paddy harvesting celebration**

Beyond religion and ethnicity, as all are farmers in the region, Paddy harvesting celebration was organized by IRF members from Manthai West and Nanaddan DS divisions.

Hindus, Christians and Muslims had prepared food and completed other decoration works before the day of event at DS office. When the day of event, all people lined up in two to welcome religious leaders and government officials with garlanding. The invitees as a sign of peace, released peace pigeons. IRF's common prayer and blessing over the cooked food, opened up the event at DS office conference hall which was fully packed by 156 participants. This celebration has increased unity among all religious people as one family by working together forgetting their religious barriers.

After the lighting of traditional oil lamp, welcome dance performed by children club girl from Vaddakkandal village. Director of Valvuthayam delivered welcome speech; harvesting is a common and happy moment of each farmer. It is an opportunity for all farmers to share their happiness going beyond their religious differences. Such love sharing initiatives lead to religious unity, reconciliation and sustainable peace.

All religious leaders addressed the gathering: Saying that because of the IRF activities in all target villages, unity has emerged among all religious people. It is the responsibility of our community to continue such good initiatives and finally thanked Valvuthayam on behalf of Muslim community. Further mentioned that a person who knows more about other religion, respects more the other religions. So, we are thankful to Valvuthayam for creating this sort of opportunities for children and youth. Later, children and youth become the peace makers in the region.

Divisional Secretary the chief guest appreciated the good works done by Valvuthayam to make sustainable peace in Mannar district. It is well known that respect to other religion and equality of human dignity are deeply rooted in the hearts of our people.





**Peace building training for Children club members;**

One day training programme conducted for children under the title of peace building initiative through religious amity intervention.

With the support of IRF members and government officials 60 children (Hindus, Christians and Muslims) from Alawakkai Chemmanthivu Vaddakandal and Andankulam villages were assembled in the common hall.

Project coordinator inaugurated the programme officially with his welcome speech. The resource person began the workshop with self-introduction of the participants. Importance of religious amity, children’s contribution for religious amity, core values and human dignity were stressed to the children through group works and group games.

Director also paid visit to this programme and addressed the gathering; ‘saying that children are gifts of God as peace makers.



**Monthly Activities for Youth Societies**

From Chemmanthivu, Alawakkai, Adampan, Vaddakandal and Andankulam youth were collected for this visit with the support of government officials, IRFs and village level religious leaders. Good to see boys and girls of Hindus, Muslims and Christians coming together.

The journey started at 8.45am in a hired bus. In the beginning, they flocked together with their religious groups until paying visit to Thirukketheeswaram Hindu temple where the Hindu priest preached about LOVE is God Shiva.

On the way to Catholic church at Pesalai, all youth intermingled and found their new friends from other religions as well. When the time came to return after visiting Mosque and Buddhist temple, youth were sad to leave each other.

In the feedback session, they expressed their happiness, new experience, new learning about other religious values, rituals, traditions, best practices. At last, they felt sad to leave new friends. Exchanged phone numbers and got down from bus at 5pm.





## Religious harmony experience sharing exposure visit of Children to historical religious places

In collaboration with religious leaders, government officials and IFR members a religious harmony peace building exposure visit session was organized for IRF children club members. In total 61 children (Hindus, Christians and Muslims) from Adampan, AndankulamVaddakkandalAlavakkai and Chemmantheevu villages participated the experience sharing exposure visit and Caritas-Valvuthayam IRF Project coordinator facilitated the team.

The participated beneficiary children quoted that, this opportunity paved way for the children to know each other, make relationship with others, be happy, learn the importance of religious places and respect to other religion. Happy to see the children mingling with each other without any religious barrier. The places visited Thirukketheesawaram hindu temple, Buddhist temple, St.Lourdes church Manthai and a mosque. During feedback evaluation, most of the children expressed that it was the first time to step into other religious places and experiencing the importance of each religious worship practices.

In the respective visited religious places, religious leaders shared their thoughts of God's love and unity with children.







### Covid-19 Awareness training for IRF members.



Cartias-Valvuthayam IRF project organized Covid-19 awareness training sessions for IRF members and CBOs in IRF project target villages. Gramaniladhari, Development officers and Samurthi officers also participated training workshop. The divisional PHI facilitated the training sessions based on the Health Ministry advises and Covid-19 mitigation guidelines. At the end of t he training session, the participants appreciated the efforts that taken by Valvuthayam and government officials to organize such useful awareness program for their community.

