



Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development Sri Lanka

NEWSLETTER

CORD activities conducted during the Second half of 2022

CHINMAYA MISSION IS A SPIRITUAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATION WITH A GLOBAL PRESENCE. THE SERVICE WING OF THE MISSION OPERATES UNDER THE ACRONYM CORD – CHINMAYA ORGANISATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT. FOLLOWING THE VISION OF ITS FOUNDER, SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA, IT HAS BEEN ACTIVELY SERVING CITIZENS OF RURAL AREAS FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

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1. Challenging times continue for Underserved Communities in Northern Sri Lanka.

The worst economic crisis that emerged in April 2022 continued to bring about drastic social, economic, and political consequences to the country. The deteriorating foreign currency reserves and drastic devaluation of the Sri Lankan currency led to sharp price increases of all imported commodities including food, medicine, fuel, and industrial raw materials. Local food production was badly affected by the sudden ban on chemical fertilizers and agrochemicals in the country. Food inflation is almost reached 70%

and many families found it extremely difficult to meet their daily nutritional requirements.

Considering the unprecedented difficulties faced by the vulnerable families living in rural villages in the Kilinochchi district, CORD carried out many initiatives to provide relief to affected families. Many do-nors supported this initiative and joined hands with CORD to provide food items to the most deserving segment of the community.



2. Free School Uniforms to school children.

CORD donated free school uniforms to 56 children to facilitate their studies and ensure continued attendance at school. Among the recipients, there were 34 girls and 16 boys. Both parents and the children were extremely pleased to receive these new uniforms.



3. Proud Achievements by CORD-sponsored children.

Regardless of the fact that the country's education system was severely affected due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all our sponsored children excelled at the 2021 General Certificate of Education (Ordinary level) government examination held island-wide. They were supported by CORD's 'Build-a-Future' pro-program for helping deserving children achieve their educational goals. While congratulating the five students who did well to enter Grade 12, CORD is extremely honored to share the success with their sponsors.



R. LINKESHVARAN

5 'A' passes
2 'B' passes
1 'S' pass



U. ELILMATHI

4 'A' passes
4 'C' passes



J. ANUSHAN

4 'A' passes
4 'B' passes



J. PRINTHA

3 'A' passes
2 'B' passes
3 'S' passes



K. THARANIKA

1 'B' pass
3 'C' passes
4 'S' passes

4. CORD celebrates CHILDREN'S Day in Kilinochchi.

Children's day events were organized by CORD Sri Lanka in an excellent way at Ulavanoor CORD office on 30th September 2022 with the participation of 50 CORD Sponsored children. The event started under the leadership of Yalavan who was supported by CORD for seven years and successfully qualified to enter university in the Physical Science stream.

The day's events commenced with the reading of poetry by another sponsored Sanoyan, followed by a speech by, Marudappan about Children's rights. A number of entertainment events such as singing, dancing, and games were held where children participated with enthusiasm. Day's events were concluded with the distribution of dress materials and school uniforms. Each student received two sets of inner garments, shirts, and trousers. Children had a wonderful time celebrating World Children's day sponsored by CORD Sri Lanka.



5. CORD Sri Lanka conducts a Career Guidance program for students.

The students primarily focus on passing the AL exam and entering the university to pursue their higher studies in their chosen fields. However, only a few students enter the university and many who are left out find it difficult to choose a suitable career path due to a lack of knowledge about the available alternate avenues.

CORD conducted a Career Carrier Guidance Program for 75 school children on the 9th of October 2022. The sessions started with the lighting of the oil lamp by Mrs. Gowrie Mahenthiran, Executive Director, CORD Sri Lanka, and Mr. M. Umakanth, Senior Lecturer, University of Jaffna, who conducted the sessions. Students demonstrated excellent self-discipline and observation while following the program with great interest. CORD also provided students with necessary stationery, refreshments, and lunch.

The students were also taught specific themes about time management and the positive thinking needed when pursuing higher education. The consultant explained the importance of choosing the right career early without wasting valuable time. Mr. Sivarupan explained to the AL-qualified students how to fill out the university entrance application form to apply for their prefeed courses. The participants were extremely happy with the knowledge and thanked CORD for organizing the program.



6. CORD commences Computer and English classes for students.

Computer & English classes started at the Ulavanoor CORD office on 5th October 2022, on Vijaya-dashami day. This long-felt need was finally commenced by Nitharshana & Kristene.

Initially, 14 students enthusiastically participated in these classes. These classes would be held for an hour 3 days a week. The participants were also provided with a snack such as 'Saththuma', grams, or green grams.



7. Navaratri festival celebrated by CORD.

Navaratri Pooja was held at our Ulavanoor office on 30th September 2022. The Pooja started by singing the Navaratri Bajan by the students and Mrs. Chandra gave a speech on the significance of the Navaratri festival.

50 sponsor children and 25 parents participated in the Pooja. They were offered with 5 kinds of Prasadam.



8. CORD promotes Home Gardening to ensure Household Food Security.

Aiming to popularize the concept of a healthy family unit of a 'home garden' to provide non-toxic fresh vegetables, fruits, and herbs from their own backyards, CORD distributed free plants, seeds, and poly bags to 67 housewives. They were happy to receive these 'home gardening' kits and technical advice to commence backyard cultivations to promote the use of 'homegrown' fresh food items.



9. Awareness program to educate SHG women farmers on new Agricultural techniques.

CORD recently organized an awareness program for women farmers at their Ulavanoor office to im-prove their knowledge of new innovative technologies in agriculture. Mr. Vimalenthan from the Government Department of Agriculture conducted the session for CORD SHG women. Starting by explaining the benefits of compost, methods of preparation, and method of compost application, he moved on to explain the soilless farming and growing inside greenhouses and their benefits. He also explained drip irrigation and its benefits. The participants were extremely happy with their new knowledge and shared their feedback with him.



10. CORD distributed Food items to Sponsored Children.

Considering the difficulties faced by the families, CORD distributed essential provisions to 58 sponsored children. They received two varieties of rice bags each with 10 kg and other provisions such as two kg of nutritious cereal food supplement.



We earnestly appeal you to donate generously to provide the essentials to poor marginalized families.

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2. Please write your email address and mailing address on the reverse of the cheque in order to forward an electronic receipt for your tax purposes immediately.