*Empowered Community leading  
to sustainability by end 2022*



**Integral Human Development**  
**Civic Dialogue and Cross community activities**

Caritas Valvuthayam





**Civic Dialogue Special Project the details of activities that has been taken forward or carried out under Civic Dialogue Community Empowerment project during the period of 2019 -2022**

No	Village	Number of direct beneficiaries
01	Pavilupaddankattikudiyirippu	32
02	Katpakapuram (Vavuniya)	56
03	Kavayankudiyiruppu	18
04	Kaathankulam	47
05	Parappukadanthan	49
06	Kallikaddaikaadu	47
07	Vadakaadu (Vavuniya)	46
08	Naruvilikkulam	45
09	Pesaali	42

- ☞ The elders, Grama Niladharies and shareholders of the target villages were met and discussed with the issues and problems that they faced with.
- ☞ Monthly meeting and SHG meeting was organized by target village.
- ☞ The beneficiaries of the villages are selected
- ☞ Details regarding the focal villages were collected through Participatory Rural Appraisal mechanism.
- ☞ Capacity building programme was organized by valvuthayam.
- ☞ Collection of data's regarding families from the selected villages

**Through the above activities following results are achieved;**

- ❖ CBOs and SHGs capacities enhanced to mobilized the community to address the issues related to socio-economic context
- ❖ Secondary leadership is built and sustained among the beneficiaries Communities
- ❖ Community mobilized and their capacity enhanced to address the issues related to socio-economic context.
- ❖ Livelihood options promoted and strengthened to improve economic status of poor and marginalized
- ❖ Social, economic Cultural & Spiritual status of the community enhanced
- ❖ People use knowledge they gained through our training for their livelihood activities and they supported by what they received from another organizations, they are spending more time on Livelihood activities (income earning activities)



## Project activities

### Conduct PRA

Mobilized and formed 27 small groups of into 6 CBOs in 06 target villages.

Community led (CBO) monthly meetings organized to help them prioritize the needs/ issues

Through financial management and book keeping training the following results achieved; SHG members start saving scheme according to financial procedure. Rs.200 is monthly saved by a member.

Support for CBO Revolving Loan Fund. For 06 CBOs depending on their membership basis, funds released to their bank accounts. These funds are gratefully used for their livelihood activities such as poultry farm, small business, home garden, paddy cultivation.

After the formation of 06 CBOs, training organized for the members on Constitution, Executive Committee, CBO registration process and legalization.

For the capacity improvement on livelihood activities, the following programmes conducted for CBO members; start your business, cattle management and business plan. Right selection of livelihoods, risk management and proper planning for sustainable income got increased.

A strong network created with duty bearers and CBO leaders that leads to get a fullest support from duty bearers. In the CBO meetings government officials are participating. This helps the CBOs to raise their community needs and find solutions with the support of these officials. For example, at Periyakulam village an agriculture road was heavily damaged and not possible for the farmers to access their paddy lands. It was discussed in the meeting and with the support of government officials the road was renovated. Farmers are thankful for the initiative done by CBO.

## Impact of the Activity

### Parental concern on children's education (Kallikaddaikaadu)

During covid19 situation, schools closed. Therefore, to promote education at homes, an awareness programme organized with the support of ISA from Madhu educational Zone for parents and children. 47 participants gained knowledge and skills. During our field visit, we were able to observe parents encouraging their children to attend classes; And 70% of parents are very eager to get involved. Also, children are also making their own time tables to study the subjects at home personally.



### Build a happy family through reconciliation

The CBOs, with the support of Caritas - Valvuthayam, organized training programmes on family well-being in all target villages. In this session the beneficiaries were able to gain knowledge about unwanted conflicts in families and also got the means to avoid conflicts. As family conflicts are reduced, all members equally contributed for household income.



*Feedback from GN: After training programs, reports on family conflicts are reduced.*



### COVID-19 awareness

Public Health Inspector was the resource person for this programme. From each target village more than 35 CBO members and children participated and benefited. As a result people began to follow the rules as instructed by the PHI in the training programs. As they understood the importance of immunity, social distance, mask and hand washing practices.

*Feedback from children: They are very happy with the knowledge gained through this programme about social distance, wearing mask and hand washing practices.*



### Finance Management

The CBO rearranged the documents properly. Savings has grown in the self-help group since beneficiaries began to maintain a separate daily cash book. Through revolving loan system by CBO, we can observe that many beneficiaries are economically advanced



### CBO Monthly Meeting

- At the monthly meeting the beneficiaries discussed common issues; road renovation, education, street lamps etc and they are engaged in remedial action. They are motivated to participate in common activities; dengue control programme, village development, school programme.
- Provides opportunity to collect savings.
- Monthly provides opportunities to assess whether decisions taken by the group is implemented or not and as a result the decisions not carried taken forward to the next month for further action.
- Meeting agenda, minutes, financial report and attendance sheet properly documented.
- CBO monthly meetings encourage its members to discuss and come out with an initiative to engage in village social work such as Siramadana on monthly basis. It is very helpful to come out with an initiative on monthly basis i.e. Shiramadhana activity.
- As a result of monthly gathering a strong unity and understanding has been increased



### Capacity Building of CBOs

- Importance of education and parents' contribution in children's education conducted for parents and children.
- It is understood during house visit that suitable environment is provided for parents for the education of their children at homes.



### Monitoring and evaluation

Field officers report to field monitoring on a daily basis. Their field visit reports, findings and monitoring results are submitted to project coordinator on a weekly basis. Project coordinator leads meetings, training and weekly / monthly monitoring visits. With the monitoring reports submitted by field officers, project coordinator holds unit meeting every Wednesday with them discuss the findings, make collective solutions for pending activities/issues and for the next week plan is prepared by the team. Finally, project coordinator compiles the field report for director weekly.





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# CASE STUDY

## *Pethirupillai Anton Kiyomar Mariyathas*

**The Real-life experience shared by CBO organization Head " Pethirupillai Anton Kiyomar Mariyathas from paavilupaddankaddikudiyirrupuvillage.july to December 2019.**

**I'm Pethirupillai Anton KiyomarMariyathas my wife soosaiyammahis a retired preschool teacher and my son is sathasakayam studying in grade four. I was displaced and resettled at paavilupaddankaddikudiyirrupu during the last phase of the war in 2009. Physically and mentally I was challenged during the time of war. Now my family is under the povertyline. I had injuries in my body therefore I can't do hard work so I run my family by selling fire woods.**

**In 2019 IHD-civic dialogue programme manager and field officers from the caritas Valvuthayam visited our village to gather our village members to implement a project. Permission was granted through our parish priest Rev.Fr.Jesuthasan Lesley Jeganathan in order to conduct this programme. After participating in this programme I felt that we are improved in our stranded of living.**

**We are very thankful to our director valvuthayam Rev.Fr.S.Anton for selecting our village people. From the initial point to up to now the integral human development programme manager and field officers met and delivered good thoughts to motivate us. The last six month we had more advantages through this programme such as...**

**I created a good communication and bonding with neighbours even if they are enemies.**

**Two kinds of religious families are living in my village but we have been participating in every meeting with friendly manner.**

**We welcome caritas valvuthayam to help us improve our lifestyle in socio and economicfield.**

**Heartfelt thanks to caritas Korea, caritas Sri Lanka (SEDEC) and caritas valvuthayam for supporting us to lead a dignified life.**



### Healing and Reconciliation – Journey towards a Sustainable National Level Movement

The second phase of this peace building project under the above-mentioned project is being implemented in Mannar Diocese. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to a peaceful Sri Lanka by promoting mutual respect of both ethnicities at the Village level and at regional and national levels.

Under this project, 02 Village Level Vigilant Committees have been created with the objective of mobilizing and forming committees, to voice against identified barriers for social cohesion, reconciliation and ethnic / religious harmony. These activities are carried out in Pichchakulam village of Nanattan Divisional Secretariat division and Maruthamadhu village of Musali Divisional Secretariat division of Mannar Diocese.

This project will also form Regional - level Peace Forums to discuss and resolve the problems identified by the Vigilant Committees and build networking relations with other CSOs involved in peace building to find joint solutions that can be resolved at the regional-level.

The project addresses the knowledge and capacity lackof the target communities and strengthens the existing community structures to bridge the gap while contributing to peace-building and reconciliation. One exposure visit was conducted and 48 members participated. By this project has contributed tremendously in bridging the cultural gaps among Sinhala, Muslim and Tamil communities. By vigilant committee the below indicated 5 Issues and concerns connected to reconciliation were brought to the attention of district level authorities and found solution;

1. No internal transport for school children.
2. Insufficient teachers at school.
3. No land permit for the newly married couples
4. Mixed marriage among religion.
5. School dropout





### Significant positive or negative changes took place in the life situation of the target group

In the beginning it was observed that the religious communities did not have any relationship among them. Even they didn't participate for their wedding ceremony or funerals because of religious barriers. But now they have confidence among themselves by committee activities and they have started attending their functions and other events.

Beginning of the project community members have panic to speak in the meeting, or raise any question regarding their issues; but now few of them are improved their capacity and skills through project initiatives to voice for their rights, and negotiating with their stakeholders to resolve their problems.



### Developing the bonds between the races

People were extremely happy about the intervention as they believe that the project activities can strengthen the bond between Religious leaders and other stakeholders who will lead the future. "Initially we had doubts about this program as it was working with people belonging to other religious and ethnic communities that we usually don't interact with'. In the beginning, they were reluctant to send their children and youth to programs. When their children and youth were organizing programmes and activities together and developing an understanding of different religions we felt happy about the intervention. VLVC Members of the two communities expressed their satisfaction about the intervention



### Key lessons, the target groups learned so far from project implementation

- This activity created and opportunity to promote relationship with in the District Participants and the participants of other Diocese as well.
- Also it helped to learn the religious values of other religion too.
- Got opportunities to exchange their views and ideas; problems, issues, challenges that they faced in their daily life.
- They were able to change the fault ideas and views that they had on other Religions.
- Three major religious people are living in increased harmony with each other and supporting to each other.
- Children are happily spending their time together and they have new friends among other religion which ensures ever-lasting unity of future generation.
- Community development needs are commonly raised in writing to government officials and achieving their needs collectively as village level vigilant committee that has more power and identity now for such advocacy purpose also.





### Rockids Foundation funded Parapet wall construction project is completed for Kinder Garden kids school.

The parapet cement block fence wall construction project for Palampiddi Pre-school of Madhu DS division is successfully completed despite of unexpected Covid-19 challenges. This project is funded by Rockids Foundation and implemented by Caritas-Valvuthayam Mannar. The objective of this project is to ensure protection of Kinder Garden kids at their learning centre. The pre-school teacher reported that the Parents of kids, and the society of Palampiddi village are happy and thank to Caritas-Valvuthayam and project Donor Rockids Foundations for making the preschool compound conducive and protective friendly environment for kids.



### Returnees from India

#### Provision of Temporary Shelter and Livelihood initiatives for Refugee returnees from India;

Caritas-Valvuthayam Mannar with the generous financial supports of Caritas-Korea has implemented a special project for Sri Lankan refugee returnees from India in the year period of 2019 and 2020. The objective of this special intervention were to support Sri Lankan Refugee Families returning from India to earn a stable income and are able to live in their own Shelters with, enhanced dignity, protection & privacy. In this special project Caritas-Valvuthayam was fortunate to assist 75 Sri Lankan refugees returned family beneficiaries with secured Temporary Shelters and 88 beneficiary families with livelihood support.





# Case Study

**Mr.S.Amirthanathan**  
( Kathankulam village )



**Mr.S.Amirthanathan, age 59 from Kathankulam village got displaced to India in 1990 due to ethnic conflict together with his wife and daughter. As head of the family, Mr.Amuthan had to undergo so much of difficulties, pressures, pain and hardships to look after his family. Finally, he got the opportunity to work as a daily laborer to a chief meson. His earning was not sufficient enough to feed the family and educate his daughter in a good school. While they were staying in India, he had the privilege of having his son - Durance in the year of 1991. His insufficient income forced him stop the education of daughter with basic education in India and helping son to go up to higher education to the level of post graduation- B.com & M.com.**

**Because of the difficult living condition in Indian camps and the normalcy of his mother land - Sri Lanka, Mr.S.Amuthan decided to return to his homeland Kathankulam in 2018. Even after his return to his homeland with so much hopes and happiness, he faced frustrated situations. Cadjan weaved shed was not conducive to keep his young daughter and not protective enough for the family members to sleep at nights. Though the government promised with much assistance to Indian returnees, it has no financial support or any other support to this family initially. And also, as the son is born in India and completed his education qualifications in India, he could not apply for any government jobs and found it difficult to register his birth in Sri Lanka.**

**In this chaotic scenario, Mr.Amuthan directly approached responsible government officials such as Gramaniladhari and Divisional Secretary to get support and guidance for their survival and decent life. Ultimately, the government officials as known well the project activities implemented by Caritas-Valvuthayam referred the family to our office. After reviewing the request letter for livelihood assistance, the project staff accepted the request letter and added as beneficiaries. To analyze the family background and truthfulness of request, project staff paid field visit to the house. The family's small hut amidst of recently cleaned jungle without proper protective fence, revealed the reality.**

**As the family is selected under the project of 50 livelihood assistance, father and son actively participated in the training programme. In the last phase of livelihood selection, they opted for cattle rearing through a business development plan. For the livelihood grant Rs.50, 000.00, Mr.Amuthan bought a cow with a calf that could give 3lts of milk per day. Monthly they are earning additionally Rs.6000 and using milk for own consumption also. Regarding this achievement Mr.Amuthan says, 'within the one year of my return to Sri Lanka, no assistance given to me so far. The first organization that provided an unforgettable assistance through effective means is Caritas-Valvuthayam. I have sustainable income source now and nutritional condition of my children also got increased. Therefore, my family is thankful to Caritas-Valvuthayam, its Director, field staff and the training resource persons for lighting up the lamp in our family.**



## Special project 1. Report on Water Project

### **Drinking Water Project; - At Iranai Illuppaikulam and Piramanalankulam areas of Mannar Diocese**

Cartias-Valvuthayam through the help of an individual Donor Mr. Jerald Chitty and a well-wisher of Caritas-Valvuthayam Director Rev. Fr. S. Anton, happily came forward to construct open dug wells and overhead water tanks to provide clean drinking water and improve sanitation for students and local communities. These open dug well project is hoped to reduce the amount of time students and villagers spent going to the streams to fetch water and minimize water borne diseases as well as other dangers students especially girls are be exposed to while out there.

After receiving the funds, Caritas-Valvuthayam organized for a current hydrogeological water source testing survey which was done by National water supply Board and the test report was submitted to us. The required necessary permission was too obtained from relevant government authorities.



### **Progress update on proposed activity; -**

#### **1. Iranai Illuppaikulam**

##### **Renovation of open dug well; -**

As planned the required necessary ground field level arrangements were done with the fullest support and contribution of beneficiaries. The well renovation construction work and wall plastering work is successfully completed as planned. The well depth deepening excavation work is on progress as of reporting period.

##### **Construction of overheads water tank and water supply system; -**

Site clearance work is completed for the construction of overhead water tank and the construction work is scheduled to finish by end of February 2021. The application form is already submitted for new electricity supply connection.





## 2. Piramanalankulam

### **Construction of open dug well; -**

Following the necessary approval received from National Water board and other relevant authorities the new open dug well construction work had been undertaken at Piramanalankulam target village. The beneficiaries had successfully contributed their contribution to prepare and complete the site clearance for construction work. The well excavation work is completed and found good water for drinking, domestic and farming purposes. The well construction work is completed up to 90 %. The balance remaining 10% of completion work is due on January 2021 as the construction work requires curing period of at least 2 months' time.

### **Construction of overheads water supply tank; -**

Site clearance work is completed for the construction of overhead water tank and the construction work is scheduled to finish by end of February 2021. The application form is already submitted for new electricity supply connection.

### **Plan for remaining task construction works; -**

The remaining well and overhead tank construction work is scheduled to complete by end of January 2021.

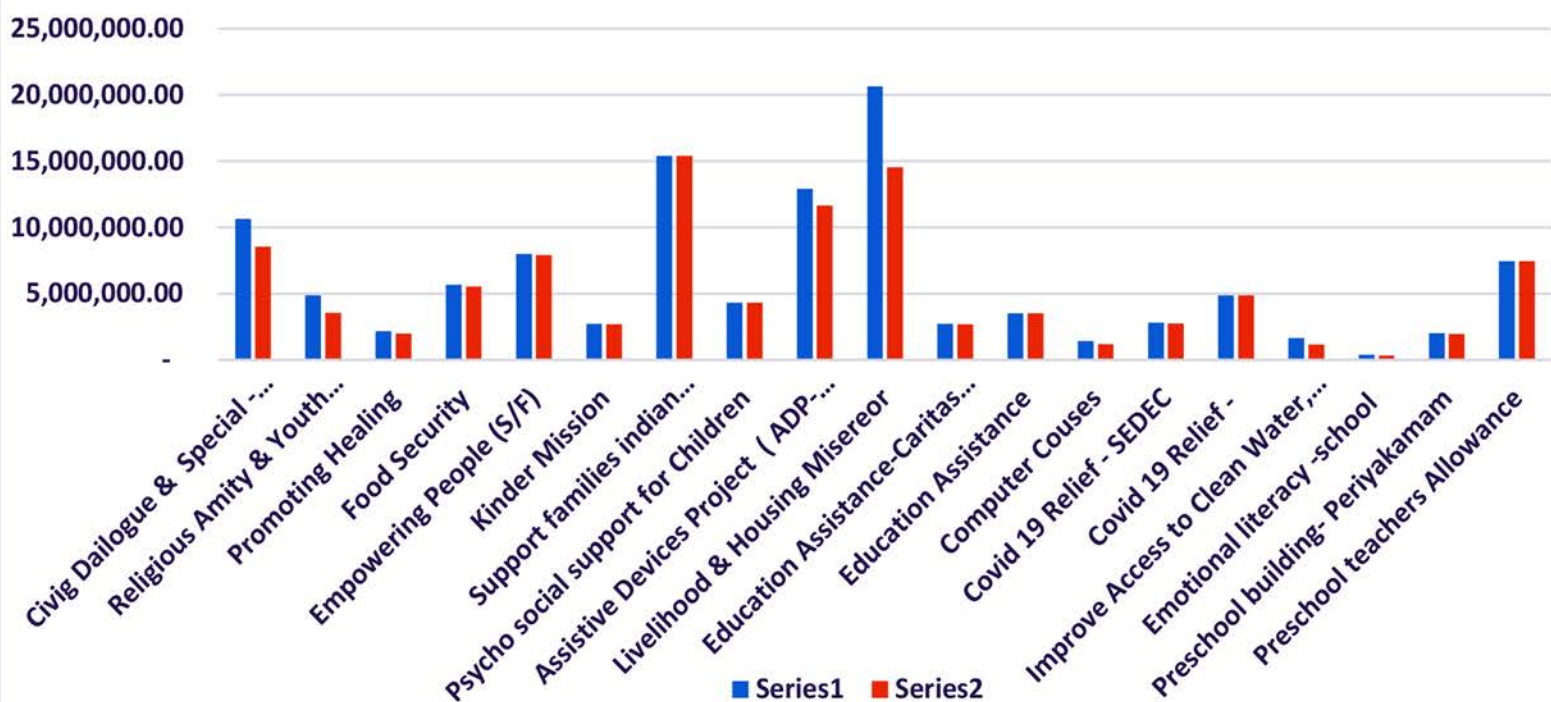




# Financial Review

## Project Overview - 1st January to 31st December - 2020

No	Project Name	Budget	Actual Expenses	Funded by	Sector
1	Civig Dailogue & Special - Caritas Korea	10,633,086.00	8,547,756.00	SEDEC	Community Development
2	Religious Amity & Youth programme	4,867,931.00	3,559,174.00	SEDEC	Peace & reconciliation
3	Promoting Healing	2,163,477.90	1,983,799.00	SEDEC	Peace & reconciliation
4	Food Security	5,678,982.29	5,539,255.82	SEDEC	Sustainable & Agriculture & Food Security
5	Empowering People (S/F)	8,000,000.00	7,907,431.60	Stomme Foundation	Community Development
6	Kinder Mission	2,729,383.67	2,674,383.67	SEDEC	Community Development
7	Support families indian returnees- Temporary sheleter & livelihood support	15,395,078.14	15,394,297.00	SEDEC	Resettlement
8	Psycho social support for Children	4,329,722.00	4,327,859.72	Rockits Foundation	Community Development & Psychosocial
9	Assistive Devices Project ( ADP- CRS)	12,915,150.00	11,645,555.76	CRS	Assistive Devices
10	Livelihood & Housing Misereor	20,648,833.72	14,525,190.21	SEDEC	Resettlement & livelyhood support
11	Education Assistance-Caritas Kore	2,730,000.00	2,680,380.70	SEDEC	Education support
	Education Assistance	3,528,000.00	3,528,000.00	America, Canada, Swiss,London,	Education support
12	Computer Coues	1,420,500.00	1,189,246.00	M.M.Foundation	IT support
13	Covid 19 Relief - SEDEC	2,811,114.00	2,749,375.00	SEDEC	Emergency Relief
14	Covid 19 Relief -	4,876,670.00	4,876,670.00	Other NGO's	Emergency Relief
15	Improve Access to Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Project	1,660,200.00	1,144,100.00	SEDEC	Community Development - Well project
16	Emotional literacy -school	394,050.00	315,750.00	SEDEC	Psychosocial - School children
17	Preschool building- Periyakamam	2,000,000.00	1,950,000.00	Bishop's fund	Community Development
18	Preschool teachers Allowance	7,446,000.00	7,446,000.00	Bishop's fund	Education support
	<b>Total</b>	<b>114,228,178.72</b>	<b>101,984,224.48</b>		





# Annual Report December 2020 - Caritas Valvuthayam

Mannar Diocesan Centre for Justice, Peace & Human Development



**Common Relief Detail - 2020**

No	Relief Details	No of patients/persons	No of Families/Society	Amount
1	Medical Assistance	657		502,300.00
2	Csual	19		33,270.00
3	Funeral	4		57,000.00
4	Prison Visit	5		7,000.00
5	House Repair		14	178,260.00
6	Cadjans		22	107,450.00
7	Donation		2	30,000.00
8	Livelihood		29	959,875.00
9	Education Help	20		317,000.00
10	Monthly Dry Ration		97	98,940.00
11	Common loan		11	677,500.00
12	Group Loan - Revolving loan		30	18,210,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>21,178,595.00</b>



# **List of Acronyms**

- 1. CSL – Caritas-Sri Lanka – SEDEC**
- 2. DC – Diocesan Centre**
- 3. DS – Divisional Secretariat**
- 4. UC – Urban Council**
- 5. IDPs – Internally Displaced People**
- 6. CSO – Civil Society Organizations**
- 7. CBOs – Community Based Organizations**
- 8. SHGs – Self Help Groups**
- 9. VPCs – Village Peace Council**
- 10. WRDS – Women’s Rural Development Society**
- 11. RDSs – Rural Development Societies**
- 12. CFW Cash for work**
- 13. CFD – Centre for disable**
- 14. CP – Cerebral Palsy**
- 15. TOT – Training of Trainers**
- 16. IRF – Inter Religious Forum**
- 17. RLF – Revolving Loan Funds**
- 18. CMMF- Community Managed Micro Finance**
- 19. RBA – Right Based Approach**
- 20. SF – Stromme Foundation**
- 21. MMF - Mosvold-Martinus Foundation**
- 22. FDP - Family Development Plan**



**Caritas Valvuthayam excellent fleet of vehicle Management and Transport services.**



A fleet of vehicles owned by Caritas-Valvuthayam easily facilitates the transport of staff and resource personal to the project site. Caritas - Valvuthayam has well experienced and professional drivers who contributed much towards successful completion of project activities in the reporting year of 2020.

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## From Camera's eye

**2020 Thai Pongal celebration.**

**The tamil traditional thai Pongal day was celebrated by Caritas valvuthayam staff to express thanks to God for his blessings and gifts in the past days**



**Special prayer service and holy eucharistic Mass was offered at Caritas valvuthayam conference hall to pray God to protect people from COVID 19 corona virus and to heal those who are affected by COVID 19 virus.**



**One year remembrance of April 21st Easter Sunday brutal bomb blast attack. Caritas valvuthayam staff jointly organised a special prayer service to pray for those who were killed on Easter Sunday attac**





# Blood Donation Camp

**Donate blood.  
Make a difference.  
Save a life**

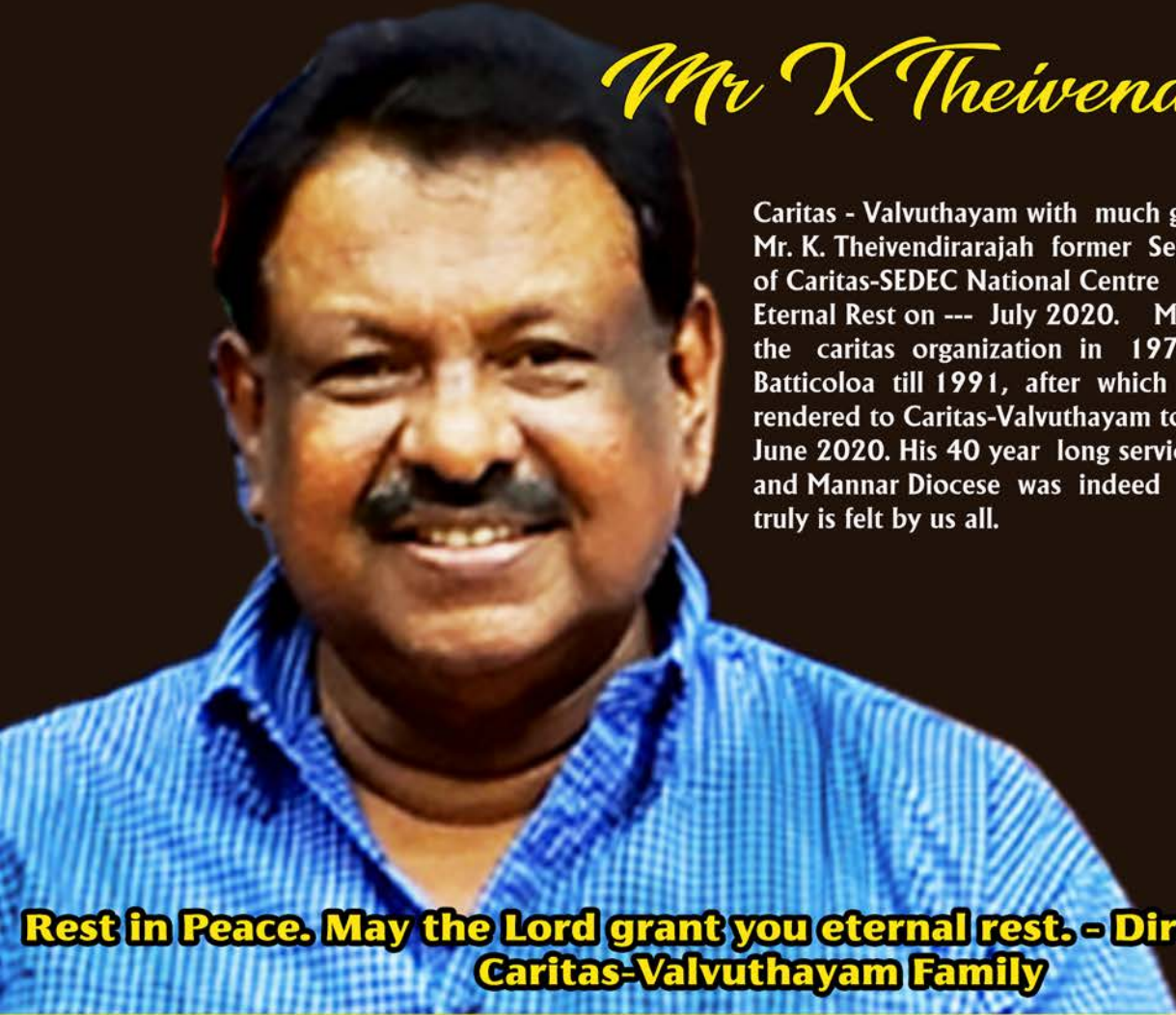


Caritas valvuthayam CFD projet unit had organized annual blood donation campaign for the year 2020 at Caritas valvuthayam conference hall. Caritas valvuthayam was very much happy to collect 45 units pack blood from 45 blood donors. Caritas valvuthayam very much appreciated the good will and generous sacrifices of blood donors.



**Caritas valvuthayam staffs were trained on CIMS (Caritas International Management systems). The training workshop was organised and facilitated by SEDEC National Centre.**





# Mr K Theivendirarajah

Caritas - Valvuthayam with much gratitude remembers Late Mr. K. Theivendirarajah former Senior Programme Manager of Caritas-SEDEC National Centre who has been called to Eternal Rest on --- July 2020. Mr. Theivendirarajah joined the caritas organization in 1977 and served in EHED Batticoloa till 1991, after which his services was directly rendered to Caritas-Valvuthayam too through SEDEC up until June 2020. His 40 year long service to Caritas-Valvuthayam and Mannar Diocese was indeed a blessing and his absence truly is felt by us all.

**Rest in Peace. May the Lord grant you eternal rest. - Director and Staff Caritas-Valvuthayam Family**

## PAFFRL

**Caritas valvuthayam also joined hands with paffral to engage in 2020 parliamentary election monitoring duty.**





**CARITAS-VALVUTHAYAM, Mannar collected 100 plants from CBO members in vavuvniya by food security project team and handed over to Caritas-HUDEC, Jaffna for tree planting campaign**



**2020 Annual gathering for Per-School Teachers**





## Prosthetic and Orthotic Mobile clinic - Outreach location Mullaithivu District ( Mallavi ,Oddisudan, Puthukudiruppu )



## 2020 Diwali celebration organized by Religious amity program (IRF Members)



# Appreciations

Caritas-Valvuthayam and the Bishop of Mannar Diocese happily appreciate the cooperation, assistance and encouragement we received from all the funding partners and well wishers who support our endeavors;



